



Md Mazibur Rahman

Sonali Bank gets new DMD

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Sonali Bank Ltd recently witnessed the promotion of a new deputy managing director.

The promotee, Md Mazibur Rahman previously served as general manager at Rupali Bank Ltd, a state-owned lender, according to a press release.

Rahman started his professional banking career with Rupali Bank as a senior officer through the Bangladesh Recruitment Committee in 1998.

He did his graduation on agriculture economics and rural sociology in 1990 and post-graduation on agriculture production and economics in 1995 from the Bangladesh Agriculture University.

Exim Bank wins JP Morgan Chase award

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Exim Bank has received the “2021 US Dollar Clearing Elite Quality Recognition” award from the JP Morgan Chase Bank for its outstanding achievement of “Best-in-Class MT202”.

The lender has achieved STP Rate 99.77 per cent for payment of import bills of its customers, says a statement.

Mohammed Haider Ali Miah, managing director of Exim Bank, has received the award from Sazzad Anam, country head of JP Morgan Bangladesh, at the bank's Gulshan head office recently. Mohammad Feroz Hossain, additional managing director of Exim Bank, was present.

MTB Foundation launches Niloufer Manzur Memorial Scholarship

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MTB Foundation in collaboration with the Faculty of Business Studies of the University of Dhaka has recently launched the “Niloufer Manzur Memorial Scholarship” in honour of the founding principal of Sunbeams School, Niloufer Manzur, with a view to recognising the significant contributions made by the renowned academic.

The launching ceremony was held at the Professor Dr Abdullah Farouk Multipurpose Hall of the Faculty of Business Studies at the University of Dhaka, a press release said.

Through this affiliation, a total of 34 deserving students -- 16 female and 18 male -- of the Faculty of Business Studies will be financially supported for a year on a monthly basis.

Professor Md Akhtaruzzaman, vice-chancellor of the University of Dhaka; Syed Manzur Elahi, founding chairman of Mutual Trust Bank Ltd; Md Abdul Malek, vice-chairman; Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director; Rais Uddin Ahmad, deputy managing director; Samia Chowdhury, chief executive officer of MTB Foundation; Professor Muhammad Abdul Moyeen, dean of the Faculty of Business Studies, and Razia Begum, a professor of the marketing department at the University of Dhaka, were also present.

China's forex reserves rise for first time since July

REUTERS, Beijing

China's foreign exchange reserves in October rose on a monthly basis for the first time since July, official data showed on Sunday, as the dollar slipped against a basket of other major currencies.

China's reserves, the world's largest, reached \$3.218 trillion at the end of October, up 0.53 per cent from a month earlier, according to data from the State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE).

Govt to inject more funds into House Building Finance

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The initiative is aimed at ensuring shelter for every person in Bangladesh, said Kamal. He also expressed hope that all sectors would be gradually digitalised in Bangladesh.

Mohammad Muslim Chowdhury, comptroller and auditor general of Bangladesh, said the corporation's instalment system was innovative and low cost.

He suggested developing another online loan application system which would do away with physical meetings between the lender and clients up until the finalisation of loans.

Abdur Rauf Talukder, senior secretary to finance division, said almost all public finance-related fields, from salary disbursement to purchases, have been digitalised.

Earlier encashment of bank cheques used to take a couple of week but it was now possible instantly through digitalisation, he said.

The online system makes use of Sonali Bank's Sonali eSheba payment gateway. Depositors get instant confirmation of transfers and the latest balance through SMS. The event was presided over by Md Afzal Kaim, the corporation's managing director, while Sheikh Mohammad Saleem Ullah, secretary to financial institutions division, and Md Salim Uddin, the corporation chairman, also spoke.

Fresh move to revive 3 old state enterprises

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The corporation hasn't received any application about KPML as of November 3, the closing date of the EoI. “We will extend the deadline,” said the official. BCIC Chairman Shah Md Imdadul Haque said they took the initiative to build four to five factories on the estates.

The corporation plans to set up the factories under joint ventures. “But if we don't find any investor, we will move on our own,” he said.

“BCIC is like a sinking ship and we are struggling to survive.”

KARNAPHULI PAPER MILLS LTD (KPML)

With five acres of land, the country's largest paper mill, KPML was established in 1953 in Chattogram's Chandraghona. It made a profit within a short time on the back of the availability of raw materials. But after 2001, it fell in the red.

The factory also faced a lot of corruption and irregularities at that time, said a former official, on condition of anonymity.

In 2008, the government started BMRE (Balancing, Modernisation, Rehabilitation and Expansion) at the factory that continued till 2014. But in a report in 2018, the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division called the BMRE a total waste.

The BMRE was conducted based on a concept prepared in 1996, which was not realistic in 2008, it said.

In 2010, a bleaching tower was set up to improve the quality of papers, but it went out of order due to technical glitches just a week after it was inaugurated. Its condition has remained the

same since then. The tower cost the taxpayers Tk 171 crore.

“Currently, our paper mill is operational. However, the production has declined sharply. This factory is quite old, and the equipment don't run smoothly,” said KPML Managing Director Bidyut Kumar Biswas.

At its peak, the paper mill used to produce 100 tonnes of paper a day. Now, it has come down to 20-30 tonnes.

The government has to spend around Tk 2 crore per month for the salaries of the officials of KPML and bear other expenses.

CHITTAGONG CHEMICAL COMPLEX LTD (CCCL)

CCCL has been shut since 2002.

According to EoI documents, BCIC wants to set up a new chemical complex having chloralkali and chlorine-related basic chemical compounds on the premises of the complex in Barabkund, Sitakunda.

A former official of CCCL said they had performed BMRE for the complex in 1998 at the cost of Tk 114 crore, which was secured as a loan. But the company could not bear the debt burden, and the amount of revenue loss was increasing.

The government shut the factory in 2002. In 2011, the government moved to revive it and reopened the factory in 2016. But it saw a loss of Tk 36 crore per year.

A committee of BCIC said the company would return to profit if it could manage another Tk 120 crore in investment, but the government

the lack of data.

“We do not have updated information on the implementation rate of the stimulus packages. We have urged the government to set up a dashboard,” Eusuf said.

As per the SME policy 2019, 15 per cent of the total SME loans will go to the women entrepreneurs, but the guidelines of the stimulus packages mentioned that 5 per cent of the fund must be mandatorily provided to females.

This is a gap between the two policies, Eusuf said.

“There is a requirement of a huge number of documents in order to get loans from banks. So, it is difficult for women and micro enterprises to avail the fund,” he said.

The government is now trying to reach the micro entrepreneurs but discrimination exists, he said.

Clients are able to take out loans from banks paying interest at 4 per cent, a subsidised rate.

But they have to count interest between 9 per cent and 12 per cent if they want to take loans through microfinance institutions, Eusuf said.

As per the BB circular, some Tk 25 lakh can be provided to the SME borrowers without collateral but few clients have enjoyed the facility.

So there should be a one stop service to stimulate the SME sector as this is the lifeline of the economy, Eusuf said.

Sayema H Bidisha, professor of the Department of Economics at the University of Dhaka, said terms and conditions should be distinguished given the existing state of affairs of the women entrepreneurs.

She said building a database is important for identifying genuine entrepreneurs and vulnerable groups.

Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives (LGRD) Minister Tajul Islam said

Losses pile up for traders, exporters

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The situation at the country's premier seaport worsened on the third day of the strike as export and import activities were badly disrupted.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Chittagong Port Authority Secretary Md Omar Faruk said the delivery activity remained suspended, and the loading of export containers came to a halt yesterday.

Three container vessels -- AS Sicilia, MV Bangkok and MV Xpress Lohuse -- deferred their scheduled departure yesterday morning since they did not receive around 1,900 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) of export-laden containers at the port from private inland container depots as per schedule as the prime movers, which carry containers, did not operate.

Shahed Sarwar, deputy managing director of Crown Navigation Ltd, the local agent of Sicilia, said they were supposed to accept over 1,250 TEUs of export containers, but a third of them was yet to be reached.

“The vessel waited for an additional day. We may need to wait one more day since it will be a huge loss for the operator if the vessel leaves for Colombo without taking a good number of containers.”

Another Colombo-bound vessel Xpress Lohste did not receive 600 TEUs of export containers. It will have to depart today without taking the containers since its stay at the jetty has already crossed 96 hours.

Two more vessels -- SOL Hind and Kota Bistari -- are scheduled to leave the port this morning. But as of yesterday evening, both of them were waiting to receive 600 TEUs and 400 TEUs of containers, respectively. The vessels may have to push back their departure.

The disruption to the vehicular movement also badly hurt trading activity in Khatunganj, the largest commodity hub in Bangladesh.

Traders said only 20 to 30 trucks loads of goods arrived at the hub, down from 300 trucks usually.

Mohammad Idris, general secretary of the Hamidullah Mia Market Traders Association in Khatunganj, said no onion-carrying trucks showed up in the last two days.

“Sales fell by almost 60 per cent.”

Kazi Belayet Hossain, the immediate past president of the Bangladesh Frozen Food Exporters Association, said most of the frozen foods were transported by the companies' own vehicles as they required a special freezing facility. Mokblul Ahmed, president of the Bangladesh Covered Vans, Trucks, Prime Movers and Ponno Paribahan Malik Samity, said most of the 3.5 lakh vehicles in the country observed the strike yesterday.

“We will continue our strike until the proposed prices of the petroleum products are cut.”

Stocks plumb new depths

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Quasem Industries shed the most, dropping 6.83 per cent, followed by Prime Textiles, Zaheen Spinning Mills, First Finance and Bangladesh Monospool Paper Processing.

“As many stocks already dropped in the last few weeks, investors' shares are in the red zone now. So, if they sell shares now, they will have to incur losses,” a merchant banker said. In this situation, investors do not want to sell shares but on the other hand, they do not have enough confidence to invest more funds to buy shares averaging at lower prices either. “Only if their confidence can be regained will they invest again,” the merchant banker added.

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০৩।	ব্যয়ের উদ্দেশ্য	ঃ সরকার অনুমোদিত বাজেট।
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০৭।	দরপত্র তফসিল প্রাপ্তির দপ্তরের নাম	ঃ বেদন ও হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তা (ভারপ্রাপ্ত), কাস্টম হাউস, কুমিল্লা, ঢাকা (৪র্থ তলা, কক্ষ নং-৪১৮)।
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১০।	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের সময়কাল	ঃ ০৪/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ থেকে ১৮/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে।
১১।	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ২১/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ ২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে দরপত্র ব্যঞ্জে জমা দিতে হবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
১২।	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ ২২/১১/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ৩.০০ ঘটিকা।
১৩।	কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়	ঃ চুক্তি পরবর্তী ১০ (দশ) দিনের মধ্যে সরবরাহ সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।
১৪।	দরপত্র দাখিলের যোগ্যতা	ঃ (ক) বাংলাদেশী প্রকৃত সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান। (খ) দরদাতাগণকে ফিল্ট আইটেম সরবরাহে কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের General Experience থাকতে হবে।
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১৬।	কাজের সফিক্ত বিবরণ	ঃ ভাট দিবস ও ভাট সপ্তাহ, ২০২১ এর উপহার সামগ্রী সরবরাহ সংক্রান্ত (নিম্নবর্ণিত টেকনিক্যাল স্পেসিফিকেশন ও পণ্যের সংখ্যা দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে)। (ক) জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান এর রচিত বই কারাগারের রোজনামচা অরিজিনাল প্রিন্টেড, (খ) মাস্টিপল পোর্ট মোবাইল চার্জিং ক্যাবল, (গ) মগ, (ঘ) পোর্টেবল মোবাইল স্ট্যান্ড এবং (ঙ) ডাবল সেয়ার কার্টিং জুট ব্যাগ।
১৭।	অনুচ্ছেদ-১৬ এ বর্ণিত পণ্যের দরপত্রাদাণপকে দরপত্রের সাথে ২,০০,০০০/- (দুই লক্ষ) টাকা মাত্র জামানত যে কোন তফসিলী ব্যাংকের পে-অর্ডার/চ্যাক ড্রাফট (ফেরতযোগ্য) কমিশনার, কাস্টম হাউস, ঢাকা এর অনুকূলে দাখিল করতে হবে।	
১৮।	সোনালী ব্যাংক, কাস্টম হাউস শাখা, ঢাকায় ২,০০০/- (দুই হাজার) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য) ট্রেজারী চালান কোড নং-১-১১০১-০০০৫-২৬৮১ তে জমা দিয়ে চালানের মূল রশিদসহ নিজস্ব লেটারহেড প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক এ দপ্তরের বেদন ও হিসাবরক্ষণ কর্মকর্তা (ভারপ্রাপ্ত), কাস্টম হাউস, ঢাকার নিকট হতে দরপত্র (তফসিল) ক্রয় করতে হবে।	
১৯।	দরদাতাগণকে Instruction to Tenderers (ITT) অনুযায়ী Tender Data Sheet (TDS), GCC, PCC, Tender and Contract Form, Schedule of requirements, Technical Specifications, Drawings প্রকৃতি যথাযথভাবে পূরণকরতঃ দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।	
২০।	দরদাতাগণকে Tender Qualification Criteria Fulfill করে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।	
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২২।	কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনরূপ কারণ দর্শাও নোটিশ জারি ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিলসহ মালামানের পরিমাণ/সংখ্যা কম-বেশি করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।	
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e-Tender is hereby invited in the National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works under EED Joypurhat as mentioned below:				
Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Name of work	Tender closing (date & time)
01	551675	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/1	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture at Pathuna High School, Sadar, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
02	551676	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/2	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture at Kotowalibag High School, Panchbibi, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
03	551678	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/3	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Dhuroil High School, Panchbibi, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
04	551679	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/4	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Kakra Pinglu High School, Panchbibi, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
05	551680	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/5	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Chhotomajhi Para High School, Sadar, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
06	551681	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/6	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Sahapur High School, Sadar, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
07	551682	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/7	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Vutlapiara High School, Sadar, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
08	551683	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/8	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Bimagor High School, Panchbibi, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
09	551684	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/9	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Sonapur High School, Panchbibi, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
10	551685	Fur/VE/XEN/EED/JOY/2020-21/10	Manufacturing Supplying fitting and fixing of Furniture for newly vertical extended academic building at Kamogram High School, Sadar, Joypurhat	25.11.2021 Time: 12:00
This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be acceptable in the National e-GP System Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender A1/A2 renewed enlistment category contractors/firms of Education Engineering Department who are registered in the National e-GP System Portal (http://eprocure.gov.bd) who have paid renewal fees for the financial year 2021-2022.				
Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).				
The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever. Published date & time is 08 November 2021 at 12.00pm.				
<p>Abu Sayed Executive Engineer (Add. Ch.) Education Engineering Department Joypurhat</p>				
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