

New oil & gas field found in Myanmar

YANGON, Nov 4: One more new oil and natural gas field has been discovered off Myanmar's Tanintharyi coast, reports Xinhua.

Official newspaper The New Light of Myanmar today quoted a report of the Ministry of Energy saying that the new well, Aung Zeya test well, is located within Block M-12, 320 kilometres west of Dawei and 40 kilometres northwest of Yetaung offshore natural gas field being developed.

The well, from which oil and natural gas can be extracted on a commercial scale, has been drilled down to 3,716 metres since September by the Texaco Exploration Myanmar Inc of the United States.

The US company has been jointly developing Myanmar's Yetaung gas field in partnership with the PTTEP (Thailand), Premier (Britain), Nippon (Japan) and MOGE (Myanmar).

Natural gas from the field will be exported to Thailand beginning 1999, according to a contract signed in March between the petroleum authority of Thailand and the developers.

Texaco is also conducting drilling at another test well, the Aungmya, of the same block.

Chinese move to slow appreciation of its currency

SHANGHAI, Nov 4: China on Tuesday announced new rules allowing domestic firms to retain foreign exchange raised through stock issues in a move aimed at slowing the appreciation of its local currency, dealers and analysts said, reports Reuters.

The new rules also allow overseas investors to open accounts in China to retain foreign exchange for trading hard currency class B shares, the China Securities newspaper said.

With the weakness in Southeast Asian currencies eating away at China's export competitiveness, Beijing wants to slow the inexorable climb of the yuan, analysts said.

The yuan ended up at a 29-month closing high against the US dollar in Shanghai on Monday — supported by China's large foreign exchange reserves, healthy trade surplus and continued inflows of foreign investment, dealers said.

Clinton to attend APEC summit in Vancouver

WASHINGTON, Nov 4: The White House confirmed Monday that President Bill Clinton would attend the fifth summit of the forum of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) November 24-25 in Vancouver, says AP.

Meetings among the leaders of APEC's 18 members "are expected to focus on strengthening growth and stability in the Asia-Pacific region," according to a White House statement.

"The leaders will review progress on advancing their regional trade agenda and addressing common challenges, ranging from infrastructure to the environment," the statement said.

Major stock markets rise sharply

NEW YORK, Nov 4: Seeming to put last week's wild and scary ride behind it, the Dow Jones industrial average soared in its third biggest point gain ever, reflecting a recovery in Asian markets and an optimism about the American economy, reports AP.

The Dow jumped 232.31 points Monday to finish at 7,674.39. The rebound came just a week after the Dow plummeted a record 554 points, rattled by a panicky selloff in Hong Kong and elsewhere in Asia, Europe and Latin America. The buying spree put the Dow within 41 points of recouping the losses of a week earlier.

Some 1.35 billion shares traded hands on all US stock markets Monday, settling down to a more typical level after the frantic pace of nearly 3 billion shares last Tuesday.

"We've recovered from the psychological shocks of last week," said David Hale, global

economist at Zurich-Kemper Group in Chicago.

Cynthia Latta, principal US economist at Standard and Poor's DRI in Lexington, Massachusetts, said that investors were "focusing on the positives in the United States instead of on the negatives abroad."

The financial turmoil "is over mostly because the Asian situation seems to be stabilizing," said Edward Yardeni, chief economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in New York.

After its 554-point plunge last Monday, the market clawed its way back through the week to regain half that loss. Still, despite the losses, the Dow has gained 19 per cent so far this year. While that gain is more than analysts had predicted at the end of last year, it is below the 28 per cent at the time of its record high on August 6.

The Dow's largest point gain, at 337.17, was posted last Tuesday.

day, beating the 257.36-point rise on September 2.

On the London Stock Exchange, the benchmark Financial Times — Stock Exchange 100-share index rose 1.3 per cent. Frankfurt's DAX index gained 3.4 per cent and the CAC 40 index in Paris was up nearly 1.8 per cent.

The Hong Kong stock market, which triggered the global market panic amid a speculative attack on its currency, opened 2.6 per cent higher on Tuesday. The blue-chip Hang Seng index opened the day up 288.75 points to 11,543.86, buoyed by news that the New York stock exchange made its third-biggest point gain ever overnight.

"On Monday, the Hang Seng gained 631.33 points or 5.94 per cent to end at 11,255.11."

In Tokyo, share prices moved moderately higher early Tuesday. The benchmark Nikkei Stock Average gained 182.02 or 1.11 per cent, to close the morning session at 16,404.96.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange and other financial markets in Japan were closed for a national holiday.

In Brazil, on Monday, the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange's BOVESPA Index — Latin America's largest — climbed 9.7 per cent. The gain came after stocks lost 31 per cent in eight days of panicky selling.



Headquarters

Bangladesh Coast Guard
DOHS Joar Sahara
Baridhara, Dhaka-1206

Tender Notice

Tenders in local currency under sealed cover are invited from bonafide traders/manufacturers/stockists for purchasing the undermentioned clothing materials for Bangladesh Coast Guard.

Sl. No.	Name of material	Quantity
A.	Cap with pick badge	126 Nos.
B.	Basin pipe with chain	200 Nos.

2. Tender schedule with necessary terms & conditions can be purchased at prescribed price (non-refundable) from Coast Guard Headquarters on any working day during (0800-1200) office hours. Sale price of tender schedule is Tk 60/00 (Sixty) only. Last date of selling tender schedule is 26 November '97. Date of opening tender is 27 November '97 at 12-00 hours. The last time of receiving tender is 27 November '97 up to 11-30 hours.

3. Total price should be quoted beside unit price. Separate tender should be submitted for each item. Sample of item must be produced at the time of opening tender. Otherwise tender will be treated as cancelled.

4. Director General, Bangladesh Coast Guard reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

M A Zaman

Commander BN
Director (Logistics)

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Agriculture

Project Implementation Wing

Khamarbari, Farmgate, Dhaka.

Memo No PIW/Engg/Seed-1/96 (Part-2)

Dated:

Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the following works under Strengthening of Seed Certification Agency Project:

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (Taka in Lac)	Contractors to be allowed to purchase tender document
1.	Construction of approach road to new quarters, Seed Certification Agency, Gazipur.	Tk 8.13	-do-
2.	Installation of electric lines in new quarters, Seed Certification Agency, Gazipur.	Tk 4.16	-do-
3.	Construction of motor garage, thrashing floor, guard room & gate at Seed Certification Agency campus, Gazipur.	Tk 8.00	-do-

Tender will be separate for each group and a tenderer may participate in one or more groups but in separate tender document.

Tenderers must submit earnest money along with the tender at the rate of 2.5% of estimated cost in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Project Director, PIW, Ministry of Agriculture. Tender without earnest money will be treated as cancelled.

Tender documents will be available for purchase at a non-refundable price of Tk 300.00 (Taka three hundred) only per set during government office hours on all working days from 15-11-97 to 20-11-97 in PIW office at Khamarbari, Dhaka, at Room No 422, Bhaban No 4, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka.

Tenders will be received up to 1:00 PM on 23-11-97 at PIW Office Khamarbari, Dhaka, Room No 422, Bhaban No 4, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka and be opened thereafter in presence of the tenderers who wish to be present.

Project Implementation Wing reserves the right to reject any tender including lowest tender or accept any tender in part or full and to waive any irregularity of a tender if it is found in the interest of the project to do so without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Mid Jamaluddin

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Ministry of Agriculture
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Mosharraf Hossain, Managing Director of Agrani Bank, inaugurated the managers conference of Mymensingh and Netrakona zones. The conference emphasised disbursement of small loans under the bank's various projects for poverty alleviation, improvement of customer services and recovery of classified loans.

Asian crisis to curb US growth next yr: Expert

NEW YORK, Nov 4: Asia's financial crisis, which prompted a massive decline in global stock markets last week, could seriously curb America's vibrant economic growth to about 1.6 per cent next year, a senior economist said on Monday, reports Reuters.

"This global crisis will affect our economy more than we think," David Jones, Vice Chairman and chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston and Co Inc told journalists.

Citing and eventual slowdown in consumer spending and dampened exports, Jones predicted the crisis could reduce US economic growth by a full percentage point next year.

More than 30 per cent of all US exports go to Asia.

"The bottom line is this could knock a full percentage point of growth," Jones said adding that 1997 growth could register 3.7 per cent but that forecasts for next year's economic performance might have to be reduced to 1.6 per cent.

Exchange Rates

The following are the Sonali Bank's dealing rates (BD Tk for one unit of Foreign Currency) to public as on 4th Nov '97.

Buying			
TT	OD	OD	OD
Clean	Sight	Export	Transfer
	Bills		
US Dlr	44.8400	44.6605	44.5660
GB Pound	74.7672	74.4679	74.3103
D Mark	25.7567	25.6536	25.5993
F Franc	7.6924	7.6616	7.6454
C Dlr	34.7144	31.5874	31.5206
S Franc	31.6312	31.5046	31.4379
JP Yen	0.3649	0.3634	0.3627

Selling			
Name of Currency	T.T. & O.D.	B.C.	
US Dollar	45.2090	45.2485	
GB Pound	75.9960	76.0624	
D Mark	26.2448	26.2678	
F Franc	7.8356	7.8425	
C Dollar	32.3082	32.3364	
S Franc	32.2349	32.2630	
JP Yen	0.3755	0.3758	

A) TT (DOC) US Dollar Spot Buying Tk 44.7502

B) Usance Rate
30 60 90 120 180
Days Days Days Days Days
44.3791 44.0956 43.8218 43.5481 43.2743

C) US Dollar sight export bill 3 months forward purchase: Same as OD sight export Bill buying rate.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer
PWD Division, Lakshmipur

Notice Inviting Tenders

No. (Civil) 4 of 1997-98

Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from the approved Class-I Sanitary & Plumbing Contractor of PWD & Class-II Sanitary & Plumbing Contractor of PWD Zone, Ctg. for the undermentioned work and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Comilla/Noakhali/B'baria/Chandpur/Feni in their respective offices up to 12.00 Noon of 13-11-1997 and will be opened on the same day at 12-15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in sealed cover with the name of work superscribed on it.

- Name of work : Construction of Dist. Jail at Lakshmipur (Sub-Head: Construction of separate latrine) during the year 1997-98.
- Estimated cost : Tk.5,38,160/-
- Earnest money : Tk.10,764/-
- Time allowed for : 120 (One hundred twenty) days completion of from the date of issue of work order.
- Contract document consisting of BD Form No. 2911, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. can be seen and purchased up to 12-11-97 from the office of the undersigned and the Executive Engineer, PWD Division Comilla/Noakhali/B'baria/Chandpur/Feni during office hours on all working days on payment of usual charges of Tk. 400/- (Tk. four hundred) (non-refundable) per set of schedule (notice inviting tenders, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc.) and a sum of Tk. 25/- (Tk. twenty-five) (non-refundable) per copy of Tender Form No. 2911.
- The intending tenderers shall have to produce their registration book of enlistment letter bearing the photo and full signature of the contractor duly attested by an Executive Engineer of this Deptt along with challan for depositing the current fees at the time of purchasing of tender form as in absence of which no tender form will be sold. No complain in this respect will be entertained.
- The contractor/firm shall have to submit VAT registration certificate along with the tender failing which their tender will be summarily rejected.
- (a) In case of lowest equal rate the contractor will be selected by drawing lottery. The lottery will be held on 20-11-1997 at 12.00 Noon without further information.

Executive Engineer
PWD Division
Lakshmipur

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Executive Engineer

Rangamati PWD Division.

Notice Inviting Tender

No. 24 (97-98)

1. Sealed tenders in BD Form No. 2911 are hereby invited from enlisted sanitary contractors of PWD (according to financial limit) for the undermentioned works & will be received by the undersigned & as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. No.-1/1, Ctg., Executive Engineer, Khagrachhari PWD Division, Khagrachhari up to 12.00 Noon on the 13/11/97 & will be opened on the same day at 12.15 PM in presence of the tenderers who may like to remain present. Each tender shall be in a sealed cover with name of work superscribed on it. Tender schedule will be sold only on production of VAT registration certificate of enlistment registration book from the competent authority as per rule.

Sl. No.	Name of work	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time allowed	Schedule rate	Eligibility of contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Conversion of existing Sarkari Shishu Sadan into Shishu Paribar (phase-II) 1 (One) at Rangamati hill district (S.H.-Water supply & sanitary installation of 100 bedded dormitory bldg. out of 175 bedded) during the year-1997-98.	Tk. 4,08,394/=	Tk. 8,170/=	3 (Three) months	Tk. 425/=	Special class-I (One) and class-I (One) PWD Bangladesh & class-II (Two) enlisted PWD. Zone Ctg. sanitary contractors.
2.	Conversion of existing Sarkari Shishu Sadan into Shishu Paribar (phase-II) 1 (One) at Rangamati hill district (S.H.-Water supply & sanitary installation of 75 bedded dormitory bldg. out of 175 bedded dormitory) during the year-1997-98.	Tk. 3,62,849/=	Tk. 7,260/=	3 (Three) months	Tk. 425/=	-Do-
3.	Conversion of existing Sarkari Shishu Sadan into Shishu Paribar (phase-II) 1 (One) at Rangamati hill district (S.H.-Water supply & sanitary installation of 2 (two) storied 750 sft. staff quarter) during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 1,56,294/=	Tk. 3,130/=	2 (Two) months	Tk. 425/=	-Do-
4.	Conversion of existing Sarkari Shishu Sadan into Shishu Paribar (phase-II) 1 (One) at Rangamati hill district (S.H.-Water supply & sanitary installation of 1000 sft. staff quarters) during the year 1997-98.	Tk. 1,31,088/=	Tk. 2,625/=	2 (Two) months	Tk. 425/=	-Do-
5.	Conversion of existing Sarkari Shishu Sadan into Shishu Paribar (phase-II) 1 (One) at Rangamati hill district (S.H.-Water supply & sanitary installation of office bldg.) during the year-1997-98.	Tk. 84,147/=	Tk. 1,690/=	2 (Two) months	Tk. 425/=	Special class-I (One) & class-I (One) PWD Bangladesh & class-II (Two) enlisted PWD Zone Ctg. & class-III (Three) enlisted PWD. Circle-I, Ctg. sanitary contractors.
6.	Conversion of existing Sarkari Shishu Sadan into Shishu Paribar (phase-II) 1 (One) at Rangamati hill district (S.H.-Water supply & sanitary installation of training centre-cum-preprimary School (175 capacity) during the year-1997-98.	Tk. 78,850/=	Tk. 1,580/=	2 (Two) months	Tk. 425/=	-Do-

Contract document may be seen & obtained from the office of the undersigned and office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division No. 1, II, Ctg. & PWD Division Khagrachhari & Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD, Sub-Division, Rangamati on production of registration book of the contractors on all working days during the office hours up to 12/11/97 payment of usual charge. In case more than one tender stood lowest quoting same rate. Selection will be made by lottery to be held on 18/11/97 at 11.00 AM in the office of the undersigned. Tenderers must submit copy of Tax payers identification number (TIN) certificate along with the tender failing which the tender will be summarily rejected.

A S M Zaman
Executive Engineer
Rangamati, PWD Division
Rangamati.

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RHD Notice Inviting Quotation

- Quotation No : 02/97-98
- Name of work : Carrying of 2 (Two) Nos. Pontons from Dhaleshwari Ferry Ghat under Road Division, 'Munshigonj to Joykura Ferry Ghat under Road Division, Faridpur. (Ch-to ATC Faridpur Road Division).
- Estimated cost : Quoted Rate.
- Earnest money : 2% of the Quoted rate
- Time allowed : 25 (Twenty-five) days from the date of issue of work order.
- Entitled contractors : Pre-qualified Dockyard/Shipyard under RHD and general category contractor of RHD.
- Name of offices for selling tender documents : Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Construction Divn, Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Divn, Dhaka/Ferry Divn, Sylhet & SDE RHD Ferry Construction Sub-Divn, Dhaka, SDE Ferry Sub-Divn, Faridpur.
- Name of office for receiving tender documents : Superintending Engineer, RHD, Ferry Circle, Dhaka/Executive Engineer, RHD, Ferry Construction Divn, Dhaka/Ferry Maintenance Divn, Dhaka/Sylhet.
- Last date of selling tender documents during office hours : 16.11.1997 Eng/02.08.1404 Bang.
- Last date & time of receiving tenders : 17.11.1997 Eng/03.08.1404 Bang. up to 12.30 PM.
- Date & time of opening of all the tender by the undersigned : 19.11.1997 Eng/05.08.1404 Bang. at 12.45 PM.
- Date & time of lottery (if applicable) : 20.11.1997 Eng./06.08.1404 Bang. at 1.45 PM.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from entitled contractors mentioned above in prescribed schedule along with the BD Form No. 2908. Tender if received after the fixed time will be treated as rejected. Tender will be opened and lottery (if applicable) will be drawn in the fixed date & time in presence of the interested contractors (if any). The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tender without assigning any reason. At the time of submission of formal tender a bank guarantee not less than Tk. 5.00 (Five) lacs as additional security.

Md. Zahir

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Executive Engineer, RHD
Ferry Construction Divn, Dhaka.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka

Notice Inviting Re-tender

(3rd call)

- Name of work : Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of indoor sub-station equipment and other related works for Cargo Village at Zia International Airport, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
- Nature of job : Turnkey basis.
- Bidding instructions (under envelopes system):
a. Bidders will use 2 (two) separate envelopes — one for Technical Proposal and the other for Financial Offer and individual envelope should be marked accordingly.
b. Technical Proposal will be opened first in presence of the bidders or their representatives immediately after closing of the tender.
c. The Financial Offers of only those bidders whose Technical Proposal will be found valid & acceptable on Technical evaluation will be opened in their presence on a subsequent date to be notified later on in writing to the bidders.
- Qualification of bidders : a. Satisfactory documents of evidence on their past experience & specialized in the supply, installation, testing & commissioning of at least 300 KVA Sub-station in a single tender in any Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous/Private organization from an officer not below the rank of an Executive Engineer.
b. CAAB enlisted 'A' unlimited classes of E/M contractors/firms.
c. Valid ABC Contractory & Supervisory Electrical License.
- Country of origin : Components of UK/JAPAN/France/Sweden/Switzerland/Germany.
- Time of completion : 3 (three) months.
- Earnest money : Fixed earnest money amounting to Tk. 1,75,000/- (one lac seventy-five thousand) only (refundable) must be submitted along with the Technical Offer together with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order drawn from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Kurmitola, Dhaka without which the tender will be rejected.
- Place where the tender document will be available : Tender papers will be available from the office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB HQ, Superintending Engineer, E/M Circle, Executive Engineer, E/M Division-II, CAAB, PA to Member (Ops) & Member (Finance), CAAB HQ, PA to Director, ZIA, CAAB and CAAB HQ, Cash Section during the office hours.
- Last date of issue of tender document : 17-11-97/03-08-1404.
- Cost of tender : Tk 750/- (seven hundred fifty) only (non-refundable).
- Last date and time of receiving tender : Up to 12.00 noon on 18-11-97/04-08-1404 in the office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
- Date and time of opening tender : At 12.30 PM on 18-11-97/04-08-1404.

If there occurs total transport disruption on the date fixed for opening of both the technical and financial offers, the next normal working day will be treated as the valid receiving/opening date of tender. Places, time and other terms will remain intact.

Other terms and conditions may be had from the office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka.

Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh reserves the right to accept any tender or part thereof or reject all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Chief Engineer

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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh
Headquarters, Dhaka