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HIGHLIGHTS

- Seven European countries - led by an initiative of the Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation - urge retailers to contribute to the Rana Plaza fund
- The Dutch Good Growth Fund (DGGF) officially launched on July 1, 2014 with a focus on expanding the possibilities for SMEs in the Netherlands and 66 low and middle income countries including Bangladesh (<http://www.rvo.nl/dggf>)
- Garment exports hit a record high at USD 24.5b in FY14, rising 13.86 percent year-on-year
- European Investment Bank (EIB) to lend EUR 100m for upgradation of Dhaka's water supply system
- Farm exports fetch record USD 615m in FY14
- Solar home systems in Bangladesh show exceptional growth - WB gives additional USD 78.4m for the program
- Cabinet approves draft law that will provide EPZ workers rights to form unions

Political update

- Bangladesh has won a maritime boundary dispute with India. In 2012 Bangladesh also won a maritime boundary dispute with Myanmar. The Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague in The Netherlands on 7th July awarded Bangladesh 19,467 square-kilometers out of total 25,602 square-kilometers disputed area with India in the Bay of Bengal.
- BNP has announced a new committee for its Dhaka metropolitan unit led by Standing Committee member Mirza Abbas . The announcement came 10 days before the Eid-ul-Fitr after which the party plans to launch agitation to topple the government.

Textile and Ready Made Garments (RMG)

Seven European countries urge retailers to contribute to the Rana Plaza Trust Fund
Dutch Minister Ploumen took the initiative for

a statement supported by seven ministers of EU members states, urging companies that had business with Rana Plaza to pay an

appropriate amount to the Rana Plaza Donor Trust Fund. The statement was launched at an OECD meeting on responsible business conduct at the 26th of June. Ministers of the followings states supported the statement: UK, France, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands. The Fund needs 40 mln USD. It has a funding gap of 23 mln USD.

Cotton demand to remain stable (The Daily Star) Demand for cotton will remain stable in the country as Indian and Chinese investors are relocating their textile companies to Bangladesh, the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) said. Low costs will offer incentives for companies to relocate to Bangladesh, it said. Cotton consumption in Bangladesh moves largely in tandem with activity in the textile sector, which is currently booming, the EIU said. "After growing by an estimated 14.3 percent in 2012-13, we expect the consumption growth to slow in the next two seasons, but risks are weighted on the upside."

EU spurs Bangladesh to do more for factory safety (The Daily Star) Bangladesh has significantly improved the workplace safety standards and labor rights in the last one year, but still a lot to do, EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht said. The comment came at a time when the Sustainability Compact, which Bangladesh signed with the European Union involving the International Labour Organisation (ILO), completed its first anniversary on July 8. Under the agreement, Bangladesh is committed to improve safety standards and labor rights, and the EU will observe the progress of the commitments for one year before taking any trade action against Bangladesh. Bangladesh should enact the regulations on labor reforms and take steps to extend the improved labor rights to the export processing zones, De Gucht said in Paris on June



26. "Bangladesh's labor law still needs to address restrictions on trade union formation and membership, no later than in the next iteration of the labor law reform," De Gucht said.

RMG exports hit record \$24.5b (The Daily Star) Garment exports hit a record high at \$24.50 billion in the immediate past fiscal year, rising 13.86 percent year-on-year, according to Export Promotion Bureau. Competitive prices of Bangladeshi products and a higher demand among Western consumers have led to the growth despite all domestic and international odds, exporters said. Export of knitwear products rose 15.02 percent to \$12.04 billion, while that of woven garments grew 12.70 percent to \$12.44 billion. The total garment exports were worth \$21.51 billion in fiscal 2012-13. "2013 was a challenging year for us. Still, garment exports rose \$3 billion in fiscal 2013-14 compared to that a year ago," said Atiqul Islam, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

Tofail urges admin to set up garment "palli" within 3 years (The Financial Express) Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed urged the administration to help complete construction work of planned garment palli (village) at Bausia in Munshiganj district within the next three years. "I call upon you (district administration) to complete the construction work of garment palli in three years' time," he told the media after addressing the deputy commissioners (DCs) on the second day of the ongoing DC Conference 2014 on July 9. The government felt the necessity of setting up a garment palli on 530 acres of land at Bausia to relocate the ready-made garment (RMG) factories, particularly set up in unplanned way at various localities of the capital.

Govt decides to make inspection reports on RMG units public (The Financial Express) The government has finally decided to make the reports on assessment of garment factories public following pressure coming from both local and international sources. The National Tripartite Committee (NTC) at a meeting chaired by labor secretary Mikail Shipar held last Wednesday took the decision to make the

inspection reports, prepared by the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), public, sources said.

Alliance completes factory inspection: Retailers' group to double compensation for displaced factory workers (The New Age)

Alliance for Bangladesh Workers Safety, a platform of 26 North American retailers and brands, announced to double compensation benefits for workers from two months to up to four months wages for those displaced as a result of factory remediation. The Alliance on July 10 completed safety assessment of its listed 601 garment factories in Bangladesh and 3 factories have been shut as per their recommendations where they found serious structural faults. Sources involved with the inspection process said that during the inspection, the Alliance found serious structural faults in 1.45 per cent factories. The retailers' team referred a total of 9 factories to the government set review panel comprised of representatives from the government, Accord, Alliance, BUET, BGMEA and BKMEA, suggesting for evacuation where the retailers' inspection teams got critical findings. Out of nine, the review committee has suspended production at three units, partially suspended operation at four factories and the decisions on rest two factories remained pending, the sources said. The closed factories are RSI Apparels Ltd, Bay Fashions Ltd and MAM Apparel and Textiles Ltd.

Irregularities rampant in non-member RMG units: DIFE survey reveals (The Financial Express)

The extent of various irregularities, including non-payment of wage and non-compliance of the government-announced wage structure and other rightful benefits, is much higher in the apparel factories,

especially those are not members of BGMEA and BKMEA, sources and officials said. They said majority of these units belong to small and medium categories and engaged in sub-contracting for big factories. According to the Department of Inspection for Factories and Establishments (DIFE), about 800 factories are not members of any of the two apparel apex bodies, while industry insiders claimed that the number is much higher. DIFE under the ministry of labor has conducted a survey on 653 garment units in last April-June period. Out of the surveyed factories, 358 are members of BGMEA, 89 are members of BKMEA, while the remaining 206 are not affiliated with any of the two associations.

Alliance identifies 16 challenges for RMG sector reforms (The Financial Express)

The Alliance has identified 16 major challenges for carrying out sustainable reforms in the country's readymade garment (RMG) industry. These include inadequate government capacity, unauthorized subcontracting business, limited presence and acceptance of trade unions and a lack of modern safety equipment. Other challenges are factory managers' poor knowledge about modern safety equipment and practices, understaffed government agencies responsible for building and fire safety, inconsistency in enforcement of law, required compliance, ambiguity between government agencies over enforcement and building approvals and unavailability of internationally certified but costly fire and electrical equipment, according to its first annual report published on June 22. However, the Alliance report also revealed that 50 per cent of its surveyed 587 factories are now carrying out the remedial part recommended by its experts while ten factories were fully or partially closed.

Infrastructure

USD 505m ADB loan for setting up 72km double-track railway line (The Financial Express)

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is set to approve US\$505 million loan for Bangladesh's railway sector. The bank will negotiate with the government next week on

the credit, officials said on July 12. The Manila-based bank has already assured the Bangladesh Railway (BR) of providing the loan for setting up a 72-kilometre double-track line between Akhaura and Laksham on the Dhaka-Chittagong railway link, a railway official said.

"An ADB delegation is likely to sit with us for negotiation on July 22-24 for discussing its proposed fund for the railway line up gradation project," said Saifuddin Ahmed, a joint secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD). This will be the largest single lending for a Bangladesh railway project by the ADB. He said the government would

Oil, Gas & Energy

Chinese firm interested (in building a central coal terminal in Maheshkhali): \$1b proposal likely next month (The Daily Star) A Chinese company has expressed its interest in building a central coal terminal in Maheshkhali to facilitate import and distribution of coal for several large coal-fired power plants to be built there over the next decade. The China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) will submit a detailed proposal for the \$1-billion terminal early next month. It has primarily said it will arrange the finance from China. A central coal terminal will directly help the government produce cheaper coal-based power. The government has planned to turn Maheshkhali into the country's energy hub by building eight to 10 coal power plants there generating 10,000 megawatt, which is more than what the country produces now. Huge land has already been acquired to that end.

Bids for land-based LNG terminal: 15 foreign firms vie for deal (The Financial Express) Fifteen international firms are vying for contract to build country's first land-based liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal at Matarbari on Moheshkhali Island in the Bay of Bengal, as the government opted for import of the fuel to meet a growing demand. They have submitted expressions of interest (EoIs) to Power Cell, a state-owned entity under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR), by the bid-submission

deadline that was over on June 30. The firms that submitted bids are Fluor Global Engineering Construction Company, Shell International Ltd, Petronet Energy Ltd, China National Air Separation Plant Co Ltd, LNG Engineering Technology Centre China, Toyo Engineering India Ltd, Astra Transcor Energy,

invest \$805 million to upgrade the Akhaura-Laksham track into a double-track one.

China Hope Energy Investment Ltd, Mitsui & Co. Ltd, AOT Trading AG, China Huanqiu Contracting & Engineering Corporation, Tractebel Engineering, China State Construction Engineering Corporation, H Energy Pvt Ltd, and Union Ltd. This onshore terminal would be country's second LNG terminal, the other one planned as an offshore one.

Plan to explore methane from coalmine: Consultant to estimate reserve of the natural gas substitute (The Financial Express) Petrobangla has planned to appoint a consultant to estimate the reserve of methane, a coal by-product, in Jamalganj coalmine, north off Bogra, before extraction of the coal. A top official said the government will utilize the coal-bed methane from the country's deepest coalmine in Jamalganj as a substitute for natural gas without mining the coal to meet a growing demand for fuel.

Experts for survey of Bay before new bidding round (The Financial Express) Energy experts have called for surveying new offshore areas first before launching a new bidding round for oil and gas explorations there. They said the country would get data only after survey of the dispute-free offshore areas, on the basis of which the state-owned Petrobangla would be able to launch new bidding round confidently. Petrobangla would have an edge before launching of new bidding round if it gets data first, said Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Head of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Engineering department Professor M Tamim. Besides, it would also be able sell data to be acquired following the seismic surveys, he added. The Hague-based United Nations Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) in its verdict Monday upheld Bangladesh's claim of 200

nautical-mile exclusive economic zone and territorial rights in the Bay of Bengal.

LNG import from India likely (The Financial Express) The state-owned North-West Power Generation Company Ltd (NWPGL) is actively considering import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from India to run an 800-megawatt combined-cycle power plant in Khulna. A top official said that NWPGL has planned to import around 125 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) equivalent of re-gasified LNG from India's West Bengal by June 2018.

ADB to finance 1400MW power plant - US\$300 already on offer for 1st unit (The Financial Express) The government moves ahead faster to set up a 1400-megawatt coal-fired power plant at Maheshkhali Island with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) extending its financial support, officials said on July 22. Under the major power-sector project, they said, the Power Division had already requested the ADB to bankroll the first unit of half the capacity (700MW).

Arm-twisting on for revising ConocoPhillips' contract (The Financial Express) The

government is learnt to be weighing a proposal from US-based ConocoPhillips for amending the existing production-sharing contract (PSC) to award the company higher incentives. Energy experts maintain that any renegotiation of the foreign firm's terms would prove ruinous for the country's energy sector that holds huge potential for the opening up of vast avenues in the Bay of Bengal. The oil giant is allegedly pressing the government high-ups for an upward revision of fiscal terms in the PSC for its two deep-water blocks in the Bay: DS0810 and DS0811.

Indian group eager to set up power plant near proposed deep-sea port (The Financial Express) India's largest private power producer Adani Group has expressed its interest to establish a coal-fired power plant near the site of proposed deep sea port in Sonadia under Cox's Bazar district, sources said. A delegation of Adani Group, headed by its Group President (International Business) Harsh Mishra, placed their proposal to the Power Division and the Ministry of Shipping (MoS) on July 22 and discussed with its officials about their proposed investment.

Water/Maritime

EIB to lend €100m for water supply upgrade (The Daily Star) The European Investment Bank (EIB) will lend 100 million euros to Bangladesh to upgrade a new surface water supply system in Dhaka. The financing contract was signed in Dhaka on June 30, the EIB said in a statement. The water supply

system comprises a raw water intake in the Meghna river, a 21km raw water transmission pipeline and a new water treatment plant in Rupganj with a capacity to treat 500 million liters of water a day. The project will also include a 14km treated water transmission pipeline. The project will be implemented by 2019.

Agriculture

Farm exports fetch record \$615m in 2014 fiscal year (The Financial Express) Farm exports brought in a record US\$615 million in the just-concluded financial year, with vegetables leading the shipment. Agriculture exports brought in US\$615 million in 2014 fiscal compared with \$535.74 million a year ago, posting a 15 per cent growth, the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data showed.

Vegetable shipment grew 34 per cent to \$147.5 million in the year, which is also 11.5 per cent higher than its fixed target, said the data. The country exports vegetables like brinjal, pointed gourd, sponge gourd, ridge gourd, snake gourd, bitter gourd, bottle gourd, pumpkin, okra, long bean, local bean, cauliflower, cabbage, papaya, green banana, different kinds of tubers, vegetable leafs and so on, according to the EPB.

New shrimp farming system to boost yields

(They Daily Star) A growing number of shrimp farmers and processors are giving up traditional farming practices and turning to improved aquaculture to boost yields and exports. Acreage of shrimp under a modern farming technology -- semi-intensive shrimp farming -- rose to 1,100 hectares this year from 800 hectares a year ago. The improved



farming practices were seen only on 10 hectares of land in 2002, said Prafulla Kumar Sarker, district fisheries officer of Khulna, a hub for shrimp farming and pioneer in modern practices. In traditional shrimp cultivation, less than 25,000 juveniles are farmed per hectare. But in semi-intensive farming, up to two lakh juveniles can be cultivated per hectare. Traditional farming is done in lowlands and canals. But semi-intensive farming requires carefully laid-out ponds in controlled environment.

Wheat production highest in 11 years

(The Daily Star) Wheat production rose to 13.02 lakh tons in fiscal 2013-14, the highest in 11 years, mainly due to increased acreage and favorable weather. The amount was 3.82 percent higher than 12.54 lakh tons in the previous year, according to provisional estimates by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics. Quality seeds also contributed to higher yields, said Md Jalal



Uddin, director of Wheat Research Centre in Dinajpur. In recent years, breeders at Bangladesh Agricultural Research Institute (Bari) developed four high-yielding wheat

seed varieties to rejuvenate farmers' waning interest in the crop.

BB sets farm loan target at Tk 15,550cr

(Tk 155.5bn) (The Daily Star) Bangladesh Bank (BB) has set Tk 15,550 crore farm loan target for the



scheduled banks for fiscal 2014-15, up by 6.54 percent compared to the previous year. Atiur Rahman, governor of the central bank, made the disclosure while announcing the annual agriculture loan policy and programs for fiscal 2014-15.

Other news

EPZ workers get rights to union: Cabinet okays draft law

(The Daily Star) The cabinet approved a draft law protecting EPZ workers' right to freedom of association, a week after an unpleasant US review came on the GSP on July 7. As per the proposed law, at least 30 percent workers of a factory within an export processing zone will have to apply for registration to form an association. Right now, the EPZ Workers' Association and Industrial Relations Act 2009 do not allow trade unions, a term not mentioned also in the draft okayed by the cabinet. However, the existing workers' welfare associations in the export processing zones will act like trade unions under the proposed Bangladesh EPZ Labour Act 2014, cabinet sources said.

Solar home systems in Bangladesh see fastest growth - WB gives another \$78.4m for the program

(The Daily Star) The program for installing solar home systems in Bangladesh has the fastest penetration rate in the world, as the country installs more than 70,000 such units every month, World Bank said on June 30. The Washington-based lender inked a deal with the Bangladesh government to lend a \$78.4 million additional financing to further scale up support for the program. The country has installed more than 3.1 million solar home systems till May this year with support from the WB and other development partners, according to the

Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (Idcol), the implementing agency. The total installed capacity of these solar home systems is around 140MW, sufficient to provide clean electricity to 14 million rural people, Idcol said. Being implemented as a public-private partnership since 2003, the program has contributed to more than 70,000 new jobs so far and reduction of carbon dioxide emission by more than 5.38 lakh tons a year, it said.

Pvt economic zone policy finalized: BEZA to work as regulatory body (The Financial Express) The authorities have finalized the private economic zone policy, which will allow individuals to set up such zones across the country. The officials concerned are hopeful about the removal of the difficulties that are encountered while anyone trying to set up an economic zone. Sources said due to the absence of such a policy, the construction of many private economic zones is being delayed. Construction of at least two private economic zones-the AK Khan Private Economic Zone at Narsingdi and the BGMEA Special Economic Zone at Baushia at Munshiganj-is being delayed mainly due to the absence of an official policy in this regard.

Labour rights, workplace safety remain top priority (The Financial Express) US Ambassador-designate to Bangladesh Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat testified before a parliamentary panel that labor rights and workplace safety in Bangladesh remained a top priority of the United States, apart from unsettled political matters. "Labour rights and workplace safety in Bangladesh remain a top US priority. We need Bangladeshis to ensure there will be no more heart-rending tragedies like the Rana Plaza building collapse or the Tazreen Fashions factory fire," she said while giving her testimony before the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations ahead of confirmation of her assignment.

Bangladesh gets four-fifths of disputed Bay area (The New Age) The permanent court of arbitration in The Hague in its verdict awarded Bangladesh 19,467 sq km of area out of a total disputed area of about 25,602 sq km with India. In the delimitation process, Bangladesh lost South Talpatty which fell into

the Indian territorial water. Announcing the outcome of the verdict, foreign minister AH Mahmood Ali told a crowded press briefing that the tribunal sustained Bangladesh's claims of equitable solution to a full 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone and to a substantial share of the extended continental shelf beyond 200 NM. He said Bangladesh had finally won more than 1,18,813 square kilometers of waters in the Bay of Bengal in the maritime boundary cases with India and Myanmar. The 1,18,813 sq kms of water comprises territorial sea, exclusive economic zone extending out to 200 NM across sizable area and also have undeniable sovereign rights in the sea bed extending as far as 354 NM from Chittagong coast in the Bay with all the living and non-living resources.



IMF to relax conditions (The Daily Star) Satisfied with Dhaka's performance in implementing various IMF-funded projects, the lending agency's Deputy Managing Director Naoyuki Shinohara has said the IMF is relaxing conditions for providing loans to Bangladesh. The assurance came during a meeting between Shinohara and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office at Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban on July 2. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) official also requested the government to improve supervision over its banking sector. The PM's Press Secretary AKM Shameem Chowdhury briefed reporters after the meeting.

Foreign funds in Dhaka stocks soar **The Daily Star**) Net foreign investment in Dhaka stocks shot up 111 percent year-on-year in fiscal 2013-14 on the back of solid economic fundamentals despite political turmoil in the middle of the year. Overseas investors bought

shares worth Tk 4,014.86 crore and sold shares worth Tk 1,456.39 crore, taking their net investment to Tk 2,558.47 crore in the just-concluded fiscal year, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange

Events

All Sector Trade Mission: September 8-11, 2014 From September 8th – 11th, 2014 an economic mission to Bangladesh will take place, organized by Nyenrode Business University in cooperation with the Netherlands Embassy in Dhaka. The trade mission will facilitate 15 Dutch businesses looking towards Bangladesh and show how its potential provides direct business opportunities. Together with the Dutch Embassy various matchmaking meetings, corporate site and field visits, networking events and informative seminars will be organized. This will provide mission participants access to a large network and a host of business and promotional opportunities. The goal is to promote mutual trade between the Netherlands and Bangladesh and to profile Dutch businesses. More information about the upcoming trade mission, the participating companies, or for those interested to join program elements, please contact Lisette Blüm, trade attaché through l.blum@minbuza.nl, or find more information found at www.nbbp.org.

15th Textech Bangladesh 2014 International Expo A four-day exhibition on Textile & Garment Technology and Machinery & Related Services will be held from 3 ~ 6 September 2014 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre, Dhaka – Bangladesh. More information about the upcoming event can be found at <http://www.textechonline.org/textechbd2014/index.html>

8th Dhaka International Yarn & Fabric Show 2014 The biggest and sole international exhibition on International Yarn & Fabric Manufacturers & Exporters focused to the entire US\$ 20 Billion Textile & Apparel export Industry of Bangladesh will be held from 3-6 September at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka. More information about the upcoming event can be found at <http://www.yarnandfabric.org/DIFS/>

Tenders

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) Payra Port Authority under Ministry of Shipping has issued a REOI for Selection of International Consultancy Firm for a detailed techno feasibility study of Rabnabad Channel. REOI was published on 17 July 2014 and closing on 13 August 2014 12: 00 Hrs. For details, please contact: Capt. Md. Saidur Rahman, Member (Harbour and Marine), Payra Port Authority, Dhaka Liaison Office, Sarika Tower (Level III), Segun Bhagicha, Dhaka – 1000, Bangladesh. Phone: 02-9583132 Fax: 02-9583133 Email: payraport@yahoo.com; <http://www.cptu.gov.bd/ShowDetailFOI.aspx?FOIId=2220>

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) Bangladesh Power Cell under Power Division has issued a REOI for cumulative environment impact assessment of Siddhirganj power hub. REOI was published on 23 July 2014 and closing on 23 August 2014 15: 00 Hrs. For details, please contact: Mr. Mohammad Hossain, Director General, Power Cell, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Govt. of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Bidyut Bhaban (9th Floor), 1, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka

1000, Bangladesh. Phone: 88 (02) 9551261 Fax: 88 (02) 9554664 Email: dg@powercell.gov.bd; <http://www.cptu.gov.bd/ShowDetailEOI.aspx?EOIID=2226>

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) North West Power Generation Company Ltd (NWPGL) under Power Division has issued a REOI for Foreign Consulting firm to provide Engineering Consultancy Services Sirajganj 225MW Combined Cycle Power Plant Project. EOI was published on 24 July 2014 and closing on 26 August 2014 12:30 Hrs. For details, please contact: Dilip Kumar Dhali, Superintending Officer, NWPGL Bidyut Bhaban (Level 14), 1 Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka 1000, and Bangladesh. Phone: 880-02-9573877 Email: pgsgccpp@gmail.com

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) North West Power Generation Company Ltd (NWPGL) under Power Division has issued a REOI for Foreign Consulting firm for conducting a feasibility study for the import of Regasification of Liquefied Natural Gas and pre-feasibility study for setting up on-shore LNG terminal or FSRU for the proposed Khulna Cycle Power Plant. EOI was published on 24 July 2014 and closing on 28 August 2014 12:30 Hrs. For details, please contact: Md. Morsalin Joarder, Superintending Officer, NWPGL Bidyut Bhaban (Level 14), 1 Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka 1000, and Bangladesh. Phone: 880-02-9560984 Email: pdkhulna.nwpgcl@gmail.com

Invitation for International Tender Ministry of Science and Technology issued a tender for Procurement of laboratory equipment. Tender was published on 22 July 2014, last selling on 7 September 2014 and closing on 8 September 15:00 hrs. For details, please contact: Swapan Kumar Ray, Project Director, Fibre & Polymer Research Division, BCSIR Laboratories, Dr Quadrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Phone: +8802 9667003; email: dfpl_bcsir@yahoo.com

Invitation for International Tender Ministry of Industries issued a tender for transportation of 30,000MT 10% prilled urea from Mesaieed, Qatar to Mongla port, Bangladesh. Tender was published on 01 August 2014, last selling on 13 August 2014 and closing on 14 August 11:00 hrs. For details, please contact: Md Kamruzzaman, GM, BCIC, Purchase Division – 12th Floor, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkhusha C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Phone: +8802 9567091; email: bcicpur@dhaka.net

Invitation for International Tender Ministry of Industries issued a tender for Procurement of 30,000 MT of 10% Rock Phosphate. Tender was published on 01 August 2014, last selling on 1 September 2014 and closing on 2 September 11:00 hrs. For details, please contact: Md Kamruzzaman, GM, BCIC, Purchase Division – 12th Floor, BCIC Bhaban, 30-31, Dilkhusha C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Phone: +8802 9567091; email: bcicpur@dhaka.net

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<http://www.cptu.gov.bd/Notices.aspx>

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