



Md Bakhtiar Alam

### ICMAB Dhaka branch top brass elected

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The Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh (ICMAB) recently saw the election of a chairman and vice chairman of its Dhaka Branch Council for 2021.

The chairman, Md Bakhtiar Alam, is the associate head of corporation finance at Perfetti Van Melle Bangladesh Pvt, while the vice chairman, Syed Abdulla Al Mamun, deputy CEO at the Credit Rating Information & Services.

Sandhani Life Finance CEO Muhammad Nazrul Islam and Mannan Bapari, vice president at the South Bangla Agriculture and Commerce Bank, became secretary and treasurer respectively, according to a statement.



ACI Motors CEO FH Ansarey and Executive Director Subrata Ranjan Das pose at its headquarters in Dhaka recently centring the distribution of motorcycles among technicians and engineers for after-sales service for Yanmar harvesters.



Standard Bank CEO Khandaker Rashed Maqsood attends an event at the bank's head office in Dhaka on Monday marking International Women's Day 2021.

## Kiam Metal plans to set up Tk 850cr glassware factory

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The domestic demand for glassware is around 1.3 crore pieces per month, or roughly Tk 140 crore, industry insiders say.

However, there is no reliable data on the market's actual size.

Local manufacturers Nasir Glassware and GMS cater to 65 per cent of the country's demand while the rest is imported from countries such as China, France and Indonesia.

Being a pioneer in the industry, the company has since become the largest kitchenware producer in Bangladesh.

Kiam Metal Industries manufactures non-stick cookware, aluminium utensils, enamelware and a host of other kitchen products that can substitute imports for domestic consumption.

"Not long ago, these products were imported but now, the quality products made by Kiam Metal Industries have won the hearts of consumers," said Rahman.

After meeting domestic demand, the company exports its products to various destinations, including the US, Canada, Dubai and Australia.

### Govt pushes for green growth

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Similarly, the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) issued a statutory regulatory order to get battery-run electric vehicles registered.

Wasim Zakariah, chairman of the standing committee on research and development at the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, endorsed the formation of the two committees so that comprehensive policies in these important areas can be framed.

Besides, sectoral incentives should

be based on that sector or industry's contribution to recycling.

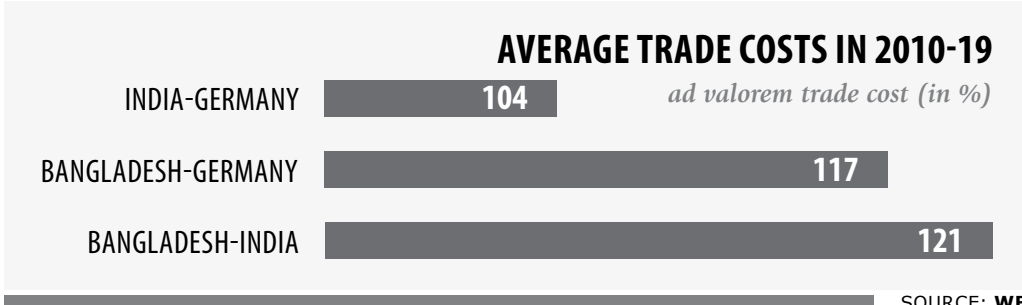
"The government may come up with policy incentives for garment factories in order to promote plastic waste management," Zakariah said.

"We currently do not have any kind of chemical safety management policy in place, which leads to accidents around our industry," he added.

Zakariah also urged the government to form a platform that would be responsible for recycling all kinds of waste.

## FTA can raise exports to India by 182pc: WB

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Night time light intensity per capita across the country highlights the concentration of economic activity around the capital.



Traditionally, the districts between the western border with India and Jamuna river have lagged behind the eastern part of the country, largely because of their limited connectivity and hence, limited market access.

Poverty in southwest Bangladesh is higher than in most eastern districts, the WB report said. Western districts are far away from the capital and the main seaport in Chattogram because of the Jamuna river, which is crossable via only a single bridge.

These western districts' access to Indian markets is very limited because of the thick border with India, even though they are only a short distance from Kolkata.

All districts in Bangladesh would benefit from integration, with the eastern districts enjoying larger gains in real income.

Bangladeshi districts would see reductions in prices of goods and inputs from India and receive higher prices for their exports, becoming more competitive, the report said.

The eastern districts would benefit the most because of their comparative advantage, which would lead the southeastern workers to migrate to the north and east, raising real wages by as much as 37 per cent.

On connecting local markets, the report said

that regional trade and transport initiatives typically linked major centres and trade gateways.

The initiatives are often designed around corridors that offer superior infrastructure, harmonised policies and procedures to facilitate trade and transport and supportive institutional mechanisms to coordinate among the many stakeholders.

Corridors are high-capacity systems that are most efficient when they facilitate the unimpeded movement of large volumes of traffic.

In order to benefit the communities and centres in regions through which the corridors pass, it is important to create on and off ramps for rural communities and intermediate centres to access each corridor.

As doing so could compromise the efficiency of a corridor, there is a need for careful design of local access solutions.

The report also stressed on the need for

taking several measures to improve women's participation in export-oriented agricultural value chains.

These measures need to be grounded in the realities of women's lives and the fact that gender norms change slowly.

The most effective strategies are ones that are applied to value chain products and processes in nodes in which women are already participating.

Removing blockages to adding value at these nodes and increasing women's control of income over benefits can have direct impacts on returns to female value chain participants and be used to incrementally facilitate behaviour and norm changes.

In designing these strategies, care should be exercised to ensure that there are no unintended consequences for women in terms of increased violence against them, the World Bank said in its report.

## Janata casts a pall on banking sector's profit

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Banks' profitability mainly depends on the disbursement of loans. The interest income on loans declined last year after the central bank capped the lending rate at a maximum of 9 per cent in April.

But, some lenders with a strong presence in the area of retail and technology-based banking service made higher profits.

Naser Ezaz Bijoy, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, said his bank had focused on ensuring asset quality last year to tackle classified loans.

"A good amount of foreign direct investment flew to the country through our bank. This brought fees and commissions," he said.

DBBL Managing Director Abul Kashem Md Shirin credited the retail banking operation of the bank for the hefty profit.

In the last several years, the bank rolled out a number of technology-based banking products, which are bringing positive outcomes for the private commercial lender.

The net profit of DBBL fell to Tk 550 crore after the audit programme. It made Tk 480 crore in 2019.

Ten banks posted losses last year, with most of them largely because of scams that caused in the past due to a lack of corporate

governance.

The banks that faced net losses include BASIC, Krishi, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan, Bangladesh Commerce, Community, ICB Islamic, Padma, National Bank of Pakistan and Habib Bank.

Md Ehsan Khasru, managing director of Padma Bank, said the net loss of the bank stood at Tk 350 crore when it was restructured three years ago.

"The net loss is gradually decreasing. We have taken a plan to turn the bank profitable by 2022."

Padma Bank faced a net loss of Tk 151 crore last year.

Bangladesh Krishi Bank lost Tk 533 crore in the first half of the current fiscal year as the lender calculated the profit on a fiscal year basis.

Md Ali Hossain Prodhania, managing director of Krishi Bank, said the lender had been facing default loans since 2012 when it gave out funds to the non-farm sector.

"Our loan recovery trend from the farm sector is excellent. But, a large amount of fund has been stuck in the non-farm sector, which made it a loss-making bank," he said.

BASIC Bank lost Tk 366 crore and Bangladesh Commerce Bank Tk 119 crore last year.

### Online travel market to witness huge growth: experts

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And Amadeus organised the event at Pan Pacific onargaon Dhaka.

Presenting a session's keynote paper, the publication Editor Kazi Wahidul Alam said online travel agencies started emerging in Bangladesh in 2017 and presently there were over 50, providing a myriad of services such as ticket and hotel booking and visa processing.

Citing a 2019 prediction that online travel agencies would claim a market share of over 45 per cent by 2025, he said it was quite possible considering the 58 per cent internet penetration among the 164.5 million population.

He also cited that the e-commerce market was worth \$2 billion in Bangladesh generating 40,000 online orders per day while 685,000 card transactions were being made a day, 1.90 million bank transfers a month and \$97.4 million digital payments a year.

Moreover, 9.5 million transactions were being made through mobile financial services amounting to \$173.5 million per day, he said.

The other keynote paper on travel and technology was presented by Tina Jabeen, managing director and chief executive officer of Startup Bangladesh.

There were two panel discussions participated by representatives from airlines, global distribution system companies, financial institutions and online travel agencies.

Ibne Fazal Shayekhuzzaman, director of Biman Bangladesh Airlines; Rizwan Rahman, president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Monsur Ahmed Kalam, president of the Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh, and Syed Almas Kabir, president of the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services, spoke among others.

## MCCI calls for cutting land registration fees

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The government's support for businesses is required for recovery from the Covid-19 induced uncertainty, according to a press release.

The next budget is also important from the perspective of Bangladesh making the United Nations status graduation to a developing country from least developed one by 2026.

"We have always been emphasising on making budget management dynamic. The MCCI believes that businesses will pay spontaneously if budget management is transparent and dynamic," said Kabir.

The MCCI lauded the government for reducing tax rates for publicly non-listed companies to 32.5 per cent from 35 per cent.

"However, the effective tax rates are much higher," said Kabir, adding that taxes go up to 50-60 per cent in some cases when import duty on intermediate goods and finished products are taken into account.

"This is affecting business seriously and discouraging foreign investment," he said.

The trade body also demanded the revenue authority reinstate an appeal procedure for settling value added tax (VAT) related disputes between companies and field offices of the

revenue authority.

It said introduction of a system of revision for VAT to resolve disputes was not yielding appropriate results.

The MCCI also demanded that the NBR reconsider the incentives given to the taxmen for increasing the collection of taxes.

It said the law provides for incentive for those taxmen who can collect higher amounts of taxes. As a result of this, an uneven competition is seen among official for which businesses suffer, said the MCCI.

"So we appeal for reconsideration of the system," it said.

**Rajshahi University**  
Office of the Central Science Laboratory  
**Invitation for Tender (OTM)**

1. Organization	University of Rajshahi.
2. Procuring entity name	Director, Central Science Laboratory.
3. Procuring entity district	Rajshahi.
4. Invitation for	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Research equipments.
5. Invitation Ref. No.	36/2021/CSLab.
6. Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
7. Budget and source of fund	GoB.
8. Name of project	Procurement of Laboratory Equipments.
9. Tender Package No.	G 01.
10. Tender publication and document selling date & time	10/03/2021, 10:00am to 2:00pm.
11. Tender document last selling date & time	30/03/2021, 02:00pm.
12. Tender closing date and time	31/03/2021, 12:00 Noon.
13. Tender opening date & time	31/03/2021, 12:30pm.
14.	Name and address of the office Central Science Laboratory, Rajshahi University. Office of the Treasurer, Rajshahi University, Rajshahi-6205. Office of the Treasurer, Rajshahi University, Rajshahi-6205.

**INFORMATION FOR TENDERER**

15. **Eligibility for tenderer**  
Tenderers, if applying as a sole tenderer, shall submit documentary evidence to establish its eligibility as stated under ITT Clause 5 and, in particular, it shall:  
(a) Complete the eligibility declarations in the Tender Submission Letter (Form PG3-1);  
(b) Complete the Tenderer Information (Form PG3-2);  
(c) Tenderer should have valid up-to-date trade licence, VAT certificate, TIN certificate, import registration certificate etc.  
(d) Tenderer shall have a minimum of 05 (five) years of general experience in the supply of goods and related services.  
(e) The satisfactory completion of supply of Scientific Goods of minimum BDT 2,00,00,000.00 (Two crore only) under a single contract in the last 03 (three) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper.  
(f) Tenderers from all countries selected by the Bangladesh Government  
(g) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s), net of other contractual commitments is BDT 2,10,00,000.00 (Two crore ten lac only).

16. Name of the work	Tender security amount (in Taka)	Price of tender document (in Tk) (non-refundable)	Completion time (in days)
1. (a) Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) with EDS (b) Profliometer (Spectroscopic Ellipsometer)	6,65,000.00 (in the form of BD/PO/Bank Guaranty (As per prescribed form) in favour of Director, Central Science Laboratory, Rajshahi University.	2500.00	90 days

**PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS**

17. Name of official inviting tender	Professor Dr. M. Rafiqul Ahsan.
18. Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Central Science Laboratory, Rajshahi University.
19. Address of official inviting tender	Rajshahi University, Rajshahi-6205.
20. Contact details of official inviting tender	0721711124, Website: www.ru.ac.bd/csclab, E-mail: directorcsclab@ru.ac.bd
21.	The university authority reserves the right to accept or all the tenders without assigning any reason therefor.

Note: If the last date of selling and receiving the tender document fall in any holiday or the office remains closed due to any unavoidable circumstances, the same shall be done on the next working days respectively.

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**ইসলামিক মিশন**  
**ইসলামিক ফাউন্ডেশন**

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শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭

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**এলোপ্যাথিক ও হোমিওপ্যাথিক ঔষধ সরবরাহের জন্য ঔষধ কোম্পানী তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

ইসলামিক ফাউন্ডেশনের অধীনে ইসলামিক মিশন বিভাগের ২০২১-২২ অর্থবছরের জন্য এলোপ্যাথিক ঔষধ ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে এলোপ্যাথিক ঔষধ প্রস্তুতকারী কোম্পানী ও হোমিওপ্যাথিক ঔষধ ক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে হোমিওপ্যাথিক ঔষধ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নিম্নোক্ত গ্রুপসমূহে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাডে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

গ্রুপ-কঃ ইসলামিক মিশন ডায়াগনস্টিক সেন্টার বায়তুল মোকাররম, ইসলামিক মিশন স্বাস্থ্যসেবা কেন্দ্র, আগারগাঁও, ঢাকা এবং দেশের বিভিন্ন জেলায় অবস্থিত ৫০টি ইসলামিক মিশন কেন্দ্রের জন্য এলোপ্যাথিক ঔষধ সরবরাহের কাজ।

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২। উপর্যুক্ত প্রত্যেক গ্রুপে তালিকাভুক্তির ফি বাবদ আবেদনের সাথে "ইসলামিক মিশন" শিরোনামে যে কোনো তরফিলী ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার আকারে ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকা (অফেসভযোগ্য) জমা দিতে হবে। ২টি গ্রুপে তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত আবেদনপত্র সংক্রান্ত তথ্যাদি আগামী ০১/৩/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে ইসলামিক মিশন বিভাগ (১০ম তলা) হতে সংশ্লিষ্ট প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে পরিচালক মিশন বরাবরে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।

৩। প্রত্যেক গ্রুপের তালিকাভুক্তির জন্য ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদ, হালনাগাদ নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, টিন (TIN), ভ্যাট ও আয়কর সনদ, অন্য প্রতিষ্ঠানে তালিকাভুক্তি থাকলে তার সনদপত্র ও অন্যান্য প্রয়োজনীয় কাগজপত্রের ফটোকপি সহ পরিচালক, ইসলামিক মিশন বরাবরে সীলগালা খামে প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিজস্ব প্যাডে আগামী ২৫/৩/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ের মধ্যে ইসলামিক মিশন বিভাগের ১০ম তলায় রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাঞ্ছ জমা করতে হবে। কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়া সকল আবেদনপত্র বাতিল কিংবা যে কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।

**ডাঃ এ বি এম জাহাঙ্গীর আলম**  
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