

# Govt, Japanese firm sign deal on 2nd phase study on deep-sea port

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The government signed an addendum agreement with a Japanese firm on Sunday to start the second phase of the feasibility study on the proposed deep-sea port to be built at Sonadia Island.

Nobuaki Nagao, team leader of Pacific Consultants International (PCI) of Japan, and Abdul Matin, joint secretary to the shipping ministry, signed the agreement.

The same consultant who completed the first phase of the project is now scheduled to complete its second phase by the next 12 months.

After a period of unwillingness to continue with the project, the present caretaker government has decided to revive the project.

As per the agreement, PCI

will work on the second phase of the feasibility study in association with four other foreign and local consulting firms, namely, Asian Engineering Consultants Corporation Ltd of Thailand, Dexterous Consultants Ltd, JPZ Consulting (BD) Ltd, and Devconsultants Ltd (Bangladesh).

The consultants will carryout techno-economic feasibility study of the mega deep-sea port project, to be completed at a cost of Tk 42,000 crore in three phases by 2055.

The deep-sea port is planned to have 58 jetties of 11-kilometre length.

The Japanese consulting firm will prepare a report with its recommendation on facilities and details of the infrastructure and services to be provided, ministry sources added.

The firm will identify key regulatory, legal, institutional design, reform measures and incentives (fiscal or otherwise) needed to attract private investors to invest and operate different segments of the deep sea port project in accordance with the Bangladesh Private Sector Infrastructure Guidelines and assess environmental and social impacts and the amount of investments required to reduce the project's harmful impacts on environment.

The firm will also examine the potential for using the deep-sea port for transshipment, estimate cost involved or investments needed for the development of the port in its different phases.

Cabinet Committee on Purchase approved a contract worth taka 140 million (\$2.33 million) with the Japanese firm

in June 2006 to conduct the first phase of feasibility study. The firm already submitted to the government its report on the first phase of the feasibility study.

In its first report the Japanese consultant suggested to set up the deep sea port at Sonadia Island, located between Cox's Bazar town and Moheshkhali Island in the Bay of Bengal, which could be connected to the mainland by bridges and tunnels, and road and railway lines could also be established for the purpose of carrying cargo to the mainland, the report said.

The report identified Kutubdia Channel as the second most suitable place in its feasibility study for the multi-billion dollar port.

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## New president of DSE



Abdul Haque

Abdul Haque, chairman of Royal Green Securities, has been elected new president of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) for the next one year.

Saiful Islam, managing director of Equity Partners Securities, and Sharif Aatur Rahman, managing director of SAR Securities, have also been elected senior vice-president and vice-president of DSE.

They were elected at the annual general meeting (AGM) of DSE held yesterday. The outgoing President Abdullah Bokhari chaired the meeting.

# DSE turnover hits record high of Tk 405cr

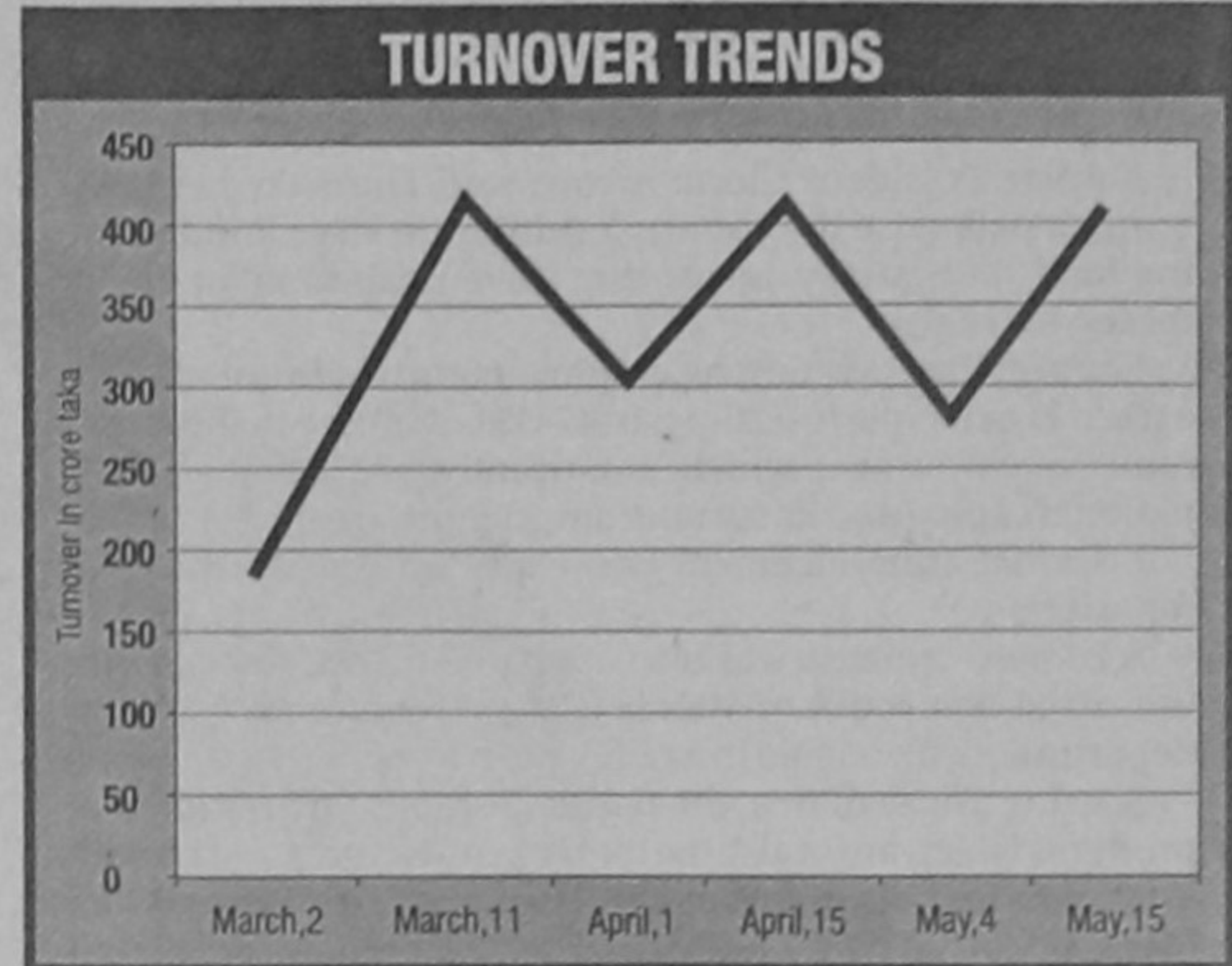
STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Turnover on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) yesterday hit record high of Tk 405 crore amid huge transactions in shares of leasing and financing companies.

Market insiders said rumours that the leasing and financing companies might be asked by the stock market regulator to raise their paid up capital to Tk 100 crore prompted the investors to rally for the non-banking financial institutions.

If the rumour is true, the non-banking companies will have to increase their paid up capital through the issuance of rights shares or bonus shares, which is the reason why investors rallied for shares of leasing and financing companies, they said.

Rumour-based investment is never a good thing and also not a good sign for the market, said Yawer Sayeed, managing director and chief executive officer of



AIMS of Bangladesh.

"Patronisation of institutional investors is not flourishing in our small stock market," he said, for which, he added, sometimes it becomes possible for the retail investors to dominate the market.

Participation of the institutions, who are supposed to be the major market player,

should be increased so that the retail investors become the client of the institutions, he said.

DSE General Index rose by 32.85 points, or 1.08 percent, to 3052.61 points, while the DSE All Share Price Index increased by 28.04 points, or 1.09 percent, to 2589.76 points.

## New Chairman of BRAC Bank



Muhammad A. (Rumee) Ali has been appointed chairman of BRAC Bank Limited, says a press release.

Ali started his career with ANZ Grindlays Bank in Bangladesh in 1975 after completing Master's in Economics from Dhaka University.

During his career with ANZ Bank, Ali worked in India, UK and Australia. In 1997 he was appointed CEO of the Bangladesh operations.

Rumee continued as the CEO when in 2000 when ANZ in Bangladesh was taken over by Standard Chartered Group.

In 2002, he joined the Bangladesh Bank as deputy governor. In January 2007 Ali joined BRAC as managing director.

# Best Air launches international operation May 25

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Local private airline Best Air is set to launch its international operation on May 25 through its first flight to Bangkok, its chairman said yesterday.

"We had plans to start much earlier. But we have had to wait for meeting some regulatory requirements. Now we are ready to fly," M Haider Uzzaman, chairman of Best Air, told a press conference in Dhaka.

The Best Air, majority stake of which is controlled by Kuwait based Aqeeq Aviation Holding, is to fly on an international route after having operated on the domestic routes, with its single Boeing 737-200, for five months.

The airline sources, however, said another 118 seater Boeing 737-200 aircraft would be added to its fleet soon.

According to the Best Air, it would operate four flights a week on the Dhaka-Bangkok-Dhaka route and will charge \$ 240 as fare, which will not include tax.

Entry of Best Air on the Dhaka-Bangkok route will intensify competition as four other airlines-Thai Airways, Biman Bangladesh Airlines,

GMG Airlines and DRUK Air are already operating on the same route.

About 9,000 passengers on average fly along the route each month, said Haider, adding, we think there are passengers to be have.

Operators said Bangladeshis health service seekers and businessmen are the main passengers on the Dhaka to Bangkok route with Thai Airways controlling over two-third of the total traffic.

Biman and GMG, two domestic contenders, carry about 20 percent of the overall traffic on the route, industry sources said.

"We have received governments approval to fly to seven international destinations in six countries. We hope to start flights to other destinations within July," chairman of Best Air said.

The airline, as part of its move to attract passengers, has also planned to offer some incentives to passengers, such as free health check up at a Thai hospital.

The Best Air will be the third domestic carrier to fly on the international route after Biman and GMG Airline.



BANGLINK

Naguib Sawiris (right), chairman of Orascom Telecom Holding, on Tuesday in Dhaka takes a look at the model of 'Din Bodoler Gram', a village, for cyclone Sidr victims as Rashid Khan, CEO of Banglalink, briefs him. During his one day visit to Bangladesh, Sawiris donated US\$ 500,000 for the victims of November 2007 cyclone. Banglalink plans to build some ideal villages in the affected areas.

## Worst of crisis over: IMF

AFP, Brussels

The worst of the financial sector crisis is over although the impact on the broader economy will likely drag on in coming months, IMF managing director Dominique Strauss-Kahn said on Thursday.

"There are good reasons to believe that the largest part of disclosure in financial institutions has been done, especially

in the United States... so that the worst news is behind us," he told a panel at the European Parliament.

"The main problem is the linkages between the financial crisis and the real economy and this is not behind us," he added, estimating the impact of the financial turmoil to weigh on economic activity for another "several quarters."

# Harvard confce on Bangladesh in June

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A two-day conference on Bangladesh will begin on June 13 at Harvard University in the USA.

Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI), a USA-based non-profit organization, in collaboration with Democracy and Development in Bangladesh Forum (DDBF), Boston, Massachusetts, and The Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, John F Kennedy

School of Government at Harvard University, will organise the two-day conference titled 'Bangladesh in the 21st century'.

According to BDI website, Dr Jamilur Reza Choudhury, vice-chancellor of Brac University, Bangladesh, will present the keynote paper at the conference, while Dr Rounaq Jahan, senior researcher and assistant faculty member at Southern Asian Institute of Columbia University, and Masihur

Rahman, former secretary, will attend as speakers.

Issues, such as the country's economic situation, foreign aid and liability, investment, remittance, private sector, ready-made garment, education and health standard, transformation into democracy, foreign policy, micro credit and NGO will be discussed at the conference.

Mamun Rashid of Citibank NA will also deliver a speech on Bangladesh's capital market at the conference.

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**1st Time Tender**

Ser No.	Nomenclature	Date of selling		Date of opening	Currency	Tender No.
		From	To			
A.	Cloth Drill Tetron/Cotton Combat Printed (65% Polyester & 35% Cotton) 143/147 c.m Qty: 1,00,000 Mtrs	21-5-2008	17-6-2008	18-6-2008	Local	2564/P-6

2. Tender schedule with detail specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per IT selling rate (non-refundable) during office hour between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hours and will be opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in presence of tenderers (if present).

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GD-2287

**Major**  
For Director General

**Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh**

Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229

**Tender Notice**

01. Name of work	: O&M of Central Air Conditioning System of Terminal Building-1 at Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka during the year 2007-2008 (SH-Procurement of spare parts for electric panel Boards & Pump, Motor Control Panel for Central A/C System of TB-1) of Building (E/M works).				
02. Source of funds	: CAAB own fund.				
03. Tender packaged No.	: No. 96/CAAB/EM/(O&M)/2007-2008.				
04. Invitation for tenders Ref. & date	: No. CAAB/SE/EM/ACcts-70/966 Dated: 08.05.2008.				
05. Procurement method	: Open tendering method.				
06. Eligibility of tenderers	: CAAB enlisted "B" class & above E/M contractors having valid "BC" class electrical contractory & supervisory license, 5 years experience as contractor, 3,000 lac Taka work experience of E/M works in a single work order at least within last 5 (five) years supported by completion certificate issued by not below the rank of Executive Engineer from any govt/ semi-govt/autonomous department.				
07. Name & address of the office(s) selling tender document	: Tender papers will be available from the office of the Superintending Engineer, E/M Circle, Director, CEMSU, Executive Engineer, E/M Division-I, CAAB, PA to Member (Ops & Plans), PA to Chief Engineer & PA to Director, ZIA, CAAB during the office hours.				
08. Name & address of the office receiving tender	: Office of the Superintending Engineer, E/M Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.				
09. Name & address of the office opening tenders	: Office of the Superintending Engineer, E/M Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.				
10. Last date & time for selling tender document	: In all working days up to 1700 hours on 26.05.2008.				
11. Last date & time for submission of tender	: Up to 1200 hours on 27.05.2008.				
12. Date & time for opening of tender	: At 1230 hours on 27.05.2008.				
13. Brief description of goods & services (works & services)					
Lot No.	Identification of works	Location	Price of tender document in Taka	Tender security amount in Taka	Time for completion in weeks/months/days
1.	(Procurement of spare parts for Electric Panel Boards & Pump, Motor Control Panel for Central A/C System of TB-1) of Building (E/M works)	Central A/C System of TB-1, Zia International Airport, Dhaka	Tk 500/- (five hundred) only (non-refundable)	Tk 18,500/- (eighteen thousand five hundred)	90 (ninety) days
14. Special condition	: The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any tender or part thereof or reject all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				
15. Special instruction	: In case of any unavoidable circumstances if the transport & communication system are totally disrupted on the last date of receiving & opening of the tender, the tender will be received & opened on the next office day. Other terms & conditions of the tender will remain unchanged.				

CAAB/PR-58/2008/323  
Date: 08-05-2008  
GD-2322

**AKM Abdur Rafique Dewean**  
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**তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড**

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা-১২১৫

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ফ্যাক্স: ৮৮০-২-৮১১৩০০১

**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১. মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়/জ্বালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ বিভাগ।
২. সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ বৈদ্যুতিক শক্তি সরবরাহ কোম্পানী লিমিটেড (পেট্রোবাংলা)।
৩. প্রকল্পের নাম	তিতাস গ্যাস ট্রান্সমিসন এন্ড ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড।
৪. কাজের নাম	বর্ধমানের গ্যাস, সাভার এলাকায় ১০" x ৪০ পিসসাইজ x ১০৫ মিঃ এবং ঢাকা-আরিচা মহাসড়ক (ইসলাম) বাকি অর্ধেক অংশের গ্যাস লাইন বিস্তারিত পক্ষে) এ অবস্থিত ১২" x ৪০ পিসসাইজ x ৪৮ মিঃ গ্যাস লাইন নির্মাণের কাজ।
৫. দরপত্র সূত্র নং ও তারিখ	পানিবি/৯৮.১০/সিস্টেম সমন্বয় এবং জলকৃতি বোম্বা/২০০৭-২০০৮/০১, তারিখ ০৭-০৫-২০০৮।
৬. প্রকল্পের মেয়াদ	সিস্টেম স্টেজ, সিস্টেম ইন্সটলেশন পদ্ধতিতে বৈদ্যুতিক টেন্ডারিং মেয়াদ।
৭. অর্থায়নের উৎস	নিজস্ব।
৮. দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	১৯-০৫-২০০৮ ইংরেজি ০১-০৬-২০০৮ তারিখ পর্যন্ত সকল কার্যদিবসে সকাল ৯:০০ ঘটিকা ইংরেজি ১০:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৯. দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	০২-০৬-২০০৮ তারিখ ১১:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১০. দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০২-০৬-২০০৮ তারিখ ১২:০০ ঘটিকা উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বীত্বের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১১. ক) দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	ক) বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি কোং লি., ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা। খ) হিসাব বিভাগ, পেট্রোবাংলা, পেট্রোসেন্টার, ৩, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা। গ) প্রধান কার্যালয়, পেট্রোবাংলা, ৮০/এ-বি, সিদ্ধেশ্বরী সার্কুলার রোড, শাহজাদপুর টাওয়ার, মালিগা, ঢাকা। ক) পাইপ লাইন নির্মাণ বিভাগ, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি কোং লি., ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা। খ) হিসাব বিভাগ, পেট্রোবাংলা, পেট্রোসেন্টার, ৩, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা। গ) প্রধান কার্যালয়, পেট্রোবাংলা, ৮০/এ-বি, সিদ্ধেশ্বরী সার্কুলার রোড, শাহজাদপুর টাওয়ার, মালিগা, ঢাকা।
খ) দরপত্র দাখিল গ্রহণের স্থান	মহাবাহাদুর (পরিচালনা ও উন্নয়ন) এর দপ্তর, প্রধান কার্যালয়, তিতাস গ্যাস টি এন্ড ডি কোং লি., ১০৫, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা।
১২. দরদাতার যোগাযোগ	তিতাস গ্যাস অথবা পেট্রোবাংলায় অথবা গ্যাস কোম্পানীতে ২০০৭-২০০৮ সালের তালিকাভুক্ত ১.৩/১.৪ শ্রেণীর গ্যাস পাইপ লাইন নির্মাণকারী হিসাবে।
১৩. দরপত্র দাখিলের মূল্য	২০০০.০০ (দুই হাজার) মাত্র।
১৪. দরপত্রের জামানত	ট ৩০,০০০.০০ (পঁচাত্তর হাজার) মাত্র।
১৫. কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়সীমা	৯০ (নব্বই) পঞ্জিকা দিবস।
১৬. দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার নির্দেশিত কর্তৃপক্ষ সরকারি হুঁচকি বা অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ বহু দফা করে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে উপস্থাপিত হওয়া ও সময়ে উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বীত্বের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে।	
১৭. পানিবি এর আওতাধীন বা অতিরিক্ত উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পে পাইপ লাইন নির্মাণ কাজে কোন ত্রিভুজের বিবেচিত থাকিলে তাহারা অসম্মত হতে পারবেন না।	
১৮. কার্যদিবস কোন কার্যদিবসে ব্যতিক্রম হলে যে কোন অর্থের সর্বস্বত্ব সরকারি হুঁচকি বা অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ বহু দফা করে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে উপস্থাপিত হওয়া ও সময়ে উপস্থিত দরদাতা/প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বীত্বের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে।	

**বিনা প্রত্যক্ষগণনা গ্যাস মূল্যে থাকা**

**আর বিদ্যুৎ কোম্পানী একটি বিদ্যুৎ**

এস এম আবুল কালাম  
উপ-মহা-ব্যবস্থাপক (অতিরিক্ত)  
পাইপ লাইন নির্মাণ বিভাগ  
ফোন: ৮১১২১৫৫

মোঃ এনায়েত হোসেন  
কমিশনার

তিতাস/কনসোল-১০৫/২০০৭-০৮  
জিডি-২৩২০