

Brac EPL signs deal for order management system

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Brac EPL Stock Brokerage Ltd has signed a tri-party agreement with Magnus Corporation Ltd and DirectFN over an order management system at its Dhaka office recently.

The agreement will provide investors a trading platform and enable executing trades more efficiently, said a press release. Ahsanur Rahman, chief executive officer of the Brac EPL, Primal Silva, business development manager, Asia of DirectFN, and Arman A Khan, managing director of Magnus Corporation, signed the agreement. Imtiaz Ahmed, chairman of Magnus Corporation, and Moydul Islam, head of IT at the Brac EPL, were present.

Premier Bank, UCB, DBBL report higher profits

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Faruk Ahammad, chief financial officer, said UCB has four subsidiaries, of which three have already made a profit up until September 2021.

Relatively a new subsidiary, mobile financial service Upay, launched in the second quarter of this year, incurred a loss in its initial year of operation. It resulted in the slight decrease in EPS, he said.

DBBL maintained the uptick in its profits for both periods.

The private bank's earnings soared 14 per cent year-on-year to nearly Tk

365 crore in the January-September period of the current year from Tk 346 crore. DBBL said its EPS rose to Tk 6.25 in the January-September period of the current year, up from Tk 5.47 in the same period a year ago.

The third quarter earnings of the bank grew 31 per cent year-on-year to nearly Tk 170 crore from Tk 130 crore in the July-September period of the previous year. Its EPS in the third quarter surged.

DBBL's shares rose 2.8 per cent to Tk 79.2 yesterday from the previous day.

Tourism stimulus disbursement begins

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Clients will have to apply for the stimulus fund between November 1 this year and October 31 in 2022.

Banks that intend to disburse the fund under the package will have to sign a participation agreement with the central bank.

The repayment tenure is a

maximum of one year.

The fund will be treated as a refinance scheme as the central bank will provide 50 per cent of every loan from the package.

Businesses of the sector which had earlier taken loans from other stimulus schemes of the BB will not be allowed to avail loans under this new scheme.

Complaints against Facebook shops on the rise

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A few days after the promised date, she received the parcel. When she opened the packet, she found a piece of fabric in place of the salwar kameez.

She tried to contact the seller by calling the phone number provided on its Facebook page but her efforts went in vain.

According to the cash memo provided by the seller, a relative of Sana went to Muktabangla Market in Mirpur-1 in Dhaka, but he did not find any shop named Trisha Fashion House. This correspondent also called the number on the seller's Facebook page but could not reach anybody.

Like Ahmed and Sana, many customers are said to have gone through a similar experience in Bangladesh.

Complaints have been filed against 4,982 Facebook pages with the Directorate of National Consumer Rights Protection (DNCRP) from July 2017 to August 2021. A total of 694 complaints are yet to be settled.

According to the e-Commerce Association of Bangladesh (e-Cab), there are 2.5 lakh Facebook-based sites, also known as F-commerce, in Bangladesh.

In the last two years, e-commerce through Facebook-based business has expanded in Bangladesh like in other countries as the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdowns turbocharged digital shopping. But the industry's reputation is in

question because of controversial business practices, which include unprecedented discounts, delays in deliveries and shipment of wrong products, by a few platforms.

"First of all, consumers have to be aware of the current scenario," said Bablu Kumar Saha, director general of the DNCRP.

Shaheen Ahmed, owner of Anjans, a fashion house, advises shoppers to purchase products from Facebook-based shops on a cash-on-delivery basis.

"This will allow customers to save them from any hassles." Government agencies should make it mandatory for Facebook-based businesses to obtain a licence before running an online store.

"When someone does not have a trade licence or is not registered, there is no benefit in filing a complaint against them," said Ahmed, also president of the Fashion Entrepreneurs Association of Bangladesh.

The government has formulated a policy for the e-commerce sector but it is yet to draw up any guidelines to regulate Facebook-based commerce.

"We're working on the issue," said Hafizur Rahman, director-general of the WTO cell and former head of the Digital Commerce Cell of the commerce ministry.

The government should formulate a guideline about F-commerce, said Ghulam Rahman, president of the Consumers Association of Bangladesh.

Cactus farming turns into a money-spinner

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It does not grow on ordinary soil as various materials need to be used in the soil preparation such as bone powder, sand, coal, manure, bricks, coco peat, and wood shavings.

In addition, cacti need more sunlight.

"But the cost of starting a new farm is not too high but first you have to learn how to take care of this plant," Hossain said.

Md Shafiqul Islam, deputy director of the DAE office in Bagerhat, said cacti are considered as ornamental houseplants with high demand.

At present, there is a huge demand for it in both domestic and foreign markets. Cacti are sold at both low and high prices depending on the species.

"Altaf has been successful in cultivating cactus so if any other farmer wants to cultivate the plant, we will give them the necessary advice," Islam added.

Keeping 1.5C alive: Will countries put effort to make NDCs compatible?

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Bangladesh's updated NDCs

Bangladesh submitted its updated NDC on August 26, 2021. This NDC addresses additional sectors following the previous one. It covers energy, industrial processes and product use, agriculture, forestry, and other land use, and waste sectors.

The energy sector includes power, transport, energy use in industry, residential, commercial, agriculture, brick manufacturing, F-gases, and fugitive emissions.

In its first submission in 2015, Bangladesh proposed to reduce GHG emissions in three sectors: power, transport, and industry. An unconditional reduction of GHG emissions by 5 per cent from the business as usual (BAU) level and a conditional - contribution assuming additional international support - reduction of 15 per cent GHG emissions were proposed in the three sectors.

The updated NDC targets a 6.75 per cent reduction in unconditional and an additional 15.12 per cent reduction in the conditional scenario from

the BAU level by 2030. While these reduction targets may appear similar to the previous one, in the revised NDC, Bangladesh proposed reducing 27.56 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO2e) in a conditional scenario where it was 12 MtCO2e in the previous one. In the conditional scenario, it is now 89.47 MtCO2e, where it was 36 MtCO2e before.

To deliver the unconditional scenario, Bangladesh proposed some possible mitigation actions in the updated NDC. The latest NDC suggested the implementation of renewable energy projects with a capacity of 911.8 MW (Solar 581 MW, Wind 149 MW, Biomass 20 MW, Biogas 5 MW, New Hydro 100 MW, Mini-grid Solar 56.8 MW).

Interestingly, it offers installation of new 3,208 MW combined cycle gas-based power plant and efficiency improvement of existing 570 MW gas turbine power plants to reduce GHG emission in the power sector.

About 5 per cent fuel efficiency was planned through the improvement of road traffic congestion, and a 10 per cent modal shift in passenger-km

from road to rail was proposed for the transport sector.

Bangladesh has developed an "Energy Efficiency and Conservation Master Plan up to 2030". Ten per cent energy efficiency can be achieved through this plan in the industrial sector.

In order to reduce emissions in the agriculture sector, Bangladesh plans to install 5,925 solar irrigation pumps with a generation capacity of 176.38 MW. Increasing tree cover from 22.37 per cent in 2014 to 24 per cent by 2030 is another proposed action in the updated NDC.

However, Bangladesh could consider providing a conditional offer for transforming its overwhelming fossil fuel-based power sector into a renewable energy-based power sector if necessary resources are made available for the retirement of coal/fossil fuel-based plants and for setting up renewable energy-based power plants.

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Directorate General of Family Planning
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Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Health Education & Family Welfare Division.
2	Agency	Directorate General of Family Planning.
3	Procuring entity	Director (Finance) & Line Director, Field Services Delivery.
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5	Invitation for	Goods.
6	Invitation Ref. No.	FP/FSD/05-1/2021-22/520
7	Date	25/10/2021

KEY INFORMATION

8 Procurement method Open Tender Method (OTM).

FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and source of funds	GOB (Development).
10	Development partner	None.
11	Project/program code	2-2410-8600-000000.
12	Project/program name	Field Services Delivery.
13	Tender package No.	GD-56.
14	Tender package name	Procurement of Printing.
15	Tender publication date	26/10/2021.
16	Tender last selling date	10/11/2021 (office time).
17	Tender closing date & time	11/11/2021 at 11.00am.
18	Tender opening date	11/11/2021 at 11.30am.

NAME & address of the office(s)

19	Selling tender document (principal)	Line Director, Field Services Delivery, Family Planning Field Services Delivery, 4th Floor, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
20	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	01/11/2021 at 11.00am office room of Line Director Field Services Delivery, Family Planning Field Services Delivery, 4th Floor, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
21	Receiving tender document	Director (Finance) & Line Director, Field Services Delivery, Directorate General of Family Planning, 4th Floor, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215. & Office of the Joint Secretary (Procurement & Purchase Building No. 3, Room No. 312 (3rd Floor), Medical Education and Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services. (b) The tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods. (c) The minimum production capacity, two times of the total quantity of all the items specified in the schedule of requirements. (d) The liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is Tk. 50.00 lac.			
23	Brief description of goods	1. Satellite Clinic Register 6,000pcs & 2. Injectable Clients Card 20,0000pcs			
24	Brief description of related services	None.			
25	Tender document price	Tk 1000/- (non-refundable) to be paid by Treasury Challan of Bangladesh Bank/Sonali Bank in the treasury paid to the Code No. 1-7481-0000-2366 in the name of Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215. Treasury challan should be certified by the Treasury Officer or internet copy.			
26	GD-No-56	Identification of Lot No.	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time
	Lot No-01	Satellite Clinic Register 6,000pcs	Central Ware House, Directorate General of Family Planning, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	Tk 90,000/- (ninety thousand) only	8 weeks
	Lot No-02	Injectable Clients Card 20,0000pcs	Central Ware House, Directorate General of Family Planning, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	Tk 90,000/- (ninety thousand) only	8 weeks

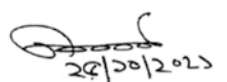
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27	Name of the official inviting tender	Director (Finance) & Line Director, Family Planning-Field Services
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Delivery, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
29	Address of official inviting tender	
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. 8151861, E-mail: fsdftp@gmail.com

31 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.

Public Procurement Act 2006 must be followed.

1 (one) all complete printed sample in a Covered Packet should be submitted with tender document.



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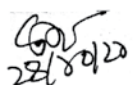
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e-Tender Notice No. 18/2021-22
Tendering Method (LTM)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following packages:

Sl No.	Description of Work & Package No.	Tender last selling (date & time)	Tender closing (date & time)	Tender opening (date & time)	Estimated cost (Tk)/ remarks
01	Improvement of RCC Road from Gondogohali H/Q Didarul Member towards H/Q Albaz Shofi Uddin Road from Ch. 00m-280m under Atrai Upazila, District: Naogaon (Salvage cost Tk. 1978.00) (Package No. UTMIDP-ATRA/NAOG/WR-265, Tender ID No. 617342)	01-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 38,53,346.00
02	a) Improvement of Sayedpur-Chhoighati Road from Ch. 2000m-2500.00m Road ID 164694010 under Niamatpur Upazila District: Naogaon, b) Construction of 0.625mx0.600 2 Nos. culvert at Ch. 2280m & 2300m Road ID 164694010 under Niamatpur Upazila District: Naogaon. (Package No. IRIDP-3/NAO/DW-59, Tender ID No. 617082)	10-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 41,15,297.00
03	Improvement of Isubpur UP-Gobarchapa GC road at Ch. 3490-4667.00m Road ID 164283021 under Dhamoirhat Upazila District: Naogaon. (Package No. RDRIDP/Naog/Dhamuir-19/21-22, Tender ID No. 616897)	10-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 82,82,146.00
04	Improvement of Gokul Ghat-Fulban via Khersukna More Road at Ch. 00-1000.00m Road ID 164285019 under Dhamoirhat Upazila District: Naogaon. (Package No. RDRIDP/Naog/Dhamuir-20/21-22, Tender ID No. 616898)	10-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 70,98,278.00
05	Improvement of Loxhonpara Eidgah (Chanpur)-Dhokkhin Bari Graveyard Road at Ch. 00-650.00m Road ID 164285135 under Dhamoirhat Upazila District: Naogaon. (Package No. RDRIDP/Naog/Dhamuir-21/21-22, Tender ID No. 616899)	10-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 57,28,259.00
06	Improvement of Chalk Rahamat-Ustamabad Road at Ch. 500-2390.00m Road ID 164285064 under Dhamoirhat Upazila District: Naogaon. (Package No. RDRIDP/Naog/Dhamuir-22/21-22, Tender ID No. 621700)	10-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 1,34,05,397.00
07	Improvement of Modhuil GC-Goala UP-Nitpur GC (Shapahar Part) Road Ch. 7559-8600m Road ID 164862003 under Shapahar Upazila District: Naogaon. (Package No. GRDRIDP-Naog-UZR-82/21-22, Tender ID No. 618353)	10-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 91,75,930.00
08	Improvement of Moshidpur UP H/Q-Banmohon Hat Road from Ch. 1900-2600m Road ID 164793005 under Porsha Upazila District: Naogaon. (Package No. GRDRIDP-Naog-UNR-81/21-22, Tender ID No. 618352)	10-Nov-2021 (17:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	11-Nov-2021 (16:00)	LTM 48,85,540.00

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 (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to last selling date & time as mentioned above. 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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