

M Anis Ud Dowla, chairman of Advanced Chemical Industries Ltd, a concern of ACI Group, virtually presides over the company's 48th annual general meeting on Sunday. The audited financial statements for the year ended on June 30, 2021 together with the reports of the directors and auditors of the company were approved by the shareholders. They also approved 65 per cent cash dividend and 15 per cent stock dividend for the last financial year. Arif Dowla, managing director of the company, also attended the meeting.



Alamgir Kabir, chairman of Southeast Bank Ltd, inaugurates the bank's relocated Banani branch to Autograph (1st Floor), on 67 and 68 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani in Dhaka recently. Morshed Alam, chairman of Bengal Group, Duluma Ahmed, vice-chairperson of the bank, MA Kashem, chairman of the executive committee, Azim Uddin Ahmed, chairman of the risk management committee, Rehana Rahman, Md Akikur Rahman, Raiyan Kabir, and M Maniruz Zaman Khan, directors, and M Kamal Hossain, managing director, were present.



Syed Omar Tayub, senior executive vice-president of Prime Bank Ltd, and Champak Chakraborty, head of the credit synchronisation and monitoring unit of GPH Ispat, sign a memorandum of understanding at the bank's head office in Gulshan yesterday. The partnership will help the steel manufacturer's dealers enjoy collateral-free loans of up to Tk 1 crore from the bank.

Sonali Bank awarded for outstanding performance

STAR BUSINESS DESK
Sonali Bank Ltd was awarded for securing the top position among all the government banks in implementing the annual performance agreement in 2020-21. The state-owned bank scored 92.8, out of 100, becoming No. 1 among the state-run banks, according to a statement. Md Ataur Rahman Proddhan, managing director of the bank, received a medal and certificate from Sheikh Mohammad Salim Ullah, secretary of the financial institutions division, at the conference room of the finance ministry at the secretariat in Dhaka. The division signed the agreement with 17 banks, insurance and others financial organisations to ensure their development so that they could provide better services to people.



Sheikh Mohammad Salim Ullah, secretary to the Financial Institutions Division at the finance ministry, hands over a crest and a certificate to Md Ataur Rahman Proddhan, managing director of Sonali Bank, at the ministry's conference room in Bangladesh Secretariat in Dhaka yesterday.

World stocks stall as virus concerns linger

REUTERS
World stocks steadied and oil prices eased in quiet trade on Monday as flight cancellations over Christmas revived concerns that the Omicron virus variant could slow down the economy heading into the new year. World shares were little changed by 0946 GMT as tentative gains in Europe

were offset by earlier weakness across Asian markets, although some investors were confident a global recovery would regain steam next year. "Heading into 2022 we will still see Covid uncertainties but the good news is that according to the WHO we may be see the end of the pandemic towards the end of year," said Jawaid Afsar, sales trader at Securequity.

He added that next year markets would also have to contend with other issues, ranging from inflationary pressures to policy tightening and geopolitical risks. The pan-European equity benchmark was up 0.2 per cent, while Japan's Nikkei ended 0.4 per cent lower and South Korea's Kospi dropped 0.4 per cent.

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২০২১-২২ অর্থবছরে ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ১০টি অনুষদভুক্ত ৮৩টি বিভাগের জন্য বিদেশী পুস্তক সংগ্রহের জন্য স্থানীয় সরবরাহকারী, এজেন্ট, প্রকাশক ও পরিবেশকদের নিকট থেকে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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০৩	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম ও ঠিকানা	গ্রন্থাগারিক, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়। ফোনঃ ০২৯৬৬১৯০০-৭৩/৪২৬২ ও ৪২৬৫, librarian@du.ac.bd
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০৫	কাজের নাম	২০২১-২২ অর্থবছরে ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ১০টি অনুষদভুক্ত ৮৩টি বিভাগের জন্য বিদেশী পুস্তক সংগ্রহ।
০৬	দরপত্র আহ্বানের কারণ	প্রকাশক কর্তৃক নির্ধারিত মূল্যের ভিত্তিতে বাটার (Discount) হার উল্লেখপূর্বক পুস্তক সরবরাহকরণ।
০৭	স্মারক নং	লাই-১৭৫০/২০২১-২২ তারিখঃ ২৭/১২/২০২১।
০৮	সংগ্রহের পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
০৯	টাকার উৎস	ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের রাজস্ব খাত।
১০	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	২৮/১২/২০২১।
১১	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ	২৮/১২/২০২১ থেকে ১১/০১/২০২২ পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)।
১২	দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারীর নাম ও ঠিকানা	উপ-গ্রন্থাগারিক, সংগ্রহ শাখা, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় গ্রন্থাগার, ঢাকা-১০০০, বাংলাদেশ।
১৩	দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	১২/০১/২০২২ দুপুর ১২.০০ পর্যন্ত।
১৪	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	১২/০১/২০২২ দুপুর ১২.৩০, দরদাতা বা তাঁদের মনোনীত প্রতিনিধির (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন) সম্মুখে দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলা হবে।
১৫	দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলার স্থান	গ্রন্থাগারিকের অফিস কক্ষ, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়, ঢাকা।
১৬	দরপত্র দাতার প্রাক-যোগ্যতা	সরকারি, আধা-সরকারি অথবা স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে দেশী ও বিদেশী পুস্তক সরবরাহের কমপক্ষে ৫ (পাঁচ) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ গত ৩ (তিন) বছরে গড়ে কমপক্ষে Lot-1 এর জন্য ৪০,০০,০০০/-, Lot-2 এর জন্য ৩৮,০০,০০০/-, Lot-3 এর জন্য ২০,০০,০০০/-, Lot-4 এর জন্য ২২,০০,০০০/-, Lot-5 এর জন্য ২৬,০০,০০০/- টাকার পুস্তক সরবরাহের অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। দরপত্রদাতার Lot-1 এর জন্য ৪৮,০০,০০০/-, Lot-2 এর জন্য ৪৬,০০,০০০/-, Lot-3 এর জন্য ২৪,০০,০০০/-, Lot-4 এর জন্য ২৬,০০,০০০/-, Lot-5 এর জন্য ৩১,০০,০০০/- টাকার লিকুইড অ্যাসেট থাকতে হবে। পুস্তক সরবরাহকারীদের নিম্নলিখিত কাগজপত্র দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবেঃ (ক) বিদেশী পুস্তক সংগ্রহের জন্য ইমপোর্ট লাইসেন্স/ইমপোর্টারের সাথে সরবরাহকারীর চুক্তিপত্র (খ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদপত্র (গ) হালনাগাদ ড্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদপত্র (ঘ) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও (ঙ) হালনাগাদ ব্যাংক সচ্ছলতার সনদপত্র।
১৭	দরপত্রের মূল্য	৪,০০০/- (চার হাজার) টাকা। জনতা ব্যাংক, ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় শাখার হিসাব নং ৩৬০০০৩৯২-এ জমা দিয়ে দরপত্র দলিল সংগ্রহ করতে হবে।

১৮	প্যাকেজ বিবরণী	সরবরাহের স্থান	বিবরণ	টেন্ডার জামানত	সরবরাহের সময়কাল
	স্থানীয় সরবরাহকারী, এজেন্ট প্রকাশক ও পরিবেশকদের কাছ থেকে ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থবছরে ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ১০ (দশ) টি অনুষদভুক্ত ৮৩টি বিভাগের জন্য পুস্তক সংগ্রহ।	ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় গ্রন্থাগার।	a) Lot-1: Arts and Fine Art b) Lot-2: Science, Biological Sciences & Pharmacy c) Lot-3: Law, Earth & Engineering Science, Engineering Technology d) Lot-4: Business Studies e) Lot-5: Social Sciences	1,45,000/- 1,39,000/- 73,000/- 79,000/- 94,000/-	কার্যদেয় প্রদানের তারিখ থেকে ৬০ (ষাট) দিন।

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ঢাকা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় গ্রন্থাগারে ২০২১-২২ অর্থবছরে উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতির (OTM) মাধ্যমে পুস্তক সরবরাহের নিমিত্ত স্থানীয় সরবরাহকারী, এজেন্ট, প্রকাশক ও পরিবেশক নিয়োগের জন্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশিত হলো।

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সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতিতে তিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তির বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, নেত্রকোণা সড়ক বিভাগ, নেত্রকোণা কর্তৃক পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা-২০০৮ এর আলোকে সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের পরিচালন (রাজস্ব) বাজেটের আওতায় সীমিত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি প্রয়োগের মাধ্যমে প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতা ৫০.০০ (পঞ্চাশ) লক্ষ টাকা পর্যন্ত প্রাক্কলিত মূল্যের অভ্যন্তরীণ ক্রয়কার্য (NCT-Works) সম্পাদনের লক্ষ্যে ২০২১-২০২২ অর্থবছরের জন্য তিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি বিজ্ঞপ্তি আহ্বান করা হয়। সেই মোতাবেক যাচাই বাচাই করে অনুমোদিত তিকাদার তালিকাভুক্তি লিপি এতদন্তরের নোটিশ বোর্ডে এবং ময়মনসিংহ সড়ক সার্কেল, ময়মনসিংহ নোটিশ বোর্ডে দেওয়া হয়েছে।

তালিকাভুক্ত তিকাদারগণকে আগামী ২০/০১/২০২২ইং তারিখের মধ্যে সরকার নির্ধারিত তালিকাভুক্তি ফি বাবদ টাকা ৫০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) মাত্র এবং ১৫% হারে ভ্যাট বাবদ টাকা ৭৫০/- (সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) মাত্র সর্বমোট ৫,৭৫০/- (পাঁচ হাজার সাতশত পঞ্চাশ) টাকা পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট অথবা মানি রিসিটের মাধ্যমে নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, নেত্রকোণা সড়ক বিভাগ, এর অনুকূলে জমা প্রদানের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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২৭ ডিসেম্বর ২০২১

৭টি ব্যাংক ও ১টি আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানে ২০১৯ সাল ভিত্তিক 'সিনিয়র অফিসার (জেনারেল)' এর ৮৬৮টি শূন্য পদে নিয়োগের জন্য MCQ Test এ উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের লিখিত পরীক্ষা গ্রহণের সময়সূচি এবং পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্র সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ব্যাংকার্স সিলেকশন কমিটির তত্ত্বাবধানে ৭টি ব্যাংক ও ১টি আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানে ২০১৯ সাল ভিত্তিক 'সিনিয়র অফিসার (জেনারেল)' এর ৮৬৮টি শূন্য পদে নিয়োগের লক্ষ্যে বিগত ২৭/১১/২০২১ তারিখে অনুষ্ঠিত MCQ Test এ অংশগ্রহণকারী প্রার্থীদের মধ্য হতে ১৫০৬ জন প্রার্থী লিখিত পরীক্ষার জন্য যোগ্য বিবেচিত হয়েছেন। লিখিত পরীক্ষার জন্য যোগ্য বিবেচিত প্রার্থীদের রোল নম্বর বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের ওয়েবসাইট (<https://erecruitment.bb.org.bd>) এ আপলোড করা হয়েছে। লিখিত পরীক্ষা আগামী ১৪/০১/২০২২ তারিখ শুক্রবার সকাল ১০.০০টা হতে দুপুর ১২.০০টা পর্যন্ত ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশনের মধ্যে অবস্থিত নিম্নোক্ত কেন্দ্রসমূহে অনুষ্ঠিত হবেঃ

ক্রমিক	কেন্দ্রের নাম	উত্তীর্ণ প্রার্থীদের রোল নম্বর বন্ডন		প্রার্থীর সংখ্যা
		প্রারম্ভ রোল	শেষ রোল	
০১	মোহাম্মদপুর মহিলা কলেজ, মুরজাহান রোড, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭	১০০০০৯	১১৩৫৫৪	১২০০ জন
০২	মোহাম্মদপুর সরকারি কলেজ, সাতমসজিদ রোড, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭	১১৩৫৫৬	১৩০৫৮৪	১৬০০ জন
০৩	সরকারি মোহাম্মদপুর মডেল স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ, গজনবী রোড, কলেজ গেইট, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭	১৩০৫৮৪	১৫৩০২৬	২১০০ জন
০৪	ডিকারনিনিসা নুন স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ, ১/এ, নিউ বেইলী রোড, ঢাকা-১০০০	১৫৩০২৯	২০২৬২২	৪৬২০ জন
০৫	নিউ মডেল জিম্মী কলেজ, রাসেল স্কয়ার, গুজাবাদ, ধানমন্ডি, ঢাকা-১২০৭	২০২৬২৬	২১৭৭৬১	১৫০০ জন
০৬	মগাবাজার বালিকা উচ্চ বিদ্যালয়, ৫২ সিদ্দেহরী রোড, রমনা, ঢাকা-১২১৭	২১৭৭৬৫	২৩০৮৬১	১২৫০ জন
০৭	বাদশাহ ফয়সল ইনস্টিটিউট স্কুল এন্ড কলেজ, ২০/১০-এ, ব্লক-এফ, জহুরী মহল্লা, গ্যাম্বলী, মোহাম্মদপুর, ঢাকা-১২০৭	২৩০৮৬৪	২৪৮২৮৫	১৫৯৬ জন
০৮	টি এন্ড টি হাই স্কুল, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০।	২৪৮২৮৯	২৬০৮৩৭	১২০০ জন

মোট প্রার্থী ১৫০৬ জন

২. লিখিত পরীক্ষার জন্য পৃথক কোনো প্রবেশ পত্র ইস্যু করা হবে না। MCQ Test এর প্রবেশপত্র লিখিত পরীক্ষার প্রবেশপত্র হিসেবে গণ্য হবে। প্রবেশপত্র ব্যতীকে কোনো প্রার্থী পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণ করতে পারবে না।

৩. সামাজিক দূরত্ব মেনে সাবরিক্তভাবে কেন্দ্রের অভ্যন্তরে প্রবেশ এবং চেকিং কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করার জন্য পরীক্ষা শুরু করণ কমপক্ষে ০১ (এক) ঘণ্টা পূর্বে পরীক্ষার্থীকে পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে উপস্থিত হতে হবে। পরীক্ষা আরম্ভের পর কোনো প্রার্থী কোনক্রমেই পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে প্রবেশ করতে পারবে না।

৪. প্রবেশপত্র (০১ কপি) ব্যতীত কোন ধরনের কাগজ, বই, মানিব্যাগ, মোবাইল ফোন, ক্যালকুলেটর, ইলেক্ট্রনিক কার্ড (স্মার্ট কার্ড, ডেবিট কার্ড বা অনুল্লপ অন্য কোন কার্ড), স্মার্ট ওয়াচ বা অন্য কোনো ইলেক্ট্রনিক ডিভাইস নিয়ে পরীক্ষার কেন্দ্রে প্রবেশ করা যাবে না। উপরোক্তিকৃত কোন কিছু পরীক্ষা চলাকালীন সময়ে পাওয়া গেলে কিংবা অসুদৃশ্য অবস্থানের কোন চেষ্টা করলে পরীক্ষা বাতিল করা হবে। প্রবেশপত্রে কোনক্রমেই কিছু লেখা যাবে না।

মাঝ পরিধান ব্যতীক্রে পরীক্ষা কেন্দ্রে প্রবেশ করা যাবে না এবং কোভিড-১৯ সংক্রান্ত স্বাস্থ্যবিধি মেনে চলতে হবে।

ডিসিপিঃ ৪৮/২০২১-৪২৬৩
তারিখঃ ২৭/১২/২০২১

ব্যাংকিং ও আর্থিক সেবা পেতে হয়রানির শিকার হলে কিংবা কোনো অভিযোগ থাকলে ১৬২৩৬ নম্বরে ফোন করুন।

মোঃ আজিজুল হক
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সদস্য-সচিব, বিএসসি

জিডি-২৪০৫



ACME GROUP
Nagina Afzal Sinha, chairman of Acme Laboratories Ltd, a concern of Acme Group, virtually presides over the company's 45th annual general meeting on Sunday. The shareholders approved 25 per cent cash dividend for the financial year 2020-2021. Mizanur Rahman Sinha, managing director of the company, Jahanara Mizan Sinha, deputy managing director, Md Abul Hossain, nominee director, Das Deba Prashad, Ehsan Ul Fattah and Evana Hoque, independent directors, Tasneem Sinha, Tanveer Sinha, Sabrina Juned, and Fahim Sinha, directors, Md Hasibur Rahman, additional deputy managing director, Kazi Mohammed Badruddin, executive director, and Md Arshadul Kabir, acting company secretary, were present.



PRAN-RFL GROUP
Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, chairman of Agricultural Marketing Company, a concern of Pran-RFL Group, virtually presides over the company's 36th annual general meeting on Sunday. The meeting approved 32 per cent dividend for its shareholders for the year 2020-2021. Eleash Mridha, managing director, Sabiha Amjad, Uzma Chowdhury, Choudhury Atiur Rasul and Chowdhury Kamruzzaman, directors, Md Abdus Salam, independent director, Mohammad Yeamini, chief financial officer, and Kazi Abdur Rahman, company secretary, attended the meeting.

Gold flat as weaker US yields balance firmer dollar

REUTERS
Gold held steady on Monday above the key level of \$1,800 per ounce, as its enhanced appeal due to slightly weaker US Treasury yields was countered by an uptick in the dollar, making bullion more expensive for holders of other currencies.
Spot gold was flat at \$1,807.90 per ounce by 0815 GMT, staying mostly ahead of \$1,800 since closing above that level last week.
US gold futures were down 0.1 per cent at \$1,809.40.
Benchmark US Treasury yields edged down from the previous session's more than one-week high, reducing the opportunity cost of holding

bullion, which pays no interest.
The dollar index inched up from its weakest level in nearly a week, making greenback-priced gold less attractive for holders of non-U.S. currencies. "Gold faces resistance just above \$1,815 and if the recent past is any indication, gold will continue to struggle to hold onto gains at these levels unless the US dollar moves sharply lower this week," said Jeffrey Halley, a senior market analyst at OANDA.
Asian stock markets were generally weaker with US crude in holiday-thinned trading, as uncertainty over the economic impact of the Omicron variant weighed on investor sentiment. "What's happening with inflation and the US Federal Reserve's response to it is really the main

catalyst that makes for a challenge to finding directional momentum," said DailyFX currency strategist Ilya Spivak.
However, although quiet overall this week, "the low liquidity makes headline sensitivity more pronounced, as the thin markets are likely to make for more jittery price action if something were to happen," Spivak added.
Japanese shares fell on Monday, as concerns over the Omicron Covid-19 variant's impact offset gains in heavyweight technology stocks.
Spot silver dropped 0.8 per cent to \$22.75 an ounce, and platinum fell 1.9 per cent to \$956.11.
Palladium was down 0.4 per cent at \$1,941.38 an ounce, after hitting its highest since November 23 at \$1,962.50 earlier in the session.

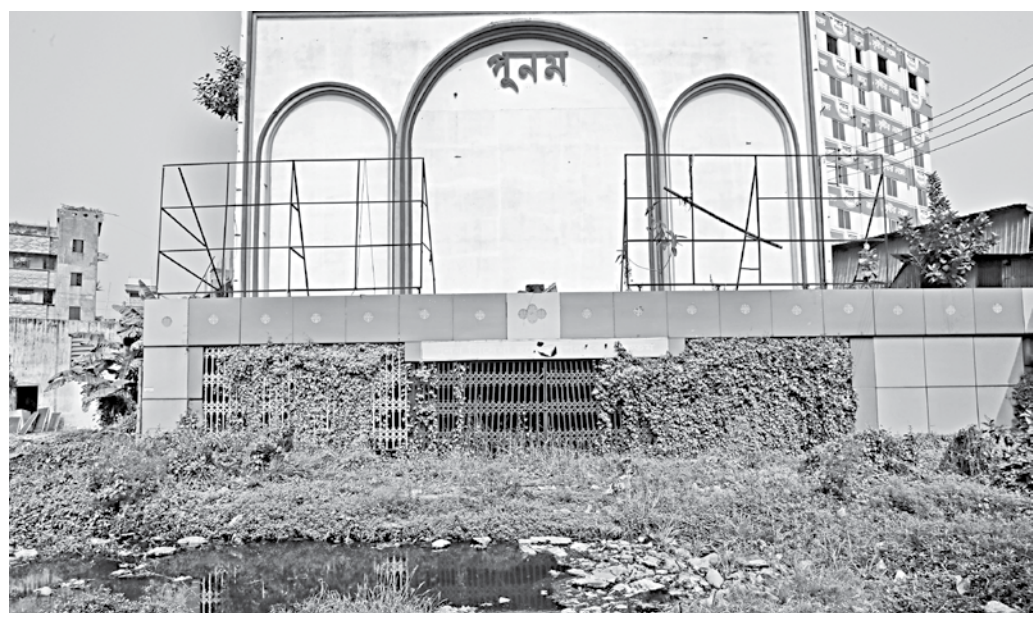
UAE plans to scrap monopolies of some big merchant families

REUTERS
The United Arab Emirates government has told some of its biggest business families that it plans to remove their monopolies on the sale of imported goods, the Financial Times reported on Sunday.
The government did not immediately respond to Reuters' requests for comment but state news agency WAM quoted a Ministry of Economy statement saying a draft law on commercial agencies was still in its legislative cycle and "it is still too early to give details".
The cabinet referred the draft to the Federal National Council for discussion and possibly more amendments, it added.
The FT report said the proposed legislation would end the automatic renewal of existing commercial agency

agreements in the Gulf state, giving foreign firms the opportunity to distribute their own goods or change their local agents.
"It no longer makes sense for individual families to have such power and preferential access to easy wealth," the report quoted an Emirati official as saying. "We have to modernise our economy."
The proposed law must be approved by the Emirati leadership and the timing for that remains uncertain, the report added.
Over the past year the UAE, a growing economic rival of Saudi Arabia, has taken measures to make its economy more attractive to foreign investors and talent.
Earlier this year, UAE said foreigners opening a company will no longer need an Emirati shareholder or agent, after it made changes to UAE company law.

Multiplexes grow bigger as investment surges

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The company counted losses in the initial years as people were not showing up as expected, recalled Ruhel.
"The first two years were very difficult. We were on the verge of bankruptcy. But we didn't lose hopes."
It turned around with two movies: Gladiator of Hollywood and Molla Barir Bou of Bangladesh. Now the company releases movies on the same day as in the Hollywood.
On average, it releases two movies each month, Ruhel added.
"We started the business in the country by bringing in the latest technology at that time. We reaped the benefit of technological advancement."
SINGLE SCREEN CINEMA HALLS CLOSING
There were as many as 1,235 cinema halls in the country in 1998. The number has nosedived significantly in the last two decades.
Currently, about 60 halls are in operational. The number doubles to 120 during Eid festivals, according to the Bangladesh Film Exhibitors Association, a platform of theatre owners.
"We could not keep pace with changing times, so we have lost money," said Mia Alauddin, senior vice-president of the Cinema Hall Owners and Exhibitors Association.
"In most areas, the owners have built multiplex shopping malls demolishing theatres."
There are many districts and even divisional cities that have no single cinema hall at the present, he said, adding that 80 per cent of the workers involved in this sector have quit their jobs in the last 10 years.
Although the number of foreign movies released in the country has remained almost unchanged, the number of domestic movies released has decreased over the years.
According to the Bangladesh Film Censor Board, 328 foreign films received censor certificates from 2015 to 2020 against 321 local movies.
"Our single screen owners have not been able to adapt to technological advances. That's why they are in a sorry state," Ruhel said.
Producers and directors in Bangladesh need to understand the kind of films viewers like to watch, he says.
"The restrictions on screening movies from



PRABIR DAS
Cinema hall Poonam lies in a desolate state in the capital's Kadamtali having stayed closed for the past two years. A lack of investment and quality films alongside the pandemic has led to the shuttering of many such places of entertainment. The photo was taken recently.

the subcontinent should be lifted. We are losing because viewers are watching Tamil and Telugu movies in one way or another. Ultimately, we are being deprived of revenue."
OPERATORS EYE EXPANSION
Silver Screen, a multiplex operator, started its journey in August 2018 in Chattogram, setting up the first such movie complex in the port city.
"We have plans to build another multiplex," said Faruk Ahmed, one of the partners of Silver Screen. He says the government has provided some facilities to attract investment in this sector. But planning has been disrupted because of the pandemic.
The cost of building a 100-seat multiplex has gone up to Tk 5-8 crore, from Tk 3-4 crore, previously as prices have risen for the construction materials for the building as well equipment needed to run cinemas.
Jamuna Group's Blockbuster Cinemas, which started its journey in 2013 at the Jamuna Future Park in the capital, plans to invest.

It has seven cinema halls, with 1,680 seats, employing about 75 people, according to Zahid Hossain Chowdhury, head of operations of Blockbuster Cinemas.
Star Cineplex plans to set up 100 digital screens across Bangladesh.
It is going to launch a new multiplex at Bali Arcade Shopping Complex on the Nawab Sirajuddaula Road in Chattogram's Chawk Bazar next year. It will be fully furnished and modernised cinema halls with a capacity for around 400 viewers.
The investment will be Tk 15-20 crore, Ruhel said. He and Aftab Alam, chairman of The Casablanca Limited, signed an agreement to the effect recently.
Star Cineplex also inked a deal with the Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust on October 3 to open a theatre at the Police Plaza at the Satmatha intersection on Nawab Bari Road in Bogura.
Talks are also underway with potential partners to open a new multiplex in Rajshahi.

Akij enters tableware market

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Trishal in Mymensingh and created direct employment for around 2,000 people there.
According to him, it has been 12 years since this sector saw such a big investment. Protik Ceramics made the last investment in 2009.
He said European machinery have been set up at the plant to ensure quality and attract foreign buyers.
Alam said the plant has a capacity to manufacture 55,000 pieces of products per day and within one year the capacity would increase to 1.25 lakh pieces.
Akij Group realised that the tableware market has been expanding steadily for the last couple of years with the upgradation

in the lifestyles of people and the middle class increasingly growing a liking towards ceramics products, he said.
According to the BCMEA, there are currently 20 companies manufacturing 26.19 crore pieces of tableware per year, enabling direct employment of 19,003 people and having made investments worth Tk 2,175 crore.
The BCMEA sources also said foreign tableware still dominate about 27 per cent of the annual domestic market sales.
The tableware sector earned Tk 491 crore through exports in financial year 2018-19 and Tk 421 crore in 2019-20.
On the other hand, Bangladesh imported tableware worth Tk 174 crore in 2018-19 and Tk 173.35 crore in 2019-20.

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e-Tender Notice 01/2021-22
e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of following packages:

Sl. No.	Tender ID No.	Name of package	Last date and time of tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
01	642111	Procurement of Furniture & Fixture for Classrooms, Laboratories & General Purpose at Govt. Syed Hatem Ali College, Barishal.	13-Jan-2022 2:00PM (14:00)	13-Jan-2022 3:00PM (15:00)
02	642045	Renovation and Refurbishment of classrooms, Laboratories etc at Govt. Syed Hatem Ali College, Barishal	13-Jan-2022 1:00PM (13:00)	13-Jan-2022 2:00PM (14:00)

This is an on line tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted.
To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP portal (<https://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 12-Jan-2022.
Further information and guideline are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Farmers opting out of sunflower cultivation

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Abu Bakkar Siddique, deputy director of Nilphamari DAE, said sunflower farmers were given seed and fertiliser as incentives last year under a government drive to boost oil crop cultivation.
"Allegations of non-cooperation among sunflower farmers is not true though as we brought a good part of some farmers' seeds to Dhaka by trucks to sell at Tk 2,000 per maund," he said.
"As a newly introduced crop, it's stable market is developing fast as sunflowers have immense potential and at the same time, farmers want tools to crush the oil crops themselves," he added.

BB relaxes rules for foreigners to remit money

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In addition, the amount will be calculated after deduction of the payable taxes.
A BB official said the central bank had taken the initiative as a part of its efforts to liberalise the country's foreign exchange regime. This will help foreigners perform their jobs more smoothly.

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Tender ID	Name of work	Publishing date and time	Closing date and time
642140 e-Gp/Naw/LTM/2021-22/35	Construction of RCC U-Drain at 12 th (p), 16 th (p), 17 th (p) Km Rohonpur-Bholahat-BDR Camp (Z-6805) Road under RHD, Road Division, Nawabganj, During the year 2021-2022.	27-Dec-2021 15:00	16-Jan-2022 13:30
642142 e-Gp/Naw/LTM/2021-22/37	Construction of UPVC Cross Pipe Drain at 5 th (p) Km of Boalia-Chowdala Road (Z-6819) & 11 th (p), 12 th (p), 16 th (p) and 17 th (p) Km Rohonpur-Bholahat-BDR Camp (Z-6805) Road under RHD, Road Division, Nawabganj, During the year-2021-2022.	27-Dec-2021 15:00	12-Jan-2022 13:30
642141 e-Gp/Naw/LTM/2021-22/39	Work of Sign signal at Ch: 204+000 to 220+000 of Kashinathpur-Dashuria-Natore-Rajshahi-Nawabganj-Kansat-Sonamasjid-Baliadighi Border (N-06) Road under RHD, Road Division, Nawabganj, During the year-2021-2022.	27-Dec-2021 15:00	12-Jan-2022 13:30
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Easing of margin loan rules lifts Dhaka stocks

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Stocks recovered from a three-day losing streak yesterday, helped by the regulator's decision that made margin loans available to investors much earlier than previously.

The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), rose 39 points, or 0.59 per cent, to close at 6,669.

The index climbed as the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission eased the margin loan rules for the stocks moving from one category to another.

A margin loan allows investors to borrow against the value of securities they already own.

The margin loan is going to be allowed for the shares, except those belonging to the "Z" category, within seven days of the change in their status instead of waiting for 30 days to qualify.

If a stock graduates from the "Z" category, the loans will be available after

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seven days. Companies whose factory was closed or that can't pay dividend or hold annual general meeting are categorised as the junk or "Z" category stock.

On the DSE, 196 stocks advanced, 142 declined, and 40 remained unchanged. Turnover, an important indicator of the market, dropped nearly 16 per cent to Tk 745 crore.

The upsurge of the overall market amid lower investors' participation than yesterday indicated that the market's recent sell pressure might be over, said International Leasing Securities Ltd, a brokerage house, in its market analysis.

Prime Insurance topped the gainers' list that rose 10 per cent followed by Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, Atlas Bangladesh, Shepherd Industries, and Bangladesh Building Systems.

Meghna Condensed Milk shed the most, dropping 4 per cent followed by AMCL (Pran), Provati Insurance, Meghna Pet Industries, and Gemini Sea Foods.

Beximco Ltd was the most traded stock on the day with its shares worth Tk 68 crore changing hands. Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, Asia Insurance, Genex Infosys, and Beximco Pharmaceuticals also saw heavy trading.

The Chittagong Stock Exchange also rose. The CASPI, the main index of the bourse in the port city, surged 153 points, or 0.79 per cent, to 19,421.

Of the 299 stocks traded, 156 rose, 105 fell, and 38 did not see any price movement.



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Farmers opting out of sunflower cultivation

Lack of a good marketing network to blame

EAM ASADUZZAMAN, Nilphamari

Although sunflower cultivation previously gave the hope of better economic prospects while also delivering healthy edible oil to the common people, farmers are losing interest in the plant for want of a good marketing network.

Edible oil can be produced by pressing sunflower seeds, which are rich in saturated fats and vitamin-E. Sunflower oil is usually sold at a high price in super shops.

But since there is a lack of seed buyers at the grassroots level, farmers are compelled to sell the seeds to seasonal traders at low prices, making them turn away from its cultivation.

Besides, before sunflower cultivation began last year, officials of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) made a commitment that they would help farmers to get fair prices.

However, this promise has been left unfulfilled, according to farmers.

DAE sources informed that last year, sunflower was cultivated on 2,184 bighas of land to get a yield of 530 tonnes of seed as the government provided farmers hybrid seeds and fertilisers free of cost under the agriculture incentive and rehabilitation programme

The then deputy director of the DAE in Nilphamari, Obaidur Rahman Mondol, now in Rangpur, said they gave incentives to sunflower farmers not only for their economic benefit but also for attaining the country's self-sufficiency in producing edible oil.

Due to these drawbacks, farmers cultivated sunflowers on just 23 bighas of land this year, the sources said.

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Sheikh Golam Rabbani, a farmer of Purba Gurguri village in Sadar upazila, grew sunflowers on 17 bighas of land last year to get 135 maunds of seed (1 maund= 40 kilograms).

"Before cultivation, DAE officials had assured us they would arrange buyers to purchase our product at the current market price of Tk 3,200 per maund," he said.

"As I found no genuine buyer in the local market and no support from the DAE for managing fair prices, I was compelled to sell the product to seasonal buyers at only Tk 1,800 per maund."

"But if get fair prices, I'll cultivate it in double the area," Rabbani

added. Sayed Ali, a farmer of Kundopukur village, said the DAE provided them with RDS-275 variety hybrid seeds at two kilograms per bigha and 20 kilograms of chemical fertiliser as incentive.

Sunflower farmer Rabiul Islam Babu, also vice chairman of the Kishoreganj upazila parishad, said that he was upset at earning just Tk 30,000 from selling 24 maunds of sunflower seeds.

Farmers Nirmal Roy of Koya Mistripara village in Saidpur upazila, Alamgir Hossain of Purba Shimulbari in Jaldhaka, Nurul Huda of Nitai in Kishoreganj upazila, among others, said that they are eager to cultivate sunflowers but will refrain from it until buyers are available.

They informed that the cultivation cost per bigha ranges from Tk 6,000 to Tk 6,500 and an average yield of eight maunds is produced in 110-120 days.

So, it would be easy to cultivate the crop after harvesting other crops such as paddy.

If farmers get the current market price of Tk 3,200, then they can sell their product for a neat profit of about Tk 18,000 per bigha harvested, they added.

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ICB to issue mudaraba sukuk worth Tk 1,000cr

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh has decided to issue an ICB First Mudaraba Sukuk worth Tk 1,000 crore for 10 years.

The state-run listed non-bank financial institution disclosed the information through a notification on the Dhaka Stock Exchange website (DSE) yesterday.

Now, the company will complete the paperworks and seek permission from the regulators, including the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mudaraba sukuk is a form of Islamic security derived from the mudaraba partnership structure. The party seeking financing enters into an agreement with a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to manage certain assets owned by the SPV.

The sukuk would be issued through private placement to eligible investors, institutional investors such as banks, insurance companies, other financial institutions, local and foreign companies, government institutions and all other social institutions like clubs and associations.

Its face value will be Tk 1,000 per unit.

To redeem the principal of sukuk, 20 per cent of the issued capital will be paid at the end of each 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th year, the company said.

US retail sales up 8.5pc this holiday season

AFP, Washington

US consumers were in the mood to spend this holiday season, with retail sales soaring 8.5 per cent over last year, a study released Sunday showed.

Online sales were up 11 per cent and in-store sales up 8.1 per cent between November 1 and Christmas Eve, according to the Mastercard SpendingPulse study. The increase, which was the strongest in 17 years, does not reflect automobile sales.

"Consumers splurged throughout the season," said Steve Sadove, senior advisor for Mastercard and former CEO of Saks Incorporated.

The boom saw "apparel and department stores experiencing strong growth as shoppers sought to put their best dressed foot forward," he said.

Iran's oil exports are focus of Vienna nuclear talks

REUTERS

Iran's main focus in nuclear talks that resume in Austria on Monday will be the lifting of all US sanctions in a verifiable process that guarantees Tehran's unhindered ability to export its oil, the foreign minister said.

Negotiations with world powers to salvage Iran's 2015 nuclear accord, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), are to resume in Vienna at 1800 (1700 GMT), state media reported.

"The most important issue for us is to reach a point where, firstly, Iranian oil can be sold easily and without hindrance," Iranian media quoted Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian as saying. "The money from the oil (sales) is to be deposited as foreign currency in Iranian banks - so we can enjoy all the economic benefits stipulated in Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action."

In 2018, then US President Donald Trump withdrew from the JCPOA and reimposed stringent economic sanctions against Tehran, which responded a year later by resuming and then accelerating its enrichment of uranium, a potential pathway to nuclear weapons.

Oil exports, Iran's main revenue source, have plunged under the US sanctions. Tehran does not disclose data, but assessments based on shipping and other sources suggest a fall from about 2.8 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2018 to as low as 200,000 bpd. One survey put exports at 600,000 bpd in June.

The nuclear talks have made scant progress since they resumed last month after a five-month hiatus following the election of hardline Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi.

"Today, there is an acceptable joint document on the negotiating table that we call the December 1 and December 15 documents," Amirabdollahian said. Both documents, he said, related to the nuclear issue as well as US sanctions.

"From today, our negotiations will start on the basis of this joint document. Guarantees and verification are among the issues on the agenda," he said.

Evergrande vows 'full steam ahead' to deliver homes

AFP, Beijing

Embattled Chinese firm Evergrande will deliver almost four times the number of housing units to buyers in December than in the previous three months, its chairman said, as the real estate behemoth grapples with massive debts.

Evergrande -- drowning in \$300 billion in liabilities -- has struggled to repay bondholders and investors after becoming ensnared in Beijing's deleveraging crackdown on the bloated property sector.

But the group -- which officially defaulted on a major bond payment this month -- has insisted it will be able to complete tens of thousands of units and pay off some debts.

"Since the company's troubles began, we delivered fewer than 10,000 units in September, October and November," chairman Hui Ka Yan -- known as Xu Jiayin in Mandarin -- told a company meeting Sunday evening, according to a post on Evergrande's official WeChat account.

"There are only five days left this month, we must charge full steam ahead to guarantee the delivery of 39,000 units this month."

The new homes are across 115 developments, he said. "Absolutely nobody at Evergrande is allowed to 'lie flat'," Hui added, referring to an internet slang term for "slacking off" popular among young people.

In recent months, the company has repeatedly said it will finish its unfinished projects and deliver them to buyers in a desperate bid to salvage its debts, despite having missed a payment of more than \$1.2 billion earlier this month.

Earlier struggles to pay suppliers and contractors due to the debt crisis led to sustained protests from homebuyers and investors at the group's Shenzhen headquarters in September.



A woman is buying fruit at the Huahuan Zhenbei agricultural products market in Shanghai.

PHOTO: AFP/FILE

China to stabilise grain output and boost oilseed crop

REUTERS, Beijing

China will stabilise corn production and expand soybean output in the new year to ensure grain security, the Communist Party's People's Daily quoted the agriculture minister as saying on Monday.

"Safeguarding supply security of grains, and important agricultural and sideline products is always our top task and main priority," Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Tang Renjian said in an interview with People's Daily.

"Agricultural and rural affairs departments must devote every effort to grain production, with the attitude of conducting a desperate fight, and with extraordinary and super strength."

Tang's comments come against the backdrop of lingering concern over food security in the world's most populous country as the Covid-19 pandemic continues to disrupt food supply chains and logistics across the globe.

China's soybean output this year dropped sharply from last year while corn production increased as farmers sought to take advantage of better profitability.

Tang called for abandoned land to be cultivated while maximising the potential of intercropping to ensure stable grains acreage in 2022, People's Daily reported.

The minister's messages followed the two-day annual central rural work conference held over the weekend, where China's central leadership delivered similar guideline on stable grain production and oilseed expansion, according to a state media report late on Sunday.

Beijing vowed to safeguard grain security and ensure effective supplies of livestock, fish farming products and vegetables in 2022, the Xinhua news agency reported, citing comments made at the conference. "Ensuring the supplies of primary products is a major strategic issue," Chinese President Xi Jinping said before the conference.