

Naser Ezaz Bijoy, managing director of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, and Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, CEO of Robi Axiata, launch a co-branded credit card after signing a deal at the telecom operator's head office in the capital's Gulshan. The deal aims to bolster ongoing collaboration on digital technologies such as smart analytics and data science.

Kevin Green HSBC country head of wholesale banking

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Kevin Green has been appointed country head of wholesale banking for HSBC Bangladesh, effective from November 15, 2020.

Kevin will focus on enhancing experience and further develop HSBC's franchise in a market which is increasingly vital to global trade and international supply chains, says

a statement. Kevin brings to this role almost 25 years of experience in the financial services industry, including 22 years with HSBC in Vietnam, Hong Kong and the United

"Commercial banking is the heart of our identity as the world's leading international

Kingdom (UK). In his most recent role,

Kevin was the chief risk officer for HSBC



Kevin Green

Asia's dynamic emerging economies...," said Md Mahbub ur Rahman, chief executive officer of HSBC Bangladesh.

wealth of experience... will complement our leadership position in the region and will build upon the momentum we have already created to

serve our customers in Bangladesh even

better," he said. Kevin holds a bachelor of science in financial services degree from the University of Manchester as well as a bachelor of science degree in mathematics from the University of Warwick

He is also an associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers and has a financial planning certificate from the Chartered

Dutch-Bangla Bank | Mnuchin clawback of Fed funds 'deeply irresponsible,' Biden team says gets data security certificate

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Dutch-Bangla Bank has recently achieved a "Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard" certificate from security assessor NCC Group.

In a statement the bank termed availing the certificate on complying with all the requirements for its network "an arduous task'

The lender's IT infrastructure includes over 10,000 endpoints such as branches, ATMs, points of sale, call centres, payment gateways, e-commerce, core banking systems, payment switching, debit and credit cards and PIN issuance systems.

This achievement will ensure more secure and reliable services for customers, it added

US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin's decision to de-fund several Federal Reserve coronavirus lending programs on Dec. 31 is "deeply irresponsible," President-elect Joe Biden's transition team said on Friday, and threatens to undermine the country's fragile economic state.

Ending support for Fed programs that "could be used for small businesses across the country when they are facing the prospect of new shutdowns is deeply irresponsible," Biden's camp said in a statement.

"At this fragile moment, as the COVID and economic crises are re-accelerating, we should be reinforcing the government's ability to respond and support the economy not undermining it."

Mnuchin surprised Fed officials on

Thursday by demanding the return of unused funds set aside to support Fed lending to businesses, nonprofits and local governments. The United States faces a third wave of the coronavirus infection that has already killed 250,000, and states and cities are shutting down businesses and schools to stop the spread.

Mnuchin said that the surprise move would not bind the hands of the next Treasury secretary and that grants to firms, more paycheck aid to workers and unemployment compensation were better uses for the \$455 billion in already borrowed funds. The next administration would still have an \$800 billion "bazooka" to quell financial market distress, he said.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell and Chicago Federal Reserve Bank President Charles Evans have criticized the

Treasury move, saying the programs due to lapse - while little used - provided an important backstop for the economy. They include the Main Street Lending Facility for mid-size businesses, a municipal bond facility and others supporting corporate credit and asset backed securities markets.

"I think that backstop role may be quite important for quite some time so it's disappointing," Evans said on CNBC. "The virus spread is increasing and so there are risks from that ... it would be good to have more support coming from all directions."

Powell said in a letter to Mnuchin later on Friday that the Treasury chief had "sole authority" over the facilities' futures and said he would make arrangements to return unused funds to the Treasury.

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Mnuchin said Congress had always intended for the lending programs to end that the Fed and Treasury had many tools left to support the economy.

Use of the funds elsewhere limits the options for the incoming administration of Democratic President-elect Joe Biden to backstop financial markets after he takes office on Jan 20. But Mnuchin denied it was intended to handicap his successor and said his department would work closely with the incoming administration "if things get certified" - a reference to President Donald Trump's legal challenges to election results.

A senior Treasury official later told Reuters that up to \$600 billion in cash would be available from repurposing Fed loan funds, unused money from aid for airlines and defense firms as well as \$130 billion left over from the Paycheck Protection Program

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Panic buying of toilet paper hits US stores again with new pandemic restrictions

REUTERS, Los Angeles/New York

Toilet paper aisles are emptying again as COVID-19 curfews and shutdowns in states from California to New York send pandemic-weary shoppers on a new scramble

Walmart on Friday said it was "seeing pockets of lower than normal availability" for toilet paper and cleaning supplies in some communities as infections rage virtually unchecked across most of the United States.

As of Friday afternoon, 22 states have imposed restrictions aimed at decreasing spread of the virus - giving rise to a new round of panic buying from shoppers and purchase limits from retailers including Target and Kroger, the nation's largest supermarket chain.

Shoppers in a half dozen cities around the United States told Reuters that disinfecting wipes were sold out at discount retailers like Walmart and Costco, as well as at Cerberus Capital-owned grocery chains Albertsons and

"Walmarts are still mostly out of Lysol wipes, and toilet paper is out again," said Whitley Hatcher, 31, a collections specialist in Tucson, Arizona.

"Oddly though, at places like Walgreens and Dollar Tree you can find what you need. I think people are seeing the empty shelves at bigger stores and panic buying," Hatcher

At a Costco in Vancouver, Washington - where new rules include temporary bans on indoor dining - out-of-stocks included toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning wipes, gloves and Spam canned meat.

And the toilet paper hunt is on again in California, where the governor on Thursday ordered a curfew placed on all indoor social gatherings and non-essential activities outside the home across most of the state.

Shoppers said toilet paper was sold out at Costco stores in Fresno and Los Angeles.

Two new deputy governors appointed

The two others are SM Moniruzzaman and Ahmed Jamal. The post of the two deputy governors fell vacant in 2016

when the government removed Abul Kashem and Nazneen Sultana after a hacker group stole \$101 million from the central bank's foreign exchange reserve.

Cargo handling at Ctg port rises to seven-month high as import picks up

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Imports through bulk cargoes stood at 67.84 lakh tonnes in October, which is the highest since April. Imports through containerised cargoes stood at 18.06 lakh tonnes, which is the highest since February. Exports are mainly carried out through

containerised cargoes, and 5.02 lakh tonnes of products were shipped abroad in Ninety-two per cent of the country's

import and export cargoes are transported through the Chattogram port.

Mahbubul Alam, president of the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and coronavirus, the cargo transport through Industry, said the increased demand in the the port had decreased from April to June local market following the resumption of for some other reasons. the local business activities contributed to the recovery.

Many industries were shut during the countrywide lockdown. After the economy reopened, production at the factories jumped as domestic consumption rose, he

imports," he said.

"This led to the increase in demand for raw materials and commodities, pulling

Alam said the impact of the pandemic has not been severe in Bangladesh and the international trade, mainly imports, started to recover after normalcy returned to China within a short period.

The country relies on China for raw materials.

The business leader thanked the Chattogram port and the customs authorities for providing round-the-clock service to allow faster release of imports.

Khairul Alam Sujan, a director of the Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association, said apart from the negative impacts of

Many importers had failed to take the delivery of the imports on time, creating considerable container and vessel congestion at the port. This slowed down the cargo throughput during the period, he

The situation at the port has improved significantly in the last couple of months as arriving vessels were being able to get berth without any delay, he said.

Zeal for rosy rankings could end up gaming the system

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But the needs of the SMEs are not well articulated in the Ease of Doing Business Index, so indicators are not everything.

In the system of indicators, the outcome is ignored, and sometimes even development agencies focus on the implementation process for a better indicator value, not on the outcome, he said.

On the other hand, the scope for manipulation remains alongside tokenism, for which the focus needs to be on wellbeing and real development, Rahman said.

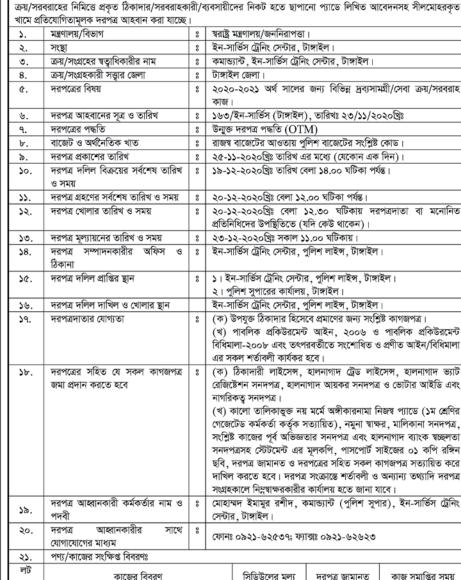
enrolment in education but a lower quality

of education," he said.

measurability contribution to economic growth and care work is yet to be figured out, for which GDP measurements do not take their contributions into account, said Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid Bangladesh.

"If the government measures contribution, then we believe the government's budgetary allocation for women will rise," she said.

"Our political parties need to have "Otherwise, we will see a rise in strong commitment and will to ensure the real development," she added.



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বিশেষ জ্ঞাতব্য ১) প্রতিটি কাজের আলাদা আলাদা শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে। ২) ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্ত্বাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক বিজ্ঞপ্তির ১৮নং ক্রমিক এর (ক)-তে বর্ণিত সকল কাগজপত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শনপূর্বক বর্ণিত স্থান হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। ৩) ঠিকাদার ব্যতিত বা ঠিকাদার কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত ক্ষমতাপত্রসহ প্রেরিত প্রতিনিধি ছাড়া অন্য ব্যক্তিকে সিডিউল প্রদান করা হবে না। ৪) সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ ও দাখিলের এবং খোলার নির্ধারিত তারিখে অনিবার্য কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময়ে ও নিয়মে দরপত্র বিক্রয়, দাখিল ও খোলা হবে। এ সংক্রান্ত কোন বিজ্ঞপ্তি বা নোটিশ দেয়া হবে না। ৫) অভিজ্ঞ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অগ্রাধিকার প্রদান করা হবে। ৬) পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা হতে অর্থ বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ দেয়া হবে। ৭) কর্তপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। ৮) কোন কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র কার্যক্রমের তারিখ পরিবর্তন হলে তা পত্রিকায় প্রকাশ করা হবে। ৯) অকৃতকার্য দরদাতার দরপত্র জামানত যথাসময়ে ফেরত দেয়া হবে।

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SOCIAL ISLAMI BANK

Md Anwarul Azim Arif, chairman of Social Islami Bank, cuts a cake celebrating its 25th anniversary at its head office in Dhaka yesterday. Quazi Osman Ali, CEO, was present.