



Yeamin Sharif Chowdhury, head of business at Transcom Electronics Ltd, and Md Imranur Rahman, managing director of Laila Styles Ltd, attend a deal signing ceremony at Amari Dhaka in the capital. Transcom will supply and install a 226-tonne Daikin VRV commercial air conditioner for the apparel maker.

# UK may use taxes to get tech giants to do more to fight extremism: minister

REUTERS, London

Britain may impose new taxes on tech giants like Google and Facebook unless they do more to combat online extremism by taking down material aimed at radicalizing people or helping them to prepare attacks, the country's security minister said.

Ben Wallace accused tech firms of being happy to sell people's data but not to give it to the government which was being forced to spend vast sums on de-radicalization programs, surveillance and other counter-terrorism measures.

"If they continue to be less than co-operative, we should look at things like tax as a way of incentivizing them or compensating for their inaction," Wallace told the Sunday Times newspaper in an interview.

His quotes did not give further details on tax plans. The newspaper said that any demand would take the form of a windfall tax similar to that imposed on privatized utilities by former Prime Minister Tony Blair's government in 1997.

Wallace accused the tech giants of putting private profit before public safety.

"We should stop pretending that because they sit on beanbags in T-shirts they are not ruthless profiteers," he said. "They will ruth-

lessly sell our details to loans and soft-porn companies but not give it to our democratically elected government."

Facebook executive Simon Milner rejected the criticisms.

"Mr Wallace is wrong to say that we put profit before safety, especially in the fight against terrorism," he said in an emailed statement. "We've invested millions of pounds in people and technology to identify and remove terrorist content."

YouTube, which is owned by Google, said it was doing more every day to tackle violent extremism.

"Over the course of 2017 we have made significant progress through investing in machine learning technology, recruiting more reviewers, building partnerships with experts and collaboration with other companies," a YouTube spokeswoman said.

Britain suffered a series of attacks by Islamic extremists between March and June this year that killed a total of 36 people, excluding the attackers.

Two involved vehicles ramming people on bridges in London, followed by attackers stabbing people. The deadliest, a bombing at a concert in the northern city of Manchester, killed 22 people.

Following the second bridge attack, Prime

Minister Theresa May proposed beefing up regulations on cyberspace, and weeks later interior minister Amber Rudd traveled to California to ask Silicon Valley to step up efforts against extremism.

"We are more vulnerable than at any point in the last 100 years," said Wallace, citing extremist material on social media and encrypted messaging services like WhatsApp as tools that made life too easy for attackers.

"Because content is not being taken down as quickly as they could do, we're having to de-radicalize people who have been radicalised. That's costing millions. They can't get away with that and we should look at all the options, including tax."

Facebook said it removed 83 percent of uploaded copies of terrorist content within one hour of its being found on the social media network.

It also highlighted plans to double the number of people working in its safety and security teams to 20,000 by the end of 2018.

YouTube said that progress in machine learning meant that 83 percent of violent extremist content was removed without the need for users to flag it.

# Mitsubishi says on track to deliver jets by 2020

REUTERS, Nagoya, Japan

Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd is on track to deliver its repeatedly delayed commercial jet by mid-2020, the head of its aircraft unit said, despite a risk of an order cancellation.

A visitor is seen at Mitsubishi Heavy Industries' booth during the Maritime Air Systems and Technologies Asia (MAST) show in Chiba, Japan June 12, 2017.

The Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) aircraft has been delayed five times from an original delivery target of 2013, leading to spiraling costs. News this month that an order for the aircraft from Eastern Air Lines was "likely to be lost" has spurred more questions about the outlook of the project.

"We are proceeding pretty much in line with plans," said Hisakazu Mizutani, president of Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp,

referring to the mid-2020 deadline. "We can just about make it."

He was speaking to reporters in Nagoya on Dec. 8, on the condition that his comments not be published until Jan 1.

Mizutani said the planemaker was at risk of losing Eastern Air Lines' order for 20 MRJ aircraft with an option for 20 more, but that it was "continuing conversations" with the airline.

Mitsubishi Aircraft said the order has not yet been canceled.

Overall, the Mitsubishi unit has orders for 233 of the 90-seat aircraft, the company has said previously, and aims to sell more than 1,000 of the planes over two decades. Buyers such as ANA Holdings have said they have no plans to cancel orders despite the delays.

Mitsubishi Aircraft is majority owned by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, with Toyota Motor Corp and Mitsubishi Corp also holding stakes.

# Bandhan Bank to offer about 119m shares in IPO

Reuters

Bandhan Bank Ltd will offer about 119.3 million shares under its initial public offering, according to a public filing on Monday.

The Kolkata-based bank, which is owned by Bandhan Financial Holdings Ltd, said the IPO will comprise a fresh issue of up to 97.7 million shares, while selling shareholders are offering up to 21.6 million shares.

Kotak Mahindra Capital, Axis Capital, Goldman Sachs (India) Securities, JM Financial Institutional Securities and JP Morgan India are the lead book running managers of the IPO.



Md Touhidul Alam Khan, deputy managing director and chief business officer of Prime Bank, attends a programme in Tangail where the bank disbursed loans among 10-taka accountholders.



Fazle Hossain Badsha, a lawmaker, and Safiul Alam Khan Chowdhury, additional managing director of Pubali Bank, open the bank's 462nd branch at Court Bazar in Rajshahi.

PUBALI BANK



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Ref. No. 46.207.000.21.16.015.2017

Dated: 28/12/2017

### e-Tender Notice

e-Tenders are invited in e-GP Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) by Project Director, Improvement of Urban Road Infrastructure and Drainage System of newly added Shyampur, Dania, Matuail & Sarulia area under DSCC for the procurement of following package, which will be available at e-GP website from 28/12/17, 5.00pm.

Sl No.	Tender ID, Ref. No. & package No.	Name of works	Last selling date and time	Tender closing date & time
1.	Tender ID-149896 Ref: 46.207.14.21.14.58.2017/1 Package No.egp/dscc/urids/P23	Improvement Work of Road & Drain at Sontak, Shekhi and Nayanogor Kajla areas lane bylane.	30/01/2018 5.00pm	31/01/2018 14.00 noon
2.	Tender ID-149899 Ref: 46.207.14.21.14.59.2017/1 Package No.egp/dscc/urids/P27	Improvement Work of Road & Drain at South Kutubkhali areas, Kobirajbag areas, Rosulpur areas, Dagukhan areas, Adarsha School areas and Danyia Nayapara areas lane bylane.	30/01/2018 5.00pm	31/01/2018 14.00 noon
3.	Tender ID-149900 Ref: 46.207.14.21.14.61.2017/1 Package No.egp/dscc/urids/P33	Improvement Work of Road & Drain at South Momenbag, Kerani Para, Enupotti, Gash Road, College Road areas lane bylane.	30/01/2018 5.00pm	31/01/2018 14.00 noon
4.	Tender ID-149901 Ref: 46.207.14.21.14.60.2017/1 Package No.egp/dscc/urids/P43	Improvement Work of Road & Drain from Rani Mahol Cinema Hall to Dogair Bazar and construction of Ranimahol Bridge.	30/01/2018 5.00pm	31/01/2018 14.00 noon

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>).

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শেখ হাসিনার মূলমন্ত্র

Dated: 28/12/2017

# Venezuela raises minimum wage 40pc, stoking world's fastest inflation

REUTERS, Caracas

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro announced a 40 percent increase to the minimum wage as of January, a move that will foment what many economists already consider hyperinflation in the oil-rich but crisis-stricken nation.

In his televised year-end address, leftist Maduro said the new wage level would protect workers against what he calls Washington's "economic war" to sabotage socialism. "Good news!" said the former bus driver and union leader, speaking next to a Venezuelan flag in a mid-day address.

Most economists say the government is in fact fomenting a vicious cycle in a country already wrestling with the world's fastest inflation.

To counter those price increases, Maduro has been raising the minimum wage, but quickening inflation coupled with a depreciating bolivar currency has plunged millions into poverty.

Venezuelans will now earn some 797,510 bolivars a month, factoring in food tickets, or just over \$7 on the widely used black market index. Millions will still be unable to afford three meals a day, while the increase is likely to stoke inflation further.

Prices went up 1,369 percent between January and November, according to figures released earlier this month by the opposition-led Congress, which estimated the 2017 rate would top 2,000 percent. The Venezuelan government no longer publishes inflation data on a regular basis.

Opposition politicians say Maduro's refusal to overhaul Venezuela's state-led economic model and stop excessive money printing will only create more misery in 2018.

জীবনের জন্য বিজ্ঞান

“শেখ হাসিনার দর্শন, সব মানুষের উন্নয়ন”

## বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ (বিসিএসআইআর)

### BANGLADESH COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH (BCSIR)

#### Invitation for Tender OTM (International Competition)

No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science and Technology.
1.	Agency	Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR).
2.	Procuring entity name	Chairman, Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR), Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205, Bangladesh.
3.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
4.	Invitation for supplying, installation and commissioning of scientific equipments	Name of the supplied equipments: (i) Automated Fiber Quality Analyzer (ii) High Vacuum Tubular Furnace (iii) Oil Content Analyzer (iv) Leather Sammying Machine (v) Leather Staking Machine (vi) Bench top Freeze Dryer (vii) Dietary Fibre Analyzer (viii) Automatic Sleeve Labeling Machine (1 Set) and Changing Part (2 Set) for juice production line (ix) Simultaneous Thermal Analyzer (STA) (x) Sputter Coater for SEM (xi) High-Temperature Laboratory Furnace (2200°C) (xii) Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer-AAS (Flame & Graphite Furnace) (xiii) Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) (xiv) LC-MS/MS with ESI (xv) Nano Particle Size, MW & Zeta Potential Analyzer (xvi) Gas Chromatograph (GC) (xvii) PC Controlled Portable Potentiostat/Galvanostat with Frequency Response Analyzer (FRA) (xviii) Compact Mass Spectrometry (MS) System (xix) Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer-AAS (Flame & Graphite Furnace) (Details will be found in the tender document).
6.	Invitation Ref. No.	39.02.0000.022.35.126.2017
7.	Date	01.01.2018

#### KEY INFORMATION

8.	Procuring method	Open Tendering Method (International Competition).
9.	Budget and source of fund	GoB

#### PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10.	Tender last selling date	14/02/2018 during office hour.
11.	Tender closing & time	15/02/2018 at 1.00pm.
12.	Tender opening date and time	15/02/2018 at 3.00pm.
13.	Name & address of the office(s) selling tender document	i) Cashier, BCSIR, Secretariat Building (3rd Floor), Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. ii) Director, BCSIR Laboratories, Dhaka/IST/IFRD/ IGCR/PP & PDC. iii) Officer In-Charge, Leather Research Institute, Nayarhat, Savar, Dhaka.
14.	Name & address of the office(s) receiving tender document	i) Office of the Secretary, Secretariat Building (4th Floor) BCSIR, Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. ii) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Segunbagicha, Dhaka.
15.	Name & address of the office(s) opening tender document	Office of the Secretary, Secretariat Building (4th Floor) BCSIR, Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.

#### INFORMATION ON AWARD

16.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science and Technology.
17.	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.
18.	Brief description of goods	As per attached specification in the tender document.
19.	Brief description of related services	
20.	Price of tender document	Tk. 2,000.00 (two thousand) (non-refundable).
21.	Evaluation will be done	"Item by Item" basis.
22.	Description of goods	Tender Security (Tk)
	Scientific equipment (As per attached specification in the tender document)	The amount of tender security shall be at least 2.0% (two percent) of the total value quoted of the tenderer in favour of Secretary, BCSIR by a tender security.

#### PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS

23.	Name of official inviting tender	Md Khalilur Rahman.
24.	Designation of official inviting tender	Secretary, BCSIR, Dhaka.
25.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Secretary, Secretariat Building (4th Floor) BCSIR, Dr. Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. Tel: 58610717
26.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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