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Ashfaria Khair, a director of Bengal Communications Ltd, and J Ekram Hussain, managing director of Rangs Electronics Ltd, sign the documents of a deal at a programme in Dhaka. Customers of Sony Bravia Television will get a free Set Top Box of Bengal Digital, a brand of Bengal Communications, with one month's free subscription of a platinum package from Sony-Rangs outlets.

India's Jet, Air France-KLM expand ties in potential challenge to Etihad

REUTERS, Mumbai

India's Jet Airways and Air France-KLM on Wednesday announced a partnership to route more traffic through Europe and on to North America, in a potential challenge to Gulf carrier Etihad Airways that is a shareholder in Jet.

Indian international air traffic is booming, but much of the growth has been captured by the three big Gulf carriers including Etihad, which owns 24 percent of Jet.

The "enhanced cooperation agreement" with Air France-KLM, signed in India's financial capital Mumbai, is designed to expand the number of flights to Europe and make Paris and Amsterdam hubs for connecting flights to the United States.

The agreement also includes Delta Air Lines, with which Air France KLM has an existing partnership.

International carriers are increasingly tying up on routes in the face of rising competition.

Jet's chief financial officer Amit Agarwal said in September that there was "continued weakness in the Gulf market both on the demand as well as yield." He said flights into Amsterdam and Paris, which Jet launched recently, were a "brighter spot".

The Gulf will continue to be an important market and Jet will not reduce its operations there, Naresh Goyal, chairman of Jet, told reporters alongside Jean-Marc Janaillac, Air France-KLM's chairman. Goyal added that Jet had a "great relationship with Etihad" and that would continue.

Under its previous CEO, James Hogan, Etihad had invested in Jet Airways as part of an aggressive strategy of growing its Abu Dhabi hub by taking stakes in other airlines that would funnel traffic to the United Arab Emirates.

Two of the airlines, Alitalia and Air Berlin, have since entered administration and incoming Etihad CEO Tony

Douglas is expected to re-examine its other equity investments when he starts in January.

Etihad was not immediately available for comment.

CAPA Centre for Aviation senior analyst Will Horton said the Air France KLM partnership was a "text-book example" of the downside of Etihad having only a minority investment in Jet.

"Under the new/expanded deal, Jet Airways will do more flying on its own compared to the Etihad deal. That boosts revenue," he said. "Jet's widebody fleet will also be better utilized - that's also good for Jet."

Jet and Air France-KLM said in a statement the agreement announced on Wednesday would involve coordination of sales and services. They also signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen cooperation in cargo operations.

Jet shares were trading 1.7 percent higher on Wednesday, while Air France-KLM shares were up 1 percent.

RAK Ceramics plans capacity expansion in India

REUTERS, Abu Dhabi

RAK Ceramics plans to build a third plant in India to almost double its production capacity there next year, the UAE-based company's chief executive told Reuters.

"Our target in India is to have 20 million square metres of capacity by 2018. We are bullish on growing our capacity and increasing our market share in a fast-growing economy," Chief Executive Abdullah Massad said in an interview.

Plans to set up a green-field plant in the western Indian state of Gujarat are at an advanced stage, Massad said. RAK's two existing facilities in India have a combined capacity of 11 million square metres of tile.

Among the world's top five producers of ceramic tile, RAK has been pulling out of businesses such as real estate, construction, warehousing and leasing to free up resources for growth in its core business. The Abu Dhabi-listed firm makes 110 million square metres of tile annually as well as 5 million pieces of sanitary ware. It has facilities in the UAE, India, Bangladesh and Iran.

It reported revenue of 2.11 billion dirhams (\$575 million) for the first nine months of 2017, a fall of 1 percent.

A slowdown in construction in the UAE and the Gulf due to government austerity measures had not affected the company, Massad said, noting RAK exports about 70 percent of its UAE output to 150 countries.

Bitcoin tops \$10,000, marks 10-fold increase in 2017

REUTERS, New York

Virtual currency bitcoin soared to an all-time high above \$10,000 on Wednesday on major exchanges and digital currency indexes, including the widely followed Luxembourg-based trading platform BitStamp.

At 0600 GMT, it was quoted around \$10,115 on BitStamp, coming sharply off a high of \$10,743.61, which was a rise of more than 5 percent on the day.

Created in 2009, bitcoin uses encryption and a blockchain database that enables the fast and anonymous transfer of funds outside of a traditional centralized payment system.

It has increased more than 10-fold in value so far this year, posting the largest gain of all asset classes, amid increased institutional demand for crypto-currencies as financial and mainstream use has expanded.

But sceptics say it a classic speculative bubble with no relation to real financial market activity or the economy, most famously JPMorgan boss Jamie Dimon who labelled it a fraud.

Bitcoin crossed \$10,000 on smaller exchanges such as the CEX.IO exchange, and the crypto-currency index coinmarketcap.com long before it hit the milestone on BitStamp.

"The price rise is a continuation of a long-

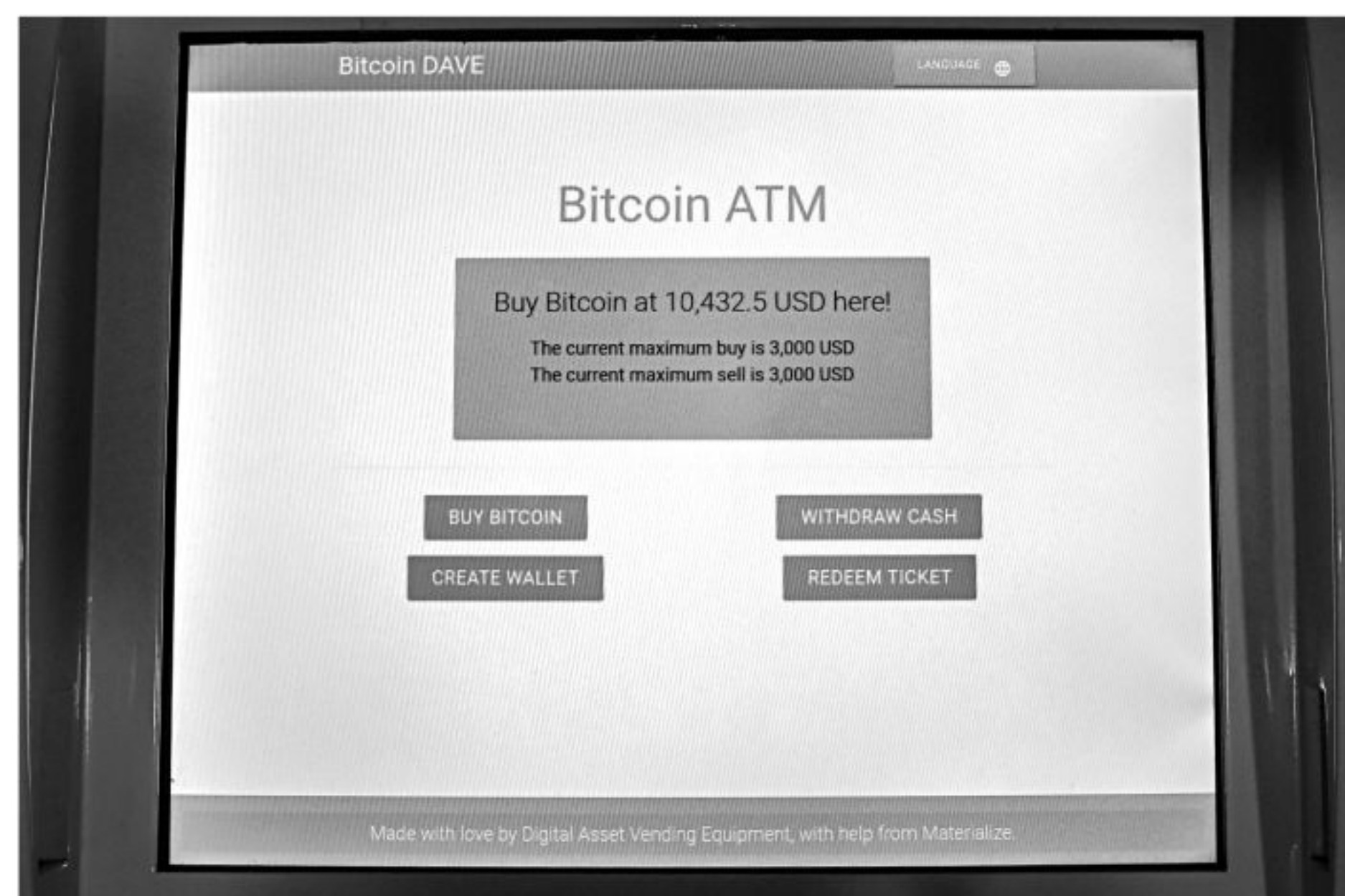
term trend which has been driven by the speculative activity in Japan and also with institutional investors dipping their toes into the cryptocurrency market," said Thomas Glucksmann, head of marketing at Hong Kong exchange Gatecoin.

"The recent surge is just part of that additional element of excitement amongst speculative traders and a growing contingent of liquid traders that have a long-term optimistic view on ... this technology."

Sol Lederer, blockchain director at U.S. technology company LOOMIA, said this surge will help long-time bitcoiners finally feel vindicated that their currency, which had been ridiculed for years, was at last being taken seriously.

"Bitcoin's future is still uncertain; it faces the same serious technical challenges it has for years and faces stiff competition from newer, more sophisticated blockchains. But even if it were to crash, it's apparent that bitcoin is here to stay."

In some emerging markets, bitcoin had hit well over \$10,000 previously. In Zimbabwe, bitcoin traded at \$17,875 on Monday. Tuesday's price in Zimbabwe was not available. In South Korean exchanges, bitcoin was already close to \$11,000 or higher early this week.



REUTERS

A screen displays the price to purchase Bitcoin at an ATM at the Bitcoin Centre NYC in New York City on November 27.

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Invitation for Tender (NCT)

BANGLADESH RURAL ELECTRIFICATION BOARD (BREB)
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

1	Ministry/Division	Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources
2	Agency	Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Distribution Network Expansion for 100% Rural Electrification (Dhaka, Mymensingh, Chittagong & Sylhet Division) Project
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Man-Power supply through Outsourcing.
7	Invitation Ref No	27.12.0000.161.12.001.17.223
8	Date	27-11-2017

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB.
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	None.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable.
13	Project Name (if applicable)	100% DNE (DMCS), 100% DNE (RRKB), RE-SDP & ID and Pre-payment e-Metering in Dhaka Division under RE Program (Phase-1).
14	Tender Package No.	DNE(DMCS)-OS-01,DNE(RRKB)-OS-01,SDP&ID-OS-01 and P.e-M(DDP)-OS-01
15	Tender Package Name	Man-Power supply through Outsourcing.
16	Tender Publication Date	Within 30-11-2017
17	Tender Last Selling Date	27-12-2017 at 4.00 PM (BST)
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 28-12-2017 Time: 12.00 Noon (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 28-12-2017 Time: 12.30 PM (BST)
20	Pre-Tender Meeting	Date: 14-12-2017 Time: 11.00 AM (BST)
21	Name & Address of the office(s)	Office of the Project Director, "Distribution Network Expansion for 100% Rural Electrification (Dhaka, Mymensingh, Chittagong & Sylhet Division) Project", Training Academy Building, 2 nd Floor, Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board, Nikunja-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of Tenderer	As per Tender document.
23	Brief Description of Services	Supply of Driver, Office Assistant, Security Guard and Cleaner through outsourcing.
24	Price of Tender Document	Tender document can be purchased by the interested tenderer on submission of a written application to the address below upon the payment of non-refundable Tk. 2000.00 (Two Thousand) only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favor of PD, 100% DNE (DMCS), BREB, Dhaka, Bangladesh. No tender document will be sent by courier or by mail. One tender document can't be used more than one tender package. One tenderer, however, may submit tenders against any number of packages include in the tender document by purchasing separate tender documents.

Brief Description of Tenders and amount Tender Security:

Package No	Identification of Packages	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks / Months
DNE(DMCS)-OS-01	Driver- 15 nos., Office Assistant-40 nos., Security Guard-40 nos. & Cleaner-20 nos.	11,00,000.00	As per stated in the tender document.
DNE(RRKB)-OS-01	Driver- 15 nos., Office Assistant-40 nos., Security Guard-40 nos. & Cleaner-20 nos.	11,00,000.00	
SDP&ID-OS-01	Driver- 03 nos., Office Assistant-02 nos., Security Guard-06 nos. & Cleaner-02 nos.	60,000.00	
P.e-M(DDP)-OS-01	Driver- 02 nos., Office Assistant-02 nos., Security Guard-03 nos. & Cleaner-01 nos.	55,000.00	

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Ahsan Habeeb
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director.
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	As stated below.
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel # 8900904
30	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings.	

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teacher's Training Institute (DTTTI)
BKTTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216.

Invitation for Tender (Microbus)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.			
2	Agency	Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training			
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI)			
4	Procuring Entity Code	6531			
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh.			
6	Invitation for	Tender for procurement of Vehicle (Microbus)			
7	Invitation Ref No	49.01.0000.327.26.001.17-75			
8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method(OTM).			
9	Date	29.11.2017			
10	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (National)			
11	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget of 2017-2018 (GoB).			
12	Project/Program Code(if applicable)	5003			
13	Tender Package No.	Package-01			
14	Tender Package Name	Tender for procurement of Vehicle (Microbus)			
15	Tender Last Selling Date	13.12.2017 (Office hour).			
16	Tender Closing Date and Time	14.12.2017, 12:00 NOON			
17	Tender Opening Date and Time	14.12.2017, 03:00 P.M			
18	Name & Address of the office -Selling Tender Document	1) Project Director, Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI), BKTTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216. 2) Director (Training) BMET, 8 th Floor, 89/2, Kakrail, Dhaka.			
	-Receiving/Dropping Tender Document	1) Project Director, Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI), BKTTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216.			
	-Opening Place of Tender Document	Project Director, Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI) BKTTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216.			
19	Eligibility of Tenderer	As per condition of STD			
20	Brief Description of Goods/ Vehicle (Microbus) or Works	12 seated Microbus (2017), 2600-3000 cc (Details As per schedule)			
21	Brief Description of Goods/ Vehicle Related Services	As per schedule			
22	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Tk. BDT-2000.00 (Two Thousand) by cash (nonrefundable).			
23	Package No.	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount	Completion Time in Weeks/days/months.
	Package-01	Tender for procurement of Vehicle (Microbus)	BKTTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216.	1,00,000.00	As per schedule
24	Special Instructions (if any)	No Tender document will be accepted sent by mail or by Courier.			
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. Engr. Md. Sakawat Ali			
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director, Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI)			
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Establishment of Dhaka Technical Teachers Training Institute (DTTTI) BKTTTC Campus, Mirpur Road, Darus-salam, Dhaka-1216.			
28	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel- 02-9000184			
*	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.				

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