

# Ford to close all its factories in Brazil

AFP, Sao Paulo

Carmaker Ford said Monday losses exacerbated by the coronavirus epidemic would see it close its three factories in Brazil, where it has operated for a century, terminating some 5,000 jobs.

Losses continued despite progress made in phasing out unprofitable products, which included exiting the heavy truck business, cutting costs and launching new products, a company statement said.

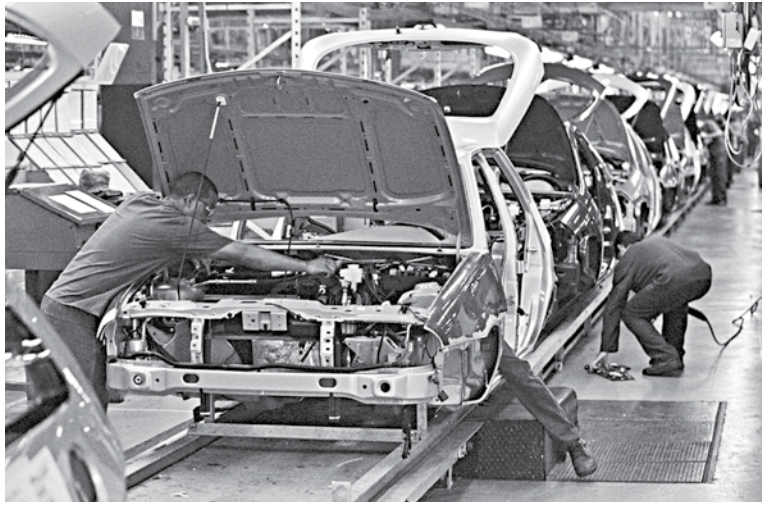
A "sustained unfavorable economic environment and the additional burden of the pandemic made it clear that much more was necessary to create a sustainable and profitable future," added Ford's South America head Lyle Watters. The Covid-10 pandemic, said the company, "amplifies persistent industry idle capacity and slow sales that have resulted in years of significant losses."

"Ford said production will cease at its Camacari and Taubate plants immediately, with only manufacturing of some parts continuing for a few months.

The Troller plant in Horizonte will operate until the fourth quarter.

Ford said it would end sales of EcoSport, Ka and T4 once inventories are sold. "With more than a century in South America and Brazil, we know these are very difficult, but necessary, actions to create a healthy and sustainable business," said Jim Farley, Ford president and CEO.

By closing its Brazil factories, the



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**Ford Brazilian auto workers are seen on the assembly line at the Sao Bernardo do Campo auto plant in Sao Paulo, Brazil.**

company was moving to a "lean, asset-light business model," he added.

Ford would continue serving South America with cars sourced from Argentina, Uruguay, and other markets, it said.

New vehicle sales in Brazil retreated by more than 26 percent in 2020 due to the health crisis, the Fenabrave automotive federation said last week. Car sales dropped 28.57 percent and that of buses by 33 percent. The closures will incur one-off charges of about \$4.1 billion, said Ford.

The news came as a bombshell in recession-hit Brazil, which is battling record unemployment, and

elicited criticism of the inability of Jair Bolsonaro's government to create a favourable business environment.

Ford opened its first factory in Brazil in 1921, in Sao Paulo, to produce 4,700 automobiles and 360 tractors per year.

In 2019, the company closed its factory in Sao Bernardo de Campo after 52 years in operation, affecting some 2,800 workers.

In November, Ford announced its return to neighbouring Uruguay after a three-decade absence, to assemble transport vehicles for the South American market, and creating 200 jobs.

"This is not good news. Ford

made a lot of money in Brazil... I think it could have delayed the decision and waited because our consumer market is bigger than others," Brazil's vice president Hamilton Mourao told CNN Brazil.

Rodrigo Maia, the opposition speaker of Brazil's lower house of parliament, said the closures were a "demonstration of the lack of credibility of the Brazilian government, clear rules, legal certainty and a rational tax system". "Our system has become a madhouse in recent years, with a direct impact on business productivity," he said.

Karl Brauer, an analyst with CarExpert.com, said there has been much consolidation in the auto sector in recent years.

"General Motors, in particular, has moved aggressively to pull out of market that didn't make financial sense. Ford withdrawing from Brazil confirms they are willing to make the same decisions about underperforming markets."

"Ford said it would maintain its product development center in Bahia, as well as its proving ground and regional headquarters in Sao Paulo.

The company said it would work with unions to develop an "equitable and balanced plan" to mitigate the impact of the closures on workers.

Brazil is the country in the world with the second-highest number of coronavirus deaths, with more than 203,000 lives lost.

# UK economy 'to get worse before it gets better': govt

AFP, London

British finance minister Rishi Sunak said Monday that the coronavirus-ravaged economy would get worse before it recovers amid warnings that more than 250,000 small firms could go bust this year.

"Coronavirus has already caused significant harm to our economy," Sunak told parliament, noting that it total output was 6.1 percent smaller than before the health crisis erupted last year and sparked a historic recession. "Even with the significant support we have provided, over 800,000 people have lost their job since February," he said. "And while the new national restrictions are necessary to control the spread of the virus, they will have a further significant economic impact. "We should expect the economy to get worse before it gets better," he added.

Sunak pointed to the Conservative government's stimulus measures, which so far have totalled more than 280 billion (\$380 billion, 310 billion euros). But Britain's main opposition Labour party lashed out at the chancellor of the exchequer for failing to deliver any new policy announcements. "The purpose of an update is to provide us with new information not to repeat what we already know," said Labour finance spokeswoman Anneliese Dodds.

The government last week launched an extra 4.6-billion package, including grants for retail, hospitality and leisure businesses, as it put the country into a fresh national lockdown. At the heart of UK stimulus policy is the furlough scheme, which pays the bulk of wages for around 10 million private sector workers and runs until the end of April.

Britain is facing a renewed surge of coronavirus cases that has seen more than

three million people infected and more than 80,000 deaths in the last 12 months.

The government is pinning its hopes on a mass vaccination programme, which has so far seen some 2.4 million people inoculated.

But amid hopes of a return to normality in the coming months through science, one study suggested more than 250,000 small British businesses face bankruptcy this year without more state help, given the problems posed by the coronavirus and the post-Brexit trade fallout. "A record number of small business owners are planning to close their firms over the coming twelve months, putting the UK on course to lose more than a quarter of a million businesses," the Federation of Small Businesses estimated after quizzing some 1,400 firms.

The FSB also argued that Sunak's virus support measures did not "keep pace" with tightening lockdown restrictions.

Meanwhile, exporters were "feeling the strain as (the) new EU-UK trade deal beds in" following Britain's final exit from the European Union single market and customs union on December 31. FSB national chairman Mike Cherry called on the government to look at how emergency debt facilities could help small businesses to survive.

And he urged the adoption of "transition vouchers" to help firms cope. "Our exporters are trying to get across what a new EU-UK trade agreement means for them without the cash they need to make adjustments," Cherry said. "Direct funding to help them manage new obligations in the form of transition vouchers is urgently needed. "This government can stem losses and protect the businesses of the future -- but only if it acts now.

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### e-Tender Notice 01/2020-2021

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

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of Supply	Last Date and Time of Tender Security Submission	Tender Closing Date & Time
1	534532	Supply of AC, Fan, Light.	28-Jan-2021 01:00pm	28-Jan-2021 02:00pm
2	534585	Renovation of classrooms and labs, Renovation of washrooms and other academic structures, Refurbishment of different office rooms, students common room, library, etc.	28-Jan-2021 01:00pm	28-Jan-2021 02:00pm

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP 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 up to 27 January, 2021

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP Held Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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PRAGATI LIFE INSURANCE

**MJ Azim, CEO of Pragati Life Insurance, and Md Shirajul Islam Mollah, president of the Bangladesh Ceramic Manufacturers & Exporters Association, exchange documents after signing a deal. Pragati Life will provide group life and health insurance coverage to employees of the association's members.**

## প্রকল্প পরিচালকের কার্যালয়

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### Invitation of re-Tender for Service

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce		
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)		
3	Invitation for	Providing Transportation Services for the project "Construction of Godowns at Chattogram, Sylhet & Rangpur Regional Offices to increase TCB's Buffer stock Capacity"		
4	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
5	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB		
6	Invitation Ref. No. & Date	26.05.0000.046.14.004.20.62 Dated: 12-01-2021		
7	Tender Last Selling Date	Date: 25/01/2021	Time: Office Time	
8	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date: 26/01/2021	Time: Up to 12.00 PM	
9	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: 26/01/2021	Time: 12:15 PM	
10	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document	a) Sonali Bank, Kawran Bazar Branch. b) Rupali Bank, TCB Bhaban Branch, Dhaka.		
	- Receiving Tender Document	TCB Bhaban 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, 1 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.		
	- Opening Tender Document	Board Room, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.		
11	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	TCB Bhaban 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, 1 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka. Date :18/01/2021 Time: 11.00 AM		
12	Eligibility of Tenderer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer shall be 05(Five) years.</li> <li>The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in providing Car rental Service of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology completed over a period of three (3) years each with a value of at least of Tk 35.00 (Thirty five) lac shall be required.</li> <li>The required average annual turnover of the Tenderer shall be at least of the amount of Tk 25.00 (Twenty five) Lac over the last three (03) years.</li> <li>The minimum amount of liquid assets of the Tenderer shall be Tk 5.0 (Five) Lakh.</li> <li>Other requirement as per tender document.</li> </ul>		
13	Brief Description of Services	<p><b>Supply Cars on rental basis:</b> With fuel, driver and maintenance cost, (a) Honda HR-V/ TOYOTA Allion / Premio/ Honda Civic/ Nissan x-Trail/ Honda Vezel or equivalent. (b) Model: 2015 or Newer Model, (c) Fuel Type: Octane, (d) Engine Capacity: 1490cc (minimum),</p> <p><b>Supply Double cabin pickup:</b> With fuel, driver and maintenance cost, (a) Hilux / TOYOTA or equivalent. (b) Model: 2015 or Newer Model, (c) Fuel Type: Diesel/Octane/lpg (d) Engine Capacity: 2700cc (minimum)</p> <p><b>Supply Micro bus:</b> With fuel, driver and maintenance cost, (a) TOYOTA (Hiace) or equivalent. (b) Model: 2015 or Newer Model, (c) Fuel Type: Diesel/Octane/lpg (d) Engine Capacity: 2000cc (minimum)</p>		
14	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	1,000/- Per set		
15	Package No	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
	CGCSR/ NCS-1	Providing Transportation Services for the Project	TCB Head Office, Bhaban, 1, kawran bazar, Dhaka.	Tk. 1,50,000/- (One lac Fifty Thousand) In favour of Project Director, CGCSR, TCB, Dhaka.
16	Name & Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shekhabur Rahaman, Project Director, "Construction of Godowns at Chattogram, Sylhet & Rangpur Regional Offices to increase TCB's Buffer stock Capacity" (CGCSR), TCB, Dhaka		
17	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB), 1 No. Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.		
18	Contact details of Official Inviting	Tel. No: 02-8180074	Fax No. 02-8180057	E-mail : <a href="mailto:pdgcsr@tcb.gov.bd">pdgcsr@tcb.gov.bd</a>
19	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any tender, all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings			

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## Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

### Office of the Director

### Sylhet M.A.G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.

MEMO NO - SOMCH/TS/2021/ 169 **INVITATION FOR TENDER** Date: 11/01/2021

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from bonafide experienced Manufacturer/Agent/Importer/supplier to supply Medical Equipment as per PPR-2008 Terms and conditions are as follows:

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2.	Agency	Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet,
4.	Procuring Entity Code	4112315
5.	Procuring Entity District	Sylhet
6.	Invitation for	Medical Equipment
7.	Tender Ref. No	SOMCH/TS/2021/169/15 Date : 11/01/2021
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
8.	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
09.	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB
10.	Developments Partners	N/A
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
11.	Project/Program Code	N/A
12.	Project/Program Name	Sylhet M.A.G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet
13.	Tender Name	Procurement of Medical Equipment
14.	Tender Publication Date	11/01/2021
15.	Tender Last Selling Date	10/02/2021 up to 12.00 noon
16.	Tender Closing Date and Time	11/02/2021 at 12.00 noon
17.	Tender Opening Date and Time	11/02/2021 at 12.30 pm
18.	Name and address of the Office's	
	a) Selling Tender Schedule	Office of the Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.
	b) Receiving Tenders Schedule	(1) Office of the Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet., (2) Deputy Commissioner, Sylhet and (3) Superintendent of Police, Sylhet.
	c) Opening Tender Schedule	Office of the Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.
19.	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	No pre-bid meeting
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
20.	Brief-Description of Goods	Medical Equipment
21.	Brief Description of Related Services	Not Applicable
22.	Procedure of payment of Tender schedule	Through Treasury chalan, Taka. 3,000/- (Three thousand) to be paid at Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank against code no (1) (2)(7)(1)(1) (0) (0) (0) (2)(3)(6)(6). Tender schedule should be collected from SOMCH office on submitting the original challan.
23.	Tender Security Amounts	Taka 15,00,000.00 ( Fifteen Lac only) Bank draft or Pay order in favor of Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
24.	Name of Official Inviting Tenders	Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.
25.	Designation of Official Inviting Tenders	Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.
26.	Address of Official Inviting Tenders	Office of the Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.
27.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tenders	Office of the Director, Sylhet M A G Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet.

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