

Mushfigur Rahman, vice president of the Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services, and Mahmud Hossain, chief business officer of Grameenphone, attended the launch of software marketplace Grameenphone Cloud Store at BASIS Soft Expo 2020 in International Convention City Bashundhara last Friday.



Eleash Mridha, managing director of PRAN Group, launches Ray Liquid Detergent of Sun Basic Chemicals, a concern of PRAN-RFL Group, at the PRAN head office in the capital's Badda yesterday.

Fed says risks to economy easing

REUTERS, Washington

"moderately" expanding US economy was slowed last year by a manufacturing slump and weak global growth, but key risks have receded and the likelihood of recession has declined, the US Federal Reserve said in its latest monetary policy report to the US Congress.

"Downside risks to the US outlook seem to have receded in the latter part of the year, as the conflicts over trade policy diminished somewhat, economic growth abroad showed signs of stabilizing, and financial conditions eased," the Fed said on Friday, noting that the US job market and consumer spending remained strong.

"The likelihood of a recession occurring over the next year has fallen noticeably in recent months," the Fed said, basing its conclusion

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Construction of Road at Anil Chakmas Ghat to

Jaharlal Chakmas Ghat in Sadar Upazila under RHDC. Package No. RHDC/900/199

Construction of Road at Murali Para BGB Camp

Main Road to Kukimara Marma Para in Kaptai

Improvement of Road from the East Lungipara

to West Lungipara by HBB in Kawkhali Upazilla

Completion of Incomplete Work at Bilaichari

Sadar Hostel Bridge in Bilaichari Upazila under

Upward Extension of Zila Parishad Staff

Quarters in Hatchery Area Sadar Upazila under

Construction of Boundary Wall and Stairs for the

Residence of the Chairman in Sadar Upazila

Construction of Retaining Wall at east side of

Chairman Residence by Removing the Old

Structure Constructed for the Breeding of

Crocodile in Sadar Upazila under RHDC.

Completion of Incomplete Works of Friends Club

in Sadar Upazila under RHDC. Package No.

Repair of Old Zila Parishad Rest House in Sadar

Upazila under RHDC. Package No.

Construction of Retaining Wall on beside

Subalong Army Camp Ghat in Barkal upazila

Construction of Officers Club Building in

Kawkhali Upazila under RHDC. Package No.

Construction of Bangabandhu Research Center

cum Public Library in municipal area of Sadar

Upazila under RHDC. Package No.

Construction of Barracks Adjacent to Longadu

Army Zone in Longadu Upazila under RHDC.

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Completion of Incomplete Work in Sravasti Bana

Bihar in Barkal Upazila under RHDC. Package

Water supply is provided by installing deep tube

well in the village of Ruilui in Sajek Union in

Baghaichari upazila under RHDC. Package No.

Construction of Dam at Baribindu Ghat in

Baghaichari Upazila under RHDC. Package No.

Upward Extension of Zila Parishad Quarter to

Hatchery Area in Sadar Upazila under RHDC.

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on models of recession probabilities that incorporate the behavior of bond markets and other factors.

Among the risks the Fed did note: the fallout from the spreading outbreak of coronavirus in China, "elevated" asset values, and nearrecord levels of low-grade corporate debt that the Fed fears could become a problem in an economic downturn.

Concerns about the virus and the possible disruption to Chinese economic growth as a result of it sent stock markets lower on Friday, despite a strong US jobs report showing the economy added 225,000 jobs in

While a White House official on Friday said the likely impact on the United States will be "minimal," the disease has introduced an unexpected and unpredictable problem into an economic outlook that the Fed

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felt was starting to improve after a turbulent year.

Overall, the Fed said, risks to a more than decade long US recovery seemed to be easing following its three interest rate cuts in 2019 and evidence that a worldwide dip in trade and manufacturing "appears to be at an end." "Consumer spending and services activity around the world continue to hold up," the Fed reported.

By law the Fed twice a year prepares formal report for the US Congress on the state of the economy and monetary policy.

Much of its amounts to a review of recent events.

The new document repeats the Fed's assessment that the current level of the federal funds rate, in a range of between 1.5 per cent and 1.75 per cent was "appropriate" to keep the recovery on track.

Ericsson to skip mobile trade show

AFP, Paris

Swedish telecommunications equipment provider Ericsson said on Friday it would skip a major trade show because of the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

over coronavirus

It is the second major firm to withdraw from the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, as South Korea's LG has already said it would skip the biggest annual event for the mobile phone industry. Several Chinese groups, such as ZTE and Huawei, have said they would take precautionary measures and limit their presence at the event.

The new coronavirus that appeared in late December has claimed more than 630 lives and infected at least 31,000 people in mainland China, with more than 240 cases spreading to two dozen countries. "Due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus Ericsson has taken the decision to withdraw from the industry event GSMA Mobile World Congress Barcelona 2020 as the health and safety of employees and customers cannot be ensured," it said

Malaysia expands China traveller ban

REUTERS, Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia has expanded a ban on visitors from China to include Zhejiang and Jiangsu provinces, after China's decision to lock down cities in the provinces to curb the spread of the coronavirus outbreak that has claimed over 800 lives.

The Southeast Asian nation on Jan. 27 imposed a temporary ban on travellers arriving from the city of Wuhan, the epicentre of the outbreak, and the surrounding province of Hubei. Deputy Prime Minister Wan Azizah Wan Ismail said the decision follows China's move to extend its lockdown to five cities in Zhejiang and two in Jiangsu. China's Hubei province, where Wuhan is the capital, has been on lockdown since Jan. 23. "[The] travel restrictions will be enforced in accordance with the lock-down region imposed by the Chinese Government," Wan Azizah

Low Income Community Housing Support Project Grihavan Bhaban

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh National Housing Authority

Memo No. 25.38.0000.704.14.104.19-71

Date: February 09, 2020

e-Re-Tender Notice

This is to notify all concerned that the following tenders have been published through e-GP Portal.

| SI. No. | Tender ID, Package, No.& Date of Publishing | Name of Package | Online Tender Last Selling & Closing Date and Time |
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| 01 | Tender ID: 424032 (Package # LICHSP/Sir/Mas/W-2-6-4) Publishing Date: February 09, 2020 | Electrification Works at Masumpur Pagaira Para Settlement (Ward No01), Sirajganj Pourashava. | Last Selling: February 23, 2020 up to 16:00 Closing Date and Time: February 24, 2020 at 14:30 |
| 02 | Tender ID: 421212 (Package # LICHSP/Cum/Kaz/W-2-1-1) Publishing Date: February 09, 2020 | Electrification Work at Kazipara settlement (Ward No20), Cumilla City Corporation. | Last Selling: February 23, 2020 up to 16:00 Closing Date and Time: February 24, 2020 at 14:30 |

The interested Person/firms may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Forest Department Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207, Bangladesh www.bforest.gov.bd

Memo No. FD/SUFAL/Procurement/SD-56A-03/2020/184

Date: February 02, 2020

Request for Expressions of Interest (Consulting Services - Non Profit Organizations Selection)

Country: Bangladesh

Name of the Project: Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project

Credit No: 6325-BD

March 05, 2020.

GD-259

Assignment Title: Selection of NGO for Collaborative Forest Management Group formation, data entry, training etc. (Hill Chattogram North & South) Reference No. Package No: SD-56A

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Sustainable Forests & Livelihoods (SUFAL) Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include identify forest dependent communities following Community Identification of Poor's (CIP) from forest conservation village, generate baseline information for preparing community profiling by feeding into the database, mobilize and organize participants in collaborative forest management. The Consulting Firm will support to scale up through formation of new Co-management Committees (CMCs) in selected Protected Areas (PAs) and support in the formation of Collaborative Forest Management Committee (CFMC), arrange capacity building training for sub-committee members of CFMC and make key members capable for running institutional functions and identify appropriate. Alternative Income Generation Activities (AIGAs) following terms and conditions of Community Operation Manual (COM) in jurisdiction of Chattogram North Forest Division and Chattogram South Forest Division.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and soft copy of Prescribed Format for Submission of Expression of Interest can be found at the following website: www.bforest.gov.bd or can be obtained at the address give below.

The Bangladesh Forest Department (BFD) now invites eligible Non Profit Organizations i.e. NGOs ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information on prescribed Format issued with this REOI demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria

- . A registered NGO (not for profit) with at least 15 years' general experience out of which 10 years' experience in the working location mentioned in the TOR; . Proven working experience and ability to work with natural resources dependent communities, including poor and marginalized
- forests dependent communities in Bangladesh;
- · Experience in community mobilization and the promotion of resource-independent alternative income generating activities;
- Experience of working under donor funded projects will be added advantage; · Experience on social norms, collaborative forest management, social forestry, Protected Area Management; and
- NGO will have sufficient and relevant managerial, financial and organizational capabilities and logistics for the assignment. Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 (Revised November 2017) ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's

Consultants may associate with other NGOs or firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. To form a joint venture with firm(s) lead partner must be a registered NGO. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire

contract, if selected. It is preferable to limit the maximum number of joint venture partners in 03 (three) including the Lead partner who is an NGO. Although the lead firm in the joint venture will provide the core expertise, each partner of the JV has to be reasonably qualified to take over the responsibilities and role of any of the partners that may fail to perform or withdraws. A consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Procurement

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 9:00 to 17:00 hours (GMT+06:00). Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (In person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by

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