



Sheikh Rakibul Karim, chief executive officer of Guardian Life Insurance, and Tapan Kumar Karmaker, executive director of RDRS Bangladesh, exchanged signed documents of an agreement over coping with the Covid-19-induced pandemic. Md Fayzer Rahman, senior director of microfinance at RDRS Bangladesh, Majedur Rashid Chowdhury, head of finance and accounts, Ahmed Istiaque Mahmud, head of bancassurance at Guardian Life Insurance, Abdul Halim, head of microinsurance, and Touhidul Islam, vice president, were present.

A tribute to Anwar Hossain

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All my interactions with nanu started with a hug, with his hands on mine after which he would say “come, eat something”; there wasn’t a day when he didn’t rest his hand on my head after seeing me -- sharing a kind, content smile. One of my fondest memories of nanu is from all the iftars I spent with him during Ramadan; there was a craze of “chikon jilapis” in my grandparents’ house, but I always had my eyes on the “mota” ones.

When nanu learnt that my choice of jilapi didn’t have the popular vote at home, he would pick up the most decadent “mota jilapis” for me on his way back from work, and they were always placed right where I would sit during iftar.

For Eid, nanu would hand pick the most stunning sarees and kameezes for maa, his daughters and daughters-in-laws, and his grandchildren. His impeccable taste in clothing mirrored how he dressed, never stepping out without a tie, retiring from the day in a crisp white kurta, all the while teaching us the importance of dressing well and first impressions based on how you presented yourself.

Above all, nanu was a student of life and learned through all his experiences, good and bad. He did not have a formal education, but was self-taught, and always nurtured a hunger to learn about all aspects of life, starting from politics, to foreign cultures, religion and business. He emphasised to others the need to learn as well - maa was only 14 years old when she married nanu, and just so that she could continue her education, he hired the best private tutors available at that time for her. For nanu, there really was no alternative to education -- more importantly learning through your experiences and even more so from your mistakes.

From the multitude of things I learnt from nanu, one of my most

favorite is how he placed faith at the nucleus of his existence. Nanu’s love for Allah and Islam was palpable to anyone who met him, but he didn’t wear his piety in his outward appearance, nor did he compel anyone else to. His faith was neither judgmental nor preachy, and you’d be inspired to believe in something larger solely by witnessing the tenderness and power of his connection with his creator. Nanu’s love for his faith was so inherently connected to his soul that even as a dementia patient who had forgotten his wife and children, and had lost the ability to speak, the only word he remembered and repeated was the name of the lord he prayed to everyday.

No story of nanu is complete without mentioning his love for and devotion to his mother, our Boro Ma. Nothing made nanu more exemplary than his total submission to his mother; she was the axis that he revolved around and as a son he embodied absolute obedience and reverence. Nanu’s love for his mother extended to a place that went beyond this world; after Boro Ma passed, his ultimate wish was to be buried in her grave, to be reunited with her as he embarked on a new journey, and that is where nanu was ultimately laid to rest.

Through nanu’s ambitions and achievements, his philanthropy, teachings, travels and adventures, a constant was how much fun he had along the way. He truly knew how to enjoy all of life’s experiences - his zeal for life came out in the kabaddi he played with maa, the qawwalis he hummed, and the music he danced to. It came out in the joy he felt when adorning maa in the most exquisite sarees, the excitement with which he fed people, the trips he took with his grandchildren and secrets he shared with his daughters and daughters-in-law.

My choto mami and I were recently

reminiscing about our stories of nanu, and she said “I’m sad for us, for what we’ve lost”. Nothing could be more true - we’ve experienced irrecoverable loss and our lives will be so much darker from the emptiness that comes with nanu’s passing. But also, how lucky were we to have had him in our lives for as long as we did? Our lives are infinitely richer from being around nanu’s mere presence, for the words he spoke to us, the meals he shared with us and the values he instilled of family and faith.

Nanu, as I think of words and stories that would do justice to the person that you were, I realize that even if I were to write for years, nothing would start describing what you meant to us. No amount of words can capture the love and respect everyone had for you, and the extent to which you impacted the lives of not only the people you knew, but also the strangers you never met. You taught us how to be compassionate, grateful, resolute and joyful. You showed us how to give without taking, listen before speaking, and strive to always win, but only if it was in the most ethical way.

Nanu, as you now rest after seventy years of relentless hard work, I hope groves of lush olive trees offer you shade; I hope snow capped mountains surround your home, you walk through gardens full of ripe pomegranates and your favorite flowers, and you sing with birds whose songs match the melody of your soul. I hope you have more friends than the thousands that attended your janaza, and I hope that you have the last dance of the night. Till then, we’ll be here with Maa, and we’ll go through life holding on to each other and your teachings.

The writer is the late Anwar Hossain’s granddaughter. She is based in New York, and is interested in how religion and politics shape art in South Asia.

Futures rise as focus turns to weekly jobless claims

REUTERS

US stock index futures inched higher on Thursday on hopes the Federal Reserve would maintain an accommodative policy amid signs that a broader economic recovery was slowing.

Heavyweight technology stocks including Apple Inc, Netflix Inc and Amazon.com Inc, which tend to perform better when interest rates are low, were among the biggest gainers in premarket trading.

Oil majors Exxon Mobil, Chevron Corp and Schlumberger NV also rose between 0.2 per cent and 0.5 per cent, tracking crude prices.

The S&P 500 and the tech-heavy Nasdaq have consistently hit record highs over the past few weeks as a solid corporate earnings season underpinned confidence even as data showed the post-pandemic US economic growth was beginning to slow.

Still, strategists said those highs could be challenged as the rebound in corporate profits loses its edge and the pressure builds on the Fed to taper its massive stimulus.

A Reuters poll last month showed the S&P 500 is likely to end 2021 at 4,500 points, slightly lower than

current levels.

Focus on Thursday will be on weekly jobless claims data, before turning to the Labor Department’s monthly jobs report on Friday, which could set the stage for the Fed’s policy meeting later in the month.

At 7:13 a.m. ET, Dow e-minis were up 53 points, or 0.15 per cent, S&P 500 e-minis were up 8 points, or 0.18 per cent, and Nasdaq 100 e-minis were up 35.5 points, or 0.23 per cent.

Online pet supplies store Chewy dropped 10.2 per cent to be the top losing stock pre-market on the NYSE Composite after it reported a bigger-than-expected quarterly loss and missed Wall Street revenue estimates.

Electric-vehicle charging firm ChargePoint surged 12.6 per cent after it beat quarterly revenue estimates and forecast full-year revenue higher than expectations as it benefits from its growing charging station networks.

US listed shares of Chinese ride hailing firm Didi fell 1.3 per cent after Chinese regulators summoned ride-hailing firms including Didi to discuss concerns related to the sector.

Heavyweight banks JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs and Wells Fargo gained around 0.5 per cent.

IDLC introduces MFS-based savings

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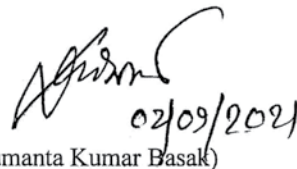
IDLC Finance has launched a “digital savings scheme” through bKash accounts at its Gulshan corporate head office recently.

Customers will be able to automatically deposit savings instalments from their bKash app to IDLC Finance on a specific date of each month, says a press release. Once the scheme matures, customers will receive the money, including profits, in their bKash account.

The monthly instalments amount to Tk 500, Tk 1,000, Tk 2,000 and Tk 3,000 starting from a minimum period of two years to a maximum of four years. This new service is expected to inspire people from all walks of life to save money, making the savings process easier, safer, more profitable and affordable.

“Access to services like a monthly savings scheme will also contribute to the improvement of people’s living standards and economic development,” said Managing Director and CEO M Jamal Uddin.

“bKash...(made) it easier for customers to get access to savings service of financial institutions,” said bKash CEO Kamal Quadir.

<p>Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Agriculture Barind Multipurpose Development Authority HEAD OFFICE Barendra Bhaban, Rajshahi-6000</p>		<p>কৃষিই সমৃদ্ধি মুজিব বর্ষে স্বাস্থ্য খাত এগিয়ে যাবে অনেক ধাপ</p>					
Memo no : BMDA/HQ/EIND/Tender/Paper-190/2021-22/ 4533	Date: ০২, ০৯, ২০২১						
<h2>CORRIGENDUM</h2>							
Due to unavoidable circumstance all concerned are hereby informed that the following amendment has been made against tender proposal ID no-598966 published 22 August 2021 at 17.00 the National e-GP system portal and in “The Daily Star, Daily Lakhokontho and Doinik Sonali Songbad” dated-24 August 2021 respectively from BMDA, Head Office, Rajshahi. This shall constitute an integral part of the said tender notice and tender documents.							
The Revision is follows :							
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All other terms and conditions in the original Tender Notice shall remain unchanged and valid.							
<p> (Sumanta Kumar Basak) Project Director Expansion of Irrigation in Natore District Through Best Uses of Surface Water and Conservation of Rain Water (EIND) Project BMDA, Rajshahi. Mobile: 01712 617065.</p>							
GD- 1572							

<p>বাংলাদেশের মুদ্রাসংক্রান্ত Bangladesh</p>					<p>ট্রডিং কর্পোরেশন বাংলাদেশ TCB</p>					<p>মুজিব বর্ষে স্বাস্থ্য খাত এগিয়ে যাবে অনেক ধাপ</p>				
<h2>Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB)</h2>														
TCB Bhaban, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215														
www.tcb.gov.bd														
<h3>Commercial Section</h3>														
<h4>Invitation for Tender (International) of 3,000 (±10%) M.Ton Onion (OIT-8)</h4>														
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.	26.05.0000.016.23.185.21.1496												
8	Date	02-09-2021												
KEY INFORMATION		9 Procurement method Open Tendering Method (OTM) (International).												
FUNDING INFORMATION		10 Budget and source of funds TCB's own fund.												
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		11 Package No. TCB/Imp-11/Onion/2021-22												
12	Package name	Onion.												
13	Tender publication date	Date	Time											
14	Tender documents last selling date and time	14-10-2021	17.00pm											
15	Tender closing date and time	17-10-2021	11.00am											
16	Tender opening date and time	17-10-2021	11.15am											
17	Name & address of the office(s)	Address (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.												
		-Selling tender document of Onion can be purchased from the banks & offices as mentioned in right column.												
		-Receiving tender document In front of TCB's Reception (2nd Floor), TCB Bhaban, 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.												
		-Opening tender document Board Room, TCB.												
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER														
18	Eligibility of tenderer	Bonafide Suppliers 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.												
21	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (USD/Tk)	Shipment schedule									
1.	Onion (OIT-8)	Offers are to be made on CFR (C) Chattogram by Sea or Benapole/Bangla Hill/Bangla Bandha/ Burimari/Darshana/ Sonamasjid/ Bhoma or Teknaf/Mongdu or any land port by Truck Basis.		Tender is to be submitted along with Tender Security amounting to USD 30,000.00 (US dollar thirty thousand) or BDT 25,50,000.00 (BDT 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.	Entire quantity of goods is to be shipped within 14 January 2022 (including L/C correction & grace period)									
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS														
22	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Shekhabor Rahman.												
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), 1, 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 a. Incomplete, conditional tender and alternative offer shall not be considered. b. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all tenders partly or wholly without assigning any reason. c. 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. d. Tenderer whose Performance Security (PS) was partially or totally forfeited earlier will not be eligible to participate in the tender.													
GD-1575														

<p>গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয় বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী Email: begumganj@uhfpo.dghs.gov.bd</p>					<p>মুজিব বর্ষে স্বাস্থ্য খাত এগিয়ে যাবে অনেক ধাপ</p>				
স্মারক নং-উঃস্বঃস্বঃকমঃ/বি/২০২১/১৮০৪					তারিখঃ ০২/০৯/২০২১				
<h3>উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি</h3>									
০১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বাস্থ্য ও পরিবার কল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়/স্বাস্থ্য সেবা বিভাগ।							
০২	সংগ্রাহক/স্বত্বাধিকারীর নাম	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয় বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী।							
০৩	অর্থায়নের উৎস	রাজস্ব/জিওবি/খোক/অতিরিক্ত/বিশেষ বরাদ্দ।							
০৪	আহবানকৃত দরপত্রের স্মারক ও তারিখ	স্মারক নং- সিএসএন/শা-হিসাব/দরপত্র/২০২১/৭৬২৭ তারিখঃ ২৮/০৭/২০২১ইং মূলে এবং অত্র কার্যালয়ের স্মারক নং-উঃস্বঃস্বঃকমঃ/বিঃ/কম/২০২১/১৮০৪/১৫ তারিখঃ ০২/০৯/২০২১ইং							
০৫	দরপত্রের নাম/কাজের বিবরণ	২০২১-২০২২ইং অর্থবছরে উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী এর পথ্য এবং স্টেশনারী ও মনোহারী দ্রব্যাদি সরবরাহ ও লিনেন সামগ্রী ধৌতকরণের দরপত্র।							
০৬	সময়কাল	৩০/০৬/২০২২ইং পর্যন্ত/অথবা পরবর্তী অর্থবছরে নতুন ঠিকাদার নিয়োগ না হওয়া পর্যন্ত।							
০৭	সংগ্রাহক স্বত্বাধিকারীর জেলা	নোয়াখালী।							
০৮	ক্রয় প্রক্রিয়া	পিপিআর ২০০৬, ২০০৮ ও (সংশোধিত ২০১৯) মোতাবেক উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।							
০৯	দরপত্রাদাদারের যোগ্যতা	যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন সকল সরবরাহকারী/বাজারজাতকারী/আমদানীকারক/উৎপাদনকারী/এজেন্ট/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান।							
১০	দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য (অফারতথ্যোগ্য)	প্রতিটি সিডিউলের মূল্য চালানোর মাধ্যমে প্রোডাক্ট নং-১-২৭১১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ এ বাংলাদেশ/সোনালী ব্যাকে জমাদানপূর্বক জেলা হিসাবরক্ষণ অফিস, নোয়াখালী/উপজেলা হিসাবরক্ষণ অফিস, বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী কর্তৃক চালানোর সি.টি.আর সহ মূলকপি অত্র কার্যালয়ের ক্যাশিয়ারের নিকট জমা দিয়ে দরপত্র সংগ্রহ করিতে হইবে।							
১১	দরপত্র জামানত/বায়নার	গ্রুপের নাম	সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফারতথ্যোগ্য)	দরপত্র জামানতের পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট এর পরিমাণ					
		পথ্য	৭৫০ (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা	৩০,০০০/- (ত্রিশ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)					
		স্টেশনারী ও মনোহারী দ্রব্যাদি	৭৫০ (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা	১৫,০০০/- (পনের হাজার টাকা মাত্র)					
		লিনেন সামগ্রী ধৌতকরণ	৫০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা	১৫,০০০/- (পনের হাজার টাকা মাত্র)					
১২	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়, দর প্রস্তাব গ্রহণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী। (দরপত্র সিডিউল, অত্র কার্যালয়ের ক্যাশিয়ারের নিকট হতে সংগ্রহ করিতে হইবে)। দরপত্র সম্পর্কীয় বিস্তারিত তথ্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয় হইতে জানা যাইবে।							
১৩	দরপত্র সংগ্রহের স্থান	১। উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী ২। উপজেলা নির্বাহী অফিসারের কার্যালয়, বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী।							
১৪	দরপত্র তফসিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ দিন ও সময়	২৬/০৯/২০২১খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় (০৮-০২.৩০ মিনিট)।							
১৫	দরপত্র তফসিল দাখিলের স্থান	উপজেলা স্বাস্থ্য ও পঃপঃ কর্মকর্তার কার্যালয়, বেগমগঞ্জ, নোয়াখালী।							
১৬	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০৯/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।							
১৭	দরপত্র বায়্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০৯/২০২১খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।							
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