



NCC Bank celebrated its 28th anniversary cutting a cake at its head office recently. The bank organised a virtual meeting which was addressed by Chairman SM Abu Mohsin, Vice-Chairman Md Abul Bashar and Managing Director and CEO Mohammad Mamdudur Rashid.

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Toyota Motor shares hit record high

REUTERS

Shares of Toyota Motor rose for a third straight session and hit a record high on Tuesday, as investors continued to bet on the Japanese automaker's ability to tackle a global chip shortage better than its rivals.

The rise in Toyota shares helped lift stocks of other car makers that have come under pressure due to competition from electric vehicle manufacturers as well as chip shortages.

"As supply chain disruptions due to chip shortage hamper the automaker industry, Toyota has been regarded as the company investors can buy," Nobuhiko Kuramochi, senior strategist at Mizuho Securities, said.

Toyota, the top Japanese company by market capitalisation and the world's biggest automaker, has weathered the chip shortage better than many of its rivals and has forecast a return to pre-pandemic profit levels this year.

US, Europe close lower as traders weigh recovery, new infections

AFP, New York

Fears about inflation and rising Covid-19 infections in several countries dimmed the mood in global markets Monday and drove the dollar down, although there was good news on trade as Brussels and Washington called a truce on metals tariffs.

European and US markets both closed lower, with Wall Street starting the week in a grumpy mood after Friday's exuberant finish. Tech stocks were hit hardest, with the Nasdaq losing 0.4 per cent.

Mounting price pressures in the United States are raising fears the Federal Reserve could call time on its easy money policies, although the central bank has said it will ride out volatility in inflation data caused by comparisons with the early months of the pandemic last year. "The Fed continues to talk down inflation, saying it's a sign of economic strength and activity, but the

question is how much inflation is good for the economy," Peter Cardillo of Spartan Capital Securities told AFP.

In an appearance ahead of Wednesday's closely watched publication of minutes from the central bank's latest policy meeting, Fed Vice Chair Richard Clarida said "it may take more time to reopen a \$20 trillion economy than it did to shut it down," but offered no signs of a change in policy.

With the Fed focused on the jobs side of its dual mandate, "our baseline view is that achieving maximum employment will not put unwanted or unwelcome upward pressure on the price level," he said.

In Asia, Singapore and Taiwan both tightened restrictions to control rising coronavirus infections, while Chinese retail sales fell short of expectations, cooling hopes that consumption there would help power a global post-coronavirus recovery.



The 'Fearless Girl' statue opposite the New York Stock Exchange at Wall Street.

AFP/FILE

Biden to pitch his \$174b electric vehicle plan in Michigan

REUTERS, Washington

President Joe Biden will make the case for his \$174 billion electric vehicle plan on Tuesday, calling for government grants for new battery production facilities during a visit to a Ford Motor electric vehicle plant in Michigan.

He will also rule out consumer incentives for high-priced electric luxury models, according to a White House fact sheet reviewed by Reuters, as he argues for dramatic government spending to prod Americans to buy electric

vehicles at a preview of Ford's new EV F-150 pickup truck.

The White House wants to encourage new battery production facilities, which are key to ramping up US electric vehicle manufacturing.

Biden's plan "proposes cost-sharing grants to support new high capacity battery facilities in the United States, recognizing that new businesses may not be able to access tax credits but can pitch in their fair share as they scale their operations," the previously unreported White House fact sheet said.

It also backs grants to fund the retooling of shuttered factories "to build advanced vehicles and parts." The centerpiece of Biden's EV plan is \$100 billion in consumer rebates, according to an April US Transportation Department email to lawmakers.

The White House fact sheet says Biden's plan provides "point-of-sale incentives that encourage EV deployment. These incentives will not go towards expensive luxury models and will also incentivize manufacturers who use good labor practices."

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Ref. No. 28.03.0000.041.01.013.19 (HRS-02) Dated: 18 May, 2021

CORRIGENDUM

INVITATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RE-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF
HOT-ROLLED MILD STEEL PLATE.

This is to notify for all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances tender notice vide Ref. No. 28.03.0000.041.01.013.19 (HRS-02); Dated: 01 April, 2021 has been amended/corrected as follows:

Tender Ref. No.	SI	Description	Existing	Amended
28.03.0000.041.01.013.19 (HRS-02) Dated: 01st April, 2021.	13	Tender Last Selling Date	19-05-2021.	10-06-2021.
	14	Tender Closing Date and Time	20-05-2021, Time: 1200 Hours (BST)	13-06-2021, Time: 1200 Hours (BST)
	15	Tender Opening Date and Time	20-05-2021, Time: 1215 Hours (BST)	13-06-2021, Time: 1215 Hours (BST)
	16	Offer Validity Time	16-08-2021, Time: 1700 Hours (BST)	09-09-2021, Time: 1700 Hours (BST)

All other terms & conditions of the tender notice/document will remain unchanged.

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US eyes cybersecurity funding after hacks

REUTERS, Washington

The Biden Administration is intensifying its focus on cybersecurity spending after a wave of massive hacks, proposing new funding in the wake of the Colonial Pipeline ransomware attack this month.

In a statement on Tuesday, the White House laid out the cyber element of President Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan, including \$20 billion for localities to harden energy systems and \$2 billion in grants for energy grids in high-risk areas.

Biden's planned \$100 billion broadband investment plan is also being presented as cybersecurity spending on the grounds that grant recipients will be asked to source from "trusted vendors."

The security of the US energy grid has long been a worry for cybersecurity experts. Regional blackouts in 2003 and 2011 drew attention to the vulnerability of the power system and examples from abroad have also drawn concern.

Last year the US Department of Justice charged Russian intelligence officers with brazen attacks on Ukraine's grid that briefly left millions without electricity.

Google ties up with 30 publishers to start news platform in India

REUTERS, Bengaluru

Alphabet Inc's Google on Tuesday launched its Showcase news platform in India with 30 domestic news publishers, at a time when the country is trying to weed out misinformation surrounding a ferocious second Covid-19 wave.

Indians have become increasingly reliant on social media platforms like Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for information related to the crisis amid a shortage of critical medical supplies.

Google will pay the partnering publishers for their online content and allow them to curate it, while allowing users limited access to paywalled stories. It did not reveal further financial details.

"Today's announcement comes at a particularly challenging moment in India, with Indians seeking out authoritative news and information as the Covid-19 crisis deepens," Google said in a blog.

The world's second most populous country is going through one of the deadliest outbreaks, with the total Covid-19 caseload crossing 25 million on Tuesday.

The Indian government has also been at odds with social media platform giants. Last month, it asked Twitter to take down dozens of tweets that were critical of its handling of the virus outbreak.

Bangladesh Institute of Governance & Management
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Invitation for Tender No. 03(IFT)

Tender Ref. No. BIGM/Acc.Tender/8/2/21/2-5263 Dated: 17/05/2021

1.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
2.	Tender last selling date and time	07 June/2021, 5:00pm.
3.	Tender submission date and time	08 June/2021, 11:00am.
4.	Tender opening date and time	08 June/2021, 12:00 Noon.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERS

5.	Eligibility of tenderer	Minimum 05 years experience in Civil Construction and Steel Structure Building Works (supported by experience certificate).			
6.	Package No.	Name of works	Price of tender document (Tk) (non-refundable)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time
	01	Construction of 2.5 Storied Steel Structure Building at BIGM.	5000.00 (Cash)	3,00,000.00	120 days
7.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

GD-990 **Md. Jahangir Alam**
Additional Director (Admin)

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Ref. No. 28.03.0000.041.01.004.20 (CRSS-29) Dated: 18 May, 2021

CORRIGENDUM

INVITATION FOR LOCAL TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF
1000 METRIC TON COLD ROLLED STEEL SHEET IN TWO SIZES.

This is to notify for all concerned that due to unavoidable circumstances tender notice vide Ref. No. 28.03.0000.041.01.004.20 (CRSS-29); Dated: 25 April, 2021 has been amended/corrected as follows:

Tender Ref. No.	SI	Description	Existing	Amended
28.03.0000.041.01.004.20 (CRSS-29) Dated: 25 th April, 2021.	13	Tender Last Selling Date	20-05-2021	17-06-2021
	14	Tender Closing Date and Time	23-05-2021 Time: 1200 Hours (BST)	20-06-2021 Time: 1200 Hours (BST)
	15	Tender Opening Date and Time	23-05-2021 Time: 1205 Hours (BST)	20-06-2021 Time: 1205 Hours (BST)
	16	Offer Validity Time	21-07-2021 Time: 1700 Hours (BST)	18-08-2021 Time: 1700 Hours (BST)

All other terms & conditions of the tender notice/document will remain unchanged.

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IMPORT SECTION

Invitation For Tender (International) of Onion

সংশ্লিষ্ট ভাড়াই টিসিবি অফিসিয়াল ব্যবহার করুন।
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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.
2	Agency	Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Onion
7	Invitation Ref. No.	26.05.0000.016.23.152.21.1017
8	Date	18-05-2021

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (International)
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and Source of Funds	TCB's Own Fund.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Package No.	TCB/Imp-37/Onion/2021
12	Package Name	Onion
13	Tender Publication Date	19-05-2021
		Date Time
14	Tender Documents Last Selling Date and Time	29-06-2021 17:00 P.M
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	30-06-2021 12:00 P.M
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	30-06-2021 12:15 P.M
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address
	-Selling Tender Document of each item can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column.	(1) Sonali Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, TCB Bhaban, Dhaka (2) Trust Bank Ltd. Kawran Bazar Branch, and (3) Accounts & Finance Division, TCB's Principal Office at Dhaka.
	-Receiving Tender Document	In front of TCB's reception (2 nd floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
	- Opening Tender Document	Board Room, TCB.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18	Eligibility of Tender	Bonafide Suppliers/Manufacturers. Details conditions will be mentioned in the Tender documents.
19	Brief Description of goods	Import of 3,000 (±10%) (Three Thousand Plus Minus Ten Percent) M. Tons Onion.
20	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 3,000 (Three Thousand) only Per Set.

Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (USD/TK)	Shipment Schedule
21	1. Onion	Offers are to be made on CFR (C) USD 30,000.00 (US Dollar Thirty Thousand) or BDT 25,50,000.00 (BDT Chattogram (Previous Twenty Five Lac Fifty Thousand) only in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee. The Successful Tenderer is to submit 5% (Five Percent) Performance Security in the form of Pay-Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee.	Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to:	Entire quantity of Goods is to be shipped within 14-08-2021 (Including L/C correction & grace period) from the date of opening L/C.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shekhabur Rahaman
23	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Chief Officer (Commercial), TCB Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
24	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Principal Office, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) I, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
25	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone No. 02-8180074 Fax No. 880-2-8180057 E-mail: tcb@tcb.gov.bd, tcbimp@tcb.gov.bd

26 Special Instructions:

- Incomplete, conditional Tender and alternative offer shall not be considered.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all Tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason.
- Tenderer who was awarded the Notification of Awarded (NOA) earlier but could not submit Performance Security (PS) in due time, will not be eligible for the Tender
- Tenderer who's Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the Tender.

GD-994 **Chief Officer (Commercial)**
Trading Corporation of Bangladesh