

# Biden vows to pass infrastructure, social spending bills

REUTERS, Washington

US President Joe Biden said on Saturday he was going to "work like hell" to get both an infrastructure bill and a multi-trillion-dollar social spending bill passed through Congress and plans to travel more to bolster support with Americans.

Biden visited the Capitol on Friday to try to end a fight between moderates and left-leaning progressives in his Democratic Party that has threatened the two bills that make up the core of his domestic agenda.

The president on Saturday acknowledged criticism that he had not done more to gin up support for the

bills by traveling around the country. He said there were many reasons for that, including his focus on hurricane and storm damage during recent trips, among other things.

Biden said he would be traveling to make "the case why it's so important" to pass the bills and to make clear what is in them. He said the bills were designed to make life easier for ordinary Americans by making child care affordable, for example.

"There's nothing in any of these pieces of legislation that's radical, that is unreasonable," Biden said. "I'm going to try to sell what I think the people, the American people, will buy." Biden expressed confidence that

both bills would get passed but declined to set a deadline, such as the November Thanksgiving holiday, for when that would happen. "I believe I can get this done," Biden said.

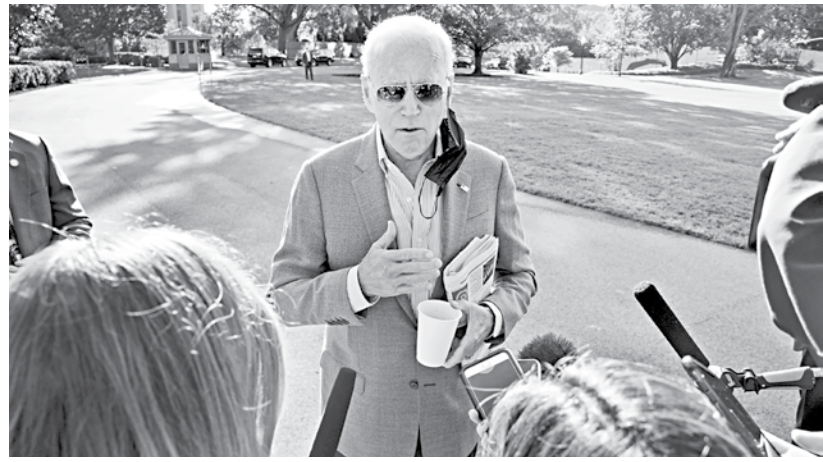
Moderate Democratic lawmakers wanted an immediate vote on a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill in the House of Representatives that has already passed the Senate, while progressives want to wait until there is agreement on a sweeping \$3.5 trillion bill to bolster social spending and fight climate change.

House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi told Democratic lawmakers in a letter on Saturday that the House must approve the infrastructure bill "well before" Oct. 31, when highway funding legislation is set to expire. She said talks are continuing over the social spending bill. "We will and must pass both bills soon."

Biden, a former senator who is deeply familiar with the legislative process, told his caucus on Friday that they could delay a vote on the smaller bill and sharply scale back the larger one to around \$2 trillion.

White House spokesperson Jen Psaki said the president and his team would continue to engage with members of the House and Senate throughout the weekend.

"And he looks forward to not only welcoming members to the White House next week, but also traveling the country to make the case for his bold and ambitious agenda," she said.



President Joe Biden speaks with members of the press before boarding Marine One on the South Lawn of the White House on October 2.



Nilufer Zafarullah, chairperson of Midland Bank Limited, virtually presided over its 8th annual general meeting recently. The shareholders of the bank approved 7.50 per cent cash dividend for 2020. Md Shamsuzzaman, vice chairman of the bank, Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director, and Md Zahid Hossain, deputy managing director, were present.



SM Parvez Tamal, chairman of NRB Commercial Bank Limited, yesterday inaugurated the bank's Mithapukur sub-branch at Mithapukur, Rangpur. Fatematzu Zahora, upazila nirbahi officer of Mithapukur; Rasel Ahmed Liton, chief executive of SKS Foundation; Abdus Salam Pramanik, district registrar, and Mahmud Hasan Mridha, assistant commissioner (land) of Mithapukur, were present.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Public Works Department  
Office of the Executive Engineer  
PWD E/M Division-6, Dhaka

Memo No. 5-16/741 Date: 03/10/2021

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This is to notify all concern that the following tender is invited in the National e-GP Portal:

SI No.	Brief description of work	Tender ID	Publishing date & time	Closing date & time
1	Establishment of 11 Modern Fire Service and Civil Defence Station one at Jirabo, Savar, Dhaka, (Sub-head: External Electrification)	616442	04-Oct-2021 15:30	20-Oct-2021 15:30

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**Nigeria looks to revive ailing palm oil sector**

AFP, Okomu

Standing beside the piles of dark red palm fruits ready for crushing for their essence, Nigerian farmer Michah Ojo hopes to cash in on the government's drive to revive the country's once thriving palm oil business.

His farm is one of the small plantations scattered across southern Nigeria where the government is investing heavily in the industry as part of its drive to diversify away from petroleum and help create jobs.

Once a major producer, Nigeria now imports from Indonesia and Malaysia, further straining foreign exchange reserves already battered by a fall in global crude oil prices and the pandemic.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Local Government Engineering Department  
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District: Sunamganj  
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**e-Tender Notice Number: 17/2021-2022**

Memo No. 46.02.9000.000.99.024.21.3711 Date: 03/10/2021

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Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of work	Date and time of last selling	Date and time of closing
<b>Haor Infrastructure and Livelihood Improvement Project (HILIP)</b>				
616045	HILIP/19/WD14/VP-SUN/Jam-20	Village Protection work on Ioxipur Nutun Para Road under Jamalganj Upazila District- Sunamganj EL. 750m	20-Oct-2021 12:00	20-Oct-2021 14:00
616049	HILIP/19/WD24/BE-SUN/Bis-26	Part-A. Re-excavation of Chilolia Group Beel under Biswemberpur Upazila District- Sunamganj	20-Oct-2021 12:00	20-Oct-2021 14:00
616053	HILIP/19/WD24/BE-SUN/Sad-30	Re-excavation of Jor Dubi Beel under Sunamganj Sadar Upazila District- Sunamganj	20-Oct-2021 12:00	20-Oct-2021 14:00
616054	HILIP/19/WD24/BE-SUN/Sad-31	Re-excavation of Choto Beel under Sunamganj Sadar Upazila District- Sunamganj	20-Oct-2021 12:00	20-Oct-2021 14:00
616051	HILIP/19/WD24/BE-SUN/Sad-29	Re-excavation of Hekani Beel under Sunamganj Sadar Upazila District- Sunamganj	20-Oct-2021 14:00	20-Oct-2021 14:00

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**বাংলাদেশ কৃষি গবেষণা ইনস্টিটিউট**  
Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute  
সংগ্রহ ও ভান্ডার শাখা  
জয়দেবপুর, গাজীপুর।

Memo no: 12.21.0000.023.646 & 647.21.1548 Date: 29 September 2021

**e-GP: Tender Notice No.06(2021-2022)**

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP system Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods. Details are given below:

SI No	Package no.	Tender ID & Ref No	Description of goods	Tender Documents Last selling (Date & Time)	Tender Closing date & Time	Tender Opening date & Time
1.	PN: GD-01	615671 & IRN : 646	Vehicle 02 items	13.10.2021 17:00	14.10.2021 12:00	14.10.2021 12:00
2.	PN: GD-02	615970 & IRN : 647	Office Equipment 02 items	13.10.2021 17:00	14.10.2021 15:00	14.10.2021 15:00

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Project Name: "Enhance Production of Oil Crops (EPOC)" Project (BARI Part).

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**North-West Power Generation Company Ltd**  
ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 & ISO 45001:2018 Certified  
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board)

**Office of the Plant Manager (Superintending Engineer)**  
Sirajganj 225 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant (Unit-2)  
Soydabad, Sirajganj.

Ref: 27.28.8878.201.07.001.21.218 Date: 03/10/2021

**e-Tender Notice**

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Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief Description of Tender	Publication Date	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening Date
1	614387	Supply of DM Plant Process Chemicals for Water Treatment Plant (Under Framework Contract)	29-Sep-2021	20-Oct-2021 03:30 PM	21-Oct-2021
2	615225	Spare Parts for DC & UPS System of GT & ST.	03-Oct-2021	03-Nov-2021 03:30 PM	04-Nov-2021
3	612950	Supply of lube oil filtering machine	03-Oct-2021	01-Nov-2021 12:30 PM	02-Nov-2021

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