

Uber appeals UK court case on drivers' rights

AFP, London

Uber appealed before a British employment tribunal on Wednesday against a ruling that would give its drivers official worker status, as the company also battles against a threatened ban in London.

The landmark case brought by two Uber drivers could have far-reaching implications for people employed in Britain's "gig economy", many of whom complain about precarious working conditions and low pay. The US ride-hailing app may have to pay its drivers the national minimum wage of £7.50 (8.5 euros, \$10) an hour if it loses the case.

Uber drivers are currently paid for each ride and are considered self-employed which means they are not entitled to benefits including paid holidays. A ruling in the case is not expected for weeks.

The Independent Workers of Great Britain (IWGB) trade union is representing the drivers, and staged a demonstration in central London.

Yaseen Aslam, one of the claimants, said drivers "face many struggles" and "carry all the risks". James Farrar, the other claimant, called Uber's business plan "brutally exploitative".

He called on London Mayor Sadiq Khan to make workers' rights a condition for renewing Uber's licence.



Masihul Huq Chowdhury, additional managing director of Midland Bank, and Tareq Ibrahim, managing director of Savvy Food Ltd, exchange the signed documents of a deal at the former's head office in Dhaka on Sunday. The bank's prepaid, debit and credit cardholders will get a 10 percent discount on every purchase at the Holy Crab restaurant, a subsidiary of Savvy Food.

Eurozone bank lending rises

AFP, Frankfurt Am Main

Lending by eurozone bank to households and companies grew faster in August than the previous month, figures from the European Central Bank showed.

Overall credit to the private sector grew 2.7 percent year-on-year last month, adjusting for some purely financial transactions.

Local firm launches ride sharing service

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In the car segment, Bahon has two types of services: Economy and Premium. The vehicles that were registered before 2000 will be used for the economy service and the ones registered after 2000 will provide premium service, Morshed said.

The base fare is Tk 35 for the economy segment and after that Tk 18 will be charged for per kilometre along with a waiting charge of Tk 2.80 per minute.

The figures stand at Tk 55, Tk 20 and Tk 2.90 respectively for the premium segment.

The company gave special discounts to pre-booked customers on the eve of the launch of its service. Bahon's bike service will be more effective and affordable for city dwellers, Morshed said.

The company also plans to launch its service in Narayanganj, Gazipur and Savar by December and in Chittagong by February 2018. There are some other specialised services for ambulance and trucks and some new service will hit the market within a short time, industry insiders said.

NBR, IFC team up to facilitate trade

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The three-year advisory project titled "Trade competitiveness for export diversification" will be implemented as part of the Bangladesh Investment Climate Fund II, financed by the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID) and implemented by the IFC.

Bangladesh, with its export-led growth, aims to raise trade-to-GDP ratio from 42 percent to 50 percent, by way of increasing export receipts to \$54 billion in 2020, from \$34 billion now.

Estimates suggest that Bangladesh would have been able to export \$5.6 billion more over the past five years if the current trade policy reform trajectory had been fast-paced.

Furthermore, modern customs and border clearance procedure can decrease the cost of trading by 14-17.5 percent.

"This has a direct impact on the growth of export as one additional day for clearance can reduce export by 1 percent," according to a statement.

The NBR chief said the revenue board is keen to implement all the required customs modernisation initiatives to make an export-friendly trade regime for traders.

The project will support the NBR to implement modernisation initiatives critical for an export-friendly trade policy and enhanced trade facilitation, said Masrur Reaz, a senior economist of the World Bank Group.

Bangladesh's trade environment has to be improved and exports have to be diversified to remain competitive in the world market," he said.

Keith Thompson, team leader for growth and private sector development at the DFID Bangladesh, was also present.

Exim Bank of India to open office in Dhaka

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As many as 17 projects have been identified for funding with the new line of credit, all of which got the green light from the Indian Exim Bank.

At present, the bank's approval is required for project selection and associated procurement proposals.

Apart from project implementation, the office's presence will help

trade and investment-related activities, said an Economic Relations Division (ERD) official.

On the office inauguration day, an agreement on a fresh \$4.5 billion credit may be signed by the bank and ERD in presence of finance ministers of both countries. Jaitley is due to arrive on October 3, accompanied by a 20-member Indian business delegation which will meet Bangladeshi businessmen that day.

The next day, the Indian high commission, in association with the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh, will organise a seminar on "Macroeconomic initiatives of the government of India" and Jaitley will launch a "cashless visa service" for the high commission.



Mahbuba Hossain, tax commissioner for zone 15 of the National Board of Revenue, hands over an electronic tax identification number to a new taxpayer, at a programme organised by the zone at Rajdhani Super Market of Tiktakli in Dhaka yesterday.

Farm, micro loans made cheaper

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Total loan disbursement in the agriculture sector was Tk 1,219 crore in August and the recovery for the month was Tk 1,252 crore, according to central bank data. A total of Tk 22,426 crore was disbursed in the agriculture sector in fiscal 2016-17. Of the amount, Tk 10,060 crore was meant for crops, Tk 3,056 crore for livestock and Tk 2,413 crore for fisheries. The recovery of agriculture loans was 48.25 percent in the year.

The BB has targeted to disburse Tk 20,400 crore for farm loans in 2017-18, which is 16.24 percent higher than that of last year.

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