

UK businesses more attracted to trade and invest in Bangladesh

British High Commissioner to Dhaka tells webinar

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UK businesses are finding more prospects for trade and investment in Bangladesh, which is on its way to become a middle-income country in the next few years, said UK High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Chatterton Dickson.

He made the remark at a webinar -- organised by Diplomatic Correspondents Association of Bangladesh (DCAB) -- yesterday.

Presently, bilateral trade between Bangladesh and UK is worth £4 billion, which he said is very encouraging.

Recently, Chatterton said UK's export credit agency -- UK Export Finance (UKEF) -- has tripled its capacity for Bangladesh to £2.5 billion (\$3.2 billion).

This will make it easier for UK companies to sell high quality goods and services to Bangladesh. It is getting easier for Bangladeshi companies to use British expertise in projects, he said.

Apart from trade, UK and Bangladesh are working together on global issues that affect Bangladesh, including Covid-19 vaccines, Rohingya crisis and climate change, he added.

UK is working at the UN level to ensure equitable distribution of vaccines. The country will help ensure that Bangladesh has access to vaccine candidacy of Oxford University, Dickson said.

When asked whether Oxford will conduct stage-III vaccine trial in Bangladesh, he said it does not matter if it is conducted in Bangladesh or not, but it will be made available here.

DCAB President Angur Nahar Monty and UK High Commission Senior Press Officer Meher Jerin moderated the webinar.



Robert Dickson



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City streets in Bangladesh are not usually kind towards pedestrians to begin with, but one issue that often gets overlooked is people's callousness. Over the course of just one hour near Chattogram New Market from 12:30pm to 1:30pm yesterday, at least 20 people were seen using their phones while jaywalking through traffic. If there is an important call, one can easily stay on a footpath and take it. There is no phone call or notification that is important enough to be attended risking one's life.



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Corrigendum Notice

Memo No. 514/CZ Date: 30-09-2020

Name of Service: Providing Consultancy Services for Review of Pavement, Bridge, Culvert Design and Supervision of Construction works for widening the Barayerhat-Heanko-Ramgarh Road (R-151 & R-152) under Chattogram Road Division.

EOI Ref No.: Eol/CZ-02/CTG/Consultancy/LOC/2020-2021 **Dated:** 24-09-2020
This is to notify all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances following amendments have been made into the REOI, Memo No. 461/CZ Dated: 24-09-2020:

| Place of amendment | 5 th row of the REOI table |
|--------------------|---|
| Original Text | EOI for Selection of Operation & Management (O&M) Operator : Time Based Contract. |
| Amended Text | Expression of Interest for Selection of : Consulting Firm (National), Time-Based. |

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UP chairman arrested in extortion case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A union parishad chairman in Savar was arrested on extortion charges on Monday night.

The arrestee is Saidur Rahman Sujon (45), chairman of Birulia Union Parishad and a member of Savar upazila unit of Awami League, said Saiful Islam, inspector (investigation) of Savar Model Police Station.

The arrest was made following an extortion case filed by one Ashraful Islam, who was constructing a five story building in Birulia.

As per the case statement, Sujon on Sunday demanded Tk 5 lakh from Ashraful. As he refused to pay the money, Sujon and his associates beat him. The incident took place at Savar upazila administration premises.

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The agreement was signed at the conference room of the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism at the Secretariat.

Mohibul Haque, senior secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, and Earl R Miller, US Ambassador to Bangladesh, signed the agreement on behalf of their respective government, the civil aviation ministry said in a release.

The formal agreement was signed yesterday in light of a primary agreement signed between the two countries in 2013.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism M Mahbub Ali said this agreement is a landmark step in mutual cooperation.

Direct air communication will play a positive role in all areas of cooperation, including trade and commerce between the two countries.

This air communication agreement is a testament to the strength of the existing friendship between Bangladesh and the United States, he said. "We hope that by fulfilling all the conditions, we will soon be able to establish direct air communication with the United States," he also said.

He said work is underway to achieve the Category-1 set by the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to start direct flights between the two countries.

Earl Miller said this aviation agreement would further enhance the friendship between the two countries. The introduction of direct air communication will give a new dimension to the people-to-people relations. The agreement will have a positive impact on tourism, including trade.

Chairman of Bangladesh Civil Aviation Authority Air-Vice Marshal M Mafidur Rahman, Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sabbir Ahmed Chowdhury, and Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation Janendra Nath Sarkar also were present at the signing ceremony.

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and equipment to misappropriate money," said the report.

In the report, the ACC also mentioned 25 recommendations including involving expert agency members in purchasing products, formulating a guideline for transferring officials and staff members and increasing the tenure of internship from one year to two years in order to prevent graft and other corrupt practices in the health sector.

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of rape and torture on women," the document said. "Considering the source of the power of the perpetrators, taking proper preventive measures is urgent."

"With grief, we are observing that a portion of the young generation is involved in rapes and they are trying to use political organisations and leaders (for their protection). The political party in power cannot avoid this responsibility," it read.

It is urgent to put out clear messages and take proper measures so that such incidents are not repeated, they said.

The statement also reminded of the significant role of law enforcement agencies in this regard.

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e-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 102/EED/BARI/Project Code: (1250301-1250301109972-4111201)/e-Tender/2020-21 **Dt:** 30/09/2020

Name of Project: Construction/Extension of Academic Buildings to Selected Govt. & Non-Govt. Educational Institutions.

e-Tender is invited through the National e-GP Portal for the following procurement of works.

| S.L No. | Name of the tender | Tender ID | Type method | Last date & time of selling documents | Last date & time of submission documents |
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| 01 | Construction of Single-storied Academic Building with 4-storied foundation in/c sanitary water supply & electrical works of Batra Pramechand Girls Secondary School Agailjhara Upazila Barishal District. | 421364 | NCT, LTM | 19-Oct-2020 15:00 | 20-Oct-2020 12:00 |

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document of following packages from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches. Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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