



Motorola handsets hit market

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Motorola launched three new handsets under its Motoyuva WX range in Bangladesh yesterday, said a press statement.

The sleek, stylish and affordable handsets were created to cater to the need to stay connected.

"We are delighted to offer our new range of mobile phones to Bangladesh consumers. Come and experience the Motoyuva WX Generation, which offers a range of features affordable for everyone," said Rajan Chawla, head of sales and operations, emerging markets, Motorola Mobile Devices.

The handsets launched were -- Motoyuva WX 180, Motoyuva WX 288 and Motoyuva WX 395.

The Motoyuva WX 180 comes with a 1.5 inch 65k colour display, integrated FM radio with RDS4 that displays available station information like songs, artists and genre, and hands-free.

The Motoyuva WX 288 is a slim, 12.1 mm thin phone with a 1.8" 65K colour display, digital camera, MMS, leading class battery life with talktime of up to 7 hours, FM radio and the integrated RDS4, bluetooth and an easy to use WAP 2.01 web browser.

The Motoyuva WX 395 offers a large 1.75" 65K colour display in a slim 11.9 mm-thin package with music playing experience of up to 10 hours. It also comes with a 'One Touch Show' function, which allows users to create instantaneous slide shows from their own pictures and music, 1.3 mega-pixel camera, bluetooth and an optional 2GB external memory card.

Equip women entrepreneurs to combat corruption

Minister tells workshop

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Dilip Barua, industries minister, said yesterday women entrepreneurs should have easy access to information and finance -- the tools that can equip them to avoid corruption in every sector.

"The government is relentlessly working to ensure a corruption-free public sector, where entrepreneurs will be able to receive services from all government offices and organisations without bribe or donation," Barua said.

"Women entrepreneurs, the worst victims of corruption in every

sector, are facing adversities in obtaining bank loans and licences."

"So women entrepreneurs should concentrate on achieving better access to information about financial institutions and licence-providing organisations," the minister said.

Barua was speaking at an advocacy workshop on 'Anti-Corruption Reforms for Women Entrepreneurs', organised by the Bangladesh Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BWCCI) in cooperation with USAID PROGATI at the National Press Club in Dhaka.

He also stressed the need to educate women entrepreneurs on their

respective business sectors and ensure IT literacy, to keep away from ill practices. "If you have proper knowledge on any certain office, they cannot force you to bribe them."

Aftab-ul Islam, chairman of Small and Medium Enterprise Foundation (SMEF), said women's participation in banking and non-bank financial institutions can resolve the problems with low access to capital.

He said SMEF is set to include women entrepreneurs in its board of directors soon.

Selima Ahmed, president of BWCCI, said the main objective of the workshop is to provide women

entrepreneurs with the tools and information necessary to avoid corruption and advocate new policies required to prevent corruption.

She demanded the government to instruct all banks to set up branches for women, to further develop entrepreneurship.

"If all banks set up branches and separate cells for women, there is no need to set up a separate women's bank."

Ahmed Ali Shah, deputy general manager of SMEF, and Taleyia Rehman, chairperson of Democracywatch, were also present at the workshop.

HSBC tops brand value list

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HSBC has been awarded the title of most valuable banking brand in the world for the third time in a row, the bank said in a statement yesterday.

The award that comes from Brand Finance, a banker magazine, is the outcome of a direct comparison of the values of the world's leading banking brands in its report Banking 500.

"HSBC is very good at delivering a very good product, service and it has a tremendous advertising campaign," said David Haigh, chief executive of Brand Finance.

The ranking system looked at the world's 500 most valuable banking groups and measured them by both their brand strength and value as of December 31, 2009.

The report says HSBC has increased its brand value by 12 percent to \$28.5 billion compared to the previous years.



Faruk Khan, commerce minister, hands over the first pavilion prize to Md Mizanur Rahman, chairman of Bestway Group, at the closing ceremony of Dhaka International Trade Fair 2010 on Sunday.

Trade with Australia up 98pc

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The bilateral trade between Bangladesh and Australia increased to 495 million Australian dollars in fiscal year 2008-09 from 281 million dollars the previous year, registering a 98 percent growth, data released by Canberra government shows.

Also, a big jump in the value of Bangladesh exports to Australia was recorded at A\$119 million from A\$43 million an increase of 174

percent.

This was pointed out during a meeting when Australian High Commissioner Dr Justin Lee met Commerce Minister Faruk Khan at the later's office in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release from the high commission.

Lee noted there was a significant increase in garment and textile exports to Australia, suggesting Bangladesh producers were beginning to take the advan-

Canadian team due in city Saturday

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An eight-member Canadian delegation comprising members of the Ministry of Agriculture of Saskatchewan will come to Bangladesh on Saturday to promote exports of the Canadian agricultural products.

Members of Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership will also be in the team whose visit will end on February 17, said a state-

ment of Canadian high commission yesterday.

The delegation expects to meet with government officials and businessmen through seminars on Canadian agricultural products in Dhaka and Chittagong.

Canada exported a record Tk 3,900 crore in food and other agricultural products to Bangladesh in the first 11 months of 2009 alone, the statement added.

Khulna customs blocks another container

QUAZI AMANULLAH, Khulna

Khulna customs officials have halted the delivery of a container of Media Enterprise from Mongla port on suspicion of illegal imports.

The container carried by MV Kota Ratna from China arrived at Mongla port on January 18.

"We have informed NBR (National Board of Revenue) about the arrival of the ship carrying the container," said Md Hafizur Rahman, commissioner of Khulna cus-

toms, yesterday.

"But nobody has claimed ownership of the container. No bill of entry has been submitted to the customs either," he said.

"All this led us to suspect something illegal might be in the container."

Md Tasminur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Khulna customs, said the container would be opened tomorrow in the presence of the officials from NBR, Khulna customs and law-enforcement agencies.

Media Enterprise, based in Khulna, had earlier imported over 5,000 bottles of foreign liquor of Tk 6 crore under false declaration that was seized by NBR's intelligence wing on December 22.

Humayun Kabir who claimed ownership of Media Enterprise in import documents has not been traced yet.

Md Nurul Islam, the then commissioner of Khulna customs, was removed from his office and transferred to Jessore on evidence of his complicity.

JAL to stay with American Airlines

AFP, Tokyo

Japan Airlines, after declaring bankruptcy last month, appeared set on Monday to keep its current tie-up with American Airlines and end talks to defect to the world's biggest carrier Delta.

US giants American and Delta Air Lines have been competing to invest in ailing JAL, which filed for bankruptcy with 26 billion dollars of debt in one of Japan's biggest ever corporate failures.



Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury, leader of the delegation from International Business Forum of Bangladesh, and Khandu Wangchuk, Bhutanese economic affairs minister, are seen with the 24-member delegation from the forum that visited Bhutan on February 5-8.

Agrani logs rise in operating profit

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Agrani Bank increased its operating profit by three percent to Tk 644 crore in 2009 although its import and export trade fell because of global economic crisis. The amount was Tk 632 crore in 2008.

The bank's import trade fell by 29 percent last year and stood at Tk 7,753 crore. Its import business was worth Tk 10,952 crore in 2008. The bank's export trade decreased by around 10 percent to Tk 4,461 crore, which was Tk 4,954 crore in 2008.

According to the bank's statistics, its remittance went up by 6 percent in 2009 and stood at Tk 5,587 crore. Agrani is one of the three top remittance-earning banks.

Agrani is the first state-owned bank where Bakhtiar was appointed chief executive officer (CEO) in October 2004 as part of private management. His tenure will end in April.

On the achievements during his tenure, the CEO told The Daily Star that the bank's total operating profit was Tk 2,375 crore in the last five years. However, the bank's total operating profit was only Tk 245 crore in 32 years from 1972 to 2004.

The Central Bank of Kuwait on Monday cut its one-week and one-month repurchase rates by 25 basis points each in a bid to expand money supply, a day after reducing the benchmark discount rate.

The bank cut the one-week repo rate to 1.5 percent and its one-month rate to two percent, according to the bank's official website.

The central bank on Sunday cut its benchmark discount rate by 50 basis points to 2.5 percent, its first reduction in nine months, in a move aimed at making borrowing cheaper.

Kuwait central bank cuts repurchase rate

AFP, Kuwait City

Managing Director of the bank Syed Abu Naser Bakhtiar said its export-import trade went down substantially because of the global recession.

He, however, said his bank performed well in remittance and good loan, which contributed to the increase in the bank's profit.

During his tenure, the number of loss making branches of the bank came down to 96 from 446 in 2004, Bakhtiar said, adding that classified loan, capital and other issues also showed significant improvement during his term.

অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড এ সিনিয়র অফিসার, অফিসার এবং অফিসার (ক্যাশ) পদে নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি।

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আগামী ১২/০২/২০১০ইং তারিখ শুক্রবার সকাল ১০.০০ টা হতে ১১.৩০ টা পর্যন্ত অগ্রণী ব্যাংক লিমিটেড-এ সিনিয়র অফিসার, অফিসার এবং অফিসার (ক্যাশ) পদে নিয়োগ সংক্রান্ত লিখিত পরীক্ষা অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। এ লক্ষে ইতোমধ্যে যোগ্য প্রার্থীদের স্ব-স্ব বর্তমান ও স্থায়ী ঠিকানায় Admit Card প্রেরণ করা হয়েছে। ক্রমিক নং অনুযায়ী আসন বন্টন সহ পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্র সমূহের নাম নিম্নে উল্লেখ করা হলো। যে সকল প্রার্থী এখনো তাদের Admit Card পাননি তাদেরকে আবেদনের সাথে সংযুক্ত ছবির অনুরূপ দুই কপি সত্যায়িত ছবি সহ ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ম্যানেজমেন্ট ইনফরমেশন সিস্টেমস বিভাগ (MIS) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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২।	গমোই এন্ড হাই স্কুল	আজিমপুর, ঢাকা	৪৩৯৪ - ৫৪২০
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৫।	ঢাকা সিটি কলেজ	সাইল্যান্ড, ঢাকা	১৫১০৯ - ১৬৪৫২
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