

Anti-globalisation confce

Resignation of IMF board demanded

BANGKOK, Mar 27: Activists and academics at an anti-globalisation conference here on Friday demanded the resignation of the entire senior staff of the IMF, says AFP.

In a final communique at the "Economic Sovereignty in a Globalising World" conference, the 300 participants demanded the heads of International Monetary Fund Managing Director Michel Camdessus and his board.

The conference called for a successor to be elected by democratic process, in a final statement adopted by an overwhelming majority.

"We are seeing the emergence of a coordinated and organised global movement against speculative capital and the IMF," said Philippines University Professor Walden Bello.

The conference, organised by the Bangkok-based "Focus on the Global South," said the IMF and the World Bank had worsened Asia's economic plight with the strict austerity measures demanded in order for their huge bailouts.

But IMF representative Gita Bhatt, who made a surprise appearance at the conference, said

the IMF was improving its methods in a bid to prevent a repeat of economic crises.

"There is now a move to include the civil society in the dialogue," she said, adding that the IMF was listening to criticism.

The final communique also came out in favour of allowing countries to impose capital controls in a bid to control the flow of money into and out of their economies.

"We shall work towards a world of globalisation but of true internationalism based on mutual respect and democratic interaction between free and diverse peoples," he added.

The conference also denounced what was described in the communique as "corporate economic globalisation led by the United States," and the G7 group of industrialised countries.

"The conference has also called for a two-year review of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) impact on jobs, the environment and the poor, and there should be no new negotiations until this review is completed," the communique added.

'Pak economy back on track'

Sharif slashes customs duties, power rates

ISLAMABAD, Mar 27: Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif eased restrictions on foreign exchange reserves, slashed customs duties and reduced electricity rates Saturday saying Pakistan's economy was back on track, says AP.

In a televised news conference Sharif said Pakistan has weathered troubled economic times brought on largely by international sanctions following last year's underground nuclear tests.

"But thank God we have overcome the crisis," he said.

Both India and Pakistan were hit with economic sanctions, but Pakistan was hardest hit because of its heavy dependence on foreign aid and loans.

Following the May nuclear tests, Pakistan's currency dropped to a record low of 67 rupees to a dollar and the country's foreign exchange reserves fell to \$410 million. The Karachi Stock Exchange also hit an all-time low of 768 points.

But this was the price Pakistan had to pay to become a nuclear power, said Sharif.

After Pakistan threatened to default on its debt to commercial and international lending institutions, the United States promised not to block future loans to Pakistan or India.

This paved the way in December 1998 for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to resume lending to Pakistan.

The IMF also announced a two-year \$1.6 billion bailout package.

The Paris Club of bilateral lenders restructured Pakistan's foreign debt to \$3.3 billion.

The government now is trying to renegotiate its loans with commercial banks.

Today Sharif said Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves had risen to \$1.65 billion.

Customs duties were reduced from 45 per cent to 35 per cent on all imports, except motor vehicles.

The government has also reduced power rates in an attempt to stop theft and corruption, he said.



Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria distributes certificates among the participants of a training programme for officers of NCBs. Sethu Venkateswaran, Osman Morad and Mamun Rashid of Standard Chartered Bank are also seen in the picture. —StanChart photo

Australia, NZ to fight US stand on lamb import

CANBERRA, Mar 27: The governments of Australia and New Zealand said Saturday they will fight recommendations by the US International Trade Commission that tariffs be imposed on lamb imports, reports AP.

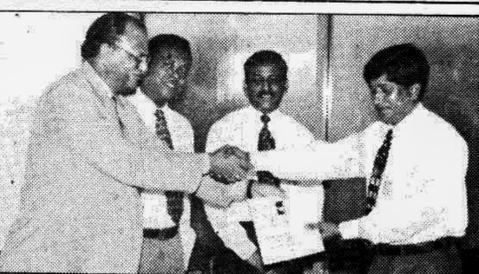
Australian Trade Minister Tim Fischer and New Zealand counterpart Lockwood Smith said they would approach the US government to object strongly to the introduction of measures proposed by the commission to protect the US sheep meat industry.

Fischer, who is also Deputy

Prime Minister, said the recommendations were very disappointing and, if implemented, would stop any growth in Australian lamb sales to the United States.

"Australia will be making absolutely clear to the US that we do not accept that there should be any restraint on our trade, that any restraint would be against the interests of the US lamb market," Fischer said.

"What we would expect from the US at this time is leadership, not pandering to protectionist pressures."



M Tanveer Madar (left), MD of Bangladesh Express Co Ltd (BANEX), licensee of Federal Express Corporation, hands over the Bravo Zulu Award to Ashraf Alam, in-charge of DEPZ FedEx Service Centre. The award is a token of direct recognition from FedEx HQ, USA, for excellent service performance. The award was also achieved by Abu Rashed, in-charge of FedEx Dhanmondi Service Centre; and Futur Rahman, in-charge of FedEx Uttara Service Centre. Senior Manager, Sales, Zakir Hossain, and Senior Manager, Customer Service and Operations, S I M Khaled, were also present on the occasion. —BANEX photo

StanChart holds training course for NCB officials

Standard Chartered Bank in Bangladesh held a week-long training programme on banking for the officers of the nationalised commercial banks (NCBs) as a way to contribute to the modernisation of the banking sector of the country, says a press release.

Sethu Venkateswaran, Chief Executive of Standard Chartered Bank, Bangladesh, delivered welcome speech at the programme which was inaugurated by Mahbubur Rahman Khan, Managing Director of Sonali Bank.

A total of 45 probationary officers of Sonali Bank, Agrani Bank and Janata Bank participated in the training that was held from March 21 through March 25 at a city hotel.

The training programme, coordinated by the Institutional Banking Division (IBD) of Standard Chartered Bank, covered the significant aspects of national and international banking including banking business, basic credit, international banking, service marketing and future challenges.

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria distributed Certificates of Appreciation amongst the participants.

The Minister lauded the role of Standard Chartered Bank in initiating training for the officers of the NCBs and emphasised that the foreign banks could play a significant role in bridging the gap between the banking sectors of developed and developing nations.

Directorate General Defence Purchase
Ministry of Defence
New Airport Road, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Re-Tender Notice

1. Sealed tenders in local currency are invited from bonafide Manufacturers/Dealers/Suppliers/Indentors (enlisted firms and firms applied for enlistment in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Navy.

Sl No	Name of items & Qty	Date of selling		Date of opening	Currency	Tender No
		From	To			
a.	Development of integrated date base management system for Naval Headquarters Dhaka First Phase	25-3-99	5-4-99	6-4-99	Local currency	5929/NP-3

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment as per I/T selling rate (not refundable) during office hours between 0800 hours to 1300 hours. The tender can be dropped latest by 1000 hrs and opened at 1005 hours on the specified date of opening in the presence of tenderers (if present).

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Commander BN
For Director General

Bangladesh Power Development Board
BPDB's International

Re-Tender Notice

International Sealed Tenders are hereby invited by the Bangladesh Power Development Board from the renowned manufacturers/suppliers against the following Tender Enquiry for supply of different type of stores.

Sl No	Tender Enquiry No. & date	Name of Stores	Value of T.Doc.	Submission of T. D	Opening of T.Doc
			Taka	dt & time	dt & time
1)	Pur-419/98 dt. 10/3/99 (Re-Tender)	Supply of Spare Sparts for 20 MW. Rangpur GT. Power Station, PDB, Rangpur	500/-	04/5/99 11:00 AM	04/5/99 11:30 AM

A complete set of Tender documents including detailed specification, terms & conditions may be sold to the interested eligible bidders against a written application to the undersigned on payment of Taka (non-refundable) mentioned above. Tender in the shape of Bank Draft/Pay Order favouring Director of Purchase, PDB, Dhaka. The tender documents will be available from 18/3/1999.

All Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the prescribed Bid Format @ 2% of the total Bid price from a scheduled Bank in Bangladesh in accordance with instructions to the Bidders. Tender will be received up to 11:00 AM and will be opened at 11:30 AM on opening date of Tender in presence of the Bidder or their representative, if any.

No Tender document will be sent by post or sold 3 (three) days before opening of Tender and no Telex Offer will be acceptable.

Biddat/Jana/1264(5)/98-99
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Director of Purchase
PDB, Dhaka.

Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research

সূত্র নং Sectt/Engg/112/79-97/P-II(949) তারিখঃ 16.3.99

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted contractor of Titas Gas (T&D) Co Ltd (categories-1, 2 & 3) for the following works:

Sl No	Name of work	Cost of tender documents	Earnest money	Time for completion
1.	Installation & commissioning of Gas Line in the campus of BCSIR Dhanmondi & Paikpara Housing Estt, Dhaka (as per schedule)	Tk 400/-	2.5% of the quoted rate	(as per schedule)

Tender documents may be purchased from the Cashier of BCSIR Sectt, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka up to 4.4.99 during office hours on cash payment (non-refundable) on production of showing the necessary documents such as (i) up to date renewal fee; (ii) up to date income tax clearance certificate; (iii) Bank solvency certificate; (iv) work order; (v) TIN; (vi) VAT certificate (original) & (vii) works completion certificate etc to the Supdt Engr, BCSIR, Dhaka. Tender documents may be submitted in the Tender Box kept in the office of the Supdt Engr, BCSIR, Dhaka on or before 3:00 PM up to 5.4.99 which may be opened on the same date at 3:30 PM in presence of tenderers (if any) who may be present.

2.5% of the quoted rate must be submitted with the tender in any scheduled bank of Bangladesh as earnest money in favour of "BCSIR Dhaka" as Bank Draft/Pay Order duly crossed & marked A/C payee.

The authority of BCSIR reserves all the rights,
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BCSIR, Dhaka

Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer (RHD),
Dhaka Road Divn Banani, Dhaka

RHD NOTICE INVITING SEALED TENDER IN B.D. FORM NO. 2911

- Tender Notice No : 223/R.D.D. of 1998-99.
- Name of work : Earth work in road embankment at different km of Link Road from Bhulta-Rupgorj to Bishaw Road via Trimohani-Madartak-Bashabo under Dhaka Road Divn, Dhaka during the year 1998-99 in 9 (nine) groups.
- Estimated cost : As per group list shown in the schedule.
- Earnest money : As per group list in B.D.T.C/N.D.S certificate in favour of Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn, Dhaka from any schedule bank.
- Time allowed : As per group list shown in the schedule.
- Eligibility of contractor : As per group list shown in the schedule.
- Name of offices : Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dhaka/Manikgonj/Munshigonj/Narsingdi/Narayanganj/Gazipur/Bridge Design Divn-1 (Eastern), Bridge Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning & Design Divn. Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/S.D.E (RHD), Road Sub-Divn- I/II Kalyanpur, Dhaka.
- Name of offices to receive the tender bids : Superintending Engineer (RHD), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka/ Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Procurement & Monitoring Circle, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Division, Dhaka/ S.D.E RHD, Road Sub-Divn. I/II/Kalyanpur, Dhaka.
- Last date of selling of tender documents : Upto office hours on 5.4.99.
- Date of receiving of tender documents : Upto 12-30 PM on 6.4.99
- Date of opening of tender : At 12-45 PM on 7.4.99.
- Date of lottery (if required) : At 11-00 AM on 8.4.99 in the office of the Executive Engineer (RHD), Road Divn. Dhaka.

NB: The tender will not be opened in the respective offices as such the receiving officers are requested to send the tender received by them in sealed condition to the office of the undersigned before the date of opening.

Arifur Rahman
Executive Engineer (RHD)
Dhaka Road Divn, Banani, Dhaka
DFP-5857-22/3/99
G-527

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Commander
5th Armed Police Battalion
Mohalchhari, Khagrachhari

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from bonafide Bangladeshi contractors/suppliers for appointment of contractors as per following groups for Armed Police Battalion of Mohalchhari, Khagrachhari from 1st July/99 to 30th June/2000 during 1999-2000 fiscal year. Tender schedule containing detailed description and rules and regulations for giving tenders can be purchased till 06-04-99 excepting government holidays on any working days during office hours from the office of the undersigned on payment of 750/- (seven hundred fifty) taka and 400/- (four hundred) taka only (non-refundable) in accordance with the group as per rules.

Tenders will have to be submitted in the tender box kept at the battalion headquarters till 07-04-99 at 12-Noon. Tenders will be opened on the same day at 12-30 PM in presence of tenderers or their representatives (if anyone remains present).

Tenders will have to be submitted as per rules as stated in tender schedule.

The authority reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tender partially/wholly without assigning any reason.

Group-based schedule:

- Fresh ration product, fire wood and salt.
- Wheat grinding.
- Loading and unloading of dry ration products to and from vehicles.

Additional Police Super
Acting Commander
5th APB
Mohalchhari Khagrachhari
DFP- 5875-22/3
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Government of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer
Faridpur PWD Division

Tender No 63 of 1998-99 Memo No 393 Dated:-11.3.99/27.11.1405 Ban

Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No 2911, from the approved Special Class-I/Class-II Bldg contractors of PWD, Class-II Bldg contractors of PWD Khulna Zone, Khulna, Class-III Bldg contractors of PWD, Circle, Jessore and Class-IV Bldg contractors of this Division for "Constn of under ground water reservoir (5,000 Gallon Capacity) attached to Ansar and VDP office Faridpur" and will be received by the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Narail, Chuadanga, Maherpur and Rajbari in their respective office up to 12.00 noon of 7.4.99. The estimated cost of the works is Taka 1,98,320/00 only and the earnest money Taka 3,967/00 only in T/C/BD from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh or Pratirakha Sanchaya Patra, Bonus Sanchaya Patra, 5 Yrs BD Sanchaya Patra must accompany each tender duly endorsed to the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Faridpur. Otherwise his/their tender shall be declared informal. No tender form, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc. will be sold after 6.4.99. The tender papers, schedule of items, additional terms and conditions etc may be obtained from the office of the undersigned as well as by the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Maherpur, Narail and Rajbari on all working days, during office hours on payment of usual charge of Tk 400/- (Taka four hundred) only per set of tender schedule and sum of Tk 25/- (Taka twenty five) per copy of tender Form No 2911 (both non-refundable).

Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Md Syedur Rahman
Executive Engineer
Faridpur PWD Division
Phone No 3257
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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Executive Engineer, R&H
Narayanganj Road Division
Shimrail, Narayanganj

R&H Tender Invitation Notice

- Tender notice number : 130/ Narayanganj Road Division, 1998-99 year.
- Name of work : Installation of 2 (two) ferries over the river Sitalakkhya (eastern side) on the 8th (part) KM and installation of 1 (one) ferry on the 9th (part) KM (western side) on Bhulta-Rupganj Road under Narayanganj Road Sub-Division during 1998-99 fiscal year. Divided in 3 (three) groups.
- Estimated cost : Taka as per attached group list.
- Earnest money : Taka as per attached group list. Through Bank Draft/ Treasury Chalan/Protirakha Sanchay Patra/5-year Bangladesh Sanchay Patra and Bonus Sanchay Patra from any scheduled bank in favour of the undersigned.
- Time allowed for work : As per attached group list.
- Eligibility of contractors : As per group list.
- Offices where tenders will be available : Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka/ Executive Engineer, R&H, Road Division, Dhaka/Manikganj/Munshiganj/ Gazipur/Narsingdi /Narayanganj/Bridge Design Division-1 (Eastern Zone), Bridge Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Planning and Design Division, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Sub-Divisional Engineer (R&H), Bhitkandi/Narayanganj Road Sub-Division.
- Offices where tenders will be received : Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka/Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle/Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation Circle, Dhaka Zone, Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka/Monitoring & Evaluation Circle (P&D), Sarak Bhaban, Dhaka and Executive Engineer (R&H), Narayanganj Road Division.
- Last date and time of selling tender : 4-4-99 till office hours.
- Date and time of receiving tender : 5-4-99 at 12:30 PM.
- Date and time of opening tender : 7-4-99 at 1:00 PM, Executive Engineer, R&H, Narayanganj Road Division.
- Date of lottery with time : 8-4-99 at 1:00 PM.
- Head of expenditure : 266-Development.
- Estimate approving officer : Superintending Engineer (R&H), Dhaka Road Circle, Dhaka.
- Cost of tender : Taka 500/- per set (non-refundable).

Mentionable that tenders for the said work have been invited as per approval of the appropriate authority and approved rate and estimated cost will be considered as final.

Group List

Group number	Name of work and description	Estimated cost	Earnest money	Time limit	Eligibility of contractors
1 (one)	Installation of ferry over the river Sitalakkhya on the eastern side on the 8th (part) KM of Bhulta-Rupganj Road under Narayanganj Road Sub-Division during 1998-99 fiscal year.	Tk 8,48,028/-	Tk 16,961/-	30 (thirty) days	From 'A' to 'E' general category
2 (two)	Do Do Do	Tk 11,85,004/-	Tk 23,701/-	30 (thirty) days	From 'A' to 'D' general category
3 (three)	Installation of ferry over the river Sitalakkhya on the western side on 9th (part) KM of the Do Do	Tk 15,71,702/-	Tk 31,435/-	45 (forty-five) days	From 'A' to 'D' general category.

NB: Only group number 1 (one) will not be sold and received at the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka Division, Segun Bagicha, Dhaka.

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Shahabuddin
Executive Engineer, R&H
Narayanganj Road Division.