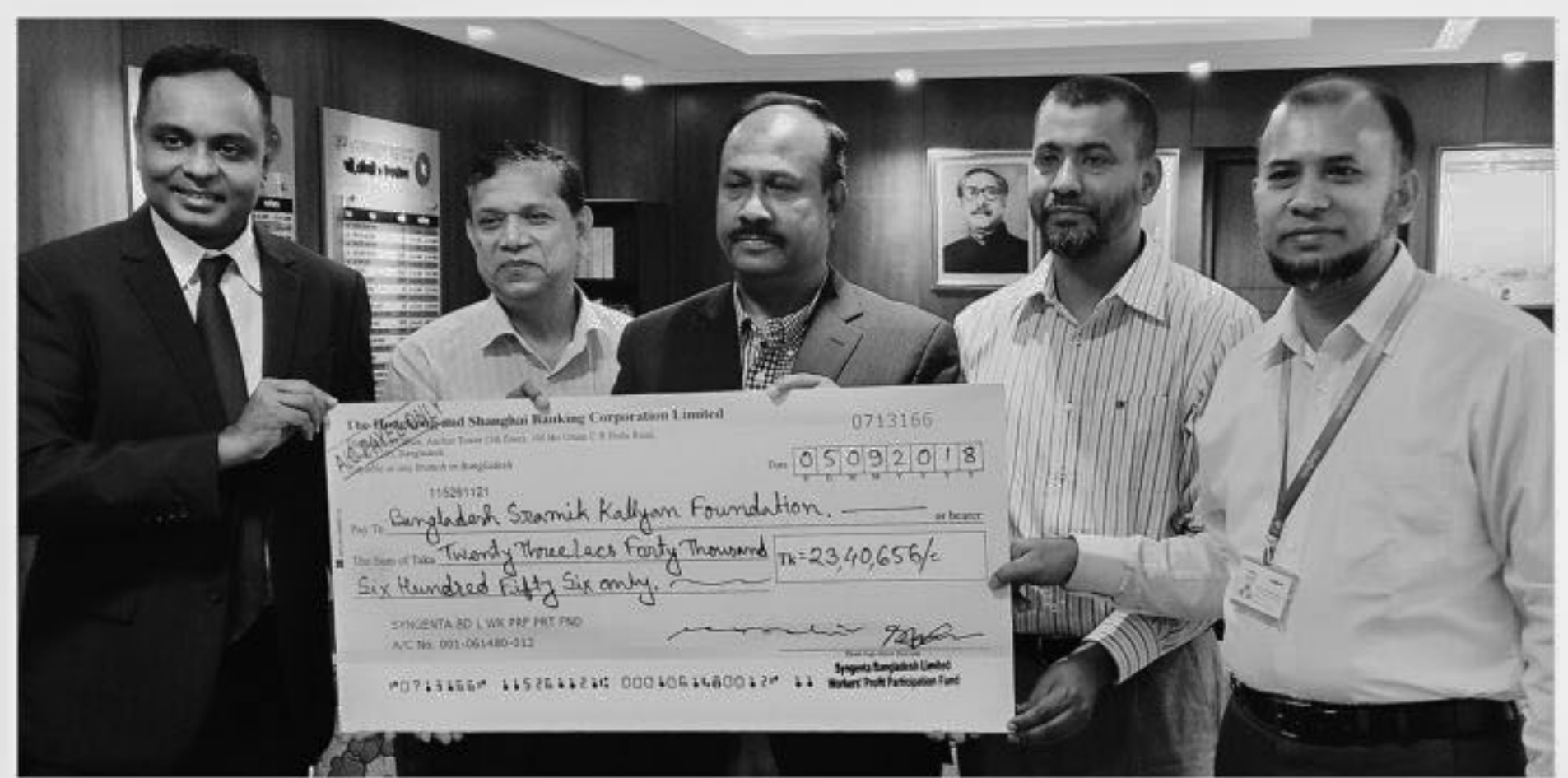




Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director of Midland Bank, opens an agent banking centre at Nimgachhi union in Bogura on Saturday.

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SYNGENTA BANGLADESH

AMM Golam Towhid, managing director of Syngenta Bangladesh Ltd, hands over a cheque worth Tk 23.4 lakh for the Workers' Profit Participation Fund to Md Mujibul Haque, state minister for labour and employment, at the latter's office in Dhaka recently. AMM Anisul Awwal, director general of Bangladesh Labour Welfare Foundation, was present.

## Tesla starts taking Model 3 orders in China

REUTERS

Tesla Inc has started taking orders for its Model 3 sedan in China for a deposit of 8,000 yuan (\$1,153.60), according to the electric carmaker's China website.

Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk said, "Probably some deliveries in March, but April is more certain", after a Twitter user asked when the deliveries in China would begin.

Tesla declined to comment.

The company has been banking on its Model 3 sedan, the performance of which is seen crucial to the carmaker's future. Shares of Tesla rose 1.6 pct at \$353.93 in morning trading.

China is the largest market for electric vehicles and most forecasters predict that its sales in the country will speed up rapidly as government regulation drives toward a goal of 100-percent electric vehicles by 2030.

Tesla had signed a deal with Shanghai authorities in July to build its first factory outside the United States, which would cost around \$2 billion to construct and would double the size of its global manufacturing.

## German minister looks to tax cuts as economy contracts

REUTERS, Berlin

Germany needs a package of tax cuts and other measures to shore up economic growth in the long term, Economy Minister Peter Altmaier said in an interview published on Sunday, days after the country posted its first economic contraction since 2015.



German Economy Minister Peter Altmaier

Altmaier, a member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's governing conservatives, said he was focused on cutting high German corporate taxes following tax cuts in the United States, Britain and soon France.

"The corporate tax in Germany is now higher than in other industrial

countries," Altmaier told the Welt am Sonntag newspaper. "That is a disadvantage and puts jobs at risk. That is why a medium-term cut is necessary."

He proposed using half of the increase in tax revenues to fund the tax cuts and said it was imperative to ensure that contributions for social benefits did not grow beyond 40

contraction was not "a catastrophe" and his ministry called the slowdown a temporary phenomenon that occurred as car companies struggled to adjust to new pollution standards known as WLTP.

Welt am Sonntag said Altmaier, a close Merkel ally, hoped to parlay concern over the downturn in the third quarter to gain support for tax cuts from Finance Minister Olaf Scholz and his left-leaning Social Democratic party (SPD).

"We need clarity about relief for workers and industry, including the stepwise reduction of the solidarity tax for everyone, less bureaucracy and more innovation," Altmaier said.

Clemens Fuest, head of the Ifo economic institute, said the German coalition government had missed opportunities in recent years to strengthen economic growth.

"It's important to create new spots in kindergartens, but policymakers should not call those investments at a time when it is not making needed infrastructure investments in rail routes or power lines," Fuest told the Welt am Sonntag newspaper.

He also faulted the coalition government for its piecemeal approach to digitalisation, and called for efforts to strengthen the longer-term competitiveness of the German auto industry, instead of focusing solely on environmental protections.



BENGAL MEAT

Brigadier General Md Zakir Hassan, chief health officer at Dhaka North City Corporation; Md Muneer Hussain, a director of Bengal Meat; Wayne Gaskell, a consultant, and AFM Asif, CEO, open an outlet of Bengal Meat at sector 7 of Uttara in Dhaka.



KSRM

Shafiqul Alam Palash, deputy general manager for sales and marketing at the KSRM, and Xio Jong, manager of construction firm CCECC-MAX JB, attend a deal signing ceremony in Cox's Bazar recently. The firm will use KSRM iron rods for the Dohazari-Cox's Bazar rail line project.

## US settles with tech startups over token sale violations

REUTERS, Washington

The US Securities and Exchange Commission settled charges on Friday with two technology companies for improperly offering digital tokens, mandating that they register their offerings as securities and reimburse investors.

The action marked the first time the SEC has imposed penalties against tech startups that skirt the

regulator's rules through "initial coin offerings." It also marks a ramping up of the SEC's vigorous oversight of the cryptocurrency space.

The regulator had warned in March that it would hold most token offerings to the same standards as securities offerings, and impose fines on bad actors that violated securities laws.

After raising a combined \$27 million from investors, CarrierEQ Inc (Airfox) and Paragon Coin Inc agreed

to pay investors back, and each will pay \$250,000 in fines as part of the settlement, the regulator said in a statement.

"Airfox expects to continue growing its blockchain platform within a regulatory framework," the company said in a statement.

The companies didn't admit or deny the SEC's charges, but both agreed to file periodic reports for at least 12 months.



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Sl. No.	e-Tender ID No.	Tender Reference No.	Description of work	Last selling date & time	Closing date & time
01.	250731	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-04/2018-19/371 Date: 18-11-2018	Lot: 1 Supply, installation & commissioning of Brand Desktop Computer and related services for the Branches/Offices of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank.	12-Dec-2018 06:00	13-Dec-2018 03:00
02.	250746	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-04/2018-19/372 Date: 18-11-2018	Lot: 2 Supply, installation & commissioning of Brand UPS and related services for the Branches/Offices of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank.	11-Dec-2018 06:00	12-Dec-2018 03:00
03.	250785	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-04/2018-19/373 Date: 18-11-2018	Lot: 3 Supply, installation & commissioning of Laser Printer and related services for the Branches/Offices of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank.	04-Dec-2018 06:00	05-Dec-2018 03:00
04.	251029	RAKUB/HO/ICTD-04/2018-19/374 Date: 18-11-2018	Lot: 4 Supply, installation & commissioning of Brand Laptop and related services for ICT Department of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank.	03-Dec-2018 06:00	04-Dec-2018 03:00

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Date: 15/11/2018

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Sl. No.	Tender/Proposal Package No.	Tender ID	Name of works/package description	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents
1	e-Tender-28/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228396	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Mahmud Us Samad Farzana Chowdhury Girls School & College Fenchuganj Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00
2	e-Tender-29/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228397	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Amir Miah High School Gowainghat Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00
3	e-Tender-30/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228398	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Hazi Shoharab Ali High School Gowainghat Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00
4	e-Tender-31/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228399	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Binna Kandi High School Gowainghat Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00
5	e-Tender-32/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228400	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Kupar Bazar High School Gowainghat Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00
6	e-Tender-33/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228401	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Bhatrai High School Companiganj Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00
7	e-Tender-34/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228402	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Fulshaind Bilateral High School Golapganj Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00
8	e-Tender-35/ENGSS/XEN/EED/SZ/2018-2019, Date:15/11/2018	228403	Vertical Extension of Existing Academic Building 1st floor 2nd floor & 3rd floor in/c. Sanitary Water supply & Electrification Works at Kushiara Adarsha High School Beanibazar Sylhet.	05/12/2018 Time: 17:00	06/12/2018 Time: 12:00

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