

## Omera Petroleum strikes deal with Bangla Trac

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Omera Petroleum Ltd, a liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) company, recently signed an agreement with Bangla Trac Ltd, an authorised dealer of the US-based Caterpillar INC in Bangladesh, with the brand name of BanglaCAT.

Tanzeem Chowdhury, chief executive officer of Omera Petroleum Ltd, and Iqbal Husain, chief executive officer of Bangla Trac Ltd, inked the deal at the former's head office in Dhaka, the LPG company said in a press release.

"Our strategic partnership with Bangla Trac Limited reflects our steadfast dedication to providing innovative and sustainable propane solutions to our esteemed industrial LPG customers," Chowdhury said.

"This partnership epitomises our unwavering commitment to delivering cutting-edge captive power solutions, envisaging lasting value for our customers and the environment," Husain said. Under this agreement, BanglaCAT is poised to launch LPG-based captive generators running on propane, boasting a remarkable electricity generation capacity of up to 2 megawatts.



PHOTO: Omera Petroleum  
Tanzeem Chowdhury, chief executive officer of Omera Petroleum Ltd, and Iqbal Husain, chief executive officer of Bangla Trac Ltd, exchange signed documents of an agreement at the former's head office in Dhaka recently.

## Meghna Bank wins award

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Meghna Bank PLC has won an award at the IBSI Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2023 for its best programme vision of "MeghnaPay" along with "Modelin", the software company that implemented the solutions.

UK-based IBS Intelligence (IBSI) announced the Global FinTech Innovation Awards 2023 to identify and honour banks, financial institutions and technology players for their excellence in driving impact through banking technology implementations and innovations using emerging technologies.

The bank claimed the award in the category of "Most Innovative Digital Wallets Deployment".

"This international award is an endorsement of our strong commitment to the digital transformation of banking services for our esteemed customers," said Sohail RK Hussain, managing director and CEO of the bank.



PHOTO: PADMA BANK  
Md Riazul Islam, executive vice-president and head of SME and agriculture banking division of Padma Bank, and Reasat Hayder, head of marketing and operations-agri input and omnichannel activation of iFarmer, pose for photographs after signing an agreement at the bank's head office in Gulshan, Dhaka recently.

## Padma Bank pens deal with iFarmer

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Padma Bank recently signed an agreement with iFarmer, a tech-enabled one stop solution for smallholder farmers of the country.

Md Riazul Islam, executive vice-president and head of SME and agriculture banking division of the bank, and Reasat Hayder, head of marketing and operations for agri input and omnichannel activation of the agri-tech company, inked the deal at the former's head office in Dhaka, the bank said in a press release.

This partnership between Padma Bank and iFarmer will facilitate the farmers in many ways and allow their easy access to financial needs directly from financial institutions.

Under the deal, iFarmer has been providing agricultural advice and equipment-related services along with purchasing goods produced by farmers to improve the agriculture ecosystem.

## China retail sales rise

AFP, Shanghai

Chinese retail sales rose less than expected last month, official data showed Friday, showing demand in the world's number two economy remains sluggish a year after strict Covid containment measures were lifted.

The 10.1 percent on-year increase was short of the 12.5 percent forecast in a survey of analysts by Bloomberg, even compared with a low base from last year when health policies shut down much of the economy.

Retail sales have rebounded in recent months following a precipitous drop in the second quarter, but a host of data including accelerating deflation have highlighted the difficulties officials face in rekindling growth.

The figures come after Beijing's top leadership said this week that China was confronting "difficulties and challenges" to its economic recovery.

An ongoing debt crisis in the property sector is one of the biggest sources of worry.

## Social Islami Bank organises BAMLCO conference

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Social Islami Bank Ltd organised "Branch Anti Money Laundering Compliance Officer (BAMLCO) Conference-2023" at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently to inform its officers on prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing and strengthen the bank's associated activities.

Md Masud Biswas, head of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), inaugurated the conference as chief guest, said a press release.

Zafar Alam, managing director and CEO of the bank, presided over the conference, where Mohammad Forkanullah, deputy managing director and chief anti-money laundering compliance officer, and Mohammad Habibur Rahman, deputy managing director, were present.

Divisional heads, senior officials of head office and branch anti-money laundering compliance officers attended the event. Zonal heads and other branch anti-money laundering compliance officers virtually joined the programme.



PHOTO: SOCIAL ISLAMI BANK  
Md Masud Biswas, head of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), attends a daylong conference, styled "Branch Anti Money Laundering Compliance Officer (BAMLCO) Conference-2023", organised by Social Islami Bank Ltd for its officials at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (DEC 17, 2023)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 60-Tk 70	-5.11 ↓	-5.11 ↓
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 48-Tk 50	-3.92 ↓	-4.85 ↓
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 45-Tk 50	5.56 ↑	-24.00 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	2.38 ↑
Soybean (litre)	Tk 155-Tk 160	3.28 ↑	-8.70 ↓
Potato (kg)	Tk 55-Tk 60	21.05 ↑	121.15 ↑
Onion (kg)	Tk 115-Tk 160	22.22 ↑	175.00 ↑
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 43-Tk 45	1.15 ↑	18.56 ↑

SOURCE: TCB

Office of the Benapole Pourashava				
District: Jashore				
Memo No. 41.08.02.001.070.00.2023-78 Date: 14.12.2023				
e-Tender Notice (LTM) No. 01/2023-24				
e-Tender is invited from the enlisted tenderers under Benapole Pourashava in the National e-GP System Portal ( <a href="http://www.eprocure.gov.bd">http://www.eprocure.gov.bd</a> ) for the procurement of works as mentioned in the following table:				
Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of works	Online (e-GP System) tender publication date & time	Online (e-GP System) tender closing date & time
925195	BENA/ADP/P-1	One Spot Services Center Works of Benapole Pourashava, under Benapole Pourashava.	18-Dec-2023 09:00:00	04-Jan-2024 13:00:00
925282	BENA/ADP/P-2	Renovation works of Benapole Poura Bhaban, under Benapole Pourashava.	18-Dec-2023 09:00:00	04-Jan-2024 13:00:00
925284	BENA/ADP/P-3	A) Improvement of Earthen road at Sadipur a) from H/O Karim - H/O Ajjal, 35.00m b) from H/O Shaha - Khokon's Shop, 11.00m c) from H/O Reza - H/O Salam, 66.00m d) from H/O Rabi - Ekramul, 78.00m. B) Improvement of earthen road at Namazgram Modhpara a) from H/O Kalam to H/O Nannu, 44m, b) from H/O Happy to Serajul Islam via Haider house, 115.00m c) from H/O Rafiq to Anis house, -66.00m d) from Slaughter house road to H/O Joinal, 36.00m e) from H/O Tarikul - H/O Saiful, 50.00m f) Durgapur Siddikia Jame Mosque road, 60.00m, C) Improvement of earthen road at Rajbari a) from H/O Durag Kassi to H/O of Mamun and Mosque road at ch 0.00-88 m, b) at Benapole Kaborsathan road from H/O Dr. Saiful to H/O Rezaul at ch. 00.00-127m c) from H/O Usuf to Jillur house at ch. 0.00-60.00m d) from H/O Ainal to Satter BDR at ch. 0.00-65.00m e) from H/O Asha to Shamsul house at ch 0.00-85.00m at Habul Nursery road.	18-Dec-2023 09:00:00	04-Jan-2024 13:00:00
925287	BENA/ADP/P-4	i) Improvement of Earthen road at Kagospukur-Kagmani a) Near Ifteida Madasa (H/O - Councillor Amirul) to Abdul Hamid's House, 60.00m b) H/O councillor Shahnur to Mizn, Jabber & Samad's house, 100.00m c) H/O Hamid to Manna, Musa Karim and Abu Ullah, 116.00m d) H/O Fojer Ali - Kina's house, 60.00m, ii) Improvement of earthen road at Kagmani - Dighirpar a) from H/O Shahidul to H/O Saiful, 40m, b) from H/O Lovely to H/O Hafizur, 33.00m c) from H/O Suruz to Jaser house, 78.00m d) from H/O Salim to Ebrahim, 70.00m. e) from H/O Aziz Sarder to Anar Fati's house at Dighirpar 88.00m, iii) Improvement of Earthen road at Bhababer a) from H/O - Reza to H/O Joni, 21.00m b) H/O Jahangir to H/O Mizan, 36.00m c) H/O Chancal to Bisu, 70.00m d) Near house councillor Morzina Mim at ch. 0.00-60.00m e) Near Kabir's house, 60.00m, iii) Improvement of Earthen road at Bhababer a) from H/O - Reza to H/O Joni, 21.00m b) H/O Jahangir to H/O Mizan, 36.00m c) H/O Chancal to Bisu, 70.00m d) Near house councillor Morzina Mim, 60.00m e) Near Kabir's house, 60.00m, iv) Improvement of earthen road from a) H/O-Razu-H/O Salauddin, 34.00, b) H/O Azu, 32.00m c) H/O Rezaul - H/O Moti, 31.00m.	18-Dec-2023 09:00:00	04-Jan-2024 13:00:00
925290	BENA/ADP/P-5	i) Improvement of earthen road at Choto Anchra a) from H/O Mohammad Ali - H/O Raju, 60.00m b) from H/O Kamal to Rashid and Ismail - - Israil, 117.00m & 83.00m c) from H/O Razzak - H/O Malek, 28.00m d) from H/O Nur Islam - Eshar Ali, 28.00m, ii) Improvement of road & Construction of drain a) from H/O Israil Sader - H/O Nur Islam, 150.00m (drain) and ch. 0.00-50.00m (road) b) from H/O Shahajaha - H/O Ismail Sarder, 70.00m, c) near house of Moniruzzaman Gen, 45.00m	18-Dec-2023 09:00:00	04-Jan-2024 13:00:00

There are 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 System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tendering documents from the National e-GP Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 04-01-2024 at 12:00am.

Further information and guideline in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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## Investors

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"We have been bound to cut expenditures in order to survive as most trading is concentrated on the same stocks."

The rise of poor-performing stocks while blue chip ones retreat or remain static for months on end is not a good sign for the market, said an asset manager.

"It is denting investor confidence and it will take a huge amount of time to alleviate the blow."

More importantly, the stock market is now tagged with manipulation.

"There is almost no turnover without the trading of manipulation-centric stocks," he said.

Trust Islami Life Insurance is not a junk stock considering its growth in profit. However, the company's auditor provided an emphasis on the matter in its report

## Oil and gas

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place to invest, but I do want to emphasise that I worry about a low birth rate. If the workforce declines then who will work in the country?" he said.

Musk said he considers himself an environmentalist and added that it is important that, in the long run, industries reduce the billions of tons of carbon they take from the earth and release into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels.

"We should not demonise oil and gas in the medium term," he added.

Asked whether his companies would invest in Italy, Musk said he was worried about the country's declining birth rate.

"I think Italy is a great

for 2022 as it breached the Securities Act by not forming a workers' profit participation fund.

RN Spinning Mills remained in the loss in the July-September period of 2023-24 when its earnings per share were Tk 0.02 in the negative.

The company's auditor also gave a qualified opinion and emphasis on the matter in its report for the preceding fiscal year as it has been showing recoverable insurance funds of Tk 132 crore for the last four years even though the fund is not returning.

Production of RN Spinning has also remained shut since a fire incident in 2019, the auditor added.

Another top gainer, Khulna Printing and Packaging, also saw losses in its latest quarter. The EPS stood at Tk 0.06 in negative in October-December of FY23.

Italy has earmarked around 1 billion euros (\$1.09 billion) in next year's budget to tackle the country's demographic crisis. Births in Italy last year fell for the 14th year in a row and were the lowest since the country's unification in 1861.

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নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, এর কার্যালয়	
সড়ক বিভাগ, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ	
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সেতুর ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি (১ম আহ্বান)	
০১।	ইজারা কোটেশন নং : ০১-এন, জে, আর, ডি/২০২৩-২০২৪ইং।
০২।	ইজারার বিবরণ : সওজ, নবাবগঞ্জ সড়ক বিভাগাধীন কাশিনাথপুর - দাশুরিয়া - নাটোর - রাজশাহী - নবাবগঞ্জ - কানসাট - সোনা মসজিদ - বাগিয়াদিঘী বর্ডার সড়ক (সড়ক নং-এন-৬) (নবাবগঞ্জ - কানসাট - সোনা মসজিদ সড়কে) অবস্থিত "শহীদ ক্যাপ্টেন মহিউদ্দিন জাহাঙ্গীর বীরশ্রেষ্ঠ (মহানন্দা) সেতুর" উপর দিয়ে পারাপারকারী যানবাহন হতে টোল আদায়ের নিমিত্তে ইজারা প্রদানের বন্দোবস্ত।
০৩।	ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ : ৩ (তিন) অর্থ বৎসর (০১/০৭/২০২৪ হতে ৩০/০৬/২০২৭খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত (১০৯৬ দিন)।
০৪।	ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল মূল্য : টাঃ ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা মাত্র)।
০৫।	বায়নার টাকার পরিমাণ : উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
০৬।	ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ৩১/১২/২০২৩ খ্রীস্টাব্দ তারিখ বিকাল ৪.০০ পর্যন্ত।
০৭।	মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় ইজারা কোটেশন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ০১/০১/২০২৪ খ্রীস্টাব্দ তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ পর্যন্ত।
০৮।	ইজারা ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের যোগ্যতা : ভ্যাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারী/বেসরকারী/স্বয়ংস্বত্বাধীন সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
০৯।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন জন্মের জন্য পাওয়া যাবে : জেলা প্রশাসক, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ/রাজশাহী/নওগাঁ/পরিষ্কারনা বিভাগ-১/সেতু ডিজাইন বিভাগ-১, পূর্বাঞ্চল, সড়ক ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ/শিবগঞ্জ/বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, রাজশাহী।
১০।	যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা কোটেশন মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় গ্রহণ করা হবে : (ক) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ (খ) বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, রাজশাহী (গ) জেলা প্রশাসক, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ।
১১।	ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, তারিখ ও সময় : স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তর, সড়ক বিভাগ, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ। তারিখঃ ০১/০১/২০২৪ খ্রীস্টাব্দ। সময়ঃ ৩.০০ ঘটিকা।
১২।	ইজারা আহ্বানকারী যে কোন সময় যে কোন কোটেশন/সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

সানজিদা আফরীন সিনুক  
পরিচিতি নং-৬০২২৫১  
নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী (চঃ দঃ), সওজ  
সড়ক বিভাগ, চাঁপাইনবাবগঞ্জ

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