

Masud Steel Design BD achieves ISO certification

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Masud Steel Design BD Ltd, a concern of Masud Group, achieved the certification from the ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation), according to a press release.

KM Masudur Rahman, managing director of Masud Group, received the certificate from Md Towfiqul Arif, head of certification at Bureau Veritas Bangladesh Private Ltd, at the latter's Gulshan head office in Dhaka recently.

Shah Mohammad Abdullah, director of the group, Md Abu Sayem, executive director, Md Zohurul Islam, general manager for human resources, Mukut Barua, national business manager of Bureau Veritas Bangladesh, Sohul Azad, country manager, and KBM Tareq, assistant manager, were present.

Masud Group operates businesses through Seba Green Line Ltd, Seba Green Line Filling Station, Seba Green Model Filling and Auto Gas Station, Gas services Ltd, Arko Engineers Ltd, and so on.



KM Masudur Rahman, managing director of Masud Group, receives the ISO certificate from Md Towfiqul Arif, head of certification at Bureau Veritas Bangladesh Private Ltd, at the latter's head office in Gulshan, Dhaka recently.

Sri Lanka clamps down on remitters to curb informal money transfer

AFP, Colombo

Colombo threatened Thursday to freeze the bank accounts of Sri Lankans working overseas who send money back to the country using informal money changers, as depleted foreign exchange reserves drive a thriving black market for dollars.

The pandemic has wreaked havoc on the island's economy, and the government has banned imports of food, vehicles and other items in an effort to shore up its stockpile of foreign currency.

These restrictions have led to severe shortages of food, cooking gas and cement, and Sri Lanka was forced to shut its only oil refinery last month as the country ran out of dollars to import crude.

The official exchange rate of 202 rupees to the dollar, offered by commercial banks that have run out of foreign currency, is

well below the 240-245 rupees offered by informal money changers now in the central bank's crosshairs.

The bank's governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal said that migrant workers and others would face consequences if they sent their earnings home outside of official channels.

"Bank accounts of those who distribute and receive money through unlawful money transmission methods will be frozen with immediate effect," Cabraal said on Twitter.

He added that the central bank "urges all migrant Sri Lankans to use only legal channels to repatriate their earnings".

The bank has also offered to pay a 10 rupee incentive to overseas workers who send money back through official channels, up from two rupees before.

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The present government realised that a huge amount of electricity is needed in order to boost the economy.

"So, it ensured enough electricity for the people which ultimately improved our economy," he said, adding that inclusive growth is taking place in the country.

Bangladesh needs to work on three issues -- improving its tax to gross domestic product ratio, developing a strong capital market, and increasing investment.

"Almost 80 per cent of the complaints from entrepreneurs is tax-related and this is because the country's tax net is still small," Rahman said. The bond market also needs to be strengthened so that banks do not go for long-term lending.

Otherwise, it creates pressure on banks that is passed onto the entrepreneurs.

Besides, higher private and public investment would be needed to cater more jobs in the coming years, he added.

Sirazul Islam, executive chairman of

the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, said his organisation is working to improve the local business environment even though the ease of doing business ranking no longer exists.

"We will not turn around to work on improve the ease of doing business as we really need to first issue reforms in some sectors," he added. In the meeting, 13 companies were awarded for their contribution to society through corporate social responsibility activities.

The companies are -- Bangla Cat, Chevron Bangladesh, Daffodil Computers, Energypac Power Generation, Leads Corporation, Mastercard, Mercantile Bank, Metlife Bangladesh, Mutual Trust Bank, Therap (BD) Ltd, Citibank, Coca-Cola Bangladesh, and Standard Chartered Bangladesh.

AmCham President Syed Ershad Ahmed greeted the guests while former presidents Aftab ul Islam, Forrest Cookson, and Nurul Islam also spoke.



State Minister for Youth and Sports Md Zahid Ahsan Russel inaugurates a unit of DBL Group's business concern Hamza Textiles Ltd on its Kashipur factory premises in Gazipur recently. Abdul Wahed, chairman of DBL Group, MA Jabbar, managing director, MA Rahim, vice-chairman, Azmat Ullah Khan, president of the Gazipur Metropolis Awami League, and Asadur Rahman Kiron, acting mayor of the Gazipur City Corporation, were present.

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Invitation for e-Tender (OTM)
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal for the following works:

Tender ID & Package No.	633636 & e-GP/19/PRD/2021-2022
Name of tender	Construction of (a) Toll Plaza with 03 (Three) Nos. Toll Booth & Canopy (b) Rigid pavement & (c) Street Light at Balaswar Bridge under Pirojpur Road Division during the year 2021-2022
Tender last selling date and time	Date 22-Dec-2021 & Time 17:00.
Tender closing & opening date and time	Date 23-Dec-2021 & Time 12:30.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, please register on e-GP System (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>). For more details, please contact e-GP help desk, (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Hili land port packed with potential but lacks facilities

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Meanwhile, the situation worsens during the rainy season as much of the road is still earthen.

Against this backdrop, traffic congestion on the approach roads are a common sight in both India and Bangladesh.

Regarding the import and export disparity, Aziz said although there were many items with export potential, Indian traders always show little or no interest in them.

While molasses was a major export item from Bangladesh to India just a few years ago, the situation has since changed with rice bran oil currently being the sole item being shipped through the port.

"This is because we now need to import molasses to make cattle feed as domestic supplies are insufficient," Aziz said.

In 2020-21, the revenue target at Hili land port was set at Tk 292 crore, which it easily exceeded with Tk 399 crore thanks to import fees and other charges.

But with Covid-19 forcing the country into repeated economic closures, the port failed to attain its target for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Citing the success of Banglabandha land port in Tetulia upazila of Panchagarh, Aziz said numerous items were exported to India through the port.

So, the government needs to pay close attention to make Hili land port effective enough to exploit it as well, he added.

Hili land port is plagued by mismanagement while customs officials often harass traders as well.

Echoing the same, local lawmaker Shibli Sadik said Panama Hili Port Link Ltd is not following the terms and conditions of its agreement to handle port operations.

This has badly affected bilateral trade of the high potential port.

However, it is possible to earn almost double the yearly revenue if importers, exporters and C&F agents can get the maximum benefits.

"So, the government is planning to accelerate bilateral trade through Hili land port by establishing facilities such as those at Benapole," he added.

Contacted, Dulal Chakraborty, manager of operations at Panama Hili Port Link Ltd, said they were working to expand the port area.

"We proposed to the government to acquire 20 acres of land, which is pending," he said, adding that they are jointly working to resolve all existing problems at the port.

However, he rejected all allegations of corruption and harassment at the port.

SME fair Dec 5-12

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Addressing the press conference, Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, the minister for industries, said SME Foundation was organising the fair to locally and internationally promote, sell and expand the market of products produced by small and medium enterprises.

According to him, although the small and medium enterprises produce high quality products, they face many problems due to a lack of proper knowledge of the marketing process.

Moderated by Md Masudur Rahman, chairperson of SME Foundation, Kamal Ahmed Mojumder, state minister for industries, and Zakia Sultana, secretary to the industries ministry, addressed the briefing.

Dhaka South City Corporation
Office of the Chief Store & Purchase Officer
Store & Purchase Department
Nagar Bhaban, Dhaka
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e-Tender Notice
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of undermentioned work.

SL. No.	Method of Tender & Tender ID, Ref No.	Procurement item descriptions	Publishing date & time	Last selling date & time	Closing & opening date & time
1.	OTM (NCT) Tender ID: 632239 Ref. 46.207.007.17.01.2021-55	Supply of different types of seats, angle and flat bars etc. for different types of vehicle repairs under the Mechanical Department of DSCC in 2021-2022.	05-Dec-2021 17.00.00	26-Dec-2021 17.00.00	27-Dec-2021 14.00.00

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. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal.

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e-Tender Notice 01/2021-2022
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Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of works	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1.	634159	Procurement of AC and Refrigerator for Labs and Smart Classrooms of Gurudayal Government College, Kishoreganj	20/12/2021 12.00pm	20/12/2021 1.00pm

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e-Tender Notice Number: 15/2021-22
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following Tender ID & Schemes.

Tender ID No.	Name of scheme	Tender method	Document selling last date & time
631108	Package No. CCB/Ch/RW-01 Improvement of Koyer Samsul Hoque Mia House-Nonia Connecting road from Ch. 00-1060m. (b) Construction of 137m protective works at same road under Shahrastra Upazila, District. Chandpur (Road ID No. 413955145) (Salvage Materials Cost Tk 4,79,432.00)	LTM	19-12-2021 up to 5:00pm
631109	Package No. CCB/Ch/RW-02 Improvement of Koyer Bazar-Aynatolli GPS Via Hariya road from Ch. 00-1000m. (b) Construction of 178m protective works at same Road under Shahrastra Upazila, District. Chandpur (Road ID No. 413954077) (Salvage Materials Cost Tk 97,239.00)	LTM	19-12-2021 up to 5:00pm
631110	Package No. CCB/Ch/RW-03 Improvement of Ugariya-Doiyara road from Ch. 2000-3000m. (b) Construction of 129m protective works at same Road under Shahrastra Upazila, District. Chandpur (Road ID No. 413955078)	LTM	19-12-2021 up to 5:00pm
631111	Package No. CCB/Ch/RW-04 (a) Improvement of Kashimpur Bazar-Deshgoan Dr. Bari Jame Mosque Road (Deshgoan Chowdhary Bari-Deshgoan Degree College-Nazir Ahmad Master Bari Connecting road) from Ch. 00-874m. (b) Construction of 246m protective works at same road. (c) Construction of 2 Nos. 1.20x1.20m Culvert on Ch. 550 & 750m at same road under Hazigonj Upazila, District. Chandpur (Road ID No. 413495041) (Salvage Materials Cost Tk 16,929.00)	LTM	19-12-2021 up to 5:00pm

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