



AL ARAFAH ISLAMI BANK
Salim Rahman, chairman of Al-Arafah Islami Bank, inaugurated a "Business Development Conference" for its Chattogram zone at Radisson Blu Chattogram Bay View recently. Abdus Samad Labu, chairman of its executive committee, Mohammad Abdus Salam, vice chairman, and Golam Azam, head of its Chattogram zone and senior executive vice president, were present.



ALESHA HOLDINGS
Alesha Card has signed an agreement with Amari Dhaka recently. Jannatun Nahar, executive director of the loyalty platform, Md Shorab Hossain, head of cards, Md Rifat Hossain, national sales manager, and Md Tariq Aziz, brand and marketing manager, Christopher Baker, general manager of the hotel, Rafiqul Islam, director of finance, and Sabrina Mridha, senior manager for marketing and communication, were present.

GM expands Chevy Bolt EV recall for fire risk, will take \$1b hit

REUTERS, Washington
General Motors Co said yesterday it would take a hit of US\$1 billion (RM4.23 billion) to expand the recall of its Chevrolet Bolt electric vehicles due to the risk of fires from the high-voltage battery pack—a blow for the largest US automaker as it seeks to ramp up EV sales.

The Detroit company also said it would indefinitely halt sales of the EVs due to the issue and will seek reimbursement from battery supplier LG. The latest recall covers 73,000 vehicles from model years 2019 through 2022.

"The reserves and ratio of cost to the recall will be decided depending on the result of the joint investigation looking into the root cause, currently being held by GM, LG Electronics and LG Energy Solution," LG said in a statement, referring to its subsidiaries.

LG added that it is actively working with its client and partners to ensure that the recall measures are carried out smoothly.

GM shares were down 2.2 per cent in after-hours trade after dipping 0.6 per cent during yesterday's regular session. Earlier this month, South Korea's LG Electronics Inc cut

its second-quarter operating profit by more than a fifth to reflect costs for the GM recalls.

LG Electronics has supplied GM with battery modules made with cells produced by LG Chem's wholly owned battery subsidiary LG Energy Solution (LGES).

Earlier this year, Hyundai Motor Co said it would spend US\$900 million to replace LG batteries in some 82,000 EVs due to fire risks.

Yesterday, GM said the recall covers all remaining Bolt vehicles not previously recalled in July. GM said it will replace defective battery modules in Bolt EVs and EUVs with new modules. The US\$1 billion price tag for the latest recall comes on top of US\$800 million GM said previous Bolt recalls had cost.

GM and LGES have a joint venture, Ultium Cells LLC, that is building battery cell plants in Ohio

and Tennessee, with plans to add two more after that. GM has said it will use a different-generation battery when it launches electric Hummer and Cadillac vehicles over the next year.

In July, GM issued a recall for nearly 69,000 Chevrolet Bolts for fire risks after reports of two fires and said it would replace defective battery modules as needed. Yesterday's action expands the population of vehicles for the same issue.

GM, which said Bolt sales would cease until it was satisfied with the fix, said it is "working aggressively with LG to increase (battery module) production as soon as possible." GM added it will notify customers when replacement parts are ready.

Some Bolt EVs recalled in July were previously recalled last November to update software to address fire risks, but at least one fire occurred after the software update. GM said yesterday there had been a total of 10 Bolt fires.

The July recall came after GM and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) urged Bolt owners to park their vehicles outside and away from homes after charging.



A 2019 Chevrolet Bolt plug-in electric vehicle is displayed at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan, US. REUTERS/FILE

Walton partners with upcoming e-commerce platform

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Walton Hi-Tech Industries has recently become an exclusive partner of Walcart, an upcoming e-commerce platform, opening up a new avenue for the sale of Walton's electrical and electronic products alongside delivery of necessary support.

Golam Morshed, managing director of the electrical home appliance manufacturer, and Sabiha Jarin Orona, managing director of the online portal, signed the agreement at Walton's corporate office in the capital, says a press release.

"...e-commerce is playing a huge role in delivering necessary products to consumers during emergency situations like the Covid-19 pandemic. But the e-commerce sector in Bangladesh has not yet been able to gain the full trust of customers," said Morshed.

"We hope Walcart will fill that gap and it will emerge as one of the top global e-commerce organisations," he said.

Orona assured ensuring maximum customer services at reasonable discounts through a skilled quality control team and countrywide delivery network.

Yemen currency clash deepens crisis

AFP, Dubai

Alongside a grinding seven-year military conflict, Yemen's government and the Huthi rebels are locked in battle on another front—a currency war that has opened up a gulf in rial values.

Both the government and the Iran-backed Huthis used the same notes until late 2019 when the rebels banned new banknotes printed in government-run Aden, due to concerns about inflation.

The resulting difference in money supply has since seen the rial's value plummet to around 1,000 to the dollar in government areas, while the value in Huthi-controlled zones has held relatively stable at 600.

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2.	OTM (NCT) Tender ID.598740 Ref.46.207.007.17.01.2021-450	Mixing as Pesticide Adulcicide Cityclean-i 1.25ULV (Deltamethrin 1.25% ULV 8ml/1 Liter Diesel, (0.01% W/W), PHP-1095 (Ready for use) by mixing necessary supporting ingredients with imported Deltamethrin 1.25% ULV of DSCC in 2021-2022.	23-Aug-2021 11.00.00	21-Sep-2021 17.00.00	22-Sep-2021 14.00.00

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Include potato in relief packages

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Besides, encouraged by high prices of potato for recurrent floods and public and voluntary distribution among financially insolvent people following the Covid-19 outbreak last year, farmers and traders stored a higher quantity of the vegetable this year.

Bangladesh Cold Storage Association (BCSA) estimates that growers and traders stored 55 lakh tonnes of potato this year to sell during the lean season.

Of this amount, roughly 10 lakh tonnes will be used as seeds and the rest for consumption.

BCSA President Mosharraf Hossain recently said 30 per cent of the potatoes in cold storages had been released since June, when farmers begin to sell the tuber crops.

Farmers and traders registered rising prices in July, particularly just before Eid-ul-Azha. Prices began to decline after the government enforced a lockdown since July 23 to contain the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Potato prices were in the range of Tk 20 to Tk 25 per kilogramme at markets in Dhaka city yesterday, a 4.26 per cent decrease compared to that a month ago, showed data from the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh.

Time to diversify exports to US

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US BANGLADESH BUSINESS COUNCIL

After a series of talks between the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, and the US Chamber of Commerce, a US Bangladesh Business Council was launched in Washington on April 6, 2021. During the launch, it was said the council would serve as a platform for American businesses to engage both governments to promote opportunities for businesses to drive mutually beneficial economic growth.

We would like to view this as a big leap forward. Heavyweights like Chevron, GE, Visa, MetLife, or Facebook are sitting on the board of the USBBC.

One can also keenly see the developments in May through July. Google, Amazon, Facebook, and Microsoft, the four American tech giants, obtained Business Identification Number (BIN) as nonresidents and have started submitting VAT returns.

LAST WORD

With \$754 million in trade in June, Bangladesh has made its way to the top five of the US's "Fastest Growing Top 50 Trade Partners". One might argue that these rankings vary widely from month to month. But registering a spot in the top five out of 212 countries and territories with an astounding 82.43 per cent rise is worth cherishing.

This suggests that total trade will hit \$10 billion this year. But, that is an altitude we are scaling after 50 years of independence with over 100 million working people.

It is time we changed our habits a bit! Let us not concentrate only on the cash cow RMG rather eye on other products that the US has a lasting need for. This will require policy and monetary support and adjustments in physical and financial infrastructure. Let us do it!

We might have lost the battle, but we can still win the war!

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2	Tender ID: 594258 Package No: EGP-NU-2021-009 Ref No: ENGG17-0/00202/2018(1)/1/46 Date: 16-Aug-2021	Supply and Installation of Networking Works (WiFi) at National University City Office, Dhanmondi, Dhaka	23-Aug-2021 & 14-Sep-2021	Date: 15-Sep-2021 Time: 14:00
3	Tender ID: 539883 Package No: EGP-NU-2020-0014 Ref No: ENGG17-0/00203/2018(1)/1/47 Date: 16-Aug-2021	Supply of Network Strengthening/ Upgradation Equipments & Services for ICT Department at National University, Bangladesh	23-Aug-2021 & 21-Sep-2021	Date: 22-Sep-2021 Time: 14:00
4	Tender ID: 539884 Package No: EGP-NU-2020-0015 Ref No: ENGG17-0/00205/2018(1)/1/48 Date: 16-Aug-2021	Supply of IT Network Expansion Firewall Router Switch at National University, Bangladesh	23-Aug-2021 & 22-Sep-2021	Date: 23-Sep-2021 Time: 14:00
5	Tender ID: 563673 Package No: EGP-NU-2021-005 Ref No: ENGG17-0/00230/2020(6)/1/49 Date: 16-Aug-2021	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of different building lift at National University, Gazipur	23-Aug-2021 & 23-Sep-2021	Date: 26-Sep-2021 Time: 14:00
6	Tender ID: 563669 Package No: EGP-NU-2021-003 Ref No: ENGG17-0/00230/2020(1)/1/50 Date: 16-Aug-2021	Providing fitting and fixing of 33/11 kV and 11/415 kV substation works at National University, Gazipur	23-Aug-2021 & 26-Sep-2021	Date: 27-Sep-2021 Time: 14:00
7	Tender ID: 563670 Package No: EGP-NU-2021-004 Ref No: ENGG17-0/00230/2020(5)/1/51 Date: 16-Aug-2021	Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of different location synchronizing generator set, cabling works & others at National University, Gazipur	23-Aug-2021 & 27-Sep-2021	Date: 28-Sep-2021 Time: 14:00

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