

# Purchase committee approves 4 projects of Tk 127cr

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The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase yesterday approved four proposals involving Tk 127 crore, including one of Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) to lay 35 kilometres of underground cables. BBS Cables, the lowest bidder, will provide the 11 kilovolt (kV) and 33 kV cables. The project will cost Tk 16.52 crore, according to a meeting of the purchase committee chaired by Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal. Briefing reporters, Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, additional secretary to the cabinet division, said all four proposals placed at the meeting were from the power division. The purchase committee also approved a BREB plan to purchase 17,040 km of conductors from the lowest bidder, Rangpur Metal

Industries, at a cost of Tk 47 crore. The third proposal was for the BREB to purchase 295 km of conductors from Partex Cables at Tk 2.56 crore. In addition, the purchase committee approved a proposal of Bangladesh Power Development Board to buy spare parts and avail special services from BHEL-GE Gas Turbine Services at a cost of Tk 60.89 crore. The facilities will be used in the operation and maintenance of gas turbine unit 1 and 2 of 330MW Habiganj Shahjibazar Combined Cycle Power Plant. The committee also sent back a proposal of the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistic (BBS) for an increase in the charge of a consultancy firm for a national household database project (third revised) to Tk 13.03 crore. The committee asked the BBS to submit some supporting documents regarding the proposal.

# NRB Commercial Bank gets nod to go public

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During the commission meeting, the BSEC also decided to impose a fine on the chairman and three officials of Stylecraft, an export-oriented garments manufacturer, for breaching the securities rules. "They broke the rules related to insider-trading and will be fined a similar amount to what they earned from illegal trading," the BSEC said. The stock market regulator also gave its consent to Lub-rref to publish its prospectus to raise Tk 150 crore by issuing 4.52 crore shares through the book-building process. When a company wants a higher price than face value while issuing new shares, the price is determined through bidding, which is called the book-building method. The BSEC asked eligible investors to submit bidding analysis and procedure for bids over Tk 50 for each share of the company. It would look into the process whether the eligible investors follow the due process, the BSEC added.

# Target set for 42pc higher corn production

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Maize was cultivated on 5.40 lakh hectares in the ongoing marketing year, up from 5.10 lakh hectares a year earlier. FAS Dhaka's forecast for Bangladesh's corn consumption for the 2020-21 marketing year is 50,000 tonnes above the official USDA forecast of 55 lakh tonnes. If realised, the consumption of corn would increase by 5.8 per cent compared to the previous year. According to a recent report from the Food and Agriculture Organisation, corn has two distinct uses in Bangladesh: it is a major ingredient in feed for livestock and fish, and for humans, it is used for popcorn and cornflour. The USDA report said the pandemic had not had a significant impact on Bangladesh's grain production for the marketing year. However, severe weather conditions in Bangladesh, which started in May and ended in August, has impacted the country's rice production and moderately impacted its corn production, it added. Maize is the second-largest crop in Bangladesh after paddy and accounted for about 10 per cent of the total grain production in the last fiscal year.

# Govt to introduce green factory award

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Besides, the use of modern technologies will also be taken into account while picking the winners. "Through the award, we want to encourage the factory owners to maintain compliances," said Md Rezaul Haque, an additional secretary of the labour and employment ministry. "I hope the award will help increase the productivity of factories and ensure workplace safety for the workers." An evaluation committee will initially submit a proposal or recommendation to the core committee of the ministry for scrutiny of the number of awards to be given in each sector. A total of 30 awards will be given to various sectors, with the highest five awards for a single industry. The government approved the policy at a time when the garment sector has about 34 platinum-rated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green garment factories, certified by the US Green Building Council. Following the collapse of the Rana Plaza building in April 2013, international communities raised concerns over the garment sector's compliance with global standards. Local apparel producers took extraordinary initiatives to construct green factories, improve workplace safety and protect the environment from industrial pollution. And now, with the new award, the government also wants to ensure proper use of effluent treatment plants, create positive perceptions about green factories in the country and abroad, increase the participation of workers in the development of industries, and generate new opportunities in other industries alongside the garments. The award has been introduced to mark the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. It will be presented on the World Day for Safety and Health at Work, which is observed on April 28.

The evaluation committee will also assess a factory's safety measures, cleanliness, adequate and efficient ventilation and lighting at factories, tolerable noise and comfortable warmth, low carbon emissions, registered doctors and nurses for the workers and best electrical fittings in addition to state-of-the-art equipment to avoid accidents. For environmental compliances, the committee will look into the factory's approval from concerned authorities, waste management, ETP management, dust, smoke or pollution management, the quality of drinking water, toilets, laundry and laundry facilities, chemical and other risk management to protect workers, and energy efficiency. The eligible factory will have to have trade unions, preserve accident register, provide compensation, form safety committee, deposit dividends to the worker's welfare foundation, empower women, engage in corporate social responsibility activities for employees, and ensure maternity benefits, daycare centres and breastfeeding facilities. All the activities of an industry from January to December will be taken into consideration. The process to provide the award will be completed between December and April. The short-listed factories will be inspected by a team comprising the concerned officers from the office of the inspector general of the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments. The investigation team will provide the evaluation committee with the correct documents, photographs and video images and evidence for the final selection. All registered and updated factories under the department will be considered for the award. The final assessment will be based on 100 marks. Factories with a minimum score of 70 will be recommended by the evaluation committee for the award. The award-recipient will get a medal, certification, crest and Tk 1 lakh.

# LR Global turns to Competition Commission to continue managing two mutual funds

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"Our surveillance team investigated these allegations and found no sign of manipulation on how the funds were traded," said a top official of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) preferring anonymity. If institutional investors want to remove the fund manager, they have the legal right to do so. Therefore, the removal of LR Global was approved. LR Global had tried to have the stock market regulator's decision overturned last week, but the Supreme Court upheld the verdict, the BSEC official added. The mutual funds' units were purchased over a prolonged period of three to five years by different institutions at market rates. "So, there was no manipulation," said Shahidul

Islam, CEO of VIPB. Throughout this period, the funds were traded with a deep discount from face value, unlike many scrips that double or triple in months, he added. In regards to the removal of LR Global, Islam said that they wanted to remove the asset manager while abiding by the law for the betterment of the funds. The securities rules permit two-third unit-holders of a mutual fund to change its asset manager. The BSEC approved the removal, and the Supreme Court upheld it, as it is permitted as per rules, Islam added. "The issue should be resolved fast. Otherwise, unit-holders will be impacted by a potential drop in the funds' performance," said Abdur Rahim, an investor. "As the asset management is a stock market-related issue, it should be solved by the BSEC," he added.

# Bill passed giving go-ahead to one-man company

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If the paid-up capital and turnover exceeds the limit, then the one-man company can be transformed to a private limited company or in some cases to a public limited company. A one-man company has to hold at least one meeting of board of directors every year. If the directors and the main person of this kind of one-man company is one person then it will get relief in holding board meetings and decision-making processes. The nominated person will get all the shares if that one person dies, according to the bill. The proposed law mentioned that for handing over the shares of this kind of company, the presence of the particular person signing the signature on the handover papers through the commission has to be ensured. As per the proposed law, the notice time for holding a board meeting was increased to a 21-day period from the existing 14-day. There was a demand from the foreign investors to extend the notice time to 21 days. The government has got a proposal from different quarters for giving recognition to one-man companies to attract huge investment.

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