



BANK ASIA

Bank Asia distributed cheques worth about Tk 5 crore among entrepreneurs of cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises as a partner of Credit Wholesaling Programme of SME Foundation under the government's second stimulus package at the Ministry of Industries recently. Industries Minister Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, State Minister Kamal Ahmed Majumder, Industries Secretary Zakia Sultana, Bank Asia President and Managing Director Md Arfan Ali and SME Foundation Managing Director Md Mofizur Rahman were present.



NRB COMMERCIAL BANK

Golam Awlia, managing director and CEO of NRB Commercial Bank, and Jayanta Kumar Sikder, company secretary to Dhaka Power Distribution Company, signed a memorandum of understanding at the latter's office yesterday enabling its employees to avail home and personal loans, credit and all other banking services on a priority basis. The bank's Chairman SM Parvez Tamal, Deputy Managing Director Kabir Ahmed and Deputy Managing Director and CFO Harunur Rashid were also present.



WALTON HI-TECH INDUSTRIES

Golam Murshed, managing director of Walton Hi-Tech Industries, inaugurated a webinar titled "WHIL Quality Conference Season-1" on its premises recently. Deputy Managing Directors Nazrul Islam Sarker, Eva Rezwana, Amdadul Haque Sarker, Humayun Kabir and Alamgir Alam Sarker were also present.

## Cabinet okays draft of finance company bill

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institutions would become companies but they would require neither fresh registration nor change in their existing memorandum of associations.  
The maximum punishment is Tk 1 crore fine, he said, adding that the criminal offence will be tried separately under penal codes.  
According to the bill, no one can run a finance company without taking a licence from Bangladesh Bank.  
The bill precisely defined loan defaulters as well as fixed the ceilings for the amount of deposited money and interest rates.  
During approval of the draft law, the cabinet made an observation for

the authorities concerned to review whether the bankruptcy issue of a company can be solved outside the court and if the issue can be incorporated in the proposed law, said the cabinet secretary.  
He said now the court declares a company bankrupt. It takes time to remove the bankruptcy-related complexities, completing all the legal procedures following the High Court's judgment over a bankruptcy issue.  
Besides, the cabinet cleared the draft of Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Remuneration and Privileges) Act, 2021 in order to replace the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition (Remuneration and

Privileges) Ordinance, 1979, which was promulgated during the military regime.  
"No major change has been brought in the proposed law," he said.  
It also approved in principle the draft of Bangladesh Homoeopathic Treatment Education Act, 2021, which will replace the Bangladesh Homoeopathic Practitioners Ordinance, 1983.  
The meeting cleared the draft Bangla and English versions of the National Financial Inclusion Strategy.  
The cabinet approved the draft of an agreement to be signed between Bangladesh and Botswana on visa exemption for those having diplomatic and official passports.

## Higher profits give a fillip to cement stocks

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The company said its increased revenue is due to better sales volume, the reduction of cost of materials and decline of finance cost.  
A top official of a listed cement company preferring anonymity said that all the cement companies increased the domestic price of their products by about 10 per cent.  
"This price hike gave us a chance to make higher profit in the recent quarter," he said.  
Cement companies had been struggling for the last few quarters due to the lower prices.  
"Our sale was much lower than production capacity, moreover, price

of cement was lower compared to our costs so some incurred losses and some saw very nominal margins," he added.  
In the January-March period of the current year, all the cement companies witnessed higher profits compared to the same period of the last year.  
Meanwhile, Aramit Cement returned to the black after incurring losses in the last few quarters.  
Stocks of Beximco Ltd traded the most with Tk 125 crore followed by Confidence Cement, LafargeHolcim Bangladesh, Dutch-Bangla Bank and IFAD Autos.  
Turnover, another important indicator of the market, fell 19.21

per cent to Tk 1,736 crore. Banking stocks dominated the turnover chart, covering 19.11 per cent of the total.  
At the DSE, 102 stocks advanced, 203 fell and 54 remained unchanged.  
Union Capital shed the most, losing 12.65 per cent, followed by First Finance, Pragati Life Insurance, Rupali Life Insurance and Sunlife Insurance.  
The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) also fell as the CASPI, the general index of the port city bourse, dropped 19 points, or 0.11 per cent, to 17,359.  
Among the traded 297 stocks, 89 rose, 169 fell and 39 remained unchanged.

## Intel says chip supply shortages could last several years

REUTERS, Taipei  
Intel Corp's CEO said on Monday it could take several years for a global shortage of semiconductors to be resolved, a problem that has shuttered some auto production lines and is also being felt in other areas, including consumer electronics.  
Pat Gelsinger told a virtual session of the Computex trade show in Taipei that the work-and-study-from-home trend during the Covid-19 pandemic had led to a "cycle of explosive growth in semiconductors" that has placed huge strain on global supply chains.  
"But while the industry has taken

steps to address near term constraints it could still take a couple of years for the ecosystem to address shortages of foundry capacity, substrates and components," Gelsinger had told The Washington Post in an interview in mid-April the shortage was going to take "a couple of years" to abate, and that it planned to start producing chips within six to nine months to address shortages at US car plants.  
Intel announced a \$20 billion plan in March to expand its advanced chip manufacturing capacity, building two factories in Arizona and opening its plants to outside customers.  
"We plan to expand to other locations

in the US and Europe, ensuring a sustainable and secure semiconductor supply chain for the world," Gelsinger said, without elaborating. Intel's plans could directly challenge the two other companies in the world that can make the most advanced chips - Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (TSMC) and South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co Ltd.  
The two have come to dominate the semiconductor manufacturing business, moving its centre of gravity from the United States, where much of the technology was once invented, to Asia, where more than two-thirds of advanced chips are now manufactured.

## LPG prices cut further

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LPG prices have been falling in the world market for a few months now.  
The BERC chief said they re-fixed the new price as per the fresh rate of the Saudi CP for May.  
According to Jalil, the price has been adjusted considering changes to three factors, which are the Saudi CP, the exchange rate of the taka against the dollar, and the VAT rate.  
However, many consumers expressed concerns over the implementation of the new price as

the regulatory body could not execute the decision of its previous price rates.  
"One can sell the cylinders at a lower price than the adjusted ones, but not at a higher price. Letters have been sent to the commerce secretary and the energy secretary asking them to instruct the local administration to play a role in the implementation of the commission rates," he said.  
Earlier on April 29, the BERC also brought down the retail price of the fuel by around 7 per cent to Tk 906 for every 12kg cylinder.

"BERC had been failing to ensure the consumers' rights by fixing LPG prices for a long time. So Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) filed a writ petition in 2016 in public interest. Then, the BERC was compelled to set LPG prices this year," said M Shamsul Alam, energy adviser to the CAB.  
However, consumers still have to buy LPG cylinders at higher prices and ensuring the implementation of the prices is also the responsibility of the commission, he said.

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Dated: 30/05/2021

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no hard copy will be accepted. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

SL No.	Tender ID and Ref. No.	Name of tender	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time
1	582844, 33.01.0000.344.07.001.21-135	Procurement of Wheat Bran, Gram, Soyabean Meal and Vitamin Minerals Feed Premix (DB) under Government Goat Development Farm, Tilagor, Sylhet.	15-Jun-2021, 11:00	15-Jun-2021, 12:00
2	582847, 33.01.0000.344.07.001.21-136	Procurement of Khashari Bran, Maize, Di-Calcium Phosphate and Salt (Iodine Mix) under Government Goat Development Farm, Tilagor, Sylhet.	15-Jun-2021, 11:00	15-Jun-2021, 12:15

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## Ethereum extends gains to rise 8pc

REUTERS  
Cryptocurrency Ethereum extended gains to rise more than 8 per cent on Monday to \$2,587 but remained 40 per cent below a record high of above \$4,300 hit earlier this month.  
At 11:53 GMT, it was trading up 7.4 per cent at \$2,565.69.  
Larger rival Bitcoin also gained in its wake with the world's biggest and best-known cryptocurrency rising 3.7 per cent to \$36,977 in quiet trading with London and US markets shut for holidays.  
Bitcoin has been less volatile in recent days but is down by more than 35 per cent this month, weighed by growing regulatory pressures on the sector.  
Latest positioning data for the week ended May 25 confirmed the trend with net short positions nearly doubling from the previous week, which was the smallest net short since late March last year.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur  
Pirganj, Rangpur

01.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping.			
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur.			
03.	Procuring entity name	Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur.			
04.	Procuring entity code	-			
05.	Procuring entity district	Rangpur.			
06.	Invitation for	1. Supply of furniture goods- Lot: 01 2. Supply and installation of interactive flat panel: 8 Nos. (Electronic Smart Board)-Lot: 02 3. Supply of Air Condition Inverter type 2 Ton (6 Nos.) & 1.5 Ton (6 Nos.)-Lot: 03 4. Supply of lifeboat and Davit -Lot: 04 5. Installation of glass curtain wall and Work station-Lot: 05 6. Installation and Interior works of Model Bridge Room.-Lot: 6 7. Supply of laptop (15 Nos.)-Lot: 07 8. Supply of Reading/Reference Books- Lot: 08			
07.	Invitation Ref. No.	18.26.8576.001.99.002.2020-21			
08.	Date	31/05/2021			
09.	Procurement method code	National Open Tendering Method (OTM).			
10.	Budget & source of fund	GOB.			
11.	Development partner if applicable	N/A.			
12.	Project/programme code	N/A.			
13.	Project/programme name	N/A.			
14.	Tender package No.	Package No. OTM 02/2020-21			
15.	Tender package name	As mentioned at Serial No. 6 and in the Tender schedule.			
16.	Tender publication date	On 01/06/2021 or before.			
17.	Tender last selling date	10/06/2021 (1200 hrs).			
18.	Tender closing date and time	13/06/2021 at 12.00 Noon.			
19.	Tender opening date and time	13/06/2021 on or after 12.30pm.			
20.	Name and address of the office for selling tender documents	1. Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur, Pirganj, Rangpur. 2. Office of the Executive Engineer PWD, Rangpur.			
21.	Name and address of the office for opening tender documents	Chairman, Tender Opening Committee Office of the Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur, Pirganj, Rangpur.			
22.	Name and address of the offices for receiving tender documents	1. Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur, Pirganj, Rangpur. 2. Office of the Executive Engineer PWD, Rangpur.			
23.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur, Pirganj, Rangpur. Date: 08/06/2021 Time: 11:00am.			
24.	Eligibility of tenderer	All eligible persons/contractors/firms who have fulfilled the qualification criteria stipulated in the tender data sheet and other conditions of the tender documents with experience.			
25.	Brief description of goods or works	As mentioned at Serial No. 6 and in the Tender Schedule.			
26.	Brief description of related services	As mentioned at Serial No. 6 and in the Tender Schedule.			
27.	Tender document price	Taka 1000.00 (one thousand) non-refundable DD/PO in favour of the Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur (Drawable from Sonali Bank, Pirganj Branch), Pirganj, Rangpur, is to be submitted.			
27.	Lot	Identifications of lot	Location	Tender security (DD/PO, refundable)	Completion time in days/months
	Lot-1	Supply of furniture goods	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur	Tk 40,000.00	14 days
	Lot-2	Supply and installation of interactive flat panel (8 Nos.)	-Do-	Tk 30,000.00	14 days
	Lot-3	Supply of Air Condition inverter type 2 Ton (6 Nos.) & 1.5 Ton (6 Nos.)	-Do-	Tk 20,000.00	14 days
	Lot-4	Supply of lifeboat and Davit.	-Do-	Tk 20,000.00	14 days
	Lot-5	Installation of glass curtain wall & Work station.	-Do-	Tk 15,000.00	14 days
	Lot-6	Installation and Interior works of Model Bridge Room.	-Do-	Tk 15,000.00	14 days
	Lot-7	Supply of laptop (10 Nos.)	-Do-	Tk 20,000.00	14 days
	Lot-8	Supply of Reading/Reference Books	-Do-	Tk 25,000.00	14 days
28.	Name of official inviting tender	Capt. Md Shafiqul Islam Sarker BN.			
29.	Designation of official inviting tender	Commandant.			
30.	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur.			
31.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Commandant, Bangladesh Marine Academy, Rangpur, Pirganj, Rangpur, Ph: 01711-121732. Email: <a href="mailto:Shafiq947@yahoo1.com">Shafiq947@yahoo1.com</a>			
32.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.				

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