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United Air shareholders on the verge of losing everything

Regulator delists defunct airline for stock price volatility, weak fundamentals

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Stock investors of United Airwavs who own 95 per cent of the shares of the defunct airline have been left high and dry after the regulator delisted the company from the main trading board of the exchanges.

In a directive on Tuesday, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) ordered the Dhaka and Chattogram stock exchanges to transfer the company to the over-the-counter board from the main trading board.

The bourses yesterday said they had already transferred the company to the OTC market.

"Considering the high-risk level due to the volatility of market price and weak fundamentals, the BSEC directs to transfer the shares of United Airways from the main market to the OTC market," the directive said.

Meanwhile, investors had been anxiously waiting since March





price.

With the transfer to the OTC market, it would be difficult 2016 to see the airline resume for investors to get the money

operations and thus boost the share back, said Shahidul Islam, chief executive officer of the VIPB Asset Management Company.

"Trading shares on the OTC board will be tougher because few buyers will show interest in the stock after the latest move from the regulator, said a stock broker.

"As a result, their combined investment of around Tk 786 crore considering the face value of the shares is hanging in the balance," he added.

As the company had been in a freefall, the directors of United Airways sold off their shares. The directors now own 5 per cent of the shares, way lower than 34 per cent in 2014.

"Our investment is going to evaporate as the stock has been transferred to the OTC market," said Abdul Mannan, another investor.

in the company in hopes that United Airways would resume its flight operations again after a lull.

was the most sought-after share on the DSE amid rumours that the private carrier is planning to make a comeback after a lull.

In February 2016, United ceased flight operations without any announcement amid mounting losses

The investor said he had invested

In August 2019, United Airways

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Interoperability across all financial systems this year

Clients of banks, MFS, payment service providers all to be linked

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The government has taken an initiative to make all accounts of banks, mobile financial services and payment system providers interoperable this year, a development that will allow people to move funds effortlessly within the financial sector on real-time and at lower costs.

The new system -- Interoperable Digital Transaction Platform (IDTP) -- will be set up to establish the interoperability among banks, MFS operators and payment service providers (PSPs) and would give a major boost cashless transaction.

The government will cough up Tk 56 crore to set up the IDTP and the central bank will govern and operate it, according to a central bank document.

The coronavirus pandemic has already given a big push to cashless transaction as people from all walks of life are increasingly embracing digital payment tools to avoid cash in order to keep the pathogen at bay.

Transaction through MFS rose 41 per cent year-on-year to Tk 53,598 crore in November.

The issuance of credit cards stood at 16.31 lakh as of October, up 8.73 per cent year-on-year. The number of debit cards grew 8.70 per cent to 2.10 crore.

The central bank will pilot a study between February 1 and February 14 to implement the IDTP.

Eleven banks, two PSPs and one MFS provider will take part in the piloting. The central bank will set up the required

hardware and software to start the new payment method in a full-fledged manner this year.

AT A GLANCE

Interoperability will be available among banks, MFS providers and others Clients will transfer funds in real time The payment method will be fullfledged within this year Cashless transaction will get a boost Periphery of e-commerce to be widened Financial crimes expected to come down

A mobile app has already been developed to allow clients to register with the IDTP.

Clients will complete the registration by using the mobile app of banks, PSPs and MFS providers if the firms attach the app to their internet banking and digital payment platform.

Banks, PSPs and MFS providers will complete the registration process on behalf of their clients.

If a client holds a number accounts with banks, PSPs or MFS providers, they will not require to register in the system for every account.

Only one account will be registered and other accounts will be added by the financial institutions by verifying the national identification card of clients. READ MORE ON B3

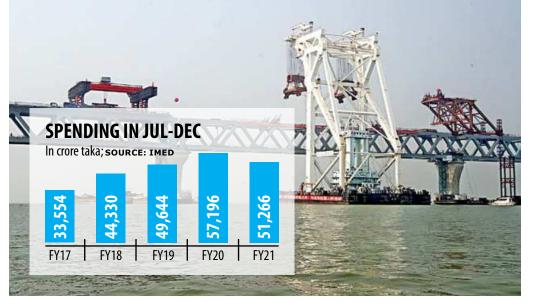
Govt approves import of ADP spending drop deepest in 11yrs 50,000 tonnes of wheat **STAR BUSINESS REPORT**





Development spending has marked its highest drop in absolute terms for the first time in 11 years largely due to the government pulling the brakes on implementation of low priority

projects.





REIAUL KARIM BYRON and DWAIPAYAN BARUA

The cabinet committee on government purchase yesterday approved a proposal to import 50,000 tonnes of wheat.

The committee gave the approval for the Directorate of Food to purchase the wheat from Singapore-based Agrocorp International for Tk 138.61 crore.

This is the first proposal for importing wheat to get approval this fiscal year.

Earlier the government fixed this fiscal year's budget with plans to import 4.80 lakh tonnes of wheat.

Abu Saleh Mostafa Kamal, additional secretary to the cabinet division, told a press briefing that each metric tonne of wheat would be costing \$326.92 while each kilogramme Tk 27.72.

In case of rice, the government budget this fiscal year was shaped with plans to import 1 lakh tonnes. READ MORE ON B3

Behind the scenes, the intent is to contain expenditure in tune with sluggish revenue generation for the Covid-19-induced economic lownturn

The expenditure in the first half of fiscal 2020-21 declined 10 per cent year-on-year to Tk 51,266 crore from Tk 57,196 crore in the same period a year ago, reads data from the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division.

Spending had dropped less than 1 per cent in absolute terms in the July-December period of fiscal 2015-16.

The latest data shows that a fall in expenditure under government-funded projects was one of the reasons behind the drop in overall spending for schemes under the Annual Development Programme (ADP).

"If the decline is a reflection of restrained funding of low priority projects, it is in fact good news," said Zahid Hussain, former lead economist of World Bank Bangladesh.

This may indeed have happened as indicated by the significant decline in fund release for government funded projects," he said.

He said soon after the fiscal year '21 budget,

government initiated a prioritisation the exercise under which each ministry was asked to categorise their projects into high, medium and low priority.

the low priority projects in order to keep the budget deficit within target, given the tighter

revenue situation, added Hussain.

"We hope the results from the effort to clamp down on wasteful development expenditure will stick for the rest of the year and not turn into mere The objective was to restrain fund release for postponement of the same expenditures from the first to the second half of the year," he said.

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Robi tops turnover list with Tk 436cr

Stocks index drops amid profit booking

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Robi Axiata topped the turnover list yesterday as many investors who bought a stake in the company through its initial public offering (IPÓ) sold off their shares, according to market players

Some Tk 436 crore worth of Robi's shares were traded at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), which was 20 per cent of the total turnover.

"This might be the highest turnover of a single stock in the main market but it is not the highest when considering percentage," a stock broker said.

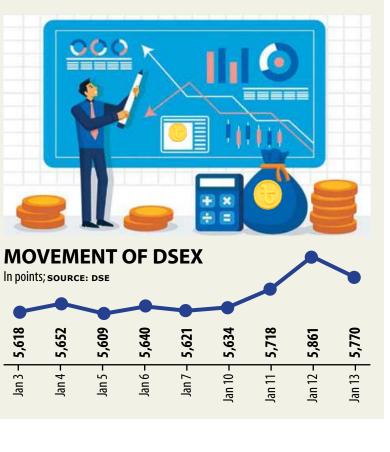
"The stocks changed hands yesterday as many people think that this is enough of a rise for a newly listed company," he added

Ali Xahangir, CEO of Amarstock, said that although many investors sold their shares, others bought the stock thinking that the company has good potential.

"And since the stock was free of 'halt', it witnessed high trading," the analyst said.

When a company does not have any buyers or sellers for its stock, then the company's trade is halted. Robi's stock trade had been halted most of the times since its trading debut on December 24 due to a lack of sellers.

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Pakistan looks to boost bilateral trade

Wants direct flights, maritime connectivity

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Pakistan is interested in resuming direct flights with Bangladesh and establishing maritime connectivity between the two nations to boost bilateral trade.

"Bangladesh is well-positioned in various economic indexes. So, we want to enhance bilateral trade," said Imran Ahmed Siddiqui, high commissioner of Pakistan to Bangladesh.

Currently, flights of Biman Bangladesh Airlines to Pakistan have been suspended.

Since there is no maritime connectivity between Chattogram port and Pakistan's port in Karachi, trade is being held through Singapore and other neighbouring ports. As a result, trade volumes are yet to reach a significant level.

Siddiqui made these comments during a meeting with Rizwan Rahman, president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI), at the chamber's office yesterday.



Trade balance between the two south Asian nations currently tilts towards Pakistan.

According to the DCCI, trade between Bangladesh and Pakistan reached \$543.90 million in fiscal 2019-20.

Of the total amount, Bangladesh's export to Pakistan stood at \$50.54 million and imports were \$493.36

million.

The high commissioner pointed out that there was once a joint economic commission (JEC) between Bangladesh and Pakistan but its last meeting was held in 2005.

He called for the reestablishment of the JEC for the mutual benefit of both countries.



years.

"We think it will take that length

Chris Hyams, chief executive of

job listings website Indeed, said it

was still unclear whether demand

in sectors such as construction that

have managed to hold up during

the pandemic has now been sucked

things return, have people just

pulled in the next five years of

construction and it will all slow

down, or is there more work to be

developing nations could be left

behind in the economic recovery

as their people struggle to pay

for COVID-19 vaccines, Lagarde

said it would "backfire" on the

rich world if they did not show

developed countries to make sure

that low-income, developing, fragile

states have access to vaccination as

Carmen Reinhart said increasing

debt distress in many of those

countries meant that China, now

the world's largest official creditor,

would need to start restructuring

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other creditors in the past had done,

which is you have to restructure,"

Reinhart told a panel on economic

either lower interest rates, longer

maturities, write-off in principal or

"And restructure big time, meaning

"What I think China will need to

the debt it is owed.

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World Bank Chief Economist

it is needed," the ECB chief said.

"It is in the self-interest of

Asked about the risk that

"What we don't know is, when

of time for international demand to

come back," he added.

out for years to come.

done?" he said.

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Global economy can shake off Bird flu scare: Chicken sales dip by 50-75pc in Bihar pandemic in 2021, leaders say Patna district, said: "Being a non-vegetarian, Ann/The Statesman I am now preferring fish ever since bird flu

Bird flu or avian influenza scare is having a big impact on poultry business in Bihar with chicken sales dipping by 50-75 per cent across the state.

Kalimudin Ansari, a chicken seller at Boring Road in Patna, said that though no confirmed case of bird flu has been reported from anywhere in the state, customers are not coming to their shops.

Customers are apprehensive about bird flu due to news reports on digital platforms, TV channels and newspapers. Only the known customers are coming to our shops to buy chicken," Ansari said.

Another chicken seller, Shahnawaj Alam, said: "Bird flu scare has created panic among the people. Hence, our sales have gone down by 50 to 60 per cent."

Chicken sellers are feeling the heat in other districts of the state as well.

The scare of bird flu gripped Bihar after chickens and crows were found dead in Mujaffarpur and Bettiah, respectively, last week

Rajan Sharma, a resident of Khagaul in

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cases were reported in some states. Apart from chicken, I am also avoiding mutton as both are sold together in majority of the outlets.

The hygiene factor is always a big issue in meat outlets in Patna. The flu could also transmit through feathers and other wastes which are generally scattered in the surroundings of roadside chicken shops," said Atul Thakur, a resident of Nageshwar colony.

"As majority of the outlets are operating without any licence from the municipal corporation, they do not have the fear of getting penalised," Thakur added.

The state government has also alerted the administrations of all the 38 districts in Bihar to keep a tab on the developments.

"We are urging people to avoid eating half-cooked non-vegetarian food. Any meat cooked at a temperature of above 70-degree Celsius is safe as the H5N1 virus does not survive then," an official of the health department said, requesting anonymity.

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REUTERS

Vaccines and fresh economic stimulus promised by US Presidentelect Joe Biden will give the global economy a chance to put the coronavirus pandemic behind it in 2021, policymakers and industry output could be as little as 1.6 per leaders told the Reuters Next conference.

Their optimism came despite resurgence in COVID-19 cases that has prompted the World Bank to downgrade its growth forecast for this year and warn that delays in vaccination programmes could pinch recovery even further.

The head of German engineering giant Siemens AG said China is currently driving the world economy but was optimistic about recovery in the United States, where Biden has promised a faster rollout of vaccines and more economic stimulus

"In the U.S. ... they are holding all the cards and if they put the money to work in a wise way, there is going to be a very, very, strong second half of 2021 and especially 2022," Siemens Chief Executive Joe Kaeser said.

Europe and the United States both now need to "get their act together and put the billions and trillions of dollars and euros which have been promised to work", he told the digital forum.

The fight against the pandemic, which has claimed 1.9 million lives globally, has now entered a critical stage as countries around the world roll out vaccination campaigns aimed at immunizing large sections of their populations by year-end.

At the same time, emerging new variants of the virus have raised concerns about vaccine resistance and a faster spread of the disease, while China is battling a rise in

cases that has seen more than 28 had on the horizon that made us be "patchy around the globe" and quarantine.

The Washington-based World Bank last week cut its 2021 global growth forecast to 4 per cent from 4.2 per cent and said the rise in

million people put under home look at the future with a dark cloud said the airline has parked its longover our heads, some of that has haul A380 fleet for the next three been cleared," Lagarde told the conference.

> "From that perspective we start on a more positive basis than what some would like to look at," she



Employees wearing face masks work at a factory of the component

measures are lifted by the end of March and vaccines adequately distributed.

She cited as positives the fact that, after elections in the state of Georgia, Biden could count on U.S. Senate support for his economic programme and that Britain and the European Union had managed to avert a no-deal Brexit on Dec. 31.

Elon Musk tweeted 'Use Signal' and investors sent

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added, vowing that the ECB had the capacity to add emergency stimulus if needed. The ECB sees growth of 3.9 per

cent this year across the 19 countries that use the euro currency, more optimistic than many private sector economists.

Even in the best-case scenario, global recovery is not expected to be even, and concerns are growing that low-income countries could be left even further behind while some sectors most exposed to the pandemic fight for their very existence.

Qantas Airways Chief Executive "Some of the uncertainties we Alan Joyce expected recovery to

some combination of that.

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device company in another case of mistaken identity. "Use Signal," the Tesla chief executive officer wrote on Twitter on Jan 7, apparently referring to the encrypted messaging service.

Despite reports about the confusion on Friday, shares of the Texas-based company soared as much as 885 per cent on Monday (Jan 11) to US\$70.85, before ending up 438 per cent at US\$38.70. This from a closing price of 60 cents

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maker SMC in Beijing, China. cent if there were vaccine delays. European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde nevertheless stuck to the ECB's existing forecasts for the euro zone, provided lockdown

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201	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	°	১১-০১-২০২১ইং। প্রস্তুতকারী/সরবরাহকারী।		ভেল পুশায়ের ফার্যালার হবিগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগার				সনদ,			
221	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রির স্থান	0		প্রস্তুতকারা/সরবরাহকারা। চীফ কমান্ড্যান্ট (পূর্ব) দপ্তর, সিআরবি, চট্টগ্রাম।		4. · · ·				৩। ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশনের সনদ, ৪	। ব্যাংক স্বচ্চলতা গত অর্থ বছরে (
	দর্গত সোভঙল বিক্রি স্থান		চাঞ্চ ক্মান্ড্যান্ড (পূব) দন্তর, াসআরাব, চন্ডগ্রাম। কমান্ড্যান্ট, আরএনবি, ঢাকা বিভাগ-এর দণ্ডর,				Email: jailsuperhabigonjjail@gmail.com				,	বিশ লক্ষ) টাকা স্থিতি লেনদেন সন্য
		°	কমান্ড্যান্ড, আরএনাব, ঢাকা বিভাগ-এর পণ্ডর, কমলাপুর, ঢাকা।			1-44 164,	পত্র নং-৫৮.০৪.৩৬০০.১৬১.০৪.০১৭.২১-১৮১(৪) তারিখঃ <u>২৫</u> পৌষ, ১৪২৭ ০৯ জানুয়ারি, ২০২১				েন্দ একাননে ২০,০০০,০০০,০০০ (বি নি দিন) সকল হাত লোকলে ব ৫। স্ব-স্ব গ্রুপের অভিজ্ঞতার সন্দ।	
<u> </u>	দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার স্থান			নটগাহা।				৮ দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়কারী				
<u>১</u> ৩।	দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	0		্যান্ট (পূর্ব) দণ্ডর ্যান্ট (পূর্ব) দণ্ডর			পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি		0	৮ দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়কারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	ালাতণ পাতদের কাবালার, লোরাখ	1*11 1
281	দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	0		<u>), ৬ (গৃ্থ) শঙ্</u> জ ১২১, সময় ১২.			ন্দ্রণালয়/বিভাগ	সুরক্ষা সেবা বিভাগ, স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।				<u>.</u>
201	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	0		০২১, প্ৰথম ১২. ০২১, সময় ১২.		101	নত্রণাপর/।বভাগ এজেন্সী	পুরক্ষা সেবা বিভাগ, স্বরদ্ধে মন্ত্রণালয়। কারা অধিদণ্ডর।	0	৯ যে অফিসে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা	সিভিল সার্জনের কার্যালয়, নোয়াখ	all
১৬।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	0		০২১, গনর ১২. ০২১, সময় ১২.			দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	জেল সুপার, হবিগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগার।		হইবে		
291	প্রি-টেন্ডার মিটিং	8	নীল		00 10411		দরপত্রের নাম	হবিগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগারের ০১/০১/২০২১ হতে	2	০ দরপত্র বিক্রির শেষ তারিখ ও		১৫/০২/২০২১ইং অফিস চলাকাল
201	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর সহিত	8		৩২০১-১০, এর	T? 5682			৩১/১২/২০২১ পর্যন্ত সময়ের বিভিন্ন প্রকার		সময়	সময় ৫.০০টা পর্যন্ত।	
	যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	°	002-000	०२०३-३०, वः	40 2000		দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির সত্র ও তারিখ	খাদ্যদ্রব্য সরবরাহের দরপত্র (২য় বার)।	2	১ দরপত্র গ্রহণ এবং খোলার	১৭/০২/২০২১ইং বেলা ১২.০০	
১৯।	মালামালের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণঃ						দরপত্র বিজ্ঞান্তর সূত্র ও তারিখ	কারা অধিদগুরের স্মারক নং ৫৮.০৪.০০০০.০৩০.০১.০৩৬.২১.১৩৮৬(২)		তারিখ ও সময়	ঘটিকার সময় উপস্থিত দরপত্রদা	াতাদের সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থি
<u>ক্রমিক</u>	দরপত্র নম্বর	মালে	র বিবরণ	দরপত্র	দরপত্র	মালামালের		ডারিখঃ ২৩/১২/২০২০			থাকেন) খোলা হইবে।	
নং	-12-10-1-14 M	-10-1	11111	নিরাপত্তা	সিডিউল	সরবরাহের	ইচ্ছুক দরদাতাদের ন্যূনতম	দরপত্র দলিলে উল্লেখিত শর্তাবলী অনুযায়ী।	2	২ বিশেষ নির্দেশনা	পিপিআর ২০০৬ইং ও ২০০৮ই	ং সংশোধিত ২০১০ প্রবিধান মান
				জামানত	এর মূল্য	সময়সীমা	যোগ্যতা				অনুসারে কার্যক্রম গ্রহণ করা হই	বে। সিডিউলের মূল্য কোড নং-১
				(টাকা)	(নগদ)		বাজেট ও ফান্ড প্রান্তির উৎস	জাতীয় রাজস্ব তহবিল।				ছারী চালানের মাধ্যমে সরকা
(ক)	¢8.03.3¢00.33%.0¢.238.20.	৩০৩৩ মিটার			900/-	৩০ দিন	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি দরপত্র দলিল প্রাণ্ডির স্থান	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি। ক) কারা উপ মহাপরিদর্শকের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা				ার সহ) চালানের মূলকপি জমা দিয়
	(২০২০-২০২১)		কাপড়।		,			ক) কারা ওপ মহাপারদশকের কার্যালয়, ঢাকা বিভাগ, ঢাকা। খ) কারা উপ মহাপরিদর্শকের				ইতে সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে
(켁)	(8.0).)(00.))%.0(.2)%.20.		৯ মিটার	৫৯,০০০/-	<u> १</u> ৫०/-	৩০ দিন		কার্যালয়, সিলেট বিভাগ, সদর দপ্তর, সিলেট।				সহ বিস্তারিত তথ্য নিমুস্বাক্ষরকারী
) í	(২০২০-২০২১)		াই সবুজ					গ) জেল সুপারের কার্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ জেলা			নির্মান প্রিয়ের হিসাব শাখা হইতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে জানা	
		ক	পড়।					কারাগার।			পাওয়া যাইবে।	
(গ)	@8.03.3@00.33%.0@.220.20.	৬০৫ (জোড়া বুট	৩৩ ,০০০/-	<u> १</u> ៥०/-	৩০ দিন	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০১/২০২১ বেলা ২:৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।		৩ গ্রুপ ভিত্তিক এমএসআর		হর বিবরণী
	(২০২০-২০২১)	(ডিএ	মএস)।				তাারখ ও সময় দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার স্থান, তারিখ	১। জেল সুপারের কার্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ। (২)	2			
(ঘ)	@8.03.3@00.33%.0@.२२3.२0.	১২৬	৪ জোড়া	२ १,०००/-	৭৫০/-	৩০ দিন	পরণার জনা দেওয়ার হান, আরব ও সময়	হবিগঞ্জ মডেল থানা, হবিগঞ্জ। (৩) জেলা	হা		সিডিউল এর মূল্য	বায়নার টাকা
	(২০২০-২০২১)		স সু এবং					প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ।	4		৭৫০/-	@0,000/-
			৪ জোড়া					২৮/০১/২০২১ সকাল ৯:০০ ঘটিকা হতে		<u>৩২৫২১০৯)</u>		
			াজা।					১২:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত। সেলা সংগদের নার্গলেম ক্রিপেচ সেলা	17		१৫०/-	<i>«</i> 0,000/-
२०।	দরপত্রের নিরাপত্তা জামানত অনুমোদিত যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হইতে অর্থ উপদেষ্টা ও প্রধান হিসাব অধিকর্তা (পূর্ব), সিআরবি, চট্টগ্রাম এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/ব্যাংক গ্যারান্টি আকারে দিতে						দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময়	জেল সুপারের কার্যালয়, হবিগঞ্জ জেলা কারাগার।		চিকিৎসা সরঞ্জামাদি) সরবরাহ		
		া অনুকূলে	পে-অডার/ব	্যাংক ড্রাফট/ব্যা	ংক গ্যারান্টি	আকারে দিতে		২৮/০১/২০২১খ্রিঃ, দুপুর ১২:৩০ মিনিট।		(কোড ৩২৫২১০৫)		
	হইবে।		-				দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা মাত্র।	5	গ অন্যান্য যন্ত্রপাতি ও সরঞ্জামাদি	<u> १</u> ৫०/-	œ0,000/-
२२।	দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় তথ্য অফিস চ	লাকালান	সময়ে নিমুস্ব	াক্ষরকারা দণ্ডরে	স্টোর শাখা	হহতে সংগ্ৰহ	দরপত্র নিরাপত্তা জামানতের	দরপত্র নিরাপত্তা জামানতের পরিমাণ যথাক্রমে		(কোড ৪১১২৩১৬)		
_	করা যাইবে।	2000					পরিমাণ	(১) "গ্রুপ-ক" -৩০,০০০/-; (২) "গ্রুপ-খ"-	2	8 দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার	সিভিল সার্জন, নোয়াখালী। সিভি	ল সার্জন অফিস, নোয়াখালী। ফে
<u>२२।</u>						২০,০০০/-; (৩) "গ্রন্থপ-গ" - ১০,০০০/-; (৪) "গ্রন্থপ-ঘ" - ১৫,০০০/-; (৫) "গ্রন্থপ-ড" -		পদবী ও অফিস ঠিকানা	নং-০৩২১-৬১০৬৮ ই-মেইলঃ <u>nc</u>	akhali@cs.dghs.gov.bd		
২৩।	যদি কোন কারণবশতঃ টেন্ডার দলিলাদি বিক্রয়ের শেষ দিন, টেন্ডার দাখিল ও খোলার দিন অফিস বন্ধ থাকে তবে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে টেন্ডার দলিলাদি বিক্রয়ের শেষ দিন, টেন্ডার দাখিল ও খোলার দিন হিসাবে গণ্য হইবে।						20,000/-			নিবার্য কারণবশতঃ এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি বাতিল		
						তথাগার ।পশ	কার্যাদেশের সময়সীমা ০১/০১/২০২১ হতে ৩১/১২/২০২১ পর্যন্ত। গ্রহণ ও দরপত্র বাব্ধ খোলার তারিখ পরিবর্তন পরিবর্ধন করার ক্ষমতা দরপত্র মূল্যায়ন কমিটি সংরক্ষণ					
				দরপত্র উন্যুক্তকরণ কমিটির সভা	২৮/০১/২০২১ দুপুর ১২:৩০ মিনিট।		া মাত্র বিজ্ঞপ্রি/এ অফিসের নোটিশ বোর্ডে স্বল্পকালীন নোটিশের মাধ্যমে সংশ্লিষ্টদের জানানো হইবে।					
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BUSINESS

US inflation stays muted as chaotic 2020 ends

AFP, Washington

The US economy saw little inflation in 2020 amid the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, with the final month of a year seeing only a slight increase as gasoline prices rose, according to government data Wednesday.

The consumer price index (CPI) increased 1.4 per cent for 2020, the Labor Department said in the report reflecting a year during which the economy plunged as the pandemic shut businesses nationwide.

That was down from the 2.3 per cent inflation in 2019. Amid a still-tentative economic recovery, CPI rose 0.4 per cent in December, seasonally adjusted, in line with analysts' forecasts, accelerating from the 0.2 percent increase in November, according to the report.

However the "core" index excluding food and energy rose 0.1 per cent in December, and for 2020 the increase was 1.6 per cent -- far below the central bank's 2.0 per cent goal.

Kathy Bostjancic of Oxford Economics said keep interest rates low to spur employment and to continue buying tens of billions of dollars



People shop during the Black Friday sales shopping event at Roosevelt Field Mall in Garden City, New York.

the muted reading means the Federal Reserve in bonds. "The benign core inflation readings is unlikely to soon change its commitment to support our call that the Fed does not lift the policy rate from the effective lower bound until 2024," she said in an analysis.

The Labor Department said the December increase was driven by an 8.4 per cent surge in gasoline prices. The food index, both for meals at home and away, rose 0.4 per cent.

Tesla takes another step on road to launch in India

REUTERS, New Delhi

Tesla Inc has moved a step closer to its launch in India later this year by registering a company in the country, a regulatory filing showed on Tuesday

Tesla Motors India and Energy Private Limited was incorporated on Jan. 8 with its registered office in the southern city of Bengaluru, a hub for several global technology companies.

The filing shows the Indian unit has three directors including David Feinstein, who is currently a senior executive at Tesla, according to his LinkedIn profile.

India's transport minister Nitin Gadkari told a local newspaper in December the US electric carmaker would start with sales and then might look at assembly and manufacturing.

Pakistan looks to boost bilateral trade

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Siddiqui went on to say that the private sector of both countries could benefit from cooperation in the agriculture and blue economy sectors.

"Pakistan's fashion industry could also be a good opportunity for Bangladeshi entrepreneurs," he said.

Besides, cultural engagements can be a catalyst for strengthening economic diplomacy. If more Pakistani businessmen can interact with their Bangladeshi counterparts, more trade opportunities will arise, he added.

DCCI President Rahman said that the participation of Pakistani entrepreneurs in the recently concluded DCCI Business Conclave-2021 was encouraging.

Rahman also emphasised the need to boost regional trade and investment through the active intervention of the Saarc. "In the new normal situation, businesses

started to expand and Bangladesh's private sector is open for all," he added.

Pakistan may even sign a preferential or free trade agreement with Bangladesh to increase trade volumes, the DCCI chief said. Rahman also urged the high commissioner to take the initiative to reactivate certain memoranda of understanding signed between the DCCI and different chambers in Pakistan.

NKA Mobin and Monowar Hossain, senior vice-president and vice-president of the DCCI respectively, were also present during the meeting.

Robi tops turnover list with Tk 436cr

crore from the stock market, making it the country's biggest ever IPO.

Meanwhile, the stock market witnessed a profit booking day after a consecutive five-day rise.

DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, dropped 91 points, or 1.55 per cent, to 5,770 yesterday. Many stocks rose 10 to 20 per cent in the last five trading days and so, investors increased their profits by selling some shares, according to a merchant banker.

"This is normal and better for the market," he said, adding that when the market goes through corrections, investors get the chance to buy shares at a lower price.

Meanwhile, turnover, an important Management. The mobile operator raised Tk 524 indicator of the stock market, rose 6.35 per cent to Tk 2,108 crore.

> Among the 369 traded stocks, 56 advanced, 248 dropped and 55 remained the same at the DSE.

Investors are rearranging their portfolios with the sectors that moved comparatively less in the last few days, another stock broker said.

"So, almost all sectors dropped except engineering and mutual funds," he added.

Stocks of the engineering sector rose 1.15 per cent yesterday while mutual funds saw an increase of around 1 per cent. Non-bank financial institutions dropped 4.04 per cent and general insurance fell 2.95 per cent, according to data from UCB Capital

AIBL First Mutual Fund topped

the gainers' list, rising 10 per cent followed by Alif Manufacturing, Asian Insurance, Unilever, and CAPM IBBL Mutual Fund.

Robi Axiata traded the most followed by Beximco, LankaBangla Finance, LafargeHolcim Bangladesh.

Meghna Milk shed the most, losing 9.6 per cent followed by BIFC, Emerald Oil, Tallu Spinning and Shinepukur Ceramics.

The port city bourse also fell yesterday. The general index of the Chittagong Stock Exchange, CASPI dropped 249 points, or 1.45 per cent, to stand at 17,840.

Of the 282 traded stocks, 51 rose, 198 fell and 33 remained unchanged.

Interoperability across all financial systems this year FROM PAGE B1 will be able to purchase products

The IDTP will generate an account profile of every registered client, which will provide an "alias" to clients.

REUTERS/FILE

The alias will be created by using the name of clients. As a result, they will not need to disclose the account number. The alias will represent all accounts of a client.

"The IDTP will help people transact money without using their account number, which will subsequently reduce fraudulent activities," said Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director of Mutual Trust Bank, which will take part in the pilot scheme.

According to Rahman, cashless transaction will receive a huge momentum when clients are able to deposit or withdraw money on a realtime basis from banks, PSPs and MFS providers through the IDTP.

The registered clients of the IDTP

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The new system will be highly secure as clients will have to be verified through a two-factor authentication for every transaction. Banks, PSPs and MFS providers will provide clients a one-time password when they attempt to carry out a transaction.

will "Money-laundering be tackled to a great extent when the IDTP commences its operation," said Mohammad Ali, an additional

clients will check the issue, he said.

E-commerce tremendously as well, Ali said.

Banks and MFS providers often offer discounts. Under the new system, clients will transfer money from one account to another account, which is offering the discounts, to purchase the products. There is a big gap between the clients of banks and users of MFS providers in terms of using fund in a common platform, but the new system will bring clients under a uniform payment platform, Ali said.

'The cost of cash transaction will reduce significantly when the IDTP becomes operational," said Md Arfan Ali, managing director of Bank Asia.

Clients will not require to withdraw money from MFS providers, PSPs and banks as they can easily move money from one channel to another channel. As a result, the money will always remain in the financial network.

United Air shareholders on the verge of losing everything

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It incurred losses of Tk 139.17 crore in fiscal 2016-17, up 8.11 percent year-on-year. On June 30, 2017, its accumulated loss stood at Tk 277.41 crore. It has not published its financial reports since.

"The company has little possibility of flying again. So, we want to prevent United Airways flagged off its new investors from putting their commercial operation on July 10, money into such a company," said a 2007 with a Dash-8 aircraft. top official of the BSEC.

done earlier. The company was used of Bangladesh as aeronautical and for gambling, so the delisting is not a wrong move.

"The fraud sponsors sold off their shares. Now, there is no reason to keep the company listed as it has no potential," he said. Established on June 28, 2005,

Airport. He said eight of the company's aircrafts had remained abandoned at the cargo approach area for the last four years, disrupting loading and unloading activities of cargo aircraft at the prime airport of the Within a short period, it had spread country.

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each of 1600kg Fire Lift & 1 No. of 3500kg Car Lift.								

response) code. A QR code is a type of barcode that stores information as a series of pixels in a square grid and can easily be read

by smartphones.

managing director of Pubali Bank. A launderer may try to invest their ill-gotten wealth in phases in various financial institutions, but the alias of

"So, we have delisted it," he said, adding that this is a regular practice in international markets.

The official also said that many people invested in United Airways despite witnessing that the shares were plunging. Investors need to consider a company's future while making investment decisions.

"If we find companies that have little potential to make a turnaround, we may delist them as well. So, people should be careful while investing in junk stocks."

Prof Abu Ahmed, a stock market analyst, welcomed the BSEC move.

"The BSEC has done the right

its wings to international airspace with flights to Kolkata, Dubai, Kathmandu, Kuala Lumpur, Jeddah, Muscat and London.

United Airways operated more than 65,000 international flights and at one point had cornered 60 per cent of domestic air travel.

In 2010, it was listed with the DSE and the Chittagong Stock Exchange, raising Tk 100 crore from the capital market through an initial public offering.

The company has a term loan of Tk 32.98 crore and short-term loan of Tk 120.75 crore, DSE data showed.

United Airways owes Tk 175.50 thing. In fact, it should have been crore to the Civil Aviation Authority

Tasbirul Ahmed Choudhury, chairman of United Airways, could not be reached for comment.

The shares of United Airways traded at Tk 1.90 on the DSE on Tuesday. It had traded between Tk 6.8 and Tk 7.2 before the operation suspension.

Islam of VIPB Asset Management Company said he supported the delisting because every company should maintain some minimum criteria to remain listed.

"Some other companies should be delisted too," he added.

An analyst said the sponsors were mainly responsible for the failure of United Airways but it is the general investors who are bearing the brunt.

of the Energy and Mineral Resources

Division to purchase 30,000 tonnes of diesel from Numaligarh Refinery

of India for Tk 107.72 crore for six

FINANCE MINISTER'S BRIEFING

Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal hoped for the United Nations

Committee for Development Policy

graduation to a developing country in

become eligible to get the upgradation

from the least developed category on

this time would be historic, especially

because Bangladesh was observing

the birth centenary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman alongside its

50th anniversary of independence.

a second assessment this February.

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He claimed Bangladesh had

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During a briefing after the meeting,

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15.	Tender la	ast selling date	14/02/2021					
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25.		official inviting tender	Md. Mahidur Rahman.					
26.	Designat	ion of official inviting tender	Project Director.					
27.		of official inviting tender	Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban (3rd Floor), Agrabad C/A, Chittagong-4100,					

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Project Director

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Jamuna Oil Company Limited reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason. If the tender cannot be

received/opened on the schedule date due to any unavoidable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at same time and

Govt approves import of 50,000 tonnes of wheat committee also approved a proposal

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Tk 12,793 crore.

activities in 2020-21.

Towfiqul Islam

However, till date, the approval has been given for the import of 3.50 lakh tonnes by the purchase committee for the Directorate of Food to boost grain reserves

Out of this 3.50 lakh tonnes, the committee on January 6 approved three proposals of the directorate for the purchase of 2.5 lakh tonnes from Indian and Singaporean firms.

Earlier in December 2020, the nod was given for the import of 1 lakh tonnes.

The food ministry is also planning to import more rice from India and Myanmar.

It has also allowed private firms to import the staple grain in order to increase domestic supply and contain volatile prices sweeping through local markets earlier this month.

The food ministry has so far given these issues properly. permission for the private sector to

"At the same time, the government will

need to ensure unabated progress in

the implementation of high priority,

expenditure in December 2020

dropped 19 per cent year-on-year to

214,611 crore to carry out development

The IMED data showed that the

The government has set aside Tk

Khan,senior

high quality projects," he added.

import 8.16 lakh tonnes of rice. The food ministry on January 12 formed a "control room" to monitor and collect data on the import of rice by the private sector.

Six senior officials, including three senior assistant secretaries to the ministry, have been tasked with carrying out the coordination of the "control room".

The officials are expected to utilise a number of methods.

This includes keeping a tab on the number of letters of credit (LCs) opened against the approved amount, whether the imports were being made through L/Cs and disruptions in the import process.

It will also be noted where the imported rice was being sold and whether the field level officials of the Directorate of Food were monitoring

In yesterday's meeting the

ADP spending drop deepest in 11yrs ADP planned did not take into Khan said fiscal space would consideration the impact of Covid-19 continue to be constrained.

> and constrained fiscal space. "So, this implementation status is against an inflated target. Hence, the total ADP expenditure during the first half of the fiscal year is not very surprising," he said.

He said the government was right to put restrictions on ADP related expenditures immediately after the budget was passed. It was critical for the ADP to be revised and since it was research fellow of the Centre for not carried out at that time, it should Policy Dialogue (CPD), said the be done immediately, he said.

"Overall ADP expenditure is expected to be subdued during the rest of the year. It is important that implementation of important projects which are closer to be completed is

more closely monitored," he added. From policy perspective, the government must focus on ensuring good governance and efficient use of public money. Immediate steps are required to stop corruption and wastage of public money, Khan added

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BUSINESS

Barishal's BSCIC industrial city counts the cost of neglect

Development works to resume soon, officials say

SUSHANTA GHOSH

The Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation's (BSCIC) industrial city in Barishal is yet to utilise its full potential due to a lack of infrastructural facilities.

Currently its production volume and employment generation are just half of what it was estimated to be capable of, according to BSCIC officials and industrialists.

Against this backdrop, they called for speedy initiatives to develop the infrastructure to create a "model industrial city".

Established in 1960, it is the largest industrial city in Bangladesh, covering 130.31 acres of land in Barishal's Kawnia area.

And from the very beginning, the infrastructure facilities present at the estate were not that good, they said.

Even the roads are very narrow and dilapidated while a lack of streetlights drastically reduces visibility after dark, making movement risky.

Due to these reasons, only a few companies have gone into production since 2000, said Jahirul Islam, an official of the BSCIC.

There are no more than 12 or 14 active manufacturing facilities, utilising around 150 of the 470 plots available in the area and employing about 8,000 people.

Most of the companies active in the industrial city are trading based. Besides, companies that had taken at least 10 to 12 plots have completely ceased activities.

"However, if the infrastructure facilities are developed, production and employment would at least double," Islam said.

Over Tk 650 core has been invested in this BSCIC area and if the infrastructure was developed, it would be possible to allot 100 more plots, he added.

Fortune Shoes, said when it rains at the industrial city, the ground sinks and this leads to accidents.

"No one wants to come here while the production environment is totally hampered due to poor infrastructure facilities. So we want





A lack of adequate infrastructure at the BSCIC industrial city in Barishal has left the estate in a state of disarray. Clockwise, the derelict BSCIC office in the area is long overdue for an upgrade while the development of a new manufacturing unit and road has been stalled for issues raised by the Barishal City Corporation.

low-lying land has been stopped by

Barishal City Corporation (BCC),"

said Md Jalish Mahmud, deputy

However, BCC Mayor Serniabat

"We ordered them to not fill

Sadik Abdullah told journalists that

they did not order the BSCIC to

low lands (extracting earth from

general manager of the BSCIC.

ongoing infrastructure development projects," Rahman added.

Development work worth Tk Mizanur Rahman, chairman of 71.5 crore started in the area last October. This includes betterment of the roads, boundary walls and lighting facilities.

According to the BSCIC authorities, almost all the commercial activities in the area have come to a standstill due to speedy implementation of the issues raised by the city corporation.

"Meanwhile, filling of 37 acres of as it is totally illegal and some industrialists already grabbed some road side land. So, we ordered them to return land they grabbed," Abdullah said.

After visiting the area, it was found that all development works had been put on halt.

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BSCIC's Mahmud said if all the development works were not completed by June next year, the allocated money would be returned. rivers) using dredger machines

People working from home need better protection: ILO

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

People that work from home need better protection, especially since their numbers have greatly increased due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, according to a report from the International Labour Organization (ILO) issued yesterday.

'Since working from home occurs in a private environment, it is often considered *invisible',"* the ILO said in its report styled, Working from home. From invisibility to decent work'.

These people are usually worse off financially than those who work outside their homes, even when it comes to higherskilled professions.

On average, home-based workers earn 13 per cent less than their traditional counterparts in the UK, 22 per cent less in the US, 25 per cent less in South Africa and about 50 per cent less in Argentina, India and Mexico.

They also face greater health and safety risks, the report said.

Besides, they also have less access to training compared to non home-based workers, it added.

The report also shows that home workers do not receive the same level of social protection as other workers and are less likely to be a part of a trade union or be covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Prior to the Covid-19 crisis, the number of home-based workers worldwide stood at about 260 million, 56 per cent of which were women, representing roughly 7.9 per cent of global employment.

They include tele workers who work remotely on a continual basis and a vast number of people who are involved in the production of goods that cannot be automated, such as embroidery, handicrafts and electronics assembly.

platform workers and service providers, such as processing insurance claims, copyediting and data annotation for artificial intelligence systems.

In the first months of the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020, an estimated one-in-five workers found themselves working from home.

Data for the whole year, once it is available, is expected to show a substantial increase in home-based workers compared to the previous year. The growth of working from home is likely to continue in the coming years.

This brings renewed urgency to the need to address the issues facing home workers and their employers, the report said.

Home working is often poorly regulated and compliance with existing laws remains a challenge. In many cases, home workers are classified as independent contractors and are therefore excluded from the scope of labour legislation.

Many countries around the world have legislation, sometimes complemented by collective agreements, that addresses various decent work deficits associated with working from home.

But still, only 10 ILO member states have ratified Convention No. 177, that promotes equality of treatment between home workers and other wage earners.

"Few already have a comprehensive policy on working from home," said Janine Berg, ILO senior economist and one of the report's authors.

report includes concrete The recommendations to make home working more visible and therefore, better protected.

For industrial home workers, the report underlines the importance of facilitating their transition to the formal economy by extending legal protections, improving compliance, generalising written contracts, providing access to social security and making home workers aware of their rights.

Another category includes digital



Working from home is often poorly regulated and compliance with existing laws remains a challenge.

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stop development works.

Indonesia could be Asia's next Islamic finance hub

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Indonesia ended 2020 with record highs in Islamic finance development, with the State of the Global Islamic Economy Report (SGIER) 2020-2021 raising the ranking of Indonesia's Islamic finance industry to 4th from 5th, after Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

Islamic The finance development indicator (IFDI) for 2020 revealed that Indonesia's rankings also rose from 4th to 2nd in Islamic finance development and from 8th to 7th in Islamic financial assets, with the latter increasing 15 percent to US\$99 billion.

National The Islamic Economics Finance and Committee (KNEKS), which acts as the conductor of a giant orchestra that comprises Indonesia's Islamic economics architecture, has developed an integrated map of the country's Islamic economics and finance ecosystem that gives an eagle's eye view of the roles and positions of stakeholders, players, regulators, infrastructures, IT. human resources and the public.

in encouraging every aspect of the merger will scale up its capability ecosystem to make considerable and capacity to compete at both improvements, despite its modest national and international levels political power. In Islamic and thereby step up the sector's commercial finance, Indonesia entered 2021 with a plan for a grand transformation: the growth. megamerger of the country's three largest Islamic banks, Bank Syariah Mandiri (BSM), BNI Syariah and BRI Syariah, to establish the stateowned Islamic bank Bank Syariah

trillion (\$1.5 billion) in equity (as trillion in assets, amounting to of November 2020), the BUKU almost half of Indonesia's total III category BSI will have strong Islamic banking assets, BSI will

game, which has long been deemed as having snail's pace

While it will be the only Indonesian Islamic bank in the BUKU III category (the rest are still BUKU II or BUKU I), BSI plans to step up to the highest Indonesia (BSI) in February 2021. rank of BUKU IV by the second Creating a bank with Rp 21.5 quarter of 2022. With Rp 232.5 capital to compete in Indonesia's be counted among the top 10

It has done a tremendous job Islamic banking sector. The banks in Indonesia as well as the attention to waqf. Indonesia top 10 Islamic banks in the world. Stronger capital, wide-ranging and of products and services, as well as significant employee upskilling, are some critical points BSI should be aware of to win the battle.

In Islamic social finance, Indonesia has tons of potential in faith-based social funds for zakat (obligatory alms) and Indonesia Waqf Board (BWI). voluntary charitable donations In Islamic microfinance, micro like waqf, infaq, and sadaqah. While struggling to collect zakat (realizing only 4.4 percent Amin recently asking the industry of potential zakat in 2019), to boost their development.

is estimated to have Rp 180 trillion in potential cash waqf substantial transformations in IT and 11,000 hectares in current infrastructure and digitalization land waqf. Recently, it introduced waqf sukuk, or cash waqf-linked sukuk (CWLS), an Islamic bond financed by waqf.

The government in March 2020 issued CWLS SW001, its first CWLS, through a private placement scheme with the waqf bank (BWM) is the current trend, with Vice President Ma'ruf Indonesia has been giving more BWM is not a bank, but waqf-

based microfinance. Mirroring Bangladesh's microfinance pioneer, Grameen Bank, BWM follows the basic microfinance model of financing microenterprises excluded from formal financial institutions because they lack physical collateral.

The group lending model based on peer pressure (if one member defaults, the other group members will not get their loans) acts as social collateral that substitutes physical collateral. Unfortunately, Indonesia's Islamic microfinance institutions (IMFI) have less favorable reputations due to mismanagement as a result of a lack of regulation and oversight.

Despite President Joko Widodo's support for this alternative economic system through establishing the KNEKS, legislative support is still critical to the industry's development, such as by approving the Islamic economics bill.

An umbrella legislation, this bill is urgently needed, as it regulates all activities in Islamic economics, incorporates significant fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to provide a level playing field and encourages stakeholders to actively take part in the Islamic economics and finance ecosystem. Indonesia has only a few existing regulations on sectors of Islamic finance: Islamic banking, Islamic securities, Islamic giving and halal product assurance.

We need more regulations to govern other sectors, such as Islamic capital market, Islamic insurance, Islamic pension funds, Islamic export financing, Islamic deposit insurance, Islamic pawnbroking, Islamic venture capital, Islamic microfinance, Islamic fintech, halal tourism, Islamic fashion and halal media and recreation.

Pandemic boosts profits at India's Infosys

AFP, Mumbai

Indian software giant Infosys Wednesday reported a 16.6 percent jump in quarterly net profits, boosted by a string of lucrative new deals and growing demand for digital services during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Bangalore-headquartered firm said its net profit rose to 51.97 billion rupees (\$710 million) for the October-December quarter, up from 44.57 billion a year earlier. The third quarter is traditionally a weak one for India's IT industry, but CEO Salil Parekh said new partnerships with top global companies such as Daimler and Rolls-Royce had helped to boost the firm's bottom line.

Quarterly revenue at India's second-largest IT company climbed 12.3 percent to 259.27 billion rupees from a year ago.

India's software outsourcing industry has proved a rare bright spot for the beleaguered economy, with Infosys and rival Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) both offering employees salary hikes in 2020 even as the country faces a prolonged slowdown and high unemployment.

Qualcomm eyes challenge to Apple, Intel with \$1.4b deal for chip startup

REUTERS

Qualcomm Inc on Wednesday said it will acquire Nuvia Inc, a chip startup founded by Apple Inc veterans, for \$1.4 billion, with plans to put the firm's technology into its smartphone, laptop and automotive processors.

The deal marks a big push by Qualcomm to reestablish a leading position in chip performance after several years of high-profile patent licensing litigation with rival Apple and regulatory authorities.

It also comes amid a change in the helm with Qualcomm announcing this month that Cristiano Amon, its current president and head of its silicon division, will replace outgoing CEO Steven Mollenkopf, effective June 30.

Founded by three of Apple's former top semiconductor executives in charge of iPhone chips, Nuvia has been working on a custom CPU core design that it had said would be used in server chips.



A Qualcomm sign is pictured at the Mobile World Congress in Shanghai, China. REUTERS/FILE



A Bank Mandiri Syariah employee serves a customer at the Islamic lender's Central Jakarta office.