

Mercedes-Benz to make Tesla-rivalling electric compact car

REUTERS, Frankfurt
Daimler will invest 500 million euros (\$589 million) in Hambach, France, to start producing a small compact electric Mercedes-Benz in addition to its electric cars currently manufactured there for the Smart brand.
It plans to launch more than 10 electric vehicles for Mercedes-Benz Cars by 2022 as U.S. rival Tesla struggles to ramp up production of its Tesla Model 3.
"The Smart plant in Hambach will become a part of our global compact car production network with the lead plant in Rastatt, Germany," Mercedes-Benz production chief Markus Schaefer said in a statement on Friday.
Mercedes is adapting its vehicle underpinnings so that it can mass produce electric variants on the same production line as equivalent

volume models with petrol, hybrid or diesel engines, allowing the German carmaker to scale up production quickly if demand spikes, a spokesman for Daimler said.
Mercedes currently makes its compact A-class, B-class and GLA models at plants in Rastatt, Germany, Kecskemét, Hungary, Beijing and in Aguascalientes, Mexico, and made 620,000 compact vehicles last year.
By contrast, U.S. rival electric car manufacturer Tesla delivered 101,312 vehicles last year. In September Mercedes-Benz presented "Concept EQA," an electric car with a range of around 400 kilometres which can be recharged without having to be plugged in.
Daimler said it is adapting its French plant to expand assembly facilities and reshape the site's infrastructure to produce the first ever Mercedes-Benz passenger car in France, Daimler said.



M Khorshed Anowar, head of retail banking at Eastern Bank, and Md Abdur Rahim, a director of One World Aviation Ltd, general sales agent of Air Arabia in Bangladesh, attend a deal signing ceremony in Dhaka on May 13. The bank's cardholders will get up to 35 percent discounts on base fare of Air Arabia's tickets to different international destinations.

Hollywood's China dreams get tangled in trade talks

REUTERS, Beijing
Hollywood's push for greater access to China's booming film market - delayed since last year - has become tangled in broader trade talks between Washington and Beijing, a potentially thorny position amid whipsawing trade relations.
Negotiations to raise a Chinese quota on imported films and boost the share that overseas producers get of box office takings are now being discussed within the broader framework of a US-China trade stand-off, four industry sources said.
The shift from earlier talks is a double-edged sword for US producers looking at China's \$8.6 billion cinema market. It could be bad news if broader talks go sour, but it could offer a potential path forward if the two countries find common ground.
"It wouldn't really hit the domestic movie business much whether we bring in more foreign movies or not," said Yu Jianhong, vice president of Beijing Film Academy. "This should

be something both parties can agree on."
China's quota system allows 34 imported movies a year to be shown in theatres, while overseas producers get a 25 percent share of box office takings - less than in other international markets. Since 2016 a handful more have been allowed in via a "cultural exchange" channel.
In a government document provided to the US delegation in Beijing two weeks ago, Chinese negotiators said that opening up the market more for US movies was a concession China could offer to Washington as part of a broader trade deal.
The document, seen by Reuters, said that China was "willing to discuss expanding movie imports with the US side".
Chinese Vice Premier Liu He is currently in Washington leading a Chinese trade delegation on a second round of talks to find a deal with the United States and avert a full-blown trade war between the world's two biggest economies.
China on Friday said it was dropping an anti-dumping probe into imports of US sorghum, a

conciliatory gesture hours after US officials familiar with the matter said China was offering a package to slash the US trade deficit by up to \$200 billion.
On Thursday, US President Donald Trump criticised China as being "very spoiled" on trade with the United States but said he was aiming for an overall deal with Beijing.
US studios had hoped for an improved deal for imported films last year. This, however, had been held up as Beijing rejigged its film regulator, handing more control to the ruling Communist Party, and then as trade tensions with the United States grew.
"The movie deal is essentially on pause," one person familiar with US-China negotiations on the movie agreement told Reuters, adding that Beijing's willingness to ease up would likely be swayed by the state of trade tensions.
Hollywood producers are pushing for more access, but a bigger share of revenues was even higher on the agenda, especially as locally-made productions became more competitive.

Apple-Samsung iPhone design copying case goes to jury

AFP, San José, United States
Jurors return to a Silicon Valley courtroom Monday to put a price on patented iPhone design features copied by Samsung in a legal case dating back seven years.
Apple is seeking slightly more than a billion dollars in damages, while Samsung wants a figure closer to \$28 million. The jury has been asked to determine whether design features at issue in the case are worth all profit made from Samsung smartphones that copied them or whether those features are worth just a fraction because they are components.
"Samsung isn't saying it isn't required to pay profits," Samsung attorney John Quinn said during closing arguments on Friday.
"It is just saying it isn't required to pay profits on the whole phone."
The three design patents in the case apply to the shape of the iPhone's black screen with rounded edges and a bezel, and the rows of colorful icons displayed.
Samsung no longer sells the smartphone models at issue in the case. Two utility patents also involved apply to "bounce-back" and "tap-to-zoom" functions.
"This is a case that is focused on design, and the application of design to smartphones," Apple attorney Joseph Mueller said in closing arguments.
When one company copies a rival's design, that "is not a level playing field, and that is just not right," he contended.



Jahangir Bin Alam, secretary and CEO of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry, speaks at a seminar on "Synergies in services in South Asia" organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry on the sidelines of the "Global Exhibition on Services 2018" in Mumbai recently.

EU could compensate firms hit by US sanctions over Iran: French minister

REUTERS, Paris
France is looking to see if the European Union could compensate European companies that might be facing sanctions by the United States for doing business with Iran, said French finance minister Bruno Le Maire on Sunday.
Le Maire referred to EU rules going back to 1996 which he said could allow the EU to intervene in this manner to protect European companies against any US sanctions, adding that France wanted the EU to toughen its stance in this area.
In 1996, when the United States tried to penalize foreign companies trading with Cuba, the EU forced Washington to back down by threatening retaliatory sanctions.
European firms doing business in Iran face sanctions from the United States after President Donald Trump withdrew from a 2015 nuclear deal with Iran.
"Are we going to allow the United States to be the economic policeman of the world? The answer is no," Le Maire told C News TV and Europe 1 radio on Sunday.
Le Maire added it was important Italy kept its EU budget commitments, in light of plans by Italy's new coalition government to ramp up spending - which could put Rome at odds with the EU.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director
Bond Management Automaton Project
National Board of Revenue
Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/division	Internal Resources Division, Ministry of Finance.
2	Agency	National Board of Revenue.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Bond Management Automation Project.
4	Procuring entity code (if applicable)	
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Supply of official goods and equipments.
7	Invitation Ref No.	08.01.0000.56.015.001.17 (Part-2)/219
8	Date	20.05.2018

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)	Not applicable

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project code	05-1103-5001
13	Project name (if applicable)	Bond Management Automaton Project.
14	Tender package No.	GD-02
15	Tender package name	GD-02-Supply of official goods & equipments in Customs Bond Commissionerate, Chattogram.
16	Tender publication date	On or before 24.05.2018
17	Tender last selling date	06.06.2018
18	Tender closing date and time	07.06.2018 up to 01:00pm
19	Tender opening date and time	07.06.2018 at 03.00pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	-Selling/receiving/opening tender document Room No: 342 (2nd Floor), National Board of Revenue, Segunbagicha, Dhaka-1000.

No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents

21	Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not applicable
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	Described in tender document.			
23	Brief description of goods	Supply of Desktop Computer, Generator, Photocopier, Workstations and Executive Chair.			
24	Brief description of related services	Supply, installation, assembling and after sales services as per warranty.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	1000.00 (one thousand) only (non-refundable)			
26	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks /months
1	GD-02-Supply of official goods and equipments in Customs Bond Commissionerate, Chattogram.	Chattogram	1,25,000.00	1 month	

30	Name of official inviting tender	AFM Shahriar Molla.
31	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Bond Management Automation Project & Member (Customs: Export, Bond & IT), NBR.
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33	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 8391328 E-mail: pdbmapnbr@gmail.com
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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Notice No-29:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No. & Ref No.	Contract package No.	Name of works	Tender closing date & time
01	193435, 18.04.0000.382.07.027.17	382.07.027.17	Procurement Radiator complete with 05 other item spares for 4H Kalmar and Terex SC of Zonal Workshop-AB.	07-Jun-2018 15:15
02	191481, 18.04.0000.382.07.040.17	382.07.040.17	Procurement of engine valve with 12 other item spares for 4H Kalmar SC of Zonal Workshop-AB.	07-Jun-2018 15:15

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