



Mohammed Monirul Moula, managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, inaugurates the bank's 377th branch at Maheshpur, Jhenaidah yesterday. Abu Reza Md Yeahia, deputy managing director of the bank, Md Maksudur Rahman, head of the Jashore zone, Nazrul Islam, vice-president, and Imrul Huq, manager of the Maheshpur branch, and Md Abdur Rashid Khan, mayor of Maheshpur municipality, were present.



Tareq Refat Ullah Khan, deputy managing director of Brac Bank Ltd, and Dewan Nazmul Hasan, acting chief executive officer of Trust Axiata Digital Ltd (TADL), exchange signed documents of a partnership agreement at the bank's head office in Dhaka yesterday. The deal will help the customers of both organisations enjoy smooth, reliable and secure transactions. Selim RF Hussain, managing director of the bank, Md Sabbir Hossain, deputy managing director, and Shah Jalal Uddin, vice-president for sales and distribution of TADL, were present.



Tahmina Mostafa, Tanjima Mostafa and Tasnim Mostafa, directors of Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), inaugurate Fresh Happy Nappy Pant Diaper, the first diaper brand of the conglomerate, at the Lakeshore Hotel in Dhaka recently. Quality raw materials and fabric have been used to ensure the comfort of babies. Mohammad Abul Kalam, senior general manager of logistics at MGI, Kazi Md Mohiuddin, senior general manager of brand, and Md Yeasin Mollah, senior deputy general manager of sales, were present.

Lufthansa flies back into first profit since pandemic began

AFP, Frankfurt

German national carrier Lufthansa said Wednesday that it was back in the black in the third quarter of this year -- for the first time since the start of the coronavirus pandemic -- as restrictions are lifted and air travel takes off again. "With rising demand for business travel and a record result of Lufthansa Cargo, we have mastered another milestone on our way out of the crisis: we are back to black," chief executive Carsten Spohr said in a statement. The airline said its revenues almost doubled in the period from July through September, and it posted a

small underlying, or operating, profit of 17 million euros (\$20 million), compared with a loss of 1.3 billion euros a year earlier. Looking ahead, Lufthansa said it expects to narrow its full-year operating loss to "less than half" the 5.5 billion euros it booked for 2020 when travel restrictions shut down large parts of the airline industry. Its third-quarter performance this year was driven mainly by record operating profit of 301 million euros at its Lufthansa Cargo division, the statement said. The global supply chain crunch has increased already high demand for air

freight. A week before the United States opens its borders to vaccinated travellers -- a key route for the group -- Lufthansa said bookings had reached 80 per cent of pre-pandemic levels in 2019. In the July-September period, Lufthansa operated at 50 per cent of its pre-pandemic capacity, as measured by kilometres travelled by passengers. The airline expects this key indicator to increase to 60 per cent in the fourth quarter and then to 70 per cent in 2022. Lufthansa, which also includes Austrian, Swiss and Brussels Airlines, was saved from bankruptcy last year by a German government bailout.

Asian Paints first to open factory at Bangabandhu Shilpa Nagar

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Harun believes that within next year the under-implementation industrial units would be commissioned as they do not want to waste time.

He also believes that the commissioning of the first industrial units would encourage the other investors to invest in economic zones.

According to Beza, the BSMSN drew investment proposals amounting to \$20.13 billion till date -- \$19.85 billion from locals and \$1.28 billion from abroad as foreign direct investment.

Vagiskuma Vijayshankar Pandey, project head of Asian Paints Bangladesh, said they are ready to open the factory this month.

Considering the growing demand for paint products, Asian Paints established its second plant on over 20 acres of land at the BSMSN, he said.

The company already invested around Tk 180 crore to establish the manufacturing plant to meet demands of a growing market for paint. Already the new plant directly created employment for around 2,000

people, the official said.

Initially, the company had proposed to invest \$26 million or Tk 2.23 crore and create employment for 350 people. Pandey said they have taken a majority of the support from banks to implement the project with a very small percentage of equity.

The size of Bangladesh's decorative paint market currently stands at around Tk 4,000 crore whereas in 2017 it was around Tk 3,500 crore, according to industry insiders and Bangladesh Paint Manufacturer's Association (BPMA).

Around 40 local and multinational companies are now in operation in the market, which has been witnessing an average growth of around 8 to 10 per cent since 2010.

At present, the annual demand for paint stands at nearly 200,000 tonnes.

According to Pandey, the local market for decorative paint is not enormous but the future is good as consumption was increasing with urbanisation.

Asian Paints Bangladesh started its journey in 2002 as a joint venture with Confidence Cement to produce

international standard paints for the discerning consumers of Bangladesh.

Now the company is manufacturing and distributing a wide range of high-performing decorative, marine and industrial paint products with its expertise and innovative technology to provide all the painting needs of consumers in Bangladesh.

Asian Paints Bangladesh, the second largest paint company in Bangladesh, aims to increase its market share by providing quick supplies to the south east part of the country, Pandey said.

He believes that their market share would increase after commissioning of the new manufacturing plant.

Pandey also said the one in Bangladesh was the largest manufacturing plant among those in 18 countries where the company was operational.

According to him, Asian Paints has an efficient research and development team as well as good marketing channels which helps them grow in the market of Bangladesh.

Now, Asian Paint's has a market share of around 40 per cent.

Refunds for non-litigants soon

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Escrow is the use of a third party, which holds an asset or funds before they are transferred from one party to another.

The third party holds the funds until both parties have fulfilled their contractual requirements.

The remaining Tk 298 crore is recoverable as the fund has been traced, although the transactions took place before the escrow accounts were put in place, said the official.

After several meetings in the last few months, the commerce ministry took the initiative to return the money to the consumers and merchants who made the payment to the e-commerce companies but did not get the delivery of goods.

On November 1, the ministry wrote to the Criminal Investigation Department to unfreeze escrow accounts as soon as possible to pay back Tk 214 crore.

The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit is also working to form a committee so that the money can be returned.

Three intelligence agencies put the number of dishonest online shops that defrauded customers and merchants at 13, 17 and 19, respectively.

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Tender Notice (Open Tender Method)

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP Portal for following Procurement. Interested tenderers are requested to visit <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> website for details.

Sl. No.	Tender ID, Ref. No. & Package No.	Name of works	Last selling date and time	Tender publishing & closing date & time
1.	Tender ID- 625522, Ref. DEN-3/ DA/egp1/ 21-22/3.106.1	Package No. DA-3.106.1: At Shajahanpur Railway Officers Quarter, Dhaka: Repairs of toilet and kitchen room of Qtrs. No. D/14-B & D/15-F = 02 Units (occupant change) including floor tiles, wall tiles, plastic paint, distemping and other related works etc.	23-Nov-2021 17:00	09-Nov-2021 12:00:00, 24-Nov-2021 12:00:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. All tenderers are requested to register in e-GP.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)

1	Ministry/Division	Secondary and Higher Education Division, Ministry of Education
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics (BANBEIS)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Bureau of Educational Information & Statistics (BANBEIS)
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
5	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Government/ Non Government Research institute
6	REOI Ref. No	No. ৩৭.২০.০০০০.০০৪.৩২.০৮৬.২১/-৪২২৯
7	Date	03/11/2021
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement Method	RFP(QCBS)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB (Budget Code: 3257103)
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10	REOI Closing date and Time	Date : 21/11/2021 Time : 2.30 pm
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
11	Brief Description of the Assignment	Government/ Non Government Research institute will be responsible for implementing the quantitative as well as qualitative research in education sector of Bangladesh
12	Experience, Resources Delivery Capacity Required	a) The applicant's institute should have previous experience and proven track record of qualitative and quantitative research. b) The applicants must have an experienced team of trained researchers. The agency should submit the signed CVs of at least four core team members who would be involved in undertaking the tasks. c) The applicant is also required to submit completion certificate for similar assignment carried out in recent past as an evidence of its capability in completing works of similar nature successfully.
13	Other Details	Interested Institute are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. Brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar condition, availability of appropriate professional qualification and experience among staff, logistic support, valid trade license/registration, VAT, Tax certificate, bank solvency certificate etc. to be submitted.
PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAIL		
14	Name of Official Inviting EOI	Habibur Rahman
15	Designation of Official Inviting EOI	Director General, BANBEIS, Ministry of Education
16	Address of Official Inviting EOI	1 Zahir Raihan Road, Palashi-Nilkhet, Dhaka-1205
17	Contact details of the Official Inviting EOI of official inviting Proposal	Phone : 9665457.
18	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.	

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Sl No	Name of Goods	Tender Reference No.	Tender ID	Last Date of Selling Documents Through Online	Last Submission
1.	Procurement of 132 Computer & Printer with accessories under MGSP. Package No. MGSP/PMU/G : 51-52	APP ID No. 177590	623501	05/12/2021 at 17:00	06/12/2021 at 13:00
2.	Procurement of 318 Rickshaw Van under MGSP. Package No. MGSP/PMU/G : 68-87	APP ID No. 177590	623513	05/12/2021 at 17:00	06/12/2021 at 13:00

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