StanChart launches digital trade counter

Coal, an unavoidable pollutant

in the harsh Afghan winter

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Chartered Bangladesh has Standard Digital Trade Counter to allow clients to submit trade transaction applications and related documents.

The online "drop-off" counter is a secured and self-reliant platform, and corporate clients can access a paperless, simpler, smarter application and management flow through this solution, it said in a press release yesterday.

Naser Ezaz Bijoy, chief executive officer of Standard Chartered Bangladesh, said, "Digitising trade is a critical lever to accelerate economic development and improve productivity. In our mission to pioneer a frictionless banking experience, we have introduced yet another digital tool, the Digital Trade Counter."

"I am sure our clients will benefit from the seamless application process that this Digital Trade Counter will enable.

The clients can upload their instructions to bank through the counter from anywhere in the world. Besides, the data on the hard copy forms uploaded on the counter automatically flows into the bank's system and gets registered, according to the press release.

At a Kabul market, coal is arriving by the

tonne as the winter cold sets in.Even as

prices rise, Afghans have few options but

to burn it for heat, creating some of the

does," customer Amanullah Daudzai,

dressed in a traditional beige shalwar

"Pollution causes serious respiratory diseases ... All Afghans know what coal

world's most dangerous air.

There is no "waiting time" for registering of the transaction. This is an interactive platform that also informs the clients if any additional document or information is required to complete the transaction, and the clients can respond accordingly.

The counter has other unique features that give the clients many conveniences, including shorter turnaround time, realtime transaction tracking, one single page to complete the entire application, and enhanced security with an audit trail to ensure full transparency.

The first client to use the counter was Univogue Garments Co Ltd.

When asked to share their experience, Gamini De Silva, chief financial officer of Univogue Garments, said, "We recently applied for issuance of two shipping guarantees on the counter.'

'We were able to upload the needed documents and apply within minutes, saving much time that is otherwise needed to fill up an application form.

"Plus, wewere able to track the transaction flow, from receiving the transaction and execution of the transaction.

This real-time update about transactions is very helpful for us," Silva said in the press

More than three months after the Taliban

In such desperate conditions, Daudzai

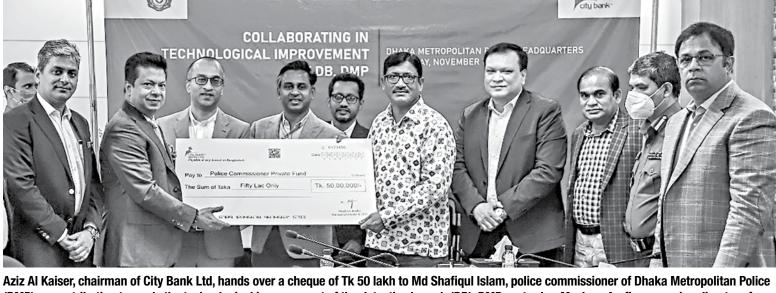
"If we had electricity and gas, people

says coal is still cheaper than the

wouldn't use coal," says one of the market

drove the Western-backed government out

of the country, Afghanistan's economy is



(DMP) as contribution towards the technological improvement of the detective branch (DB), DMP yesterday. Mashrur Arefin, managing director of the bank, Sheikh Mohammad Maroof, additional managing director, Md Mahbubur Rahman, deputy managing director, Mir Rezaul Alam, additional police commissioner (administration), Krishna Pod Roy, additional police commissioner (crime and operation), AFM Masum Rabbani, additional police commissioner (logistics, finance and procurement), AKM Hafiz Akter, additional police commissioner (DB), and Md Mahbub Alam, joint police commissioner (DB) of the DMP, were present.

Algeria's poor fret over plan to slash subsidies on basic goods

Algeria plans to scrap its generous state subsidies on basic goods that have long helped maintain social peace but strained state budgets as energy revenues have fallen.

Many economists support the plan as a necessary evil, as long as the neediest are protected, but some poor families are fearful about the impact.

The North African country, heavily dependent on oil and gas exports, has for decades subsidised everything from bread and milk to fuel and electricity, at the cost of billions of dollars a year.

But income from energy exports has fallen for years, especially during the downturn driven by the Covid-19 pandemic, heightening the strain on public finances in the country of 43 million.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), which advocates subsidy reform, last month urged Algiers to "recalibrate" its policies.

Lawmakers voted last week to wind back the

subsidy system that has helped share the energy wealth with all households regardless of income, leaving some people worried about how they will get by.

"It's a disaster," Hafidha, a mother-of-two with a monthly pension of 50,000 dinars (\$360) said at an Algiers market.

"Already with the current prices we have a hard time making ends meet. The price of sugar, oil, water and fuel will definitely go up.

"Public fears were stoked when fruit and vegetable prices recently skyrocketed. The price of potatoes more than tripled to 140 dinars (\$1) a kilogram, although authorities blamed this on market speculators they said they had since

During Algeria's transition to a market economy in the 1990s, subsidies replaced the fixed prices of a planned economy that had been in place since independence from France

Algeria's subsidy system has been financed by

energy exports that account for about 95 percent of foreign revenues and 60 percent of its budget. But with a recent decline in energy prices,

"the state no longer has the means for such a generous social policy" economist Omar Berkouk told AFP. "All the World Bank and International

Monetary Fund experts, as well as economists, have pointed to the need to reduce (subsidies) by better targeting the recipients," he added. Critics of state subsidies say they are costly,

create harmful market distortions and are inefficient because they help rich households more than poor ones.

In early October, the IMF said the pandemic and a fall in oil prices and output had "seriously impacted the economy last year" when Algeria's real GDP contracted by 4.9 per cent.

Although a recovery is underway, it recommended "a broad-based fiscal adjustment" with measures to protect the most vulnerable should start in 2022

Pathao cuts commission on bike trips

traders, Abdullah Rahimi.

facing collapse.

the commission at 10 per cent for all rides and bringing an end to police

observed a 24-hour strike to press home their demands.

The union then submitted letters to eight government agencies, including the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA), in this

The BRTA later sat down with officials of ridesharing platforms on October 6 to ask about their position on these demands. The authority Obhai, charges 5 per cent to 10 per before the pandemic emerged, the had asked the platforms to submit a written statement to this end by November 4.

"At first, we will go for work abstention for two hours from 8:00am to 10:00am for five days per week from November 28 onwards," Belal Ahmed Khan, general secretary of the DRDU, told The Daily Star.

"Then we will go for more strict decisions if our demands are not met," Khan said.

He went on to say that no matter where they park their vehicles, police charge them for "illegal parking".

"So, give us (ridesharing drivers) designated places to park then," he added.

Their other demands include recognising drivers under the labour law, putting a stop to the cancellation of profiles with ride-hailing platforms unless the driver is involved in any crimes, and exempting listed ridesharing vehicles from advanced

Asked about the drivers' demand

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Ali Armanur Rahman, chief executive officer of Uber's East India and Bangladesh operations, told The On September 28, the union Daily Star in a recent interview that his company follows global standards and the commission is charged accordingly.

"We mainly reinvest the commission to upgrade our technology and expand safety features. A significant amount of the investment required to develop and vehicles in order to offer their tech solutions mainly comes from our services. commission."

cent for CNG-run three wheelers while number has dropped significantly as it takes 15 per cent for its car service in just 25,229 vehicles of 14 platforms Dhaka and 10 per cent in Chattogram, Sylhet and Cox's Bazar.

"Obhai has historically kept the commission structure tolerable and affordable for its drivers," said Rahid Chowdhury, executive director and chief operations officer at Obhai Solutions.

"We don't want to burden the drivers with exorbitant commission rates," he added. In a statement, Pathao said this change would contribute to making the motorcycle ridesharing service even more reliable for users, especially during peak hours.

This is because they will now enjoy the availability of more riders looking to maximise their earnings, it added.

"With this reduced commission, we wanted to recognise the largest and most loyal pool of riders at Pathao,

The business of ridesharing platforms took a serious hit amidst the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, when lengthy lockdowns prompted a majority of motorcycle drivers to operate offline, which is illegal.

It took another blow when the BRTA in the middle of last year made enlistment with the authority a must for both the ridesharing companies

Although around 1.3 lakh vehicles Another ridesharing platform, were connected with 12 platforms were enlisted with the BRTA as of

15 individuals, 19 firms keep topping NBR's honours

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Jashim stressed ensuring transparency and accountability and suggested identifying new and well-off people to increase tax receipts.

"Discretionary powers of taxmen also needs to be reduced to bring new taxpayers under the tax net.

NBR Chairman Rahmatul Muneem said it would be possible to cut tax rates if an increased number of taxpayers came under the tax net.



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ পুলিশ সুপারের কার্যালয় চুয়াডাঙ্গা।



তারিখঃ- ২১/১১/২০২১ খ্রিঃ।

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/২০২১-২০২২

২০২১-২০২২ অর্থ বছরের ৩য় ও ৪র্থ কোয়ার্টার (জানুয়ারি/২০২১ হতে জুন/২০২১ পর্যন্ত) চুয়াডাঙ্গা জেলা পুলিশ বাহিনীর, যোদ্ধাহত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা ও অন্যান্য সংস্থার সদস্যদের জন্য নির্ধারিত রেশন সামগ্রী ক্রয় সংক্রান্তে "পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ এবং পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮" ও এ সংক্রান্ত তৎপরবর্তী সংশোধিত বিধি-বিধান মোতাবেক প্রকৃত ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত খামে প্রতিযোগীতামূলক পৃথক পৃথক দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে

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৯.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ			১২/১২/২০২১প্রিঃ।				
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who are ensuring a safe and reliable "We are working on digitalisation and simplification of rules so that income tax payments. experience for our users," said Fahim Ahmed, chief executive officer of taxpayers can pay tax with ease." Shwapno Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD sees Road Division, Chuadanga E-mail: eechu@rhd.gov.bd operating Phone & Fax: 0761-63539 গম পেষাই ১০৮ মেট্রিক টন 800/-00.000/ profit finally Memo No. ChuRD/2260 Dated: 23/11/2021 উন্নতমানের পোলাও চাউল ১৪০০ কেজি 800/-\$0,000/e-Tender Notice পরিবহন ও কুলি সরবরাহ চাহিদ মোতাবেক 800/-२०,०००/-FROM PAGE B1 e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the Procurement of পুরাতন খালি বস্তা নিলাম বিক্রয় ১৫ দিন কার্যাদেশ মোতাবেক ¢,000/-The superstore has the following works: continued to expand its দরপত্র সম্পাদনকারীর বিবরণ ঃ Last selling Tender No. and description Closing date and business at breakneck দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম মোঃ জাহিদুল ইসলাম date and time speed even during the 631346 e-GP/CHURD/05/2021-22. 08-Dec-2021 09-Dec-2021 দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী পুলিশ সুপার ২৩. pandemic. Since March Strengthening By Base Type-I, Carpeting & Seal Coat work 12:30 দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা 2020, when the pandemic ₹8. চয়াডাঙ্গা জেলা including Saucer Drain from Chainage 42+600 Km to hit the country, it has দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম रकोन-०१७১-७७১७८, क्यांत्र-७७১७৫। ২৫. Chainage 43+143 Km (Total Length=543.00m) of opened 77 outlets. বিশেষ শর্তাবলী Kustia(Bottoli)-Poradah-Alamdanga-Chuadanga Road (R-747) Shwapno's sales rose 1 ক) নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর আর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহন করা হবে না। under Road Division, Chuadanga during the year 2021-2022. per cent year-on-year to e-GP/CHURD/06/2021-22. 08-Dec-2021 09-Dec-2021 খ) মালামাল সংশ্লিষ্ট পরীক্ষাগারে প্রেরণ ও পারীক্ষার খরচাদি সংশ্লিষ্ট ঠিকাদার বহন করিবেন। Tk 299 crore in the July to Construction of RCC Cross Drain at Chainage 11+320Km of গ) কোন কারণ দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহন বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। September period. Profit Bamundi-Hatboalia-Alomdanga Road (Z-7456) under Road before tax was Tk 30.32 ঘ) দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যে কোন আইটেমের পরিমান বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানোর ক্ষেত্রে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে Division, Chuadanga during the year 2021-2022. crore in the negative, ঙ) দরপত্র পিপিআর/২০০৬ ও পিপিআর/২০০৮ এবং সংশোধিত নীতিমালা মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।

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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 Member of Schedule Banks for e-GP.

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

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according to the financial

report of ACI Ltd.

The superstore has more than 4,300 employees employed at over 190 outlets all over the country. It serves more than 40,000 customers daily, says ACI Logistics in its website.

Stocks of ACI Ltd closed 1.5 per cent lower at Tk 308.5 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange yesterday.

23-22 মোঃ জাহিদুল ইসলাম বিপি-৭৮০৫১০০৯৯৭ পুলিশ সুপার, চুয়াডাঙ্গা रकानः +৮৮०१५১ ५७১५८ ই-মেইল:spchuadanga@police.gov.bd।

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