



Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder and chairperson of Brac, and Tamara Hasan Abed, senior director for Brac Enterprises, open the 20th outlet of Aarong, a social enterprise of the non-governmental organisation, at Pallabi in Mirpur 12 in Dhaka yesterday.

AARONG



A three-member delegation of the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution led by Director General Sardar Abul Kalam visits Pran Industrial Park in Narsingdi yesterday. The team also visited RFL Industrial Park in Gazipur.

PRAN-RFL

Apple is almost a \$1tr company, but watch out for Amazon

REUTERS, San Francisco

Apple is on the verge of becoming the first \$1 trillion publicly listed US company, but even if it gets there, it could soon be overtaken as Amazon.com surges from behind.

Started in the garage of co-founder Steve Jobs in 1976, the iPhone maker's annual revenue has ballooned to \$229 billion, greater than the gross domestic product of countries including Portugal and New Zealand.

Apple's market capitalization on Thursday topped a record \$934 billion, following its unveiling last week of a \$100 billion buyback budget and news that Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway dramatically increased its stake in the company.

Thanks to a 12 percent rally since its quarterly report last Tuesday, the Cupertino, California company is just 8 percent short of hitting the \$1 trillion valuation mark.

Pointing to Apple's recent 31 percent jump in service revenue, including music streaming and online storage, CFRA analyst Angelo Zino on Wednesday upped his target price for the stock from \$195 to \$210, which would put Apple's market capitalization at \$1.03 trillion. Zino joins at least 12 other analysts with price targets putting Apple's stock market value at 13 digits.

But Apple is in danger of being beaten to the \$1 trillion mark - or passed soon after - by Amazon.com, the second largest listed US company by market value,

at \$780 billion.

Saudi Arabian authorities, meanwhile, have said they expect a planned international initial public offering of Saudi Aramco that would value the national oil producer at about \$2 trillion.

While \$148 billion smaller than Apple on Friday, Amazon of late has expanded its stock price, and its sales, much more quickly than Apple. Amazon's stock is red hot, trading recently at over 100 times expected earnings, compared to more-profitable - but slower growing - Apple's valuation of 15 times earnings.

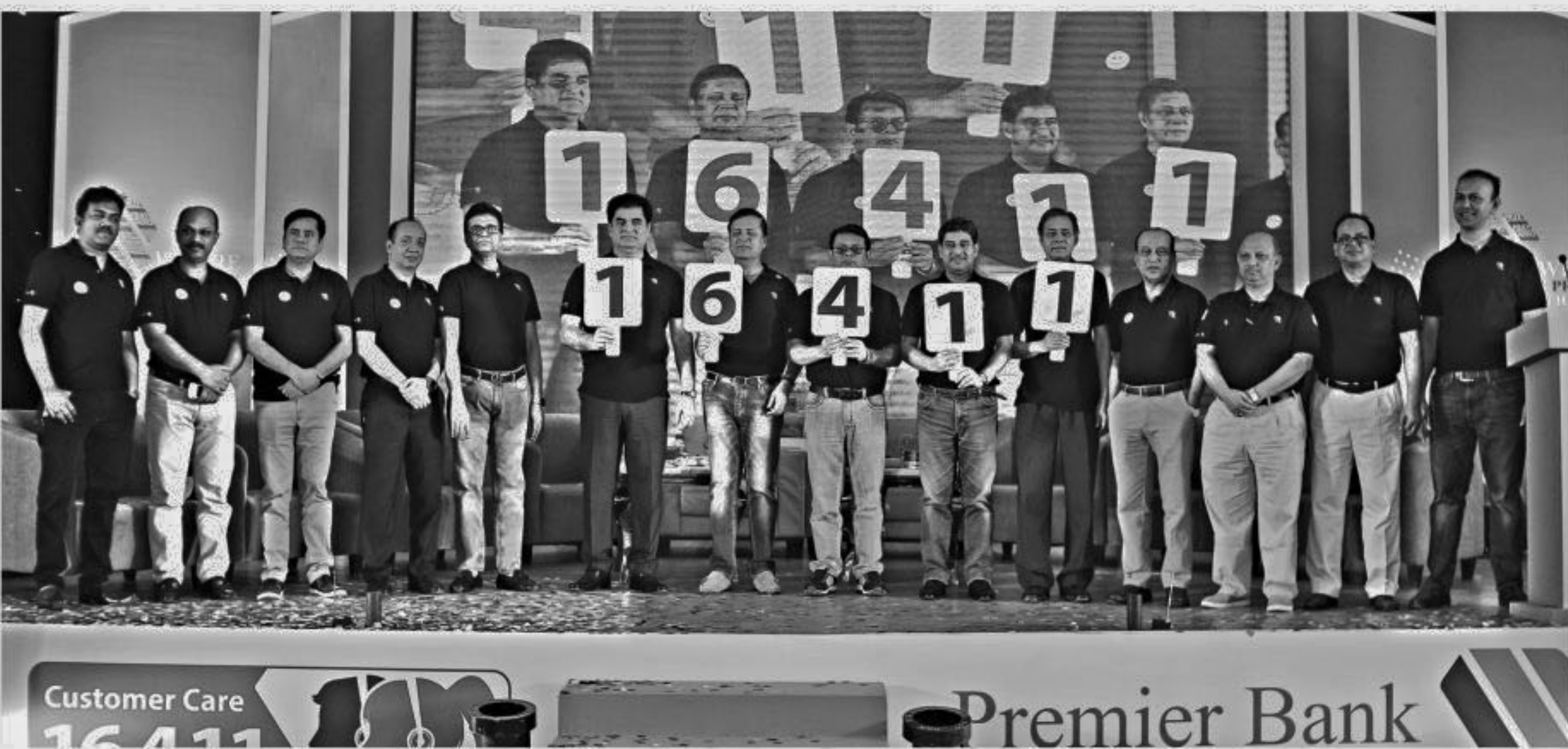
Apple's stock has risen 24 percent over the past year, fueled by optimism about the iPhone X, the company's latest smartphone. But demand for the \$1,000 device has

underwhelmed investors, and bulls are now focused on Apple's plan to return more cash to shareholders.

By comparison, Amazon's stock has surged 70 percent over the past 12 months, bolstered by 31 percent revenue growth as more shopping moves online and businesses shift their IT departments to the cloud, where Amazon Web Services leads the market.

Amazon is also competing more with Apple and Google owner Alphabet as it sells music and video content, its Fire TV device and its Alexa smart home gadget.

At \$765 billion, Alphabet has the third largest market capitalization on Wall Street, with Microsoft close behind at \$749 billion. Amazon breezed past both them both in February.



HBM Iqbal, chairman of Premier Bank, opens "Premier Bank Customer Care Centre" at International Convention City Bashundhara in the capital to provide round-the-clock customer service.

PREMIER BANK



Mostafa Kamal, left, chairman and managing director of the Meghna Group of Industries, poses with an award at the Indo-UAE Business & Social Forum in Dubai on May 9 on being recognised as one of "the world's greatest leaders for 2017-18". Taif Bin Yousuf, the group's executive director, poses with another award at the summit recognising the group's food brand Fresh as one of "the world's greatest brands".

MEGHNA GROUP



M Zulfikar Hussain, CEO of Smart Check, a reference and background screening solutions provider, along with officials and verification agents poses at the company's annual conference for 2018 at Brac Centre Inn in Dhaka yesterday.

SMART CHECK

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Regional Controller of Food
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Invitation for Tender (LTM)
Tender No. 02/2017-2018

1.	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Food.
2.	Agency	: Directorate General of Food.
3.	Procuring entity name	: Regional Controller of Food.
4.	Procuring entity district	: Chittagong.
5.	Invitation for	: Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities all over the Chittagong Division.
6.	Invitation Ref. No. & date	: 13.01.0000.217.26.013.18.2220 Dated: 09.05.2018
7.	Procurement method	: Limited Tendering Method (LTM).
8.	Budget and source of funds	: Government of Bangladesh.
9.	Tender No.	: Tender No. 02/2017-2018
10.	Tender name	: Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities in 2 (two) lots located throughout Chittagong Division.
11.	Tender publication date	: 09.05.2018
12.	Tender last selling date & time	: 23.05.2018, 5.00pm.
13.	Tender closing date & time	: 24.05.2018, 1:00pm.
14.	Tender opening date & time	: 24.05.2018, 3:00pm.
15.	Name & address of the office	: Office of the Regional Controller of Food, Chittagong.
	(a) Selling of tender documents	
	(b) Receiving of tender document	: (iv) Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Chittagong. (v) Office of the Regional Controller of Food, 119, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong.
	(c) Opening tender document	: (vi) Office of the Regional Controller of Food, 119, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong.
16.	Eligibility of tenderer	: Only enlisted contractor of DG Food & those who are renewed in 2017-18 FY can participate in the tender & qualification criteria given in the tender documents.
17.	Brief description of works	: Repair of Food Godown with ancillary facilities in 2 (two) lots located throughout Chittagong Division.
18.	Brief description of related services	: As per tender schedule.
19.	Price of tender document (Tk)	: Tk 1,000 (one thousand) only (non-refundable).
20.	Identification of lot	

Lot No.	Description/name of works	Estimated cost (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk in lakh)	Liquid asset (Tk in lakh)	Completion time
1	Construction of Retaining wall at Nasiragar LSD, Brahmanbaria	24,89,017.99	0.63	12.45	90 days
2	Construction of Palasiding wall at Mahalchari LSD, Khagrachhari	11,66,714.60	0.30	5.85	60 days

21.	Name of official inviting tender	: Md. Mahubur Rahman.
22.	Designation of official inviting tender	: Regional Controller of Food.
23.	Address of official inviting tender	: 119, Sadarghat Road, Chittagong.
24.	Contact details of official inviting tender	: 031-613112
25.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders.	

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Memo No. 46.02.2000.000.07.01.2018.1313 Dated: 09/05/2018

e-Tender Notice Number: 62/2017-18(LTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following Tender ID & Schemes.

Tender ID No.	Name of scheme	Document selling date & time
195040	Package No. GSIDP/CDP/DW-07 Improvement of Taltoli Baitul Ali Central Jame Mosque. Union: Gohat (Uttor), Latitude: 23.55, Longitude: 91.82222 under Kachua Upazila, Dist. Chandpur.	27-05-2018 up to 5:00pm
195041	Package No. GSIDP/CDP/DW-08 Improvement of Shekarbari Baitul Nur Jame Mosque. Union: Bitara, Latitude: 23.6863388, Longitude: 91.501111 under Kachua Upazila, Dist. Chandpur.	27-05-2018 up to 5:00pm
195042	Package No. GSIDP/CDP/DW-09 Improvement of Mzigacha Jamalia Bazar Noor Miah Jame Mosque. Union: Bitara, Latitude: 23.7136, Longitude: 91.406666 under Kachua Upazila, Dist. Chandpur.	27-05-2018 up to 5:00pm
195043	Package No. GSIDP/CDP/DW-10 Improvement of Mzigacha Prodanja Bari Baytul Nur Miah Jame Mosque. Union: Bitara, Latitude: 23.66694, Longitude: 91.359444 under Kachua Upazila, Dist. Chandpur.	27-05-2018 up to 5:00pm

This is an online Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered Banks branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP helpdesk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) or call Tel phone: 0841-63375.

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Memo No. 44.01.0000.000.07.007.18/90; Date: 10/05/2018

Invitation for Tender (Goods)
e-Tender Package No: 30/2017-2018.

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following goods, details are given below.

SI No	Package No	Name of Goods	Tender ID no	Tender Last Date & Time of Selling Documents	Tender Last Date & Time of Submission Documents	Tender Opening Date & Time
1.	30/2017-2018	Extension of Existing Storage Solution(20 TB)	196138	27-May-2018 at 17:00	28-May-2018 at 14:00	28-May-2018 at 14:30

The interested person/firm may visit the website (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) to get the details of tender.

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system Portal and from e-GP help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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