

2 Walton customers win Tk 10 lakh each

STAR BUSINESS DESK Two Walton customers have recently won Tk 10 lakh each on purchasing refrigerators under a "Eid Mega Festival" programme of a nationwide ongoing "Digital Campaign Season 11". Mazedul Islam is a grocer of Nilphamari district while Hanif Sardar a tailor in Rajbari district, said a press release. Actor Symon Sadik handed over the cheques at Jaldhaka Walton Plaza branch in Nilphamari and Araf Traders, a Walton distributor at Goaland, Rajbari. Walton is also building a customer database across the country for online-based deliveries and swift after-sales service.



Actor Symon Sadik hands over the cheques of Tk10 lakh each to Mazedul Islam at Jaldhaka Walton Plaza and Hanif Sardar at Walton's distributor showroom Araf Traders at Goaland recently.

Euro zone business growth hits 15-year high as demand unleashed

REUTERS, London Euro zone business growth accelerated at its fastest pace in 15 years in June as the easing of lockdown measures unleashed pent-up demand and drove a boom in the dominant services sector but also led to soaring price pressures, a survey found. When the coronavirus was spreading rapidly, governments imposed strict restrictions, encouraging citizens to stay at home and forcing much of the service industry to close. But after a slow start the region's vaccination drive is picking up pace and the burden on health services has eased, allowing some restrictions placed on services firms - which were already adapting to new operating conditions - to be lifted. That led to a jump in IHS Markit's Flash Composite Purchasing Managers' Index, seen as a good guide to economic health, to 59.2 from 57.1, its highest reading since June 2006. It was ahead of the 50 mark separating growth from contraction and a Reuters poll estimate for 58.8. "Accelerated vaccine rollouts and falling case numbers are allowing restrictions

to be eased and consumers to feel more confident," said Willem Sels, chief investment officer, Private Banking and Wealth Management at HSBC. "Services, and consumption in particular, are seeing strong momentum and are now the number one engine of European economic growth." A flash services PMI bounced to 58.0 from 55.2, its highest since January 2018 and above the 57.8 Reuters poll prediction. Suggesting that momentum would continue, the new business index climbed to a near 14-year high of 57.7 from 56.6. The latest easing of restrictions in Germany and France, the bloc's two biggest economies and the only ones to report flash PMIs, led to a boom in services there as well. In Britain, outside the euro zone and the European Union, growth in the private sector cooled only slightly from an all-time high in May when more coronavirus restrictions were lifted. The expansion in euro zone manufacturing activity meanwhile matched May's blistering record pace, with the June flash PMI estimate holding steady from May's final reading of 63.1, confounding

the Reuters poll estimate for a dip to 62.1. An index measuring output which feeds into the Composite PMI nudged up to 62.4 from 62.2. But supply side disruptions and huge demand have made it a sellers' market for the raw materials factories need. The manufacturing input prices index rose to 88.0 from 87.1, the highest since the survey began in June 1997. "Inflation pressures continued to mount as input prices soared in June," said Bert Colijn at ING. "The problem with these surveys is that they measure the number of businesses that indicate higher prices, not the extent of it. In this reopening phase, that might overstate expectations of the pace of inflation." The European Central Bank is likely to look through those inflationary pressures and will keep monetary policy loose this year to offer support to the economy, a Reuters poll found earlier this month. Amid hopes the worst of the pandemic is behind the bloc, overall optimism rose to its highest since IHS Markit began collecting the data in July 2012. The composite future output index rose to 71.6 from 70.6.

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World Bank vows to keep board apprised of climate action progress

REUTERS, Washington The World Bank on Tuesday agreed to boost its spending on climate change to 35 per cent from 28 per cent and to provide annual progress reports to its board after its draft climate change action plan came under fire for lacking a clear implementation strategy. The bank, the largest source of climate finance for developing countries, said it would also publicly release a roadmap to show how it will help those nations meet their Paris climate accord targets. Bank officials pledged to provide the board with regular updates, with details to be included in an addendum to the plan, Genevieve Connors, who oversees tracking and reporting of climate finance for the World Bank, told Reuters. "This is really transformational in the way we do business," she said.

"One of the central differences of this (climate change action plan) is that we as the World Bank Group have now elevated climate to be central to everything that we do." The World Bank released some details of its five-year plan in April, saying it would help developing countries reduce greenhouse gas emissions by aiding the transition out of coal. But it drew fire for stopping short of halting all funding of fossil fuel projects. The bank's plan calls for increase the amount it dedicates to climate finance, which has totaled \$83 billion over the past five years, peaking at \$21.4 billion in 2020. Environmental campaigners took aim at the new plan on Tuesday, saying its failure to completely end fossil fuel investments undermined the broader goals.

"The World Bank Group's selective approach to phasing out fossil fuels is about as effective as throwing both water and gasoline at a house fire," said Luisa Galvao, a campaigner with the U.S. arm of Friends of the Earth. Connors said the bank would assess gas investments on a case-by-case basis and that gas projects would face high thresholds to win funding. In some cases, it makes sense to proceed with gas projects, Connors said, adding that there was no firm deadline for halting all such investments. "It's a moving target," she said. "We see it as a journey towards decarbonisation ... but our countries are all on different pathways and there always may be extenuating circumstances in which a particular natural gas project may make sense. But the hurdles are high, and proof needs to be shown."

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