



HBM Iqbal, chairman of Premier Bank, cuts a cake to celebrate the bank's "21 Years of growth" at its head office in Dhaka on Tuesday. Reazul Karim, CEO of Premier Bank, was present.

Eastern Bank wins ADB award

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Eastern Bank has been recognised by Asian Development Bank (ADB) with a 2020 Leading SME Trade Bank award for its "outstanding" contribution in supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in Bangladesh.

"This award reflects how effectively and efficiently EBL has been supporting the businesses of the country by using its global correspondent banking and DFI development finance institution) relationship," said Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director and CEO of Eastern Bank.

"It ensures a win-win outcome for the partners including customers engaged, development financial institutions, global correspondent banks and EBL."

"EBL is a valued partner of Asian Development Bank," said ADB Relationship Manager Can Sutken.

Eastern Bank has been utilising the ADB-funded facilities to support international trade businesses, offshore banking and short and long-term requirements of customers, says a press release.

The bank has been active under a trade and supply chain finance programme of the ADB since long.

It has relationships with other development finance institutions including International Finance Corporation, German Development Finance Institution, Dutch Development Bank, French Development Financial Institution, the OPEC Fund for International Development and Development Bank of Austria.

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, the global partners have increased facilities to help the business of Eastern Bank's customers and contributing to the economy of the country, says the statement.

Govt to buy paddy, rice at lower than production costs

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Currently, the government has a stock of 10.81 lakh tonnes of rice and wheat and Razzaque said the comfortable level of public food stock is 15-16 lakh tonnes.

He said the government may need to import 5-6 lakh tonnes of rice and the decision would be taken after the Aman harvest. "Initially, an initiative has been taken to import 2 lakh tonnes of rice."

At yesterday's meeting, the government decided to retain the price of Aman paddy at Tk 26 each kg, unchanged from last year.

It slashed the Aman paddy purchase goal to a third of the previous year's actual procurement of 6.26 lakh tonnes.

The FPMC has decided to raise the Aman rice purchase target to 6 lakh tonnes, up from 3.8 lakh tonnes in the previous season and hiked the price of rice to Tk 37 per kg from the previous year's Tk 36.

The procurement of paddy will begin from November, said Majumder after the meeting.

Food Secretary Mosammat Nazmanara Khanum said the procurement prices of paddy were fixed by assessing the estimates of production costs shared by various agricultural agencies.

She said the prices of rice would go up if the government buys from millers at higher rates.

"Under such a scenario, consumers will have to pay higher prices which we do not want. We are planning to buy from the international market," she said.

Back stimulus packages for small traders

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The premier said the association always stood beside the people when any disaster struck the country.

Hasina said there could be more natural disasters in the country during the winter.

Expressing happiness over the donation, the prime minister said people would be immensely benefitted from it.

"I extend my sincere thanks to the BAB for this," she said.

Mentioning that the entire world, including Bangladesh, is witnessing a stalemate in all aspects due to the coronavirus, Hasina praised Bangladeshis for their courage and mental strength in facing the situation.

She also stressed the need for taking cautionary measures in Bangladesh.

She said everyone should stay alert so that a second wave of infections do not leave an adverse impact on the country's economy and hamper the livelihoods of people as well as bring the wheels of economy to a halt.

Hasina said the government was

setting up 100 economic zones across the country and those provided scopes for massive investments.

Noting that the country's foreign currency reserve is over \$40 billion, she said the government has a target to increase the reserve to \$50 billion during the golden jubilee of the country's independence.

She said the government has taken up a plan to carry out some development works with its own finance and without borrowing anything from external sources.

"We can do many development works ourselves without borrowing from others. Or we can do the works with a loan from our banks...We've also taken measures to do at least some works with our own finance. You will know the details very soon," she said.

Noting that the government's goal is that no people will remain homeless and landless in the country in the Mujib Borsho, the prime minister asked the BAB representatives to help the homeless and landless people in their respective areas by providing houses to them.

"If there are any homeless or landless people in your areas, you can give them some houses," she said, adding that the government has been providing houses to the homeless and landless families.

"There will be no more poverty in our country, if we all work together and work in our own areas," she continued.

Hasina said the government has brought down the poverty rate to 20 per cent in the country, but the economic slowdown caused by Covid-19 hampered the pace of the poverty alleviation.

She, however, hoped that the government would be able to make a poverty and hunger-free Bangladesh and give the people a beautiful life.

Along with ensuring food security, the government's goal is to remove malnutrition, increase employment and revive the rural economy, added the premier.

"We have to increase the purchasing power and financial capacity of the people of the country, then the market for our products will be in our country," she said.

Gold dips on stronger dollar

REUTERS

Gold prices eased on Wednesday due an uptick in the dollar, but uncertainty going into next week's US presidential election and concerns over a spike in coronavirus cases in Europe and the US limited bullion's losses.

Latifur Rahman: an exemplar of ethical business, patriotism

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"Gradually, he has spread his excellence of entrepreneurship to various fields. He has diversified his businesses and institutions."

Rahman believed in corporate culture. He took over the local operations of two multinationals -- SmithKline & French and Philips -- in the 1980s and retained the old management.

"He believed that professional management should be left to do what it can or is supposed to do," the ICCB said.

Currently, Transcom has 16 operational entities from medicine, foods, lighting, electronics to media. It is the local business partner of international brands Pizza Hut, KFC, PepsiCo and Philips.

It employs more than 17,000 people and the group's annual turnover is Tk 8,000 crore.

Although the business of the group suffered tremendously due to the Covid-19, it did not lay off any of its employees as it believes that all the employees are part of the bigger family, the ICCB said.

"Rahman's reputation for honesty and integrity was unrivalled and he was universally respected for upholding the highest ethical standards in the business."

"He is one of the few entrepreneurs who contributed to the economic and social advancement of the country by setting up businesses. He showed that it is possible to do business in Bangladesh and take the nation forward by maintaining a high ethical standard."

Simeen Rahman, the eldest daughter of Rahman and now the managing director and CEO of Transcom Distribution Company Ltd, said her father was an entirely different person.

"When we first joined the company, he told us in very clear terms that we would not get any extra favour just because we were the chairman's children, we would get a salary and the ground rules would be the same as for any other employee of the company and we would be rewarded only if we deserved it," she said in the bulletin.

Rahman believed and was committed to the belief that a democracy needs a free and independent press. This led him to play an important role in the creation of The Daily Star and the Prothom Alo, both recognised as the most independent newspapers in the country.

"He was uncompromising in principles, ideals and integrity, even if this would go against his interest. He had been harassed many times for being the owner of the country's leading English and Bangla dailies, but he never gave in to any kind of pressure," the ICCB said.

Unlike many industrialists in the country, Rahman believed that all industries should have labour unions and thinks it is important that every industry has an elected collective bargaining association.

Rahman was awarded the "Oslo Business for Peace Award" by the Business for Peace Foundation, Oslo in 2012 in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in the area of ethical business.

He was also awarded the Business Executive of the year 2001 by the AmCham in Bangladesh, The Daily Star-DHL Special Award in 2012, the Saarc Outstanding Leader Award in 2017, and the Lifetime Achievement Award by the UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce & Industry in 2017.

"Rahman believed that in the next decade Bangladesh's economy will grow significantly and Bangladeshi companies should be playing roles not only in the country but also beyond that. We just need to get our act together and set our management practices right," the chamber said.

Foodpanda faces Tk 3.4cr VAT evasion charge

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However, as an IT enabled company under the service code S-099.10, foodpanda pays taxes as per the law, Reza said, adding that they would resolve any issues after receiving an official report from the VAT office.

According to VAT intelligence, foodpanda Bangladesh has evaded VAT of over Tk 53 lakh on sale of goods and over Tk 56 lakh on house rent.

Besides, despite being a limited company, it did not pay VAT on source for the purchase of goods.

From 2014 to 2018, Tk 1.24 crore in VAT at source has been evaded, the statement added.

Moreover, it would have to pay over Tk 1 crore on the interest under the VAT Act, taking the total figure to Tk 3.4 crore. "This is absolute dishonesty," Moinul Khan, director-general of the VAT Intelligence, told The Daily Star yesterday.

"Although it's a multinational company, it failed to comply with local law. I hope, after the raid, they will be respectful towards the local VAT law," he said.

Launched in 2014, foodpanda is now operational in over 40 districts in the country, including Dhaka, Chattogram and Sylhet.

The Berlin-based company mails meals to customers' doorsteps in 14 countries from 1.15 lakh restaurants, according to the company's website.

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Memo No. 46.02.7300.000.14.003.20.2040;
Corrigendum of e-Tender Notice: 10/2020-21 (OTM)

This is to inform all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances, the following changes have been made in the e-Tender Notice circulated vide Memo No. 46.02.7300.000.14.003.20.1903; Dated: 07-10-2020. Other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

Sl. No.	Tender Proposal ID	Subject	Notified date & time	Revised date & time
01	495476	Last selling date and time	08-Nov-2020 up to 17.00 hrs.	23-Nov-2020 up to 17.00 hrs.
		Closing date and time	09-Nov-2020 Time: 12.30 hrs.	24-Nov-2020 Time: 12.30 hrs.
		Opening date and time	09-Nov-2020 Time: 12.30 hrs.	24-Nov-2020 Time: 12.30 hrs.

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 (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to 17.00 hrs. on 23-Nov-2020.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) and also for e-mail: xen.nilphamari@lged.gov.bd or call to 0551-61485.

Interested persons can communicate with the undersigned during office hours.

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বিজ্ঞপ্তি
বাণিজ্যিক গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ব্যক্তি বা সিআইপি (শিল্প)-২০২১ নির্বাচন

বাণিজ্যিক গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ব্যক্তি (শিল্প) নির্বাচন নীতিমালা-২০১৪ অনুযায়ী "সিআইপি (শিল্প)-২০২১" নির্বাচনের লক্ষ্যে জাতীয় শিল্পনীতি-২০১৬ এ প্রদত্ত সংজ্ঞানুযায়ী বৃহৎ শিল্প (উৎপাদন ও সেবা), মাঝারি শিল্প (উৎপাদন ও সেবা), ক্ষুদ্র শিল্প (উৎপাদন ও সেবা), মাইক্রো শিল্প ও কুটির শিল্প-এর আওতাভুক্ত কোন একক শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্বাধিকারী, লিমিটেড কোম্পানির ক্ষেত্রে চেয়ারম্যান অথবা কোম্পানি পরিচালনা পর্ষদ কর্তৃক যথাযথভাবে মনোনীত কোন উদ্যোক্তা পরিচালক এবং পার্টনারশিপ ফার্মের ক্ষেত্রে শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের ব্যবস্থাপনা অংশীদার এর নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন আহবান করা যাচ্ছে। আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই বাংলাদেশি নাগরিক হতে হবে।

আগ্রহী প্রার্থীগণ শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়ের ওয়েবসাইট www.moind.gov.bd হতে আবেদন ফরম সংগ্রহ করে ফরমে প্রদত্ত তথ্যের স্বপক্ষে প্রমাণকসমূহ সংযুক্তপূর্বক বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিনের মধ্যে অফিস চলাকালে মন্ত্রণালয়ের বিএসটিআই ও বিএসইসি শাখায় (কক্ষ নং-৫৩২) জমা দিতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখ ও সময়ের পরে কোন আবেদন গ্রহণ করা হবে না। অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচন নীতিমালা-২০১৪ অনুযায়ী শেয়ার কেলেংকারির সাথে জড়িত, ঋণখেলাপি, করখেলাপি, ফৌজদারি মামলায় সাজাপ্রাপ্ত এবং সাজা ভোগের পর পাঁচ বছর অতিবাহিত হয়নি এমন কোন ব্যক্তি; বিপত পাঁচ বছরের মধ্যে কোন শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানকে যদি সরকারের রাজস্ব ফাঁকির কোন ঘটনায় জরিমানা করা হয়, তাহলে উক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রতিনিধি এবং কোন শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানের বেতনভুক্ত কর্মকর্তা সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচনের লক্ষ্যে আবেদন করতে পারবেন না।

আবেদনকারীকে অবশ্যই "সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচন নীতিমালা-২০১৪" ও "জাতীয় শিল্পনীতি-২০১৬" অনুসরণ করতে হবে। এ ক্ষেত্রে কোনো ব্যত্যয় ঘটলে আবেদন বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

আবেদনপত্রে কোন মিথ্যা বা অসত্য তথ্য প্রদান করলে আবেদনকারী পরবর্তী ৩ (তিন) বছর সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচনের জন্য আবেদন করতে পারবেন না।

আবেদনপত্র জমা দেয়ার সময় অবশ্যই স্বাক্ষরবিধি অনুসরণ করতে হবে।

প্রাপ্ত আবেদনের বিষয়ে শিল্প মন্ত্রণালয়ের সিআইপি (শিল্প) নির্বাচন সংক্রান্ত বাছাই কমিটির সিদ্ধান্ত চূড়ান্ত বলে গণ্য হবে।

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Memo No. 819
Date: 27/10/2020

e-Tender Notice (OTM, NCT)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following works given below:

Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Publishing date & time	Closing/opening date & time
1.	492412	Farmers training at the upazila level for transfer of technology. SH: Construction of Farmers Training Center three-storied building with three-storied foundation including Civil sanitary internal electrification deep tube-well internal road boundary wall one at Bijoynagar at Brahmanbaria. FY-2020-2021.	27-Oct-2020 12:45	16-Nov-2020 12:30

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders 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. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (email: helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Memo No. CMCH/Tender/2020-21/Furniture (Sofa Set for Department/Unit Heads of CMCH)/9857
Date: 27-10-2020

Invitation for Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from experienced importers/contractors/suppliers/distributors to supply Furniture for CMCH in the fiscal year 2020-21. As per PPA-2006 & PPR-2008 (including all corrigendum); Terms and conditions are as follow(s):

KEY INFORMATION		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
2	Agency	Chattogram Medical College Hospital, Chattogram.
3	PE name, designation & contact details	Brigadier General S M Humayun Kabir, Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. Telephone: +88-031-630179, Fax No. 88-031-610022, E-mail address: cmch@hospi.dghs.gov.bd
4	Procuring entity code & district	GOB, Chattogram.
5	Invitation for	Procurement of Furniture for Chattogram Medical College Hospital in the fiscal year 2020-21.
6	Tender Ref. No. & date	CMCH/Tender/2020-21/Furniture (Sofa Set for Department/Unit Heads of CMCH)/9857 Date: 27-10-2020.
7	Procurement method	Open Tender Method (National) Item-by-Item.
8	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
9	Tender publication date	27-10-2020.
10	Tender schedule selling starting date and time	29-10-2020 during office hours.
11	Pre-tender meeting	05-11-2020, 11:00am.
12	Tender last selling date and time	11-11-2020, 12:00 Noon.
13	Tender dropping & closing date and time	Dropping date: 12-11-2020, Dropping time: From 09:00am to 12:00 Noon, Closing time: 12:01pm.
14	Tender opening date and time	12-11-2020 at 01:00pm.
15	Name and address of the offices	
(a)	Selling tender documents	1 Cashier, Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. 2 Cashier, Office of the Civil Surgeon, Chattogram District.
	Receiving tender documents	1 Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital. 2 Officer-In-charge, Panchlaish Model Police Station, Chattogram Metropolitan Police.
(c)	Tender documents opening place	Office of the Director, Chattogram Medical College Hospital, KB Fazlul Kader Road, Chattogram-4203.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
16	Bidders eligibility	Details in Tender Booklet.
17	Description of groups, price of tender document, tender security etc.	
Group No.	Description of groups	Price of tender document in BDT (in cash, non-refundable) Tender security in BDT (in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft)
1	Sofa Set for Department/Unit Heads of CMCH	BDT 1,000.00 (one thousand only) BDT 1,00,000.00 (one lac only)
18	Description of related services	Details in Tender Booklet.

Note:
(a) *Corrigendum if necessary in future will be a part of this notice. The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever.*
(b) *If the date of selling, receiving & opening of tender is disturbed under any unavoidable circumstances, the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively.*

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