

Pubali Bank holds workshop on info security

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Pubali Bank PLC recently arranged a virtual workshop on “information security awareness”.

Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of the bank, inaugurated the workshop as the chief guest, said a press release.

Ali gave an overview on the security roadmap of Pubali Bank.

Md Helal Uddin, general manager of ICT operation division, spoke on information security awareness and Mohammad Arif Ferdous, senior principal officer of ICT operation division, spoke on basic security awareness and other aspects at the workshop as resource people.

Among others, Mohammad Esha, Ahmed Enayet Manzur, Md Shahnewaz Khan and Mohammad Anisuzzaman, deputy managing directors of the bank, and Javed Hasan, general manager and chief technology officer, virtually joined the workshop.



Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank PLC, inaugurates a workshop on “information security awareness” which was held virtually recently.

PHOTO: PUBALI BANK

Aziz Khan wins Singapore PM office award

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Muhammed Aziz Khan, chairman of Summit Group, has been awarded the Public Service Medal (Covid-19) at the National Awards of Singapore for his outstanding contributions to society during the pandemic.

Minister for Health Ong Ye Kung handed over a medal to Khan on behalf of the Prime Minister's office of Singapore in a ceremony held at the Singapore Expo yesterday, read a press release.

Many migrant workers, including Bangladeshi in Singapore, mostly young men, were isolated in dormitories and feared the worst during the first wave of Covid-19 in 2020.

Khan, accompanied by Kasiviswanathan Shanmugam, then minister of law and home affairs in Singapore, met with about 6,000 Bangladeshi workers and contributed to SingHealth.

Khan remarked: “I am grateful to the government of Singapore for their encouragement to be responsible members of our community. Despite the hardships and loss of life, Covid-19 also brought out the

best in humanity, with the world uniting and working together.”

“Singapore and Singaporeans were extraordinary in their unity and support to all, especially to the migrant workers who could have been marginalised in the midst of a global crisis. I felt duty-bound to support migrant workers, including from Bangladesh, my country of birth and roots, so that SingHealth could serve them in the best possible manner.”

“It was also an honour to be called upon by HE Kasiviswanathan Shanmugam, Minister of Law and Home Affairs of Singapore, to join him to comfort and encourage Bengali-speaking workers while the Minister spoke to the workers in Tamil.”

“I am honoured and privileged to have been able to serve Singapore and its minority communities during the pandemic. I am deeply encouraged through this national award to be a responsible person to the best of my abilities,” Khan added.

The Summit Group Chairman also committed early on that Summit would continue to pay salaries and all related benefits to all the employees as long as the pandemic persists.



PHOTO: SUMMIT GROUP

Muhammed Aziz Khan, chairman of Summit Group, receives the Public Service Medal (Covid-19) from Ong Ye Kung, minister for health in Singapore, in the National Awards at the Singapore Expo yesterday.

Mercantile Bank inks deal with bourses

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Mercantile Bank PLC has signed a tripartite agreement with the Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd (DSE) and the Chittagong Stock Exchange PLC (CSE).

Khairul Bashar Abu Taher Mohammed, chief regulatory officer of the DSE, Hasnain Bari, deputy general manager of the CSE, and Shamim Ahmed, deputy managing director and CAMLCO of the bank, inked the deal at the DSE Tower in Nikunja, Dhaka on Tuesday, said a press release.

The agreement was made to share a uniform and integrated electronic subscription system for listing of the public offer portion of Tk 50 crore of Mercantile Bank Perpetual Bond.

Saifur Rahman Majumder, managing director (current charge) of the DSE, and Faruque Ahmed, first vice-president and head of Nikunja branch of the bank, and Mohammad Tarek Parvez Khan, first vice-president of treasury division, along with other officials of respective organisations, were present.



Khairul Bashar Abu Taher Mohammed, chief regulatory officer of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, Hasnain Bari, deputy general manager of the Chittagong Stock Exchange, and Shamim Ahmed, deputy managing director and CAMLCO of Mercantile Bank, exchange signed documents of a tripartite agreement at the DSE Tower in Nikunja, Dhaka on Tuesday.

PHOTO: MERCANTILE BANK

Bashar, Sohela re-elected as chair, vice-chair of NCC Bank

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Md Abul Bashar and Sohela Hossain have been re-elected as chairman and vice-chairman respectively of NCC Bank in the 506th meeting of the board of directors on Wednesday.

Bashar started pursuing his family business endeavours with the Prime Group of Industries (PGI) shouldering its responsibilities and holding the position as deputy managing director for over 21 years.

He is also the managing director of the recycling division of the Group and Prime Finance Consultants and Equities Ltd, said a press release.

At present, he is serving as an executive committee member of the Bangladesh Association of Banks.



Md Abul Bashar



Sohela Hossain

He was a director in the board of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, a member of the executive committee of the Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies and the executive committee of Bangladesh Employers Federation.

Bashar obtained his bachelor's degree in management information system from the USA.

On the other hand, Sohela Hossain is the chairman of Mir Akter Hossain Ltd, and president of Mir Cement Ltd, Mir Real Estate Ltd and Mir Concert Product Ltd.

Hossain started her career in the teaching profession. She was involved in this profession with Dhaka International University and Tejgaon University College for more than two decades.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (OCT 26, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 72	0	-4.35 ↓
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 52	2.04 ↑	0
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 42-Tk 45	0	-23.01 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	10.26 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 140-Tk 145	-9.52 ↓	-13.64 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 52-Tk 55	22.99 ↑	98.15 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 95-Tk 100	25 ↑	90.48 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 50-Tk 52	4.08 ↑	5.15 ↑
SOURCE: TCB			

US Q3 economic growth

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engine of the US economy seems to have had a mid-year resurgence, largely because confidence improved through the summer because of the rally in the stock market and steadier gasoline prices.”

According to a Reuters survey of economists, GDP likely increased at a 4.3 percent annualised rate last quarter, which would be the fastest since the fourth quarter of 2021. The economy grew at a 2.1 percent pace in the April-June

quarter and is expanding at a pace well above what Fed officials regard as the non-inflationary growth rate of around 1.8 percent.

Estimates ranged from as low as a 2.5 percent rate to as high as a 6.0 percent pace.

BATBC's profit

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rose to Tk 25.11 in the period this year, up from Tk 24.52 a year ago, according to its financial statements released yesterday.

The BATBC said: “EPS increased from same period last year driven by volume growth, decline in net finance and current tax expenses partially offset by increased cost of sales and operating costs.”

However, its EPS declined to Tk 7.52 in July-September period this year, down 1.2 percent year-on-year.

The BATBC registered a drop in its overall net sales in July-September period this year. The company said its board also approved Tk 33.21 crore to establish rooftop solar panel with 3.2 megawatts of power generation capacity.

It also decided to have a stem pre-sizer unit along with its relevant infrastructure in FIBEX technology plant.

The investment in solar panel system would reduce 50 percent carbon-dioxide emissions as well as enable the company to generate half of its required electricity through renewable source.

“The investment in FIBEX technology plant would convert tobacco particles, which would have previously gone to waste into a usable raw material like tobacco leaf,” it said.

The investment would be funded from internal sources and bank financing based on the cash flow of the company, according to the statement.

Meta beats revenue estimates

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flip-flopped in after-hours trading, initially gaining 3 percent before reversing to trade 3 percent below the closing price two hours later.

Meta, which also owns WhatsApp, has been climbing back from a bruising 2022, when

investors fled as the company spent billions on the metaverse - the shared virtual world environments which people can access via the internet - amid competitive pressures and a post-pandemic slump in digital ads.

It has shed 21,000

employees since autumn 2022, particularly in non-engineering roles. The company is keeping focus on engineering talent as it makes plans to rev up hiring again next year, executives said.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg, who promised in February that 2023 would be Meta's

“year of efficiency,” told analysts on a conference call that artificial intelligence would constitute the top investment priority for 2024. The company will deprioritize a number of non-AI projects to avoid adding too much headcount, he said, without providing specifics.

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Memo No. 35.01.7200.455.00.000.22-1573 Date: 23/10/2023			
e-Tender Notice			
This is to notify all concern that the following tender have published through e-GP Portal.			
Sl. No.	Tender ID, Package No. & date of publishing	Name of work	Date & time
01.	Tender ID: 890859 Tender Package No.: e-GP/Rev/10/NRD/2023-2024 & APP ID. 196199; Scheduled Tender/Proposal publication date and time-22-Oct-2023 10:20	Construction of RCC U-Drain (Cross Drain) Ch. 57+620, 57+725, 58+550 & 58+712 (Barhatta Bazar) at Mymensingh (DC Office)-Raghurampur-Netrokona-Mohanganj-Dharmapasha-Jamalganj-Sunamganj (Netrokona Portion) (R-370) Road under Netrokona Road Division during the year 2023-2024.	Tender/Proposal Document last selling/downloading date and time: 05-Nov-2023 16:00 Last date and time for Tender/Proposal Security: 06-Nov-2023 12:00 Tender/Proposal closing & opening date and time: 06-Nov-2023 12:30
02.	Tender ID: 891294 Tender Package No.: e-GP/Rev/10/NRD/2023-2024 & APP ID. 196199; Scheduled Tender/Proposal publication date and time: 22-Oct-2023 10:20	Construction of RCC Box Culvert 91 Nos. - 2.00m x 2.00m) at 3+100 Km of Netrokona-Madan-Khalajuri Road (Z-3701) under Netrokona Road Division during the year 2023-2024.	Tender/Proposal Document last selling/downloading date and time: 05-Nov-2023 16:00 Last date and time for Tender/Proposal Security: 06-Nov-2023 12:00 Tender/Proposal closing & opening date and time: 06-Nov-2023 12:30
The interested persons/firms may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender. 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. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP Portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).			
 Mahmud Al-Nur Salehin ID: 602300 Executive Engineer (CC), RHD Netrokona Road Division, Netrokona			
GD-1666			

শেখ হাসিনার নির্দেশ অনুযায়ী সচিবকে বাংলাদেশে।				
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Coastal Forest Division Patuakhali				
Memo no. 22.01.7800.535.01.002.2023.3295		Dated : 26/10/2023		
Invitation for Tender				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Forest Department		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Divisional Forest Officer, Coastal Forest Division, Patuakhali.		
4	Procuring Entity Code	1450203124537		
5	Procuring Entity District	Patuakhali		
6	Invitation for	Package No. PTK/CFD/2023-2024/GR-11(Supply of Uniform)		
7	Invitation Ref No	12/Revenue/2023-2024		
8	Date	26/10/2023		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method (OTM)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Operational Budget, GOB		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
11	Tender Package Number	PTK/CFD/2023-2024/GR-11		
12	Tender Package Name	Supply of Uniform		
13	Tender Publication Date	27 October, 2023		
14	Tender Last Selling Date	08 November 2023 during office hour		
15	Tender Closing Date and Time	09 November 2023 up to 1:00 pm		
16	Tender Opening Date and Time	09 November 2023, 02:00 pm		
17	Name & Address of the office(s)	Sadar Range, Coastal Forest Division, Patuakhali.		
	- Selling Tender Document	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Coastal Forest Division, Patuakhali.		
	- Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Coastal Forest Division, Patuakhali.		
	- Opening Tender Document			
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
18	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	Registered Contractor of Government/Semi-Government/Autonomous Organization having experience on supply of similar goods. Other requirements as mentioned in tender data sheet of the tender document.		
19	Brief Description of Goods	Supply of Uniform.		
20	Brief Description of Related Services	Not applicable		
21	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 1,000.00 In Words : Taka One Thousand Only. (Non-Refundable)		
Package No.		Identification of Lot	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time
22	PTK/CFD/2023-2024/GR-11	Supply of Uniform	Range & Camp Offices under Coastal Forest Division, Patuakhali	BDT. 27,500/- (Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred) only.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
23	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shofiqul Islam		
24	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Divisional Forest Officer		
25	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Coastal Forest Division, Patuakhali.		
26	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Ph.8802478835185 Cell-01999001541 E-mail : dfopatukhali@gmail.com		
27	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings			
 (Md. Shofiqul Islam) Divisional Forest Officer Coastal Forest Division, Patuakhali				
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