



**Agreement Signing Ceremony on Core Banking Solution**  
Tarik Morshed, managing director and CEO of Bengal Commercial Bank, and Mustafa Rafiqul Islam, chairman and CEO of Flora Systems, exchanged papers of an agreement over core banking solutions at the bank's head office in Gulshan, Dhaka recently. The bank's Chairman Md Jasim Uddin, Adviser Shahid Hossain and Deputy Managing Director KM Awlad Hossain were also present.



**Quazi Osman Ali, managing director and CEO of Social Islami Bank Ltd, inaugurated four new sub-branches in Amzad Hat at Fulgazi (Feni), Rahmania Bazar at Hat Hazari (Chattogram), Barishal University at Barishal Sadar (Barishal) and Chondrer Bari at Lohajong (Munshiganj), taking the total to 79, recently through a virtual platform. Deputy managing directors Abu Naser Chowdhury, Md Sirajul Hoque and Md Shamsul Hoque were also present.**

# China's industrial profit growth slows in April amid high commodity prices

REUTERS, Beijing  
Earnings at China's industrial firms grew at a slower pace in April, with high commodity prices and weaker performance in the consumer goods sector limiting overall profitability from manufacturing.  
Profits at China's industrial firms rose 57 per cent year-on-year in April to 768.63 billion yuan (\$120.22 billion), down from 92.3 per cent in March, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed on Thursday.  
For the January-April period, industrial firms' profits grew 106 per cent from the same period a year earlier to 2.59 trillion yuan, bolstered by a virus-related plunge in activity early last year.  
"The improvement of corporate performance is still uneven," said NBS official Zhu Hong in a statement accompanying the data.  
"The profitability of some consumer goods industries has not yet recovered to pre-epidemic levels; coupled with the high prices of bulk commodities, this has increased the pressure on the production

and operation of midstream and downstream industries."  
Chemical products and metals processing firms recorded some of the highest year-on-year profit increases over the first four months, according to NBS data, recovering from the Covid-19-induced slump in economic activity in the same period last year. Profits surged 484 per cent over January-April in the non-ferrous metals smelting and pressing industry. Synthetic fibre manufacturing posted a 650.2 per cent profit increase.  
Fast profit growth for metals processing has been spurred by higher metal prices, said Iris Pang, chief economist for Greater China at ING. "But this good time may not

last as the government is clamping down on high commodity prices," she said.  
China's government watchdogs warned industrial metals companies to maintain "normal market order" during talks on significant gains in metals prices this year, China's top economic planner said on Monday.  
Weaker garment and textile manufacturing profits reflect a still gradual global economic recovery amid uncertainties about Covid-19 cases in Asia, said Pang.  
China's economy posted record growth in the first quarter as it emerged from the pandemic although analysts expect the brisk expansion to moderate later this year. Officials warn the foundations for economic recovery are not yet secure amid emerging problems, including pressures on firms caused by higher raw material costs as international commodity prices rise.  
From the start of the year through mid-May, prices for China's steel rebar, hot-rolled steel coil and copper - vital for the construction of machinery, buildings, appliances and vehicles - surged more than 30 per cent.



Workers wearing face masks following the coronavirus disease outbreak load steel products for export to a cargo ship at a port in Lianyungang, Jiangsu province, China on May 27, 2020. REUTERS/FILE

# Focus on Sylhet's prospects to reduce regional disparity

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GM Shiblee, chairman of Bangladesh Tea Association's Sylhet branch, said climate change has led to an acute shortage of water for irrigation in all the valleys.  
"Like any other agricultural sector, the government should consider our irrigation needs and keep an allocation in the budget for implementing an irrigation plan through agencies," Shiblee added.  
Afzal Rashid Chowdhury, president of the Sylhet Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SMCCI), said the government should provide more stimulus funds for the tea industry at lower interest rates of 3.5 per cent to 4 per cent as the industry was passing through hard times.  
"The government should also focus on the manufacturing of farm machineries so that this prospective industry could expand globally," he added.  
Chandan Saha, president of Sylhet Coal Importers Group, said they struggle to get refunds when an inbound shipment of coal gets cancelled after the taxes were paid in advance.  
"So, the pre-payment system should be cancelled and the added tax value should be reduced to 3 per cent from the existing 5 per cent," Saha added.  
He also urged for the decentralisation of all export-import services so that local businesses do not need to go to Dhaka or Chattogram to avail them.

Faruque Mahmud Chowdhury, president of Shushashoner Jonno Nagorik's (Shujan) Sylhet chapter, said the budget was not just a matter of calculating income and expenses for the government but a reflection of the government's commitment to the people.  
For example, the government's legalisation of black money does not reflect its commitment to a corruption-free country.  
"For nationwide development, regional development is a must and so, the government should build more industrial zones in Sylhet, and offer more intensive facilities than Dhaka or Chattogram so that investors consider it a new hub," Chowdhury added.  
Among other demands for the upcoming budget, various business leaders, civil societies and scholars have urged for the country's vast haor areas to be given emphasis in the budget.  
They also suggested introducing a new ministry in this regard and decentralisation of the Haor and Wetland Development Board.  
Other industries with potential in the region include ceramics, agro-products, consumer goods and fish processing.  
They also urged for facilitating investment in the local health and education sector considering that the people of India's Seven Sister States are a potential market.

# HSBC exits loss-making US retail banking as part of Asia pivot

REUTERS, Hong Kong  
HSBC announced it is withdrawing from US mass market retail banking by selling some parts of the money-losing business and winding down others, a long-awaited move as the lender steps up a shift in focus to Asia, its biggest market. Europe's biggest bank has for years been trying to shrink its presence in some European and North American markets where it has struggled against competition from larger domestic players.  
The bank said in a statement late on Wednesday (May 26) it would exit retail banking for most individual and

small business customers but retain a small physical presence in the US to serve its international affluent and very wealthy clients. "They are good businesses, but we lacked the scale to compete," Mr Noel Quinn, HSBC group chief executive, said in the statement.  
HSBC unveiled in February a revised strategy focused mainly on wealth management in Asia, and at the same time said it was "exploring organic and inorganic options" for its US retail banking franchise.  
As part of Mr Quinn's game plan that also involved slashing costs across the banking group, the London-headquartered bank has been looking

to step back from sub-scale markets and businesses. HSBC is also seeking to sell its French retail banking operations as part of the same strategy, and has entered final negotiations to sell that business to private equity firm Cerberus, Reuters reported in March.  
Citizens Bank, part of Citizens Financial Group, has agreed to buy HSBC's east coast personal and small business banking business including 80 branches, and Cathay Bank, a unit of Cathay General Bancorp, has agreed to buy its west coast business including 10 branches, according to HSBC and separate statements from the two US-headquartered banks.

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ডিআইজি এর কার্যালয়  
ট্রাফিক এন্ড ড্রাইভিং স্কুল, ঢাকা।

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পুনঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১৯. মাসামাল অথবা কার্যের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ: দরপত্র তফসীল (সিডিউল) মোতাবেক।

শ্রুত নং	শ্রুতের পরিচিতি	দরপত্র সিডিউল মূল্য (অনুসরণ ঘোষণা)	দরপত্র নিরাপত্তা জামানতের পরিমাণ (সেকের ঘোষণা)	কার্যের সমাপ্তি
০১.	ব্যবহার্য দু'বছরী সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১,০০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০২.	শ্রাঘ্রাধিদান সামগ্রী সরবরাহ	৩০০০/-	৩০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০৩.	অন্যান্য মনিহারী সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০৪.	প্রশিক্ষণ সরঞ্জামাদি সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০৫.	ক্রীড়া সামগ্রী সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০৬.	যন্ত্রপাতি ও সরঞ্জাম সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০৭.	কম্পিউটার সামগ্রী সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০৮.	কম্পিউটার ও কম্পিউটার যন্ত্রপাতি সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।
০৯.	আউট সোর্সিং পদ্ধতিতে জনবল সরবরাহ	১০০০/-	১০,০০০/-	২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছর।

২০. বিশেষ নির্দেশিকা:-  
১। নিম্নে প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাচের আবেদনের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র গ্রহণ করতে হবে।  
২। উপরে বর্ণিত দরপত্র জামানতের টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার সহ দরপত্রের সকল শর্তাবলী পূরণ করে নিম্ন স্বাক্ষরকারীর অনুসরণে দাখিল করতে হবে। কোন ভাবেই ব্যাংক হিসাবের চেক গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।  
৩। দরপত্রের সাথে তফসিলের শর্তাবলী মোতাবেক সকল কাগজপত্রের ছায়াছবি ১ম শ্রেণীর পেজেটে কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সত্যায়িত করে দাখিল করতে হবে। সংশ্লিষ্ট কাগজপত্র নিয়মাবলী পালনে ব্যর্থ হলে দরপত্র বাতিলকাল হতে বাতিল হয়ে গণ্য হবে।  
৪। দরপত্র দাখিলের প্রতিষ্ঠান কালো তাগিদকাল নয় মর্মে নিম্নে প্যাচের প্রতিষ্ঠানের মুদ্রা দাখিল করতে হবে।  
৫। কোন কাসন বন্ড দরপত্র ঘোষণার তারিখ সরকার কর্তৃক ঠিক ঘোষণা করলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে নির্ধারিত সময়ের উল্লেখ করা হবে।  
৬। দরপত্র সফল কর্তৃক "The Public Procurement Act"-2006 & "The Public Procurement Rules"-2008 ও তৃতীয় সংশোধনী মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে।  
৭। সফলকৃত হওয়া কোন কার্য দাখিলের মাধ্যমে ব্যাংকিং সফল দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

২১. দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম, পদবী, ঠিকানা ও যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম: জ্ঞান মোহন মন্ডল কর্তৃক, পুলিশ সুপার (প্রশাসন), ট্রাফিক এন্ড ড্রাইভিং স্কুল, মিল ব্যারাক, গোভার্নার, ঢাকা।

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