Pran-RFL generates 33,000 jobs in Narsingdi

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Pran-RFL Group has recently generated 33,000 more jobs at three factories in Narsingdi.

Around 90 per cent of the employees are locals and about 20,000 female employees, said a press release.

Kamruzzaman Kamal, director (marketing) of Pran-RFL Group, made this disclosure yesterday at a views-exchange meeting with journalists at Pran Industrial Park at Palash, Narsingdi. "The aim of establishing the factories in Narsingdi is to utilise the huge potential of the population, smooth communication facility and congenial environment for doing business," he said.

He said the company gives highest importance to manufacturing quality products, employment generation and socio-economic development when setting up factories and operations.

"There are more than 100 product lines in the three factories…We have a plan to invest in some sectors including electronics, lift manufacturing, flexible packaging and recycling plant and it will create another 2,000 jobs," Kamal said.

M Shamsul Alam Miah, executive director of Pran Industrial Park, Tanul Islam, general manager, Fazle Rabbi, senior general manager of Danga Industrial Park, and Dipak Kumar Dev, general manager of Pran Factory Ghorasal, were also present.

TMSS loans now thru bKash

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Thengamara Mohila Sabuj Sangha (TMSS) recently signed an agreement with bKash enabling its members to both receive microfinance loans and pay monthly instalments through the mobile financial service provider.

Currently, the non-government organisation (NGO) disburses loans and receives instalments through its 856 branches.

The bKash solution will make the process easier, bringing relief to members, said a press release.

"(It will) make our microfinance activities more dynamic," said Prof Hosne Ara Begum, founder executive director of the TMSS.

"This bKash service…is convenient and secured for both the borrower and lender. It is time-saving and cost-effective as well," said Kamal Quadir, chief executive officer of bKash.

While the arrangement was being prepared, bKash donated Tk 1 million to TMSS Medical College and Rafatullah Community Hospital to facilitate free medical services for severely infected Covid-19 patients.

No fear of inflation 'runaway train': IMF chief

AFP, *Washington*

Global finance officials are worried about rising inflation pressures but there it is little fear that it will become a "runaway train," IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva said Sunday.

With supply chain bottlenecks growing in the face of surging demand, policymakers have focused attention on rising prices and whether they will linger or fade away in coming months.

"We are in a more somewhat more uncertain space now," Georgieva said at the G30 central banking conference.

However, in advanced economies "policymakers have the tools" to deal with inflation, she said, so "there is no significant concern that this would be a runaway train.

"Even so, finance ministers and central bankers gathered last week in Washington for the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank were more concerned than previously that the prices increases could be more than transitory, she said.

And major emerging markets like Russia and Mexico already have raised interest rates showing that "in these places their policymakers are sufficiently concerned already to take action.

"In the world's largest economy, US Federal Reserve officials have signaled they will begin to pull back on stimulus by tapering its bond purchases in the last few weeks of the year, but the benchmark interest rate is expected to remain at zero with no increase until late 2022 at the earliest.

The Bank of England so far has left its stimulus unchanged, but there were signs of dissent at its most recent policy meeting, when two of its rate-setting panel voted to stop the bond-buying stimulus as soon as possible to help quell inflation.

BOE governor Andrew Bailey said central bankers face a "very difficult balancing act" because they cannot address the underlying supply shocks with monetary policy, but have to respond to what is happening in the economy.

Failure to act to contain inflation risks undermining central banks' inflation-fighting credibility, he said. "We have ... to preserve the huge progress we've made in terms of the credibility of monetary policy regimes. I mean that is absolutely critically important," Bailey said at the conference.

Toyota to invest $3.4b on US automotive batteries

REUTERS, *Washington*

Toyota Motor Corp's North American unit said Monday it will invest about $3.4 billion (380 billion yen) on US automotive battery development and production in the United States through 2030.

The world's largest automaker by volume also said it plans to establish a new company and build a new US automotive battery plant together with Toyota Tsusho, the automaker's metals trading arm and a unit of the Toyota Group.

The new plant, which includes a planned $1.29 billion Toyota investment through 2031, aims to start production in 2025 and is expected to create 1,750 new US jobs.

The funds are part of the $13.5 billion it announced in September it planned to spend globally by 2030 to develop batteries and its battery supply system.

Stocks take a steep dive

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"There is huge liquidity in the market which will be invested in stocks because there is no other high return generating alternative investment scope," Hasan said.

Turnover at the Dhaka bourse fell 15 per cent to Tk 1,393 crore yesterday.

At the DSE, 33 stocks advanced, 324 fell and 17 remained unchanged.

Golden Son topped the gainers list, rising by 9.75 per cent, followed by SBAC Bank, BSRM, Sonali Paper, and National Housing Finance.

Meghna Condensed Milk shed the most, losing 9.18 per cent, followed by Beach Hatchery, Dacca Dyeing, Savar Refractories and Usmania Glass.

Stocks of Orion Pharmaceuticals traded the most, worth Tk 89 crore, followed by Delta Life Insurance, LafargeHolcim Bangladesh, British American Tobacco (BATBC), and Fortune Shoes.

The index dropped around 36 points collectively for the fall of BATBC, the biggest contributor, Grameenphone, Walton Hi-tech Industries, Square Pharmaceuticals, and the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh.

Among major sectors, the paper and printing, and tannery sectors experienced price appreciation while the services and real estate, non-bank and textile sectors faced correction, according to a daily market review by UCB Stock Brokerage.

On condition of anonymity, a senior official of a merchant bank said that some institutional investors sold off a massive amount of shares to adjust their capital market exposure.

"But this situation will not continue for long and so, the market will bounce back soon," he added.

The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) also dropped yesterday as the CASPI, the general index of the port city bourse, edged down 314 points, or 1.49 per cent to 20,707.

Among the traded 307 stocks, 35 rose, 257 fell and 15 remained unchanged.

Uniform rates set to settle transactions

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The BB also fixed a uniform rate for the settlement of transactions through point of sale (POS) devices.

Banks will be allowed to charge merchants a maximum of 1.6 per cent against the total transaction made by clients. Of the amount, banks, which own the POS devices, will share 1.1 percentage points with the lender that has issued cards.

Clients will have to count Tk 20 per transaction while withdrawing money through POS devices. Some banks have recently set up the terminal to help clients withdraw funds through the POS like they do with an automated teller machine (ATM).

The card issuers will provide the fee to the banks and the financial service providers that provide the services to clients.

Clients will have to pay Tk 20 to deposit money with banks through inter-bank ATMs.

In order to transfer funds from one lender to another through ATMs, clients will be charged Tk 10.

The central bank has also fixed the cost to settle transactions through Bangla QR (quick response) code, which is operated under personal retail accounts owned by micro-enterprises and underprivileged businesses.

The BB rolled out the interoperable QR code on January 6 to boost cashless transactions across the country, particularly in rural areas.

Bangla QR helps clients pay bills for goods and services through any mobile banking application, mobile financial service or payment service provider.

Banks can impose a maximum of 0.7 per cent on micro-merchants against the total transactions made by clients. Of the fee, the bank, which owns the POS terminal, will have to give 0.4 percentage points to the card-issuing bank.

Govt goes slow on $3b IMF loan offer

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So, the government is not rushing into the offer as it has available funds for the current fiscal year. The offer might be considered later, said officials of the finance ministry.

Last week, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told The Daily Star that the government would take a decision on the IMF offer after a meeting with the secretaries of the Economic Relations Division, the finance division and the planning ministry.

"The government needs to understand the demand of various ministries before taking any decision. We will proceed logically. At present, there is no hurry. And, there is no shortage of funds," he said.

According to the offer, the IMF will give the fund in the next three years.

The lender has set 33 conditions related to reform initiatives, including a reduction in interest rates on savings certificates and scrapping the unconditional scope to legalise untaxed money.

Other conditions include relaxing the foreign exchange policy and lessening the interference of Bangladesh Bank so that the foreign exchange market can function on its own.

The government has already cut the interest rate on the savings instruments. However, a senior official of the finance ministry said the rate cut was aimed at bringing down interest expenses.

The IMF has proposed the government initiate reforms about the banking industry, revenue mobilisation, macro-economic management, and efficient use of the resources in the health sector.

Another senior official of the finance ministry says it has not agreed to all of the conditions of the IMF. Discussion is underway to bring down the number of conditions, he said.

An IMF mission will visit the country this year when the issues will be thrashed out, he said.

Last year, Bangladesh received $732 million from the IMF as emergency assistance to address the challenges posed by Covid-19.

In the same year, the Asian Development Bank provided $650 million as budgetary support. Another $1.44 billion came this year.

The Manila-based lender may extend a further $250 million in the current fiscal year.

The World Bank approved $2 billion budget support in 2020 and extended $600 million to the health ministry to buy coronavirus jabs and health-related equipment. It has assured Bangladesh of another $250 million in assistance.

Apart from these, the government is expecting a combined $600 million from the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank for vaccine purchase.

Bangladesh will need to spend around Tk 17,000 crore in the current fiscal year to buy vaccines and meet vaccine-related expenses.

Singer's Q3 profit crashes

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sewing machines and others were higher than anticipated.

Promotional activities were also run to actualise market demand and increase sales.

"But second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has struck again during April and the government has imposed various restrictions, including lockdown which was continuing during June and July, 2021, on stage by stage which adversely affected all the business activities," said the company.

Due to the district-wise lockdowns, sales targets were not achieved for the month of April and May. It again happened in June and July for the continuation of the lockdown.

With restriction easing from August 11, business returned to normalcy and August's results were higher than expected, it said.

Positive customer behaviour was noticed after the relaxation and higher sales were made compared to expectations for September, it added.

A fall of the company's profit and sales was also witnessed in the previous year.

Sales dropped to Tk 1,495 crore in 2020, which was TK 1,537 crore in the preceding year. Profits also slid to Tk 80 crore from Tk 103 crore.

Yesterday, stocks of Singer Bangladesh dropped 0.60 per cent to Tk 183.

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"শেখ হাসিনার মূলনীতি
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Memo No. 1439 Date: 10-10-2021

Invitation for e-Tender Notice

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Sl No.	e-Tender ID	Work name
1	617051, 620808	Construction of one-storied Upazila Office Building including additional one-story staircase arrangement with Four-storied foundation for Department of Public Health Engineering during FY 2021-22.

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Gazi Fatima Ferdous
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Department of Public Health Engineering
Manikganj District, Manikganj

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পদ্মা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
(বাংলাদেশ পেট্রোলিয়াম কর্পোরেশনের একটি অঙ্গপ্রতিষ্ঠান)
পদ্মাভবন, স্ট্র্যান্ডরোড, সদরঘাট, চট্টগ্রাম-৪০০০

সূত্র নং- ২৮.২২.০০০০.৭০০.১১.০৮৩.২১/৯৩৬ তারিখ- ১৮/১০/২০২১ খ্রিঃ

বিষয়ঃ কর্মকর্তা নিয়োগের মৌখিক পরীক্ষার পরিবর্তিত সময়সূচী

গত ০১/১০/২০২১ ও ০২/১০/২০২১ খ্রি: তারিখ সমূহে স্বারক নং-২৮.২২.০০০০.৭০০.১১.০৭০.২১/৮৫৬ মূলে বিভিন্ন জাতীয় দৈনিক পত্রিকায় পদ্মা অয়েল কোম্পানী লিমিটেড কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত নিম্নোক্ত পদ এবং রোল নং ধারী প্রার্থীদের ২৯/১০/২০২১ খ্রি: তারিখের মৌখিক পরীক্ষা অনিবার্য কারণবশত নিম্নে উল্লেখিত নতুন তারিখ ও সময়সূচী অনুযায়ী অনুষ্ঠিত হবে :

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ক) উল্লেখ্য যে, ০১/১০/২০২১ ও ০২/১০/২০২১ খ্রি: তারিখ সমূহের বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে প্রকাশিত জুনিয়র অফিসার, সেলস্ (একাংশের) পূর্ব নির্ধারিত ৩০/১০/২০২১ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য মৌখিক পরীক্ষার তারিখ ও সময়সূচী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

খ) বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

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Sl No.	Package No.	Name of goods	Tender ID	Last date & time of tender security submission	Last date & time of closing & opening
01	CSB-01-21	Procurement & Installation of 9 Nos. Desktop Computer (Brand PC) & 2 Nos. Laptop	619128	Date: 4-11-2021 Time: 11.59	Date: 04-11-2021 Time: 12.00

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Md. Lal Hossain
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Corrigendum-01

The Tender Notice for **'Procurement of Stationeries Items, Toner & Cartridges and Cleaning Materials through Framework Agreement'** vide memo no. BCPCL/Procurement/FA-01/2021-22/46 dated: September 26, 2021 is hereby revised as follows:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Provision in the Invitation for Tender	Provision in Corrigendum-01
8.	Tender Selling Date, Closing & Opening Date and Time	Closing Date & Time *21/10/2021 12.00 Noon*	Closing Date & Time *31/10/2021 12.00 Noon*
10.	Eligibility of Tenderer	The Tenderer or the Manufacturer shall have specific experience as follows: i) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 1,000,000/- (ten lac) only for Lot 1: Stationeries Items; ii) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 1,500,000/- (fifteen lac) only for Lot 2: Toner & Cartridges and Computer Accessories; iii) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 1,200,000/- (twelve lac) only for Lot 3: Cleaning Materials;	The Tenderer or the Manufacturer shall have specific experience as follows: i) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 600,000/- (six lac) only for Lot 1: Stationeries Item; ii) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 800,000/- (eight lac) only for Lot 2: Toner & Cartridges and Computer Accessories; iii) In supply of at least 02 (two) nos. contracts successfully completed within the last 03 (three) years, with a value of at least Tk. 600,000/- (six lac) only for Lot 3: Cleaning Materials;

All other contents of the Tender Notice shall remain unchanged.

Memo No: BCPCL/Procurement/FA-01/2021-22/61
Date: October 18, 2021

18/10/2021
Superintending Engineer (Procurement)
Bangladesh-China Power Company (Pvt.) Limited (BCPCL)

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Memo No. 46.02.4433.000.99.014.16-21-830 Date: 17-10-2021

Invitation for Tender (Works)
e-Tender Notice No. 02/2021-2022 (OTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of works as stated below:

Sl No.	Package No. & Tender ID	Description of work	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)
01.	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W1.01702, ID-616751	Construction of additional classroom Nalkobariea Bara Dawti under PEDP4	07-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.00
02	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W1.01703, ID-616752	Construction of additional classroom Kamalhat under PEDP4	07-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.00
03	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W1.01704, ID-616753	Construction of additional classroom Shoser Para under PEDP4	07-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.00
04	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W1.01709, ID-616754	Construction of additional classroom Ulla under PEDP4	07-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.00
05	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W2.03447, ID-616755	Construction of additional classroom Sindaha under PEDP4	07-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.15
06	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W2.03448, ID-616756	Construction of additional classroom Bethuli under PEDP4	07-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.15
07	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W2.03449, ID-616757	Construction of additional classroom ara Taliyan under PEDP4	03-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.15
08	e-Tender/PEDP4/JHE/KAL/2021-2022/W2.03450, ID-616758	Construction of additional classroom Malieat under PEDP4	07-11-2021 & 17.00	08-11-2021 & 13.15

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