## Dhaka Bank stands by farmers in Jhenaidah

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Dhaka Bank Ltd recently distributed improved seeds and agrichemicals, including fertilisers and pesticides, among 500 marginal farmers of Shailkupa upazila of Jhenaidah district as part of its corporate social responsibility programmes.

Razia Akhter Chowdhury, upazila nirbahi officer of Shailkupa Upazila, attended the programme as the chief guest, said a press release.

Emranul Huq, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Mohammad Hedayet Ullah, managing director of Syngenta Bangladesh Ltd, were present as special guests.

Among others, Md Mostaque Ahmed and Sheikh Abdul Bakir, deputy managing directors of the bank, Md Katebur Rahman, head of agriculture division, along with Md Abul Hasnat, Shailkupa upazila agriculture officer, and other officials of the bank were also present.



Razia Akhter Chowdhury, upazila nirbahi officer of Shailkupa upazila, and Emranul Huq, managing director of Dhaka Bank, attend a programme for distributing seeds and agrichemicals among farmers of Shailkupa upazila in Jhenaidah recently under the bank's corporate social responsibility.



Tarik Morshed, managing director of Bengal Commercial Bank, and Ikram Farazy, chairman of NEC Money Transfer, exchange signed documents of an agreement on remittance services at the former's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: BENGAL COMMERCIAL BANK

### Bengal Bank, NEC Money sign remittance deal

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Bengal Commercial Bank recently signed an agreement with NEC Money Transfer Ltd on remittance services.

Tarik Morshed, managing director and CEO of the bank, and Ikram Farazy, chairman and CEO of NEC Money Transfer, inked the deal at the former's head office in Dhaka, said a press

Under the agreement, the Bangladeshi immigrants can send their remittance to any branches of this bank easily from anywhere in the world through NEC Money Transfer.

Md Rafiqul Islam, deputy managing director of the bank, and Anower Farazy, director of NEC Money Transfer, along with other high officials from both organisations were present.

### Labu elected as AIBL chairman

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Abdus Samad Labu has been elected as the chairman of Al-Arafah Islami Bank Ltd (AIBL) in the 390th meeting of the board of directors of the bank yesterday.

Labu is one of the founder directors of the bank, said a press release.

He is the vice-chairman of S Alam Group, chairman of S Alam Cold Rolled Steels Ltd, and a vice-chairman of Ekushey

Television (ETV) He is a renowned name in the business arena of

the country and manages various business houses in different capacities.

He is an executive member of Baitus Saraf Foundation and Chattogram Samity, Dhaka.

### PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY % CHANGES PRICE (AUG 20 FROM A FROM A 2023) MONTH AGO Fine rice (kg) Tk 62-Tk 72 -2.22 👃 -8.97 👃 -2 🔱 Coarse rice (kg) Tk 48-Tk 50 -13.27 🔱 Loose flour (kg) Tk 48-Tk 50 -3.92 🖶 -6.67 🕹 2.63 Lentil (kg) Tk 95-Tk 100 -9.3 👃 Soybean (litre) Tk 155-Tk 160 -3.67 🔱 -9.48 🕹 -2.56 🔱 Potato (kg) Tk 36-Tk 40 35.71 🕇 32 Onion (kg) Tk 80-Tk 85 65 Egg (4 pcs) Tk 48-Tk 53 5.21 6.32

### Bangladeshi jute, jute goods may face

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In the letter, the IJMA mainly indicated that the export of a large volume of locally made jute sacks, which are used in the packaging of rice, and similar bags is affecting its jute industries.

The association informed the DGTR that Bangladesh is giving a lot of subsidies for the import of capital machinery used by jute industries.

The cash incentives and subsidies making Bangladeshi jute and jute goods industries more competitive and are affecting the Indian jute industries, it said.

jute goods making industries and other stakeholders before holding India stumbled for the ADD, which CVD.

Dhaka is expected to discuss the ADD issue with New Delhi during the bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Indian Prime Minister Narendra renewed the measure in 2022. Modi during the former visit to the country next month.

Earlier, Bangladesh proposed several times that India refrain from retaining any ADD once it ceases to exist on December 31. Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi,

during his visit to India in December, called for removing the ADD.

In response, India said the first 200,000 tonnes of Bangladeshi In a reply to the DGTR, Ghosh jute and jute goods would be said it would take time to investigate allowed to enter the country dutythe matter and needs research and free annually and any additional growing steadily. consultations with local jute and amount would be subject to duties.

ranges from 5 percent to 30 percent. In 2017, India imposed antidumping duties ranging from \$19 to \$352 per tonne for five years on jute exported from Bangladesh. It

In October last year, the DGTR recommended its finance ministry reimpose the ADD for another five years, prompting Bangladesh to initiate discussions with exporters to determine the next course of

Bangladesh has enjoyed dutyfree access to India for all goods except 24 alcoholic and beverage items under the South Asian Free Trade Agreement since 2011. As a result, exports to the country are

Garment items shipped from Jute and jute goods shipment to Bangladesh face a 12.50 percent

# Dollar set for further gain

The dollar was flat on Friday but set for a fifth consecutive week of gains in its longest winning streak for 15 months, buoyed by demand for safer assets on worries over China's economy and bets that US interest rates will stay high.

(PBOC) set a much stronger-thanexpected daily fixing, lifting the yuan from a 9-month low hit on

after the PBOC set the official mid-point at 7.2006, more than banking sector.

The People's Bank of China 1,000 pips stronger than Reuters' estimate. China's economic troubles have

deepened, with property developer China Evergrande seeking Chapter The yuan weakened against the 15 protection in a US bankruptcy dollar to 7.3060 in offshore trading court. Concerns are also growing over default risks in its shadow

### "শেখ হাসিনার উদ্যোগ, ঘরে ঘরে বিদ্যুৎ" নর্থ-ওয়েস্ট পাওয়ার জেনারেশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড NORTH-WEST POWER GENERATION COMPANY LIMITED

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### Forex shock to remain

Commodity price is absolutely critical and the US policy rate is also a critical issue for Bangladesh, he said.

Bangladesh has two major external challenges, one of which is the financial balance deficit and depletion of foreign exchange reserves, he said.

The other challenge is that if the US policy rate continues to rise. there will be a ripple effect in other countries as well, aggravating the foreign exchange challenges, he said.

Mann recommended working on proper infrastructure and providing logistic support.

The government ought to work on developing skills of people through proper education so that they can adapt to the upcoming era of artificial intelligence, he added.

Exports and remittance earnings of Bangladesh are still growing at reasonable rates, said noted economist Ahsan H Mansur.

However, skills gap and capital term fundamental rebalancing. flight are the main reasons for the low foreign exchange reserves even though a higher number of migrants have gone abroad, he said.

Bangladesh's financial account balance now has a deficit whereas there was a surplus for years. So, this is a new challenge for the country, said Mansur, who is the executive director of Policy Research Institute.

Now, many payments are pending, like deferral LC payments. Short-term debt of the private sector remains unpaid. "So, the government needs the ease of doing business, ensuring to prepare to tackle this situation," he

Actually, Bangladesh is paying the price of its long-term fundamental weakness in adopting reforms, he

So, its asset to GDP ratio is falling, tax to GDP ratio is eroding, and remittance and export to GDP ratio is retreating while investment has remained static, he clarified.

If steps are not taken for long-

the government will continue to print money to offset lower tax revenue earnings and ultimately fuel inflationary pressure, Mansur added.

Edimon Ginting, country director of Asian Development Bank, and Mamun Rashid, managing partner of PwC Bangladesh, spoke at the event.

Muhammad A (Rumee) Ali, a former deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, Syed Ershad Ahmed, president of the Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Md Arfan Ali, a former president and managing director of Bank Asia, Md Moinul Huq, country officer of Citibank NA, Fahim Ahmed, CEO and president of Pathao, and Zia Uddin Ahmed, chairman of VIPB Asset Management, also spoke at the meeting.

They recommended working on strengthening the stock market, ensuring good governance in financial institutions and stricter market monitoring.

### পনঃনিলাম বিক্রয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ

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দরপত্র দলিল প্রান্তি স্থান

দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সময়

দরপ্রস্তাব দাখিলের স্থান

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আছে" ভিত্তিতে নিলামে বিক্রয়।

খোলা দরপত্র।

বাংলাদেশের ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান। হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ভ্যাট রেজিট্রেশন ও হালনাগাদ ট্যাক্স রিটার্ন জমা প্রদানের রশিদ থাকতে হবে এবং প্রয়োজনে মূল কপি দেখাতে হবে।

প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর, সিরাজগঞ্জ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র, সয়দাবাদ, সিরাজগঞ্জ, নর্থ-

নর্থ-ওয়েস্ট পাওয়ার জেনারেশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড-এর আওতাধীন সিরাজগঞ্জ

বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্রের ব্যবহারোত্তর বিভিন্ন অকেজো মালামালসমূহ "যেখানে যে অবস্থায়

প্রশাসনিক ভবন, প্রধান প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর, সিরাজগঞ্জ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র, সয়দাবাদ, সিরাজগঞ্জ, নর্থ-ওয়েস্ট পাওয়ার জেনারেশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড।

২৩/০৮/২০২৩ ইং তারিখ হতে প্রতি কর্ম দিবসে সকাল ১০:০০ \_ বিকাল ০৩:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।

মেইন গেটে রক্ষিত বক্সে, সিরাজগঞ্জ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র।

ঃ বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদ মন্ত্রণালয়, বিদ্যুৎ বিভাগ।

ওয়েস্ট পাওয়ার জেনারেশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড, ঢাকা।

দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়

দরপ্রতাব জমাদানের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় দরপত্র দলিল খোলার তারিখ ও সময় 321

জামানতের পরিমাণ (পে-অর্ডার আকারে) 301

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কার্য সম্পাদনের সময়সীমা

প্রতিটি দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য (পে-অর্ডার আকারে)

ঃ ০৪/০৯/২০২৩ ইং (অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত)। ০৫/০৯/২০২৩ ইং দুপুর ১২:০০ ঘটিকা।

০৫/০৯/২০২৩ ইং দুপুর ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা। উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ২০% (শতকরা বিশ) অর্থ।

ঃ চুক্তি সম্পাদনের তারিখ হতে ৬০ (ষাট) দিন পর্যন্ত।

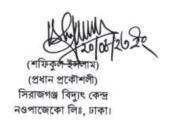
ঃ ৫,০০০.০০ (পীচ হাজার) টাকা মাত্র (অফেরতযোগ্য)। প্রতিটি দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য ও জামানত পে-অর্ভার আকারে 'নর্থ-ওয়েস্ট পাওয়ার জেনারেশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড'এর অনুকূলে দাখিল

করতে হবে। জামানত ব্যতীত কোন দরপত্র দাখিল করলে তা বাতিল বলে গণ্য করা হবে। Notification of Award (NoA) ইস্যু করার ১৫ (পনের) কর্মদিবসের মধ্যে প্রদেয় আয়কর ও ভ্যাটসহ সমুদয় অর্থ ঠিকাদার কর্তৃক পে-অর্জারের মাধ্যমে জমা প্রদান করতে হবে ও চুক্তি স্বাক্ষর করতে হবে। চুক্তি স্বাক্ষরের ভারিখ হতে ৬০ (ষাট) দিনের মধ্যে নিলামকৃত সকল মালামাল গ্রহণযোগ্য সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতা (Technically Responsive Highest Bidder)/কৃতকার্য দরদাতাকে

নিজ জিম্মায় "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" গ্রহণ করতে হবে। শুধুমাত্র দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয্কারী সরেজমিনে সিডিউলে উল্লেখিত মালামাল যথাযথ আবেদনের মাধ্যমে অফিস কার্যদিবসে সকাল

১০:০০ ঘটিকা হতে বিকাল ০৩:০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত পরিদর্শন করতে পারবেন। ইতিপূর্বে জারীকৃত নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ২৭.২৮.৮৮৭৮.০০১.০৭.০০১.২১,৩৬০ তারিখ ২৬/০৬/২০২৩ ইং এ যারা দরপত্র দলিল ক্রয্ বাবদ ৫০০০ /- টাকা জমা দিযেছিলেন তারা বিনামূল্যে দরপত্র দলিল সংগ্রহ করতে পারবেন।

নিলাম সংক্রান্ত যাবতীয় শর্তাবলী শিডিউলে বিস্তারিত বর্ণিত আছে। যেকোনো কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যেকোনো অথবা সকল দর প্রস্তাব বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।



## 10-year loan rescheduling facility

NBFIs have been asked to create two separate accounts --- one for outstanding principal amount and the other for outstanding interest amount - on the basis of the dues

payable as of June 30 this year. Interest rate-related outstanding has to be transferred to an interestfree block account while nonbanks can impose interest on the outstanding principal amount as per conventional rules.

As of 2022, ship-builders owed Tk 513 crore to the NBFI sector, which accounted for 1.62 percent of the industry's total loans disbursed, according to the Bangladesh Bank Stability Report 2022.

Loans can be rescheduled for 10 years, including a two-year grace

period, said the circular. realised after the expiration of the circular. grace period. Then lenders would be able to recoup the interest amount transferred to the block account.

However, borrowers can repay both unpaid principal and interest amounts during the grace period as well.

Clients would have to make at least a 2.5 percent down payment to access the rescheduling facility, said the notice. Loans created owing to irregularities will not qualify for the facility.

If lenders can't realise the unpaid principal amount and the accrued interest, they would be able to take legal actions to recoup the funds.

Clients have until 90 days to deposit the down payment and apply builders in Bangladesh.

for the rescheduling facility from The principal amount has to be the date of the notification of the

The boards of NBFIs will get 60

days to decide whether they would approve the applications or not. In June, the BB asked banks to offer the same facility to the shipbuilding

At the end of 2022, the banking sector's NPL stood at Tk 120,649 crore. The ship-building and shipbreaking industry accounted for 22.43 percent of the total, the highest among all sectors, BB data showed.

crore in the NBFI sector, up more than 25 percent from Tk 14,232 crore a year ago. There are more than 200 ship-

In March, NPLs stood at Tk 17,855

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