

Reoriented agriculture to help fight climate change

Experts say at RIB's dialogue

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Bangladesh should adopt climate-smart agriculture to help the country overcome the increasing risk of food insecurity that may result from climate change, experts said yesterday.

The climate-smart agriculture is an approach that provides guidance on the actions that are needed to transform and reorient agricultural systems to ensure food security in a changing climate.

"This is now the best solution for Bangladesh, which has gone through several extreme natural disasters in the recent past," said Md Saidur Rahman, a researcher at the Research Initiatives, Bangladesh (RIB).

Rahman was delivering a keynote speech at a dialogue on "Climate change and agriculture in Bangladesh" organised by the RIB at the Cirdap auditorium in Dhaka.

Established with financial support from the Dutch government, the RIB conducts research on identifying strategies to ensure sustainable poverty alleviation in Bangladesh.

The negative impact of climate change is

a reality that no one can ignore, Rahman said.

"So we have to address the changing conditions sincerely and develop our agricultural methods to produce food accordingly."

The agriculture sector's shift from nature sensitivity to commercialisation and consumerism has caused monoculture, water and soil degradation, degradation of food quality and loss of biodiversity, he said.

The country's government, non-governmental and other organisations have taken numerous reform programmes for the sake of the agriculture sector, he said.

"As a country of over 16 crore people, we must focus on productivity. The focus should not be on introducing imported policies which will ultimately lead to an ecological imbalance."

Rahman stressed the need for conducting more research and studies to counter the impact of climate change on the local agriculture sector. Shamsul Bari, chairman of the RIB, and Md Hamidur Rahman, former director general of the Department of Agricultural Extension, also spoke.



Shamsia I Mutasim, deputy managing director of AB Bank, opens an agent banking outlet of the bank at Gazaria Bazar in Faridpur.

Britain's car industry cautions: No-deal Brexit is our nightmare

REUTERS, London

A no-deal Brexit would seriously damage the car industry in Britain and the European Union by raising costs and sowing chaos for carmakers and consumers alike, the head of Britain's car industry warned on Tuesday.

With less than eight months until Britain is due to exit the EU, Prime Minister Theresa May has yet to find a proposal to maintain economic ties with the bloc that pleases both sides of her divided party and is acceptable to negotiators in Brussels.

May has stepped up planning for a so-called "no-deal" Brexit that would see the world's fifth-largest economy crash out of the EU on March 29, 2019, a step that could spook financial markets and dislocate trade flows across Europe and beyond.

Her foreign minister, Jeremy Hunt, pressed the government's message on Tuesday, saying the "real chance of no deal" that would hurt both sides could be stopped if the EU adopted a "pragmatic and sensible" approach that prioritized jobs.

Mike Hawes, chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), said carmakers were increasingly concerned about the lack of clarity around the manner of Britain's departure from the EU.

That has raised the prospect of Britain leaving with no deal and falling back on World Trade Organization rules that could leave British car exporters facing EU import tariffs of around 10 percent. "No deal ... is just not an option. It would be seriously damaging to the industry not just in the UK but in Europe as well," Hawes told reporters as he presented SMMT's mid-year update on British car production.

At stake is the future of one of Britain's few manufacturing success stories since the 1980s — a car industry employing over 850,000 people and generating annual turnover of \$110 billion. Much of the industry is owned by foreign companies.

The world's biggest carmakers, including Toyota, BMW and Ford, have urged Britain to ensure that they can import and export without hindrance after Brexit.

Supporters of Brexit say there may be some short-term pain for Britain's \$2.9 trillion economy, but that long-term it will prosper when cut free from the EU, which some of them cast as a failing German-dominated experiment in European integration.

Under the current timetable, London and Brussels hope to get a final deal in October to give enough time to ratify it by exit day.

But the potential for major political upheaval remains, with May's minority government facing a series of make-or-break moments in the Brexit process over coming months.

She must find a way to strike a deal with the EU, which has already rejected her preferred plan on trade, sell that deal to her deeply fractured Conservative Party, and put it to a vote in parliament. Failure at any of those three hurdles could cost May her job and thrust the United Kingdom into crisis.

In an attempt to rally support for May's proposals, Foreign Secretary Hunt is visiting Paris and Vienna this week.

In an interview with London's Evening Standard newspaper, Hunt said he would appeal to France and Germany to make the EU strike a "sensible" pro-jobs trade deal with Britain.

"France and Germany have to send a strong signal to the Commission that we need to negotiate a pragmatic and sensible outcome that protects jobs on both sides of the Channel because for every job lost in the UK, there will be jobs lost

in Europe as well if Brexit goes wrong," he said.

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn could come under pressure at the party's annual conference in September to agree to support a referendum on any deal that May can secure, the Guardian newspaper reported.

There is deep concern in boardrooms about the prospect of Britain leaving the bloc without a deal, or with a deal that would silt up the arteries of trade.

That could be highly damaging for a car industry which is dependent on the speedy movement of huge numbers of parts across borders. The average car, for example, has about 30,000 parts.

Confidence among British consumers and businesses remains stuck well below levels before Britons voted in 2016 by a narrow majority for Brexit, surveys showed on Tuesday, two days before an expected interest rate increase by the Bank of England.

The Financial Times reported that the EU's chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, had softened his opposition to May's Brexit plan for financial services after Britain acknowledged Brussels would have ultimate control over the City of London's access to EU markets.



Workers assemble cars at a plant for Mini range of cars near Oxford in Britain.

Apple earnings arrive with trillion-dollar value near

AFP, San Francisco

Apple will release quarterly earnings figures Tuesday as it flirts with a history-making, trillion-dollar market value based on its share price.

To hit the trillion-dollar mark, Apple shares would have to climb about seven percent from the \$189.91 price logged at the close of official trading Monday on the Nasdaq.

The market is eager for news about demand for iPhones and how the company is riding out trade turbulence between the US and China.

President Donald Trump's trade wars include 25 percent US tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese goods, with more on the way, and steep

tariffs on steel and aluminium, which provoked China and others to hit back with import duties on US goods.

The Silicon Valley-based company is expected to unveil new iPhone models in the fall, sticking with its practice of releasing upgraded models annually ahead of the year-end holiday shopping season.

Sales of iPhones in the quarter could be tame since many fans have historically either bought handsets in prior months or are holding out for new models on the near horizon.

Apple earnings are likely to be solid, with the average price of iPhones sold rising as buyers opt for the top-end iPhone X.

Billions of dollars that Apple has

been spending to buy back shares could help propel the company past a trillion-dollar value mark in the stock market.

Early this year, Apple announced it would buy back \$100 billion in shares.

Apple has managed to shine, despite bruises to its image that included being accused of keeping young people addicted to smartphones, slowing performance of older iPhones to motivate upgrades and sidestepping taxes by nestling cash in offshore havens.

The market will be watching to see whether a battery replacement program and software changes to improve performance of older iPhones are costing the company.

Apple has battled with the US government over making iPhones so secure even police can't peek at data, and prides itself on not making money off people's personal information the way ad-targeting companies such as Facebook do.

Apple has hammered away at the growing amount of money it takes in from music, applications, games, subscriptions and services it sells to people using its devices.

Money made from services is seen as an important element of diversification away from having to rely heavily on selling iPhones.

A 31 percent rise in services to \$9.2 billion in the first three months of this year followed big jumps in Apple Pay, Apple Music and other programs.

Japanese airlines sink on higher fuel costs

AFP, Tokyo

Major Japanese carriers All Nippon Airways (ANA) and Japan Airlines (JAL) on Tuesday reported sluggish April-June profits as fuel costs weighed despite higher revenues.

Both airlines left their full-year guidance unchanged, bracing for annual profit drops.

ANA Holdings said operating profit fell 21.1 percent from a year earlier to 20.1 billion yen (\$180 million), while revenue grew 7.3 percent to 484.9 billion yen.

Core revenue from the aviation business increased thanks to robust demand, but profits fell "due to rises in fuel costs on top of investment in measures to increase safety and service quality as well as in human resources," ANA said in a statement.

Net profit tumbled by 68.5 percent to 16.1 billion yen because the previous year's figures included one-off gains from including a low-cost carrier as a consolidated subsidiary.

For the current year to March 2019, ANA maintained its forecasts, saying the April-June results were in line with expectations.

It expects net profit to slip 29 percent to 102 billion yen, snapping three years of record profits, while projecting revenue will grow three percent to two trillion yen.

Rival JAL meanwhile said its quarterly operating profit rose a marginal 0.7 percent to 24.9 billion yen with net profit dropping 10.3 percent to 17.5 billion yen. It also saw higher operating expenses eat into profits, with fuel costs jumping 20 percent as oil prices rose.

Revenue rose 8.7 percent to 342.1 billion yen.

JAL forecasts full-year net profit will fall nearly 19 percent to 110 billion yen for the current year, despite a 5 percent increase in revenue to 1.46 trillion yen.

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নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম

“বেশী বেশী লিকার চা পানে
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কার ক্রয়ের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
২	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড।
৩	সংশ্লিষ্টকারী সংস্থার নাম ও অবস্থান	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম।
৪	আবলম্বিত দরপত্রের নাম	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের জন্য কার ক্রয়।
৫	সংশ্লিষ্ট পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
৬	দরপত্র নং	২৬.০৯.০০০০.১০১.২৬.০২৩.১৮-৫৮৬ তারিখঃ ৩১/০৭/২০১৮।
৭	অর্থের উৎস	বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ডের রাজস্ব খাত।
৮	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও স্থান	০৫/০৮/২০১৮ হতে ২৬/০৮/২০১৮ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। স্থানঃ বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১৭১-১৭২, বায়েজিদ বোস্তামী সড়ক, নাসিরাবাদ, চট্টগ্রাম এবং বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, ১১১-১১৩, মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০।
৯	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২৭/০৮/২০১৮, দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম।
১০	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	২৭/০৮/২০১৮, দুপুর ১২.১০ ঘটিকায় সচিব এর দপ্তর, বাংলাদেশ চা বোর্ড, চট্টগ্রাম।
১১	দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	সংশ্লিষ্ট সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, অফিস পরিদর্শনের হালনাগাদ প্রমাণক, ভাট নিবন্ধকরণ সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট, অভিজ্ঞতা সার্টিফিকেট এবং টেন্ডার সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত তথ্যাদি দাখিল করতে হবে।
১২	দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	প্রতিটি ১,০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
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		০২ (দুই) সজাহ
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Tender ID: 214152 Package No: LP_S-2_301(2)/DAERS-14(2)/FDP	Lot-03: Procurement of Electric Portable Circular Saw Machine, Electric Hand Planner Machine Portable, Electric Random Orbital disc sander Machine & Electric Hand Saw Removable for the DAERS Office, BUET, Dhaka.	19/08/2018; 16:00 20/08/2018; 14:00
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