

Dollar drops sharply against yen

LONDON, Sept 25: The dollar dropped sharply against the yen, dragged down by comments from German and Japanese officials, dealers said, reports Reuters.

The mark rose against the dollar and the yen in Europe after Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer said the central bank will do all possible to stop the mark depreciating against major currencies.

Dollar/major dropped in European afternoon trading after the comments.

Overnight, the US currency had fallen as much as 2.5 per cent or three yen. After Eisuke Sakakibara, Japan's Vice Finance Minister for International Affairs, said the G7 leading industrial nations had sent a strong message on dollar/yen after their weekend meeting.

"All these comments have made the dollar bears a bit more wary," said Jeremy Stretch, currency strategist at Natwest markets in London.

Adding to the dollar's woes, Tietmeyer weighed in by saying a falling mark would not be right for Germany and the Bundesbank was keen to make sure the currency remains strong.

"We in Germany, will do everything to ensure that the mark remains a strong currency and does not depreciate against other major currencies," Tietmeyer said.

Sakakibara's comment, meanwhile, prompted traders to reassess the G7's statement on Sunday which said it was important to avoid excessive depreciation in currencies where this could lead to a re-emergence of external trade imbalances.

Dealers said the comment refocused the market on Japan's huge trade surplus, ending complacency after the G7 meeting.

"Cold water was poured over dollar/yen overnight," said Steve Hannah, director of economic research at Ibj International in London.

Corruption retards growth

WB surveys firms in 70 developing countries

HONG KONG, Sept 25: Corruption is a "significant impediment" to growth in developing countries that drives away investors and forces the poor to pay the highest price, the World Bank said here yesterday, reports AFP.

"A growing body of evidence... shows corruption in developing countries is indeed a significant impediment, both to private investment and to the way in which the lives of ordinary people are affected," said Masood Ahmed, Director of Poverty Reduction and Economic Management.

A World Bank survey of 3,500 firms in 70 developing countries found the leading obstacle to their investing more was corruption because of the cost and uncertainty about being able to operate freely, he said.

But there was a much higher

social cost. Ahmed told a news conference on the sidelines of annual meetings here of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund.

"It is the poor who pay the greatest price for corruption (as) they are most likely to be affected by it," Ahmed told the conference coinciding with the release of a World Bank report — "helping countries combat corruption."

Just to get medicine could involve not only the official fee but all kinds of additional bribes that the poor could ill afford, "ordinary people's lives are blighted by corruption," he said.

Ahmed said development assistance bodies such as the World Bank found they "needed to take a more proactive role in raising this issue because it was eroding the social consensus for continuing to have concess-

sional assistance."

A large part of development assistance got syphoned off by corruption.

The World Bank, by taking up corruption, allowed the international community to deal with an issue that could not be dealt with bilaterally, he said.

To address the problem, the World Bank last year began gathering evidence in an attempt to see what it could do about corruption.

Ahmed said the Bank wanted to ensure it did what it could to keep its own projects free of corruption, and help countries wanting to tackle graft by providing advice.

"Half a dozen countries have already asked for this kind of help from us and I expect this number to grow," Ahmed said.

He said the Bank also wanted to be "much more explicit in sending a message."

That message was: "The existence of corruption and the way in which governments handle that problem will be one explicit factor in defining how much and what kind of support we provide financially a particular country, to a particular sector of the country."

The bank was not doing business in Nigeria and Zaire, he said, and it recently pulled the plug on a 70 million dollar loan to Kenya.

Ahmed said the bank further wanted to raise its own voice in support of international issues relating to corruption.

"This is an issue not confined to developing countries — nobody has a monopoly on corruption," the director said.

He said that in many countries in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), it was not only legal to pay bribes to get contracts in other countries, it was also tax deductible.

"There is now a method underway within the OECD to try to change this, to criminalise cross border bribery," he said.

Notice of Tender Military Engineer Services

Notice No. 400/Adv/62/E-4 Dated : 09 September 1997

1. Applications are hereby invited by AHQ, E-in-C's Branch, Works Dte, Dhaka Cantonment for the following works within 10 (ten) days from the date of publishing the advertisement.

(a) Supply & installation of 1x150 KVA Generating Set with ancillary works including renovation/maint. of existing building of Momenshahi Girls' College, Momenshahi.

2. Reputed/original generator supplier/agency may apply for tender documents. Agency/suppliers will deposit Taka 100/- along with tender documents as earnest money from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in the shape of Pay Order in favour of AHQ, E-in-C's Branch, Works Dte, Dhaka Cantt which is refundable. If a tender of a agency/suppliers other than MES enlisted is found acceptable, must be required to further deposit security money @5% of contract amount in the shape of Defence Savings Certificate/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of AHQ, E-in-C's Branch, Works Dte, Dhaka Cantonment.

3. Contractors borne on the approved list of MES of category 'C' and 'D' may also apply for tender documents. MES enlisted contractors/firms must mention enlistment Index No, Class, VAT Registration No, Name of proprietor, permanent/temporary address and telephone no. (if any) in their applications. Incomplete application will not be accepted.

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Works Dte
E-in-C's Branch
Dhaka Cantonment.

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বহিঃ প্রচার অনুবিভাগ
তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়
পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয় ভবন, ঢাকা

নং ৩৩/৯৭-৯৮-ইপি-৫কা/৫৭৫ তারিখ : ০৩-০৬-১৯৯৭
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মুদ্রণ কাজের দরপত্র আহ্বান

বহিঃ প্রচার অনুবিভাগ কর্তৃক প্রকাশিত ১৯৯৮ সালের ডায়েরি মুদ্রণের লক্ষ্যে দেশের ১ম সারির মুদ্রণালয় হতে দ্বৈত খামে সিলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। দরপত্রদাতা প্রেসের কমপক্ষে একটি ডবল ডিআই বাই-কালার অফসেট মেশিন ও অন্যান্য যন্ত্রপাতি থাকতে হবে।

অফিস সময়ে নিম্নবর্ণিত কার্যক্রমের দরপত্র দাখিলের পূর্ব দিন পর্যন্ত নগদ ২০০ (দুইশত) টাকা মূল্যে (অফসেটযোগ্য) দরপত্রের সিডিউল ফর্ম করা যাবে।

পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়ে অবস্থিত বহিঃ প্রচার অনুবিভাগে রক্ষিত দরপত্রের বাবে দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ২-১০-৯৭ইং বেলা ১২-০০ টা পর্যন্ত।

জামানত হিসাবে উক্ত দরের শতকরা ৫.০০ টাকা হারে সহকারী পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), বহিঃ প্রচার অনুবিভাগ, তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়, ঢাকা-এর বরাবরে যাক ডাকট/পে-অর্ডার দাখিল করতে হবে।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা সমগ্র দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।

এ টি এম মোনেমুল হক
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The Treasury Department unveiled in Washington the new version of the 50 dollar bill in this file photo from June 1997. The bills aimed at preventing counterfeiting, feature a larger portrait of Ulysses S Grant, a security thread and colour shifting ink in the numeral on the lower-right corner of the bill. An estimated 30 million copies of the redesigned 50 dollar bill are being withheld from circulation because of a tiny printing flaw, the Treasury Department said Wednesday. A decision hasn't been made yet whether to destroy the flawed bills, which cost 1.44 million dollars to produce, or put them into circulation later.

—AP/UNB photo

Leading Euro stocks gain ground

LONDON, Sept 25: Leading European Stock markets all gained ground on Wednesday. The London market advanced by 0.98 per cent as the Footsie Index tacked on 49.7 points to finish at 5,077.2, reports AFP.

Traders said the London market had been boosted by a firm Wall Street and a strong futures market, gilts ended higher.

Share volume came to 710 million.

The Paris bourse chalked up a substantial gain on Wednesday, the first day of the new trading month, as the CAC 40 index finished at 3,023.77 points up 0.89 per cent from the Tuesday close.

Traders noted that the rise came despite a weaker dollar and a sharp fall for Sanoel after it dropped an important drug. The stock plummeted by 13 per cent to end at 552 after the majority of analysts switched their recommendations from buy to sell.

The bourse remained firm after presentation of the broad outlines of France's draft national budget for 1998, which did not bring any particular reactions in trading rooms since its general outlines had been more or less known for some time.

The market was very active with volume of 10.1 billion Francs on the monthly settlement market.

The Matif (financial futures market) was also higher.

The dollar continued to weaken against the French currency, trading at 5.96 Francs late in the day against more than 6.03 Tuesday evening.

The dollar's weakness is said to be due to remarks by Japanese Deputy Finance Minister Eisuke Sakakibara, who said the G7 communique issued last weekend contained "a strong message on the yen-dollar parity" for the markets.

The Frankfurt stock market posted a modest advance as the Dax index finished the day at 4,102.39 points, up 0.10 per cent from 4,098.20 points at the official close on Tuesday.

Bakhrabad Gas Systems Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)

গ্যাসের অপচয় রোধ করুন এবং নির্ধারিত সময়ে বিল পরিশোধ করুন

Tender Notice

Sl. No.	Description of work	Estimated cost (Tk)	Cost of tender documents (non-refundable)	Completion of time
1.(A)	Supplying, manufacturing, fitting, fixing of Gypsum Board Partition Wall and False Ceiling from ground to 3rd floor of Regional Office Building of BGS at Solosahar, Ctg. (Rd-Building).	46,29,796.00	Tk. 1,000/-	P/Set. 90 (ninety) days
(B)	Construction of RCC Pavement for Internal Road of Residential Area, Brick soling road for Isotope pit & Dustbin at CGS, Fouzderhat, Chittagong.	19,14,649.30	Tk. 1000/-	P/Set. 90 (ninety) days
2	Eligibility	2% of the total quoted amount.		
3	Where tender documents will be available	The intending contractors/firms will have to take prior permission from General Manager (P&D) Dy. General Manager (Construction), BGS, Chapapur, Comilla to purchase tender documents by showing original and producing photocopy of current enlistment certificate with govt./semi govt./autonomous organisation, Bank Solvency certificate, Municipal Trade Licence, Income Tax Clearance and VAT Registration certificate, similar nature of work execution certificate of minimum Tk. 20.00 lac or executed value of minimum Tk. 75.00 lac of building work having Aluminium Glazed Doors, Windows & Partitions etc. with a copy of work order for the work under Sl. No. 1(A) and for the work under Sl. No. 1(B) similar nature of work execution certificate with a copy of work order minimum Tk. 15.00 lacs in a single tender completed within last 7 (seven) years with any govt./semi govt./autonomous organisation.		
4	Date of selling of tender documents	(i) Accounts & Finance Department, BGS, Head Office Chapapur, Comilla, (ii) Accounts Section, BGS, 12, Jamal Khan Road, Ctg. (iii) Liaison Office, BGS, House No. 3, Road No. 2/A, Banani, Dhaka, (iv) Accounts Division, Petrobangla, Petrocenter, 3 Kawran Bazar, Dhaka; (v) BAPEX, (vi) Bahim, Mansion (4th floor), Purana Palten, Dhaka, (vii) Titas Gas-T&D Company Ltd, 11, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, (viii) RPGCL, Steel House, 102, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka, (ix) Bangladesh Gas Fields Company Ltd, Court Road, B'baria, (x) Jalalabad Gas T&D Company Ltd, Borkatia, Amberkhana, Sylhet, (xi) Sylhet Gas Field Co. Ltd, Chilknagool, Horipur, Sylhet, (xii) Gas Transmission Co. Ltd, Sector No. 3, Road No. 12, House No. 1, Uttara, Dhaka.		
5	Place, date & time of tender receiving	For the work under Sl. No. 1(A) from 01.10.97 to 07.10.97 within office hours. For the work under Sl. No. 1(B) from 05.10.97 to 19.10.97 within office hours.		
6	Date & time of tender opening	Places as mentioned in the tender schedule for the work under Sl. No. 1(A), on 8.10.97 up to 12:00 Noon & the work under Sl. No. 1 (B) on 20.10.97 up to 12:00 Noon.		
7	BGSL reserves the right to accept any tender or to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	For the work under Sl. No. 1(A) on 8.10.97 at 12:10 PM & the work under Sl. No. 1(B) on 20.10.97 at 12:10 PM.		

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Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD
Pabna Road Division, Pabna

Notice Inviting Tenders

- Tender Notice No. : 4-PRD/1997-98.
- Name of work : Different works in different location in different roads under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98 in 9 (nine) groups.
- Chargeable head : As per group list.
- Estimated cost : As per group list.
- Earnest money : As per group list.
- Time allowed for completion of work : As per group list.
- Eligibility of bidders : As per group list.
- Name of offices where tender documents will be sold : i). Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi. ii). Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Sirajganj/Natore/Rajshahi/Planning & Programming (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka. iii). Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II, Pabna/Isurdi/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Pabna. iv). Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi. v). Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi. vi). Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Pabna Road Circle, Pabna/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road & Bridge) Dhaka. vii). Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Natore/Sirajganj. 6-10-97 Eng./21-6-1404 Beng. during office hours.
- Name of offices where tender will be received : i). Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi. ii). Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Sirajganj/Natore/Rajshahi/Planning & Programming (Road & Bridge) Division, Dhaka. iii). Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, RHD, Road Sub-Division-I/II, Pabna/Isurdi/1st Line Workshop Sub-Division, Pabna. iv). Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi. v). Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Rajshahi. vi). Office of the Superintending Engineer, RHD, Pabna Road Circle, Pabna/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (Road & Bridge) Dhaka. vii). Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pabna/Natore/Sirajganj. 6-10-97 Eng./21-6-1404 Beng. during office hours.
- Last date for selling tender documents : 7-10-97 Eng./22-6-1404 Beng. up to 12:30 PM.
- Date & time for opening tenders : 9-10-97 Eng./24-6-1404 Beng. at 10:30 AM.

Group list

Statement showing groups, location, estimated cost, earnest money, time allowed for completion of work etc. at different roads in different location under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98 in 9 (nine) groups.

Group No.	Name of Road	Name of work with location	Head of A/C.	Estimated cost (TK.)	Earnest money (TK.)	Time allowed	Eligibility of bidders
I.	Pabna-Sujanagar Road	Repairing the existing damaged pavement by premixed bituminous carpeting method with bituminous primer seal coat at 12th(p) & 13th (p) K M of Pabna-Sujanagar road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	266 C.A.	4,93,815/=	9,877/=	20 (twenty) days	"A" to "E" general category contractor of RHD.
II.	-Do-	-Do- -Do- -Do- at 3rd (p) & 16th(p) KM of Pabna-Sujanagar road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	-Do-	4,97,259/=	9,946/=	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
III.	Abdul Hamid Road	Repairing the existing damaged pavement by premixed bituminous carpeting method with bituminous primer seal coat at 3rd (p) & 4th (p) KM of Abdul Hamid Road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	-Do-	7,69,498/=	15,390/=	25 (twenty five) days	-Do-
IV.	-Do-	-Do- -Do- -Do- at 5th (p) KM of Abdul Hamid Road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	-Do-	8,43,030/=	16,861/=	25 (twenty five) days	"A" to "D" general category contractor of RHD.
V.	Tebunia-Atghoria-Chatmohar-Bhanguria-Faridpur-Baghabari Road	Repairing the existing damaged pavement by premixed bituminous carpeting method with bituminous primer seal coat at 12th KM & 18th KM of Tebunia-Atghoria-Chatmohar-Bhanguria-Faridpur-Baghabari Road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	-Do-	7,20,251/=	14,406/=	25 (twenty five) days	-Do-
VI.	-Do-	-Do- -Do- -Do- at 25th (p) & 45th (p) KM of Tebunia-Atghoria-Chatmohar-Bhanguria Faridpur-Baghabari Road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	-Do-	3,61,318/=	7,227/=	20 (twenty) days	-Do-
VII.	-Do-	Construction of Brick pavement work (To connecting the Thana Sadar) on 32nd KM of Tebunia-Atghoria-Chatmohar-Bhanguria-Faridpur-Baghabari Road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	-Do-	14,69,579/=	29,392/=	40 (forty) days	"A" to "D" general category contractor of RHD.
VIII.	Baneshwar-Charghat-Bhaga-Lalpur-Isurdi Road	Repairing the existing damaged pavement by premixed bituminous carpeting method with bituminous primer seal coat at 2nd (p) KM of Baneshwar-Charghat-Bhaga-Lalpur-Isurdi Road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	266 CA	2,99,308/=	5,987/=	15 (fifteen) days	"A" to "E" general category contractor of RHI.
IX.	Isurdi-Kushtia Road	Repairing the existing damaged pavement by premixed bituminous carpeting method with bituminous primer seal coat at 1st (p) & 2nd (p) KM of Isurdi-Kushtia Road under Road Division, Pabna during the year 1997-98.	168 RBF	13,83,678/=	27,674/=	30 (thirty) days	"A" to "D" general category contractor of RHD.

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Executive Engineer, RHD (CC)
Pabna Road Divn., Pabna.

Applications are invited from bonafide Bangladeshi citizens having required educational qualification and experience for appointment to the 3rd class vacant posts under the Directorate of Roads & Highways on purely temporary basis.

Sl. No.	Name of post	Pay-scale	Number of posts & head	Age	Required educational qualification and experience	Candidates of divisions/zones/districts who can apply	Remarks
1)	Designer	Tk. 1300-2615/-	24 (twenty-four) nos. Revenue Head.	Maximum 30 years.	(A) SSC passed. (B) Having 2 (two) years Designer certificate from any recognised institute under Technical Education Board. (C) 2 (two) years experience in the post of Designer.	Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Khagrachhari, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Sathkha, Bagerhat, Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura, Narail, Kushtia & Chuadanga.	
2)	Surveyor	Tk 1375-2870/-	47 (forty-seven) nos. Revenue Head.	-Do-	(A) SSC passed. (B) 2 (two) years Survey Final passed from any recognised institute under Technical Education Board.	Dhaka, Gazipur, Narayanganj, Narsingdi, Mymensingh, Kishoreganj, Netrakona, Tangail, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Rangamati, Noakhali, Feni, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Habiganj, Sunamganj, Naogaon, Nawabganj, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Rangpur, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Bogra, Jaypurhat, Khulna, Bagerhat, Sathkha, Jessore, Jhenidah, Magura, Narail, Kushtia, Chuadanga & Mcherpur.	
3)	Tracer	Tk 1200-2335/-	69 (sixty-nine) nos. Revenue Head.	-Do-	(A) SSC passed. (B) Having Trade certificate from any recognised institute under Technical Education Board.	Narayanganj, Narsingdi, Faridpur, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Kishoreganj, Netrakona, Tangail, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Chandpur, Noakhali, Feni, Habiganj, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Naogaon, Natore, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Nilphamari, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, Bogra & Jaypurhat.	
4)	Arbiculture Sectional Officer	Tk 1550-3405/-	7 (seven) nos. Revenue Head.	-Do-	Diploma in Agriculture from any approved institute	Tangail, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Chittagong, Cox's Bazar, Comilla, Chandpur, B'baria, Sylhet, Moulvibazar, Sunamganj, Habiganj, Dinajpur, Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, Jessore, Magura & Narail.	Candidates of all districts can apply.
5)	Computer Operator	Tk 1725-3725/-	1 (one) nos. Revenue Head.	-Do-	Graduation Degree (Science preferred) educational qualification will be relaxable for candidates having 2 (two) years experience as Departmental Data Entry/Control Operator.		

Application should be submitted stating the applicant's full name, father's name, permanent & present address, date of birth, nationality, home district, educational qualification, past experience etc. Besides, attested certificate of educational qualification, attested copy of marksheet, 2 (two) copies recent passport size attested photos, character certificate from a Gazetted officer or local chairman, Union Council & in case of freedom fighters/sons & daughters of martyred freedom fighters, attested copy of certificate from Armed Forces Chief/Home Secretary (verified by Thana/Union Commander, Mukti-joddha Sangsad & countersigned by Adviser, Mukti-joddha Sangsad) should be submitted with the application to the office of the undersigned. Incomplete application will be treated as cancelled.

- Appointment will be made as per existing Govt order on maintenance of freedom fighters/ sons & daughters of martyred freedom fighters/ Govt orphanage residents & mentally handicapped/Ansar/tribal etc quota & districtwise quota.
- Candidates in service should apply through proper channel. Departmental employees under Roads & Highways subject to fulfilling the educational qualification and above terms & conditions, should apply through proper channel in time.
- After selection of applications candidates will be called in for written test & viva-voce and no TA/DA will be admissible to the candidates in this regard.
- Age limit is relaxable in case of departmental candidates under Roads & Highways Directorate.
- Application should be submitted to the undersigned by 4:00 pm of 15-10-97 directly or by post. Applicants may submit applications in the box kept at the office chamber of Executive Engineer (R&H), Administration & Establishment at Sarak Bhaban (Sarak Bhaban, Block 'A', Room No. 214), Dhaka.
- No applications will be received directly or by post after 15-10-97.

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Md. Abdus Sattar
Superintending Engineer (R&H), Administration & Establishment, Dhaka.