



Manwar Hossain

Anwar Group of Industries gets new chairman

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Manwar Hossain has recently been elected chairman of the Anwar Group of Industries.

He succeeds his father, Anwar Hossain, the founder of the group, who passed away on August 17 at the age of 83 years.

Manwar was previously serving as managing director, said a press release.

Chairman of Bangladesh Finance Limited, he is now president of Bangladesh Steel Manufacturing Association, director of Modhumoti Bank Limited, sponsor promoter of BD Securities, BD Finance Capital Holdings Limited and City General Insurance Company Limited.

He was the former vice chairman of City Bank Ltd in 1999. He obtained an MBA degree from the University of New Hampshire in 1992 and joined the family business in 1993.



MUTUAL TRUST BANK LIMITED

Syed Mahubur Rahman, managing director of Mutual Trust Bank Limited, virtually inaugurated the bank's Arshinagar sub-branch at Shakta, Keraniganj in Dhaka recently. Syed Rafiqul Haq and Chowdhury Akhtar Asif, additional managing directors of the bank, Goutam Prosad Das, Tarek Reaz Khan and Md Khalid Mahmood Khan, deputy managing directors, were present.

Gas shortage affects textile production

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The Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited (TGTDC) only gave assurance to him of supplying gas at adequate pressure but the assurance is yet to materialise, he said.

Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has sent a letter to Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, energy adviser to the prime minister, yesterday, seeking a solution.

Ali Iqbal Md Nurullah, managing director of TGTDC, said the improvement of supply of gas was dependent on availability of gas in the pipelines.

"However, it is expected that the situation of gas supply will improve soon as we are working on the issue," he said.

The sufferers should also contact Petrobangla so that the state-owned company can be aware about the gas crisis. Currently, 450 spinning mills meet 80 per cent of the demand for yarn of the local knitwear factories. They are the main consumers of the gas.

Mohammad Ali Khokon, president of BTMA, in the letter, said garment exporters may lose work orders from international buyers if the spinners and weavers cannot supply yarn and fabrics on time.

Moreover, investments worth \$10 billion in the primary textile sector will fall in trouble if the gas supply cannot be improved as soon as possible, said the industry people.



BENGAL COMMERCIAL BANK LIMITED

Md Anwarul Islam, general manager of the department of offsite supervision at Bangladesh Bank, and Tarik Morshed, managing director of Bengal Commercial Bank, recently exchanged signed documents of a participation agreement for revolving refinancing scheme against working capital under stimulus package to the coronavirus-affected large industry and service sector at the BB's head office. Md Lutful Haider Pasha and Mohammad Atiqur Rahman, joint directors of the BB, were present.

Chaldal secures \$10m

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Chaldal delivers groceries on-demand through a network of warehouses enabled by their technology platform.

Their customers can select from over 8,500 different products and have those delivered within an hour, making it the second-largest grocery player and the largest e-grocery company in Bangladesh, it said in a statement. In the past 12 months, Chaldal generated \$40 million in revenue and catered to 2.5 million orders, growing approximately 120 per cent year-on-year.

The company currently has 27 warehouses located in four cities -- Dhaka, Narayanganj, Chattogram, and Jashore -- and plans to expand to 15 others.

"Traditionally the retail sector in Bangladesh has been dominated by...small family shops with organised retail representing less than 2 per cent of all retail sales," said Igor Kim, managing partner at

Xploration Capital.

"We believe that there's a unique opportunity for digital players in Bangladesh. Online retail in Bangladesh may completely leapfrog traditional supermarkets and become the dominant model, just like many Southeast Asian countries that skipped PCs for mobile," he said.

Chaldal has partnered with global organisations such as World Food Programme and United Nations Children's Fund to provide food and other necessities to Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar.

During the lockdowns, the company partnered with the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh to sell basic products at discounts to stop prices from spiralling.

"They have been a huge help to urban residents during the pandemic with their relentless efforts to deliver essentials to residents' doorsteps," said Zunaid Ahmed Palak, state minister for information and communication technology.

Govt moves to end NBR-exporters row

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Munshi asked the senior NBR officials to explain the cash incentive issue to him today.

After yesterday's meeting, Mohammad Hatem, first vice-president of the BKMEA, said many factories started operations without the bonded licences. Later, they were awarded approval as they grew bigger.

The sudden decision of the NBR was contradictory to the business norms as the apparel exporters had been enjoying the benefit since the beginning of the garment industry in Bangladesh, he said.

M Shahadat Hossain, chairman of the BITLMEA, said more than 105 small and medium-sized terry towel exporters did not have the bonded warehouse licences.

"But they have been doing business for many years. These factories will be in big trouble if the cash incentives are scrapped," he said.

Hossain also said the millers, garment exporters and cotton importers would sit for another meeting today to decide the yarn prices in the local market as per instruction of the commerce minister.

Munshi said the yarn price issue would be solved soon in consultation with the stakeholders.

Per capita foreign debt Tk 24,890

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Replying to another query from Didarul Alam, the finance minister said that the amount of loan agreements with various development partners or institutions till June 30 is \$95.90 billion.

Of the total amount, \$59.45 billion has been disbursed while disbursement of \$46.45 billion is under process.

Govt signs trade, investment deal with Australia

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Both sides will hold meetings soon to formulate the guidelines of the Tifa and on how and when they will hold dialogues under the platform.

The Tifa is not related to duty preference and mainly concerns about investment. Currently, Bangladesh enjoys preferential duty benefits on exports to Australia as a least-developed country.

The Tifa, the first of its kind between Australia and Bangladesh in the last five decades, is expected to provide a platform for institutionalised economic interactions and to open newer opportunities for trade and investment.

A joint working group (JWG) will be formed under the Tifa with representations from relevant sectors and sub-sectors, according to a statement from the Bangladeshi high commission in Australia.

The JWG is expected to offer a mechanism to take forward discussions to realise fuller potentials of trade and investment.

"We would expect the Tifa to address all relevant questions, including the retention of the DFQF

[duty-free, quota-free] treatment for Bangladesh in post-LDC graduation, trade liberalisation, creation of a conducive atmosphere for greater trade in services, and the flow of investment," said Munshi in the statement.

"The Morrison government is working to energise and expand the trade and investment relationship between Australia and Bangladesh, to support jobs and business opportunities in both countries," said Tehan.

He assured Bangladesh of the continuation of duty-free and quota-free treatment pending the next review, which is not scheduled in the foreseeable future.

"Australia has the potential to meet Bangladesh's increasing educational, training and energy needs. And we offer world-class expertise in agriculture and infrastructure development."

Bilateral trade has grown six times over the past decade. In the fiscal year of 2018-19, Bangladesh exported goods worth \$804.63 million and imported merchandise valued \$596.70 million, data from the commerce ministry showed.

Garment, agriculture, food and education services were key drivers of the trade growth. Australia is turning into a major source of raw cotton and lentil for Bangladesh.

Although it is not a legally binding agreement, the Tifa can help add new tradeable items from both sides and facilitate bilateral trade and investment.

Australia has proposed to host the inaugural meeting of the JWG in early 2022.

Speaking at the event, Sufiur Rahman, high commissioner of Bangladesh to Australia, said Australia could utilise Bangladesh as one of its major suppliers of manufactured goods.

"Australia can see Bangladesh as the entry point to the sub-regional market of more than 300 million people."

Munshi invited Tehan to visit Dhaka. The Australian minister warmly accepted the request and promised to visit Bangladesh next year with a trade and investment delegation.

Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Jeremy Bruer also spoke at the event.

insurance fell 1.3 per cent.

Stocks of Beximco Limited traded the most, worth Tk 116 crore, followed by LankaBangla Finance, Beximco Pharmaceuticals, IPDC and Islamic Finance & Investment.

The Chattogram Stock Exchange (CSE) also increased yesterday as the CASPI, the general index of the port city bourse, shot up by 143 points, or 0.69 per cent, to 21,001. Among 317 traded stocks, 126 advanced, 159 fell and 32 remained unchanged.

aided the upsurge in indices, said International Leasing Securities in its market review.

The investors preferred to take long positions as they created lucrative buying opportunities in several fundamentally strong issues, it added.

Among the major sectors based on market capitalisation, miscellaneous rose 3.2 per cent, financial institution increased 2.6 per cent and cement grew 2 per cent while engineering dropped 2.4 per cent, and general

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Kattali Textile shed the most, falling 6.50 per cent, followed by Meghna Condensed Milk, Safko Spinning, Walton Hi-tech Industries, and Renwick Jaineswar.

At the DSE, 167 stocks rose, 153 declined and 55 remained unchanged.

The market oscillated between red and green in the first two hours of the session, however, the buying pressure from an optimistic group of investors snapped the early gloominess and

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SL No	Tender ID	Invitation Reference No.	Name of works	Tender Closing Date & Time
1	608572	egp/bari/PWD/BSMRNB/W-3/2021-2022	Construction of Office Block including Civil, Sanitary & Internal Electrification works and Site Development works of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Novo Theatre at Barishal.	12-10-2021 12:45

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01	e-GP/WR-10/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608551	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Pattashi Jonokalayan Secondary School, Indurkani, Pirojpur, (ii) Balipara Union Secondary School, Indurkani, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
02	e-GP/WR-09/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608552	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Uttar Nilli Samatol Secondary School, Kawkhali, Pirojpur, (ii) Nilli Sammitlo Secondary School, Kawkhali, Pirojpur, (iii) Kawkhali Mohila College, Kawkhali, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
03	e-GP/WR-08/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608553	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Mazar Lower Secondary School, Sadar, Pirojpur, (ii) Sikder Mallick Junior Secondary School, Sadar, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
04	e-GP/WR-07/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608555	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Trigram Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur, (ii) Bldumoria Padhadubi Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur, (iii) Balibabla Adarsha Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
05	e-GP/WR-06/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608556	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Palash Danga Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur, (ii) Chadkhali Girls Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur, (iii) Lora Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
06	e-GP/WR-05/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608557	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Alhaz Taher Uddian Memorial Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur, (ii) Belua Girls Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur, (iii) Daubaria Dumoria Junior Secondary School, Nazirpur, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
07	e-GP/WR-04/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608559	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Amir Hossain Progoti Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur, (ii) Kamarhathi Girls Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur, (iii) Shamsun Nahar Halim Nimno Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
08	e-GP/WR-03/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608560	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Bolidia Moluhar Girls Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur, (ii) Bolidia Central Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur, (iii) Thakur Howla amtala Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur, (iv) Alhaz Abdur Rahman Degree College, Nesarabad, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
09	e-GP/WR-02/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608561	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Tigram Sommiloni Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur, (ii) Shahid Smriti Girls Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur, (iii) Jagannathkathi Secondary School, Nesarabad, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00
10	e-GP/WR-01/EED/PIR/Amphan/5974/2021-2022	608562	Repair & Renovation Works of Cyclone Amphan affected at (i) Sobahan Sorif Junior Secondary School Mathbaria, Pirojpur, (ii) Noli Tulatola Junior Secondary School Mathbaria, Pirojpur, (iii) Pathakata Junior Secondary School Mathbaria, Pirojpur.	04-10-2021 17:00	05-10-2021 12:30	05-10-2021 13:00

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