



Mohammed Monirul Moula, managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, yesterday inaugurated the lender's 375th branch on Kalibari Bazar Road, Palashbari in Gaibandha. Muhammad Qaisar Ali, additional managing director of IBBL, Md Mahboob Alam, senior executive vice-president, Miftah Uddin, executive vice-president, Md Abdus Sobhan, head of the Bogura zone, AKM Moksed Chowdhury Bidyut, chairman of Palashbari Upazila Parishad, Md Kamruzzaman, upazila nirbahi officer, and Md Golam Sarwar Biplob, mayor of Palashbari municipality, were also present.

## Asian markets mostly up as traders keep eye on inflation

AFP, Hong Kong  
Most Asian markets rose on Monday to extend last week's rally after US lawmakers averted a painful debt default, but another jump in oil prices added to inflation concerns as the Federal Reserve prepares to taper its ultra-loose monetary policy.

A big miss on US jobs creation last month did little to change expectations that the Fed will start winding back its massive bond-buying programme as it looks to keep a cap on price rises just as the global recovery shows signs of slowing.

The US Labor Department said just 194,000 new posts were taken up last month, less than half what was forecast, owing to weakness in the service sector, though there was an upward revision to gains in the

previous two months.

"Notwithstanding the soft payrolls headline, the inner strength in the report suggests the numbers have passed the Fed's test for a 'reasonable enough' report to allow for a... tapering announcement in November," said National Australia Bank's Rodrigo Catril.

Wall Street's three main indexes ended in the red, but Asia fared much better in early exchanges on Monday.

Tokyo was boosted after new Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said he was not considering hiking capital gains tax any time soon, soothing investor worries that the government was planning such a move.

A rise in the dollar to a three-year high against the yen -- on expectations for tighter US monetary policy -- provided added support.

Hong Kong jumped two percent with tech firms enjoying some much-needed buying after China fined food delivery giant Meituan less than expected over monopolistic practices.

The firm ended up more than eight percent, e-commerce giant Alibaba climbed 7.9 percent, while gaming firm XD put on more than nine percent.

Singapore, Mumbai and Manila also enjoyed gains, though Bangkok, Sydney and Wellington dipped. Shanghai was flat. London and Paris rose in morning trade, but Frankfurt slipped.

The broad advances built on Friday's positive performance that came in the wake of news that Democrats and Republicans had agreed a deal to lift the US debt ceiling to avoid an economically catastrophic default.

## China has won AI battle with US

Pentagon's ex-software chief says

REUTERS, London  
China has won the artificial intelligence battle with the United States and is heading towards global dominance because of its technological advances, the Pentagon's former software chief told the Financial Times.

China is likely to dominate many of the key emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence, synthetic biology and genetics within a decade or so, according to Western intelligence assessments.

Nicolas Chaillan, the Pentagon's first chief software officer who resigned in protest against the slow pace of technological transformation in the US military, said the failure to respond was putting the United States at risk.

"We have no competing fighting chance against China in 15 to 20 years. Right now, it's already a done deal; it is already over in my opinion," he said. told the newspaper.

## Still no decision on whether IMF chief keeps her job

AFP, Washington  
The International Monetary Fund said Sunday it still had not decided whether its embattled chief would keep her job, with the lack of clarity over Kristalina Georgieva's future threatening to overshadow the body's fall meetings this week.

An investigation by a law firm has concluded that the Bulgarian managing director manipulated data in favor of China while in a senior role at the World Bank.

The IMF board met again with representatives of the firm, WilmerHale, and with Georgieva over the weekend.

The board said in a statement published late Sunday that it made "further significant progress today in its assessment with a view to very soon concluding its consideration of the matter".

committee called in the law firm when the report proved controversial, and led to the resignation of the bank's former chief economist Paul Romer.

WilmerHale found that Georgieva -- along with her associate Simeon Djankov, a former Bulgarian finance minister who created the "Doing Business" report, and Jim Yong Kim, then president of the World Bank -- pressured staff to change the calculation of China's ranking to avoid angering Beijing.

The push came while bank leadership was engaged in sensitive negotiations with Beijing over increasing the bank's lending capital.



KRISTALINA GEORGIEVA  
IMF MANAGING DIRECTOR

Georgieva -- who took over as head of the fund in October 2019 -- has repeatedly denied the WilmerHale report's conclusions. There was no immediate reaction from her on Sunday.

Her fate divides members of the IMF, with Europe and Africa wanting her to stay in post, while the United States and Japan are reluctant to see her continue, according to several sources familiar with the matter.



Azharul Islam, chief executive officer of Ace Autos Private Ltd, cuts a ribbon to inaugurate the company's third nationwide service campaign of motor vehicle brand Haval, at the firm's head office in Dhaka recently. Jan Van Der Poorten, CEO of Expo Freight, Elahi Manzurul Haque, general manager of Ha-Meem Group, Ghazi Mamunur Rashid, deputy general manager of Evercare Hospital Dhaka, and Brig Gen (Retd) Nasim Akhter, were also present.

## UAE, Syria agree to enhance economic cooperation

REUTERS, Cairo  
The United Arab Emirates' economy ministry said on Sunday that the Gulf state and Syria had agreed on future plans to enhance economic cooperation and explore new sectors.

The ministry wrote on Twitter that the value of non-oil trade between the two countries in the first half of 2021 was one billion dirhams (\$272 million).

The UAE re-opened its mission to Damascus in late 2018 in a bid to counter the influence of non-Arab actors like Iran, which along with Russia backs Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, and Turkey, which backs rebel forces.

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**Invitation for e-Tender No. 03/2021-2022**

1	Invitation Ref. No.	: 42.01.3500.474.14.005.21-995; Date: 10/10/2021.
2	Tender ID (from e-GP Portal)	: 617837, 617836, 617834, 617833 & 618741.
3	Package No. and works description:	
	(a) WGIWMP-II_MBR_PW-10.	River Bank Protective Work along the Right bank of MBR Channel from km 1.930 to km 2.130 = 200m at Sanpukuria, Upazila-Gopalganj Sadar, Dist-Gopalganj in C/W 'West Gopalganj Integrated Water Management Project (Phase-II)' under Gopalganj O&M Division, BWDB, Gopalganj during the year 2021-2022.
	(b) WGIWMP-II_MBR_PW-06.	River Bank Protective Work along the Right Bank of MBR Channel from km 0.000 to km 0.300 = 300m at Manikhar, Upazila-Gopalganj Sadar, Dist: Gopalganj under Gopalganj O&M Division, BWDB Gopalganj in C/W 'West Gopalganj Integrated Water Management Project (Phase-II)' during the year 2021-2022.
	(c) WGIWMP-II_MBR_PW-05.	River Bank Protective Work along the Right Bank of MBR Channel from km 0.000 to km 0.200 = 200m at Madhupur (Mukimpur-Manikhar), Union-Urfi in Upazila-Gopalganj Sadar, Dist: Gopalganj under Gopalganj O&M Division, BWDB Gopalganj in C/W 'West Gopalganj Integrated Water Management Project (Phase-II)' during the year 2021-2022.
	(d) WGIWMP-II_MBR_PW-03.	River Bank Protective Work along the Left Bank of Madhumati River from km 0.000 to km 0.250 = 250m at Dubshi Mollapara, Upazila-Gopalganj Sadar, Dist: Gopalganj under Gopalganj O&M Division, BWDB Gopalganj in C/W 'West Gopalganj Integrated Water Management Project (Phase-II)' during the year 2021-2022.
	(e) WGIWMP-II_RE_KHAL_05.	Re-excavation of Bamunia-Katakhal Khal from km 0.000 to km 1.700 = 1.700 km, Nawhata Khal from km 0.000 to km 1.000 = 1.000 km and Tungbari Khal from km 0.000 to km 0.550 = 0.550 km (total = 3.250 km) at Upazila-Muksudpur, District-Gopalganj in c/w 'West Gopalganj Integrated Water Management Project (Phase-II)' under Gopalganj O&M Division, BWDB, Gopalganj during the year 2021-2022.
4	This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal ( <a href="http://www.eprocure.gov.bd">http://www.eprocure.gov.bd</a> ) is required. For more details please contact Support Desk contact number (01762625528-31, e-mail: <a href="mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd">helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd</a> ) from 9:00am to 17:00pm.	
5	The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches up to banking hours.	
6	Last selling date & time	10-Nov-2021, 12:00
	Closing date & time	10-Nov-2021, 16:00 to 16:20
7	e-Tender document price	Stated in the e-GP Tender Notice and to be deposited through e-GP Portal.
8	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tenders and work may increase/decrease or totally dropped without assigning any reason.	

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Sl No.	Package No	Name of Works	Tendering Method	Tender ID	Last Date & Time of Selling Documents	Last Date & Time of Submission Documents
1.	GCHDP-WD-VZR-COX-SADA-21/01	Development of By Pass Nurul Alam Co.House -(Ghatta Khal) Raj Ghat Road By HBB at Ch: 00m - 630m, Under Sadar Upazila, District: Cox's Bazar.[Road ID: 422244072] [Salvage Materials Cost: 2,06,698.00]	LTM	612923	25-10-2021 17:00	26-10-2021 15:00
2.	GCHDP-WD-VZR-COX-CHAK-MAIN-NEW-21/01	Maintenance of Dulahazara - Malumghat RHD Road By BC at Ch: 920m-2080m, Under Chakaria Upazila, District: Cox's Bazar. [Road ID: 422164104]	LTM	618624	25-10-2021 17:00	26-10-2021 15:00
3.	GCHDP-WD-VZR-COX-KUTU-21/05	Development of Shah Alam Sikder Para Road By HBB at Ch: 00m - 220m, Under Kutubdia Upazila, District: Cox's Bazar. [Road ID: 422455069] [Salvage Materials Cost: 3,68,628.00]	LTM	612924	25-10-2021 17:00	26-10-2021 15:00
4.	GCP-3/cox/WD-92	Development of Joarijala Sowdagurpara Road by BC at Ch: 500m-1500m, Under Ramu Upazila, District: Cox's Bazar. [Road ID: 422664001] [Salvaged Materials Cost : 3,54,909.00]	LTM	612919	25-10-2021 17:00	26-10-2021 15:00
5.	GCP-3/cox/SWD-93	Improvement of Dula Fakir Mazar Road by Uni-Block at Ch: 00m-575m, Under Sadar Upazila, District: Cox's Bazar. [Road ID: 422244033] [Salvaged Materials Cost : 3,71,037.00]	LTM	616918	25-10-2021 17:00	26-10-2021 15:00
6.	FDR/Cox/21-22/UZR/W-29	Rehabilitation of Zagiraghona - Fakirghona Road from Ch: 00m-1510 & 2878m-3015m, Under Upazila: Moheshkhali, District: Cox's Bazar. [Road ID: 422494001]	LTM	618712	25-10-2021 17:00	26-10-2021 15:00
7.	GCP-3/cox/SWD-83	Improvement of Middle Esakhali Road (Choddo Kaniya Para Road) By Uni Block Pavement at Ch: 00m-1750m. [Road ID: 422245053] Under Sadar Upazila, District: Cox's Bazar. [Salvage Cost: Taka-2,69,146.00]	OSTETM	612920	08-11-2021 17:00	09-11-2021 15:00

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Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief Description of Tender	Publication Date & Time	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening Date & Time
1	616985	Procurement of Spares for GT Base Module.	10/10/2021, 10:00 AM	31/10/2021, 3:00 PM	01/11/2021, 11:00 AM
2	617214	Procurement of different types of Transducer and Variable Frequency Converter.	10/10/2021, 10:00 AM	31/10/2021, 03:00 PM	01/11/2021, 12:00 PM
3	617215	Procurement of Spare for Firefighting system.	10/10/2021, 10:00 AM	01/11/2021, 03:00 PM	02/11/2020, 2:00 PM
4	617217	Procurement of spares for GT Speed and Flame monitoring system.	10/10/2021, 10:00 AM	01/11/2021, 03:00 PM	02/11/2021, 10:00 AM
5	618194	Procurement of Special tools for Mechanical Maintenance.	10/10/2021, 10:00 AM	01/11/2021, 03:00 PM	02/11/2020, 2:00 PM
6	618195	Procurement of Spares for Cooling Tower.	11/10/2021, 10:00 AM	01/11/2021, 03:00 PM	02/11/2021, 10:00 AM

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