

# 302 export containers miss shipment

Prime mover drivers continue strike at an ICD

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At least 302 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of export containers missed their scheduled shipment through Chattogram port over the last four days till yesterday as prime mover drivers continued work abstention at one of the 19 inland container depots (ICDs).

On Saturday night, the drivers of container-carrying prime movers stopped operations at Vertex Off Dock Logistics Services Limited at Patenga, demanding the gratuity of two drivers who recently resigned.

Sheikh Md Moazzem Hossain, assistant general manager of the ICD, said one of their drivers who resigned on April 10 had worked for 4 years and 3 months, while the other driver who left the job on April 30 had worked for 3 years and 2 months.

Citing labour law, Hossain said that no worker who resigns of their own accord is eligible for gratuity before completing five years on the job.

He alleged that Abul Khaer, former general secretary of the Chattogram District Prime



Mover, Trailer, Concrete Mixer, Flatbed, Dump Truck Workers Union, also sent a letter demanding the same.

However, Hossain informed that the union's executive committee had expired on April 16 this year.

Besides, Md Gias Uddin, director of the Divisional Labour Department in Chattogram, had on May 6 sent a letter to the union's president and secretary, stating that their executive committee's tenure had expired earlier and that is why they cannot make any demand.

In the letter, the director also asked the two former leaders to withdraw the strike.

The union's former general secretary Abul Khaer could not be reached over the phone for a comment despite repeated attempts.

However, Vertex Assistant General Manager Moazzem Hossain yesterday said that at least 200 TEUs more export-laden containers needed to reach the port that night for shipment by four ships scheduled to leave on Thursday morning.

So, if the strike is not withdrawn, then these export cargoes will also miss shipment, he added.

Hossain also said the stuffing of export cargoes was hampered at the ICD as a number of empty containers could not be brought from the port amid the stalemate.

# Robi signs MoU for 100MW solar plant

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Telecom operator Robi has signed a tripartite memorandum of understanding (MoU) with FloSolar Solutions Ltd and GreenPower Asia to form a special purpose vehicle (SPV) for the development and operation of a 100-megawatt solar power plant.

Under the agreement, Robi will procure power according to its requirements through a corporate power purchase agreement (CPPA).

Robi said the initiative has been made possible by the interim government's recent draft policy allowing merchant power plants, enabling private entities to develop and sell power without long-term government off-take agreements.

The project will be executed under a build own operate model, Robi said in a statement after signing the MoU at its headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

"Together with FloSolar and GreenPower Asia, we are setting a bold example in renewable energy, driving real impact toward climate resilience," said Robi Acting CEO and CFO M Riyaz Rasheed.

Robi said the solar park will be built on a site that will be finalised based on

several factors, including substation capacity for evacuation.

The SPV will develop, finance, and operate the solar park, with Robi as the sole off taker under a long-term CPPA, it added.

A joint assessment will explore solar power deployment across 16,000 of Robi's base transceiver stations, potentially transitioning a major portion of its network to renewables.

The company said the solar park will significantly reduce its carbon footprint, aligning with its net-zero emissions target by 2050.

The project is expected to reduce 68,200 tonnes of carbon per year, added Robi, the majority of which is owned by Malaysia-based Axiata Group Berhad.

The proposed solar park exemplifies how public-private synergies through innovative government policies can accelerate renewable energy adoption and ultimately lead to a lower cost of energy, said Mustafa Azim Kasem Khan, founder and managing director of FloSolar Solutions Ltd.

Perrick Morier, president of GreenPower Asia, said the project will contribute to both energy security and environmental sustainability.

## Prime Bank signs MoU with BB to train SME entrepreneurs

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Prime Bank PLC has recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Bangladesh Bank with the objective of providing training to marginal, cottage, micro, small, and medium enterprise (CMSME) entrepreneurs across the country.

The initiative aims to equip them with modern business knowledge and practical skills.

The programme forms part of the Skills for Industry Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (SICIP), which is funded by the Asian Development Bank.

Nurun Nahar, deputy governor of the BB, attended the MoU signing ceremony held recently at the central bank's headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka, according to a press release.

Under the programme, Prime Bank will deliver comprehensive training to CMSME entrepreneurs covering a broad spectrum of essential topics, including financial



Md Nazrul Islam, additional director and programme director of SICIP- PIU at the Bangladesh Bank, and Nazeem A Choudhury, deputy managing director of Prime Bank PLC, pose for photographs after signing the memorandum of understanding at the BB headquarters in Motijheel, Dhaka recently.

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literacy, bookkeeping, document management, as well as product marketing and promotion.

These sessions will be conducted by seasoned professionals, with the aim of enabling entrepreneurs to gain access to formal banking

services.

As a Participatory Financial Institution (PFI), Prime Bank will work in collaboration with other participating financial institutions to develop a pool of trained, finance-ready entrepreneurs by 2027.

## Matarbari power plant

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highlighting unusually high construction costs for a road in the Matarbari area, where allegations of record-breaking per-kilometre spending prompted the planning ministry to instruct the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division to conduct strict monitoring.

Explaining the high costs, Mahmud said a significant portion of the road runs over uneven terrain, requiring numerous bridges and culverts. In fact, over half of the

road's total length is composed of such structures, which contributed to increased expenses.

At yesterday's Ecnec meeting, nine development projects worth Tk 3,756 crore were approved.

Among them was the Gulshan-Banani Baridhara lake development project (revised).

The project was originally endorsed in 2010 and scheduled to be completed by June 2013. According to the revised project plan, it will be completed by December 2026.

The cost of the project was revised

upwards from Tk 410 crore to Tk 555 crore.

Mahmud said the implementing agency had been directed to construct walkways around the lake and complete the project within a year.

Mahmud also said two policies regarding the release of various information by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) had been approved.

In line with those policies, the BBS will publish data without taking permission from the government.

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches up to above mentioned date & time.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

  
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