



Muhammad A (Rumee) Ali, CEO of Bangladesh International Arbitration Centre (BIAC), poses with the participants of a course on "Introduction to international arbitration" presented by Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIarb) at a programme at BIAC secretariat office in Dhaka. CIarb is an international centre of excellence for alternative dispute resolution.

Britain to ban new petrol and diesel cars from 2040: minister

REUTERS, London

Britain will ban the sale of new petrol and diesel-powered cars from 2040 as part of a plan to get them off the roads altogether 10 years later, environment minister Michael Gove said on Wednesday.

It follows a similar announcement earlier this month by the French government, while German cities including Stuttgart and Munich have also said they are considering banning some diesel vehicles.

The British government has been under pressure to take steps to reduce air pollution after losing legal cases brought by campaign groups, and in May set out proposals for a scrappage scheme to get rid of the most polluting vehicles.

Ahead of a June election, the governing Conservatives pledged to make "almost every car and van" zero-emission by 2050.

"Today we are confirming that that means

there should be no new diesel or petrol vehicles by 2040," Gove told BBC Radio.

The step will likely accelerate the decline of diesel cars in Europe's second biggest market, where they are blamed for poor air quality.

The Volkswagen emissions test cheating scandal has added to concerns about diesel.

Gove also said the government would make 200 million pounds (\$260 million) available to local authorities shortly for schemes to restrict diesel vehicles' access to polluted roads.

He said he favoured road-by-road restrictions for diesel vehicles rather than outright bans from town centres or costly vehicle scrappage schemes, but did not rule them out entirely if they were local authorities' preferred options.

Earlier this month, Volvo became the first major traditional automaker to set a date for phasing out vehicles powered solely by the internal combustion engine by saying all its car models launched after 2019 will be electric or

hybrids.

Demand for diesel cars fell 10 percent in the first half of the year in Britain whilst sales of petrol vehicles rose 5 percent, according to industry data.

Sales of electric and hybrid models have risen by nearly 30 percent in the same period, the fastest growing section of the market, but it still accounts for less than 5 percent of new car registrations.

Mike Hawes, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), said consumers should be given incentives to buy such cars.

"Currently demand for alternatively fuelled vehicles is growing but still at a very low level as consumers have concerns over affordability, range and charging points," he said. "We could undermine the UK's successful automotive sector if we don't allow enough time for the industry to adjust."

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Puma confirms higher forecast

AFP, Frankfurt Am Main

German sporting goods maker Puma confirmed an increased full-year forecast Wednesday after high-profile wins for sponsored teams helped it to increased sales and profits in the second quarter.

The Bavaria-based firm reported net profit of 21.9 million euros (\$25.5 million) between April and June, compared with just 1.6 million in the second quarter last year.

Meanwhile, operating, or underlying profit grew from 11.9 million to

43.4 million on the back of sales of 969 million euros, up 16.3 percent in currency-adjusted terms compared with the same period in 2016.

Big wins on the football field for Puma-sponsored teams helped the group's leaping-cat logo to increased prominence in the second quarter, with Borussia Dortmund, Arsenal and Chivas claiming titles in Germany, Britain and Mexico. The firm added new European squads to its sponsorship roster such as Germany's Borussia Moenchengladbach and France's

Olympique de Marseille.

And celebrity endorsements from the likes of Cara Delevingne and Kylie Jenner helped along sales of women's shoes.

Based on its second-quarter performance, Puma expects to increase sales between 12 and 14 percent over the full year, adjusting for currency effects -- up from "a low double-digit percentage" increase previously.

The business increased its forecast earlier in July after its stronger-than-expected results.

BMW picks Britain for electric Mini despite Brexit

AFP, Frankfurt Am Main

German car manufacturer BMW on Tuesday said it would build an all-electric version of its Mini in Britain, a move hailed by the country's government as it negotiates Brexit.

BMW said in a statement that the "fully electric car will go into production in 2019".

The new model's electric drivetrain will be built at its plants in Bavaria before being fitted at BMW's plant near Oxford, north of London.

The announcement comes after BMW chief executive Harald Krueger issued a supposed veiled warning at the Munich-based firm's annual general meeting in May regarding future Mini production in the UK.

Brussels and London should show "pragmatism" in Brexit talks to avoid pitfalls that could harm industry, he said at the time, adding that BMW had European production facilities outside the UK that could take on Mini production.

The car industry encapsulates many of the challenges the UK must address as it seeks to disentangle itself from 40 years of EU membership and strike a new trade deal before the March 2019 cutoff date for Britain exiting the bloc.

As well as the potential for high tariffs on finished cars crossing a future UK-EU border, leaving the EU could also disrupt supply chains that see components crossing borders many times for different production processes before being built into vehicles.

Investment in Britain's automobile sector fell in 2016 to less than £1.7 billion (\$2.2 billion, 1.9 billion euros) from 2.5 billion in previous years.

But Britain's Business Secretary Greg Clark said of Tuesday's announcement: "This landmark decision is a vote of confidence in the determination of our industrial strategy to make Britain the go-to place in the world for the next generation of vehicles".

He added in a statement that UK car production hit a decade-high last year, with 1.7 million cars made across the country.

Sri Lanka finalises \$1.12b port deal with China

AFP, Colombo

Sri Lanka's government Tuesday approved the sale to China of a majority stake in a loss-making but strategically-sited deep sea port for more than a billion dollars, the ports minister said.

The cabinet gave final approval to sell a 70 percent stake in Hambantota port for \$1.12 billion to state-owned China Merchants Port Holdings, minister Mahinda Samarasinghe told reporters.

The Chinese will manage the port operations and the Sri Lankans the port security, the minister said. That, he added, should allay fears that the port could be misused by the Chinese.

Hambantota port straddles the world's busiest east-west international shipping lane across the Indian Ocean and some nations have raised concerns that it could become a military hub for the Chinese.

"Security of the port will not be given to anyone else. It will be handled 100 percent by Sri Lankans," Samarasinghe said.

He said foreign naval vessels could call at Hambantota as they did at the main port in the capital Colombo.

"We will not provide special treatment to

any country. We want to maintain good relations with all and we don't want to antagonise anyone," Samarasinghe said.

"We don't envisage giving special treatment to any one country like during the previous regime," he said referring to a 2014 incident when two Chinese submarines called at Colombo -- the only time any foreign submarines had stopped there.

The call angered neighbouring India, which considers Sri Lanka to be within its sphere of influence and has been suspicious of China's increasing interest in investing in its land infrastructure, including its sea and air ports.

The previous government took a \$8 billion loan from the Chinese to build the port -- a commercial failure which does not even generate enough revenue to pay staff salaries -- and other infrastructure.

The new government, which came to power in January 2015, has been trying to renegotiate the terms of the loan.

Samarasinghe said Hambantota port needed a fresh capital injection of \$600 million to make it viable, but Colombo could not afford the investment and was banking on the Chinese to turn around the business.



Ahmed Jamal, executive director of Bangladesh Bank; Ataur Rahman, secretary general of International Chamber of Commerce Bangladesh, and KM Lutfur Rahman, workshop resource person, attend the concluding session of a workshop on documentary credits and guarantees for specialists. The chamber organised the event in Dhaka on Saturday.

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