

# Call for amicable settlement of RMG wage dispute

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Garment makers should go for an amicable settlement of the minimum wage for the workers to avert any fresh unrest in the sector, senior journalists and analysts said yesterday.

The gap between the owners and workers should go, said the experts, and called upon the owners to give the workers a fair minimum wage.

Any failure to pay an acceptable wage will lead to mistrust among the workers, and the owners have to face the unrest again, the speakers told a meeting at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) organised the meeting to discuss the present situa-

tion of the garment sector with the editors of different national dailies.

Habibur Rahman Milon, advisory editor of the daily Ittefaq, suggested the owners create an environment where the workers can develop a sense of belonging.

"Now, the incidents of unrest are taking place at the factories as there is hardly any belongingness among the workers," he said.

Abdul Quayum, joint editor of the daily Prothom Alo, said the upcoming wage structure should be settled through discussions among different stakeholders.

"The owners should feel the psychology of the workers. They should bring confidence among the workers," Shyamol Dutta, editor of the

Bhorer Kagoj, blamed the frequent labour unrest on a lack of ability of both the government and the owners to handle millions of young workers.

He attributed the influence of local politics to frequent labour unrest in some areas particularly in Ashulia.

Khandaker Muniruzzaman, acting editor of the daily Sangbad, said sometimes the workers of the factories that pay low wages vandalise the neighbouring compliant factories out of jealousy.

"We have to build trust between the workers and the owners. We have set up a lot of factories over the last 30 years, but could not develop a workforce," he said.

Mostafa Kamal Mazumder, editor of The New Nation, called upon the

owners to create industrial intelligent units.

Mustafizur Rahman, executive director of private think tank Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), said the exports figures of RMG over the last four months indicate that Bangladesh has started enjoying the benefits of global economic recovery.

"So, this is a very important period for the country. We should make the best use of the time. We have created some new export destinations like Japan, Turkey and South Africa," he said.

BGMEA President Abdus Salam Murshedy moderated the meeting, also attended by former president Tipu Munshi and Shamokal Editor Ghulam Sarwar.



CONCORD  
SM Kamaluddin, chairman, and Shahrar Kamal, deputy managing director of Concord Engineers & Construction Ltd, receive an award from Jose E Prieto, president of Business Initiative Directions, at the 24th International Quality Summit in New York recently.

# World acclaim for Concord Engineers

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Concord Engineers and Construction Ltd has won the International Quality BID Award at the 24th International Quality Summit in New York recently, a news bulletin said.

The International Quality Summit is part of the annual programme of Business Initiative Directions Awards (BID) that is designed to recognise outstanding companies, organisations and businesses.

BID, a private organisation that presents a quality award, is headquartered in Madrid, Spain.

SM Kamaluddin, chairman, and Shahrar Kamal, deputy managing director of Concord Engineers, received the distinction from Jose E Prieto, president of BID.

According to the news bulletin published by b2people from New York, Concord Engineers and Construction was featured to the business world through graphic and digital media broadcasting coverage for its noteworthy commitment to quality, excellence and innovation.

Recipients of the awards represent a force in

the business world, offering opportunities to reach agreements with professionals from different countries and even different continents.

The recognition is based on the criteria of the QC100 quality model, implemented in over 100 countries, said the official website of International Quality Summit Convention.

This year, the convention took place on May 30-31. Companies from 65 countries together with the leaders from different business fields attended the summit along with academic personalities and representatives from the diplomatic corps.

Approximately 150 delegates from companies all over the world offering different focuses on how to develop business, gather every year at the event to exchange ideas, discuss subjects related to carrying on business and make deals.

This international forum provides a background for business presentations through which commercial relations can be initiated, making the Quality Award a basis for new relations.



UK Minister for International Development Alan Duncan, centre, looks at a product of FCI (BD) Ltd, a British company, at Dhaka Export Processing Zone on Tuesday. BEPZA Executive Chairman Jamil Ahmed Khan, left, and FCI (BD) Chairman Mohammed Abdul Matin are also seen.

## Hasina urges US to make GSP permanent

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the US government to make the generalised system of preferences (GSP) facilities permanent for Bangladesh as the government is effectively handling labour rights, health hazards and child labour.

Hasina made the request when US Ambassador James F Moriarty paid a courtesy call on her at Ganobhaban.

During the meet, Hasina also thanked the US government for selecting Bangladesh as one of the focus countries of President Obama's Global Health Initiative (GHI).

## Huawei takes spot on Fortune list

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For the first time, Huawei Technologies Ltd has grabbed the 397th place on the list of Fortune Global 500 companies by revenue.

The new tally, published on July 9 by the US-based magazine, ranked Huawei with annual sales of \$21.8 billion and net profit of \$2.67 billion in 2009, the company said in a statement.

Huawei is a Chinese telecom equipment maker and one of the major suppliers of telecom equipment to Bangladesh.

Its major clients include Grameenphone, Banglalink, Robi, Citycell, Teletalk and Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Ltd.

# Govt seeks ADB assistance for solar power

## PM's adviser tells energy roundtable

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Bangladesh has sought assistance from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to generate 500 megawatts of solar power by 2012.

This was disclosed by Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, the prime minister's adviser for energy, at a roundtable at the CIRDAP auditorium yesterday.

A delegation of ADB will visit Bangladesh in September and discuss ways of assistance in solar power further, he said.

ADB will provide assistance to generate 3,000 megawatts of power in developing countries, Chowdhury said. An announcement will come from a renewable energy forum to be held in Manila in 2012.

The adviser pointed out the govern-

ment's efforts to use coal and LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) as alternative energy sources to implement a mega-plan for the power sector.

Chowdhury said the government would start discussions with Nepal and Bhutan on production and participation in the energy sector.

Muhammad Enamul Huq, state minister for power, energy and mineral resources, criticised the experts who had doubted the implementation of the government's power sector plan.

He said the experts should come up with suggestions, instead of criticism, to help the government implement the mega plan.

AKMA Quader, a professor of chemical engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, said the government shuf-

fled 42 chairmen at Petrobangla in the last 42 months.

He questioned these quick changes in leadership, which he said would set back the government's long-term plan.

He opposed a suggestion for hiking prices of gas and electricity and said the government must ensure a smooth supply of gas and electricity before increasing prices.

"Otherwise, the government will have to pay a political price for it," he said.

Power and Energy, a magazine, organised the roundtable. Ijaz Hossain, a professor of chemical engineering at Buet, presented the keynote paper at the roundtable. Mollah Amzad Hossain, editor of the magazine, moderated the programme.

# Stocks dip on rumours

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Rumours on a possible tightening of share credit and price earnings (PE) ratio shook up share trading yesterday, leading stocks to fall.

The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange -- DSE General Index -- declined 76.17 points, or 1.19 percent to 6,304.86.

As the market watchdog sat in a meeting, rumours spread that it would further tighten share credit and the PE ratio, investors and stockbrokers said.

"A caller, who is also an investor, told me that the margin loan and PE ratios are going to be tightened further by the market regulator," said Abdullah Farabi, a retail investor.

"So, I was advised to sell shares," he said, adding that he heard that the margin loan ratio would be re-fixed at 1:0.5 and sectoral PE ratio would be in place of an overall PE ratio.

Presently, investors are allowed to receive credit at the ratio of 1:1, while credit can be provided against securities with a PE ratio below 40.

However, the Securities and Exchange Commission is yet to take any such decision, and it discussed internal issues at the meeting.

Price falls in the shares of three major sectors -- bank, non-bank financial institution (NBF), and fuel and power -- were mostly the reasons behind the dip in the market.

Eleven sectors, out of 17, were in the negative territory on the premier bourse.

Telecom and cement sector shares led the list of positive performers.

Losers beat advancers 188 to 49 with eight securities remaining unchanged on the DSE, which traded more than 5.09 crore shares and mutual funds at a turnover of Tk 1,593 crore.

Titas Gas topped the list of turnover leaders with more than 9.02 lakh shares worth Tk 97.78 crore being traded on the floor.

Chittagong stocks also marked a fall with the CSE Selective Categories Index declining 90.22 points, or 0.74 percent, to 11,970.12.

More than 43.68 lakh shares and mutual fund units changed hands at a value of Tk 90.32 crore.



Syed Abdul Jalil, managing director of Micro Cables Ltd, speaks at a discussion on fire-resistant electric cables, in Dhaka on Monday.



Managing Director of Al-Arafah Islami Bank MA Samad Sheikh inaugurates the bank's Barisal brokerage house branch recently.

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**দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

১। বিদ্যর বা কাজের নাম	২। (ক) চট্টগ্রাম, বাকলিরা ও জুলদা ১০২/৩০ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্রের জন্য ২(দুই)টি ৩৩/০.৪১৫ কেভি, ২০০ কেভিএ ট্রান্সফর্মারের ক্রয় (পুনঃ দরপত্র)।
৩। ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা	৪। (খ) চট্টগ্রাম, জুলদা গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্রে ১০০ মেঃ ওঃ কুইক রেক্টার বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্রের পাওয়ার ইন্সটলেশনের জন্য জুলদা ১০২/৩০ কেভি গ্রীড উপকেন্দ্রে বে- স্থাপন কাজ।
৫। জামানতের পরিমাণ	৬। টাকা ৪৫০০০/- (পঁয়তাল্লিশ হাজার) মাত্র যে কোন তফসিল ব্যাংক কর্তৃক পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট আকারে পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ এর অনুকূলে দেয়।
৭। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	৮। প্রতি সেট টাকা ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) মাত্র (অফেরৎ বেগা) পাওয়ার গ্রীড কোম্পানী অব বাংলাদেশ লিঃ এর অনুকূলে তফসিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর মাধ্যমে দেয়।
৯। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	১০। ক) মহাব্যবস্থাপক, সফলন-১, বিদ্যুৎ ভবন, ১ নং আব্দুল পনি রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০। খ) কোম্পানী সচিব, পিজিসিবি, প্রধান কার্যালয়, আইইবি ভবন (৪র্থ তলা), ঢাকা। গ) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক, গ্রীড সার্কেল, পিজিসিবি, বিদ্যুৎ ভবন (২য় তলা), আছাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম। ঘ) ব্যবস্থাপক, জিএমডি চট্টগ্রাম (উত্তর), এগারমাইল, হাটহাজারী, চট্টগ্রাম।
১১। দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	১২। ২৫/০৭/১০ইং দুপুর ১:০০ ঘটিকা।
১৩। দরপত্র বাতিলের তারিখ ও সময়	১৪। ২৬/৭/১০ইং দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা। ক্রমিক নং-৫ এর ৩ ব্যতীত সকল দরপত্র।
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