

Aziz blasts audit officials for bias

UNB, Dhaka
Finance Adviser AB Mirza Azizul Islam yesterday criticised officials of the audit and accounts department, saying that many of them often submit biased opinion on the accounts to remain in the good book of the leaders of political government.



Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam attends the inaugural session of a two-year departmental training course organised at the Financial Management Academy in Dhaka yesterday.

"Present the opinion honestly and objectively. If such opinion is not liked by the political masters, you will have to follow their specific instructions," the adviser told the inaugural session of a two-year departmental training course.

The session being held at the Financial Management Academy is meant for 23 junior officials of the 27th batch of BCS Audit and Accounts Cadre.

The adviser reminded the trainees that they are the employees of the republic and should protect the interests of the country and people.

Comptroller and Auditor General Ahmed Ataul Karim, NBR Chairman Muhammad Abdul Mazid and Controller

General of Accounts Bangladesh Al-Mamun Mohammed Sanaul Huq also spoke at the function.

British jobless claims surge in November

AFP, London

The number of people claiming jobless benefits in Britain leapt in November by the biggest monthly amount for more than 17 years, official data showed on Wednesday.

The claimant count soared by 75,700 from October to 1.07 million people, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in a statement.

That was the biggest increase since March 1991 and took the total number to the highest level since July 2000.

The count has now risen for 10 months running amid a sharp economic slowdown in Britain. Analysts' consensus forecasts had been for a smaller gain of 45,000 in November, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

In reaction the gloomy data, sterling tumbled against the euro, hitting a record low point of 1.0984 euros -- the lowest level since the creation of the European single currency in 1999.

The ONS added that Britain's unemployment rate climbed to 6.0 percent in the three months to October.

Under the International Labour Organization (ILO) measure of unemployment, the rate had stood at 5.5 percent for the three months to July.

According to the British government's preferred measure of unemployment, the rate stood at 3.3 percent in November, which compared with a revised 3.1 percent in October.

Well intervention programme in Sangu begins

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Cairn and its joint venture partners have commenced a well intervention programme to help raise gas production from the Sangu field in the Bay of Bengal, which has been operating for more than a decade.

Cairn's other partners are Santos and HBR Energy. As part of an integrated review of the field's production capability, this programme is aimed at increasing gas production from the only offshore gas development in Bangladesh, according to a press release.

The work is supported by a specialised service vessel

and an intervention work force of eighteen, which has been mobilised to the Sangu platform.

The Sangu gas field has produced in excess of 440Bcf since production started in 1998. Sangu was one of the largest discoveries in the 1990s when Cairn was one of the first international companies to start operating in Bangladesh. To date, Cairn and its joint venture partners have invested around \$1 billion in the country.

Cairn has a 37.5 percent interest in Sangu, whereas Santos and HBR Energy hold 37.5 percent and 25 percent respectively.

BAFEDA elects chairman



Abu Naser Bukhtear Ahmed

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The executive committee of Bangladesh Foreign Exchange Dealers' Association (BAFEDA) has elected Syed Abu Naser Bukhtear Ahmed as the chairman of the committee for 2009-10, according to a press statement issued yesterday.

Ahmed is the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of Agrani Bank.

At a meeting yesterday, BAFEDA also elected SM Aminur Rahman, CEO and MD of Janata Bank Ltd, as vice-chairman and Md Nurul Amin, MD of NCC Bank, as the treasurer of the committee for the next term.

Neaz Ahmed, managing director of Southeast Bank, was chairman of the election board of BAFEDA. Other members of the election board were Kazi Mashkur Rahman, MD of EXIM Bank, and Debabratta Datta, regional head and CEO of the State Bank of India.

Popular Pharma to enter Nigeria market



Osita Idemili, chairman of Generix Global Ltd, Nigeria, and Dr Mostafizur Rahman, managing director of Popular Pharmaceuticals Ltd, exchange documents of a business agreement and export order on behalf of their respective organisations recently.

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Popular Pharmaceuticals Ltd signed an agreement recently to export formulations to Generix Global Ltd, Nigeria, according to a press release.

A high profile audit team from the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), Nigeria, who visited the plants of Popular, expressed its satisfaction at the medicines manufactured there.

Popular Pharmaceuticals Ltd and Popular Infusions Ltd are expecting registration for eighteen specialised formulations by the next couple of months.

Osita Idemili, chairman

of Generix Global Ltd, Nigeria, and Dr Mostafizur Rahman, managing director of Popular Pharmaceuticals Ltd, signed a business agreement and export order on behalf of their respective organisations.

Meanwhile, Popular brands are expected to be available in the Yemeni market from early 2009 as a Yemeni audit team has also liked these medicines.

Yemen Supreme Board of Drugs and Medical Appliances of the Ministry of Public Health, carried out an audit from October 20 to October 26, 2008.

Currently, the company exports to Kenya, Sri Lanka, Macau, Somalia and Afghanistan.

ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

বিশ্ব ব্যবহারে সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ হিটস "বিদ্যুৎ বন্ডের বিপ্লবিত" নিরীক্ষিত বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিষেবা প্রকল্প

বীত সেন্ট্রাল, ডিপিডিসির আওতাধীন বসবসন ১৩২/১১ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্রে ১৩২/১১ কেভি ট্রান্সফর্মার, ১১ কেভি ব্রেকার/বাস এবং আনুষ্ঠানিক সরঞ্জামাদি এর সিডিউল সংরক্ষণ কাজের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত এলাকায় বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ বন্ধ থাকিবে।

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বসবসন ১৩২/১১ কেভি উপকেন্দ্র	১৯/১২/২০০৮ ইং ৩ ডিসেম্বর	সকাল ৮ঃ০০ টা	দুপুর ২ঃ০০ টা	বসবসন ষ্ট্রফ কোয়টার, গোপীবাগ, কমলাপুর, মতিখিল, সোনালী ব্যাংক, জনতা ব্যাংক, বসবসন হাসপাতাল, ডিআইটি ভবন, দিল্লীকা, সেনাকল্যাণ ভবন, মধুমিতা ও অভিসার সিনেমা হল, হাটখোলা এবং তদসংলগ্ন এলাকা।

সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের সাময়িক অনুবিধার জন্য ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখিত।
(সেই শেখের আলী)
ম্যানেজার (টেকনিক্যাল)
বীত সেন্ট্রাল, ডিপিডিসি, ঢাকা।

GP-DPDC accord on e-bill service

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Grameenphone Ltd and Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC) signed an agreement to jointly launch the electronic bill payment service BillPay, first of its kind, for DPDC consumers, according to a press statement.

Grameenphone won the contract through an open bid called by the DPDC earlier this year.

This service will shortly allow all DPDC electricity consumers to pay their electric bills either from their GP handset or from any GP-authorized BillPay centres.

'BillPay' is a reliable and fast service, ensuring end-to-end transparency and ultimate convenience for DPDC consumers. This is the first time a mobile phone operator has launched such a service with 'universal access' for all, regardless of owning a mobile phone or not.

In December 2006, Grameenphone launched the BillPay.

Mohammad Hasnat Chowdhury, company secretary of Dhaka Power Distribution Company (DPDC), and Md Arif Al Islam, chief financial officer of Grameenphone Ltd,

signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisations.

Professor M Tamim, special assistant to the Chief Adviser and in-charge of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, was present as the chief guest.

Mohammad Mohsin, energy secretary and chairman of the DPDC board of directors, Dr M Fouzul Kabir Khan, power secretary, Md Ataul Masud, managing director of DPDC, and Delwar Hossain Azad, deputy director and head of financial services of Grameenphone, and other high officials from both parties were also present.

The service will be launched shortly for all electricity consumers in the DPDC area. In the initial phase, DPDC consumers will enjoy easy access to BillPay centres, open from 9 am to 10 pm everyday, at convenient locations. Consumers with mobile phones will get an immediate confirmation of bill payment from DPDC, when bills are paid correctly. Customers will also be able to query present and past bill status instantly via SMS or receive assistance from GP's modern, dedicated BillPay helpdesk.

Honda slashes forecasts as auto turmoil deepens

AFP, Tokyo

Honda Motor Co. on Wednesday slashed its profit forecast by more than half for this year, its third cut as the global economic crisis takes a heavier toll on the auto industry.

Fellow Japanese automaker Nissan Motor Co. also continued to feel the pinch from the economic downturn, announcing it would further curb production and cut another 500 jobs.

"The global automobile market is rapidly shrinking," Honda president Takeo Fukui warned at a news conference.

Japan's second largest automaker said it now expects a net profit of 185 billion yen (2.08 billion dollars) for the year to

March, sharply down from its earlier forecast of a 485 billion yen profit.

Honda earlier this month announced a shock pullout from Formula One, saying it could not stay in the prestigious racing tournament due to the dire state of the global economy.

It has said it is freezing more projects, including the planned release in Japan in 2010 of its luxury Acura model which was a hot seller in North America when the market there was strong.

Honda, a pioneer of environmentally friendly cars, said Wednesday it was suspending the opening of a new research and development facility and two new plants. All three were supposed to open in 2010 across Japan.



Mohammad Hasnat Chowdhury, company secretary of DPDC, and Md Arif Al Islam, chief financial officer of Grameenphone, sign an agreement on e-billing services in Dhaka recently.

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INVITATION OF TENDERS

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division
2	Agency	Electricity Generation Company Of Bangladesh Ltd.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Chemist, 210 M.W.STPS,EGCB, Narayanganj
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Narayanganj
6	Invitation for	Supply of Aluminum Sulphate
7	Invitation Ref No	Manager(op)210 M.W.STPS/Accounts-10/2008/692
8	Date	02/12/2008

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and Source of Funds	Revenue, EGCB
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	Not applicable

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	Not applicable
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	Not applicable
14	Tender Package No.	Not applicable
15	Tender Package Name	1. Supply of Aluminum Sulphate for Water Treatment plant of 210 M.W. STPS,EGCB, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj.
16	Tender Publication Date	18/12/2008
17	Tender Last Selling Date	06/01/2009
18	Tender submission Date and Time	Time: 07/01/2009 :12 Noon
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	Time: 07/01/2009 : 01.00 PM
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	1) Company Secretary, EGCB Ltd, BTMC Bhawan, 8 th floor, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. 2) Manager, Agrani Bank, STPS,EGCB Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
	Receiving Tender Document	Chief Chemist, 210 M.W. STPS, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
	Opening Tender Document	Chief Chemist, 210 M.W. STPS, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Not Applicable

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of Tenderer	Eligible contractors of BPDB/ Bonafied suppliers of similar type of goods.
23	Brief Description of Goods	Supply of Aluminum Sulphate for Water Treatment Plant 210M.W STPS, EGCB, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
24	Brief Description of Related Services	Not applicable
25	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 2000/- (Two Thousand) Non refundable.
	S	Identification of Lot
	L	Location
26	1	Supply of Aluminum Sulphate for Water Treatment Plant 210 M.W, EGCB, STPS, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
		STPS Store
		1 Tk- 86,000/- (Eighty six Thousand) Only
		45 (Forty five) Days.
27	Type of Payment	Bank draft or Pay order in favour of Dy. Director (Accounts) STPS, EGCB, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

28	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dilip Chandra Chowdhury, EGCB, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
29	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Chief Chemist, 210 M.W. STPS, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
30	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Manager (Op.) 210 M.W. STPS, EGCB, Siddhirgonj, Narayanganj
31	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel-7694400
32	Sample	500 gm must be supplied in sealed packet with tender document.
33	Special Instruction	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

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Programme for FCPS Part-I, FCPS Part-II, Preliminary FCPS Part-II and MCPS written Examinations to be held in January 2009.

FCPS Part-II, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS and MCPS Examinations.

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
All	Paper - I	01.01.2009 (Thursday)	9.00 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	03.01.2009 (Saturday)	12.00 Noon	

FCPS Part-I Examinations, Group - A Morning

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Dental Surgery, Dermatology & V.D., Family Medicine, Ophthalmology, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Radiology and Imaging & Surgery	Paper - I	04.01.2009 (Sunday)	9.00 A.M.	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.01.2009 (Monday)	10.40 A.M.	
	Paper - III	06.01.2009 (Tuesday)	10.40 A.M.	

FCPS Part-I Examinations, Group - B Morning

Subject	Paper	Date	Time	Venue
Anaesthesiology, Biochemistry, Haematology, Histopathology, Microbiology, Obst. & Gynae, Otolaryngology, Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Radiotherapy & Transfusion Medicine	Paper - I	04.01.2009 (Sunday)	12.00 Noon	BCPS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
	Paper - II	05.01.2009 (Monday)	1.40 P.M.	
	Paper - III	06.01.2009 (Tuesday)	1.40 P.M.	

Program for clinical, practical & oral examinations (for FCPS Part II, Preliminary FCPS Part-II, FCPS and MCPS) will be notified in the Notice Board of BCPS well in advance.

The Admit Card for the said Examinations will be issued between 27 to 31st December, 2008

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