

IMART Computer Technology Ltd, the authorized reseller of American Gateway brand computers, has arranged Gateway Products Fair '2000 to observe the 2nd anniversary of Gateway computers in Bangladesh. The opening ceremony of the fair was held Monday at IMART show room in the BCS Computer City at IDB Bhaban. Tim Forsyth, Economic and Commercial Officer of the US Embassy was present as chief guest. Gateway Representative Angeli Ong, Azizul Islam, Managing Director of Alif Group, Abdus Sobhan, Ex-Director of BCC, Aftabul Islam, President of DCCI, and Md Akhtaruzzaman Khan, Managing Director of IMART Computer Technology Ltd, attended as special guests. - IMART photo The fair will continue till May 14.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Department of Films and Publications

112, Circuit House Road, Dhaka.

No DFP/4-5/FFL/96-97(F)/Part-2/

Tender Notice No 9(DFP)/1999-2000

Sealed appropriate tenders are invited from importers/supplier establishments for purchasing the undermentioned raw films.

Description	Quantity
1) 16 mm Colour raw picture negative	12,500 feet
2) 16 mm Colour raw picture positive	25,000 feet
3) 16 mm Colour magnetic film	10,000 feet
Each set of schedule of tender will	l be available on

Each set of schedule of tender will be available on payment of Tk 400/- (four hundred) from 08-05-2000 to 15-05-2000 during office hours from the Accounts Section of the Department. Tender notice No 9, 16-05-2000 will be opened at 12-30 pm.

DFP-11096-8/5/00 G-868

Sharke Chaman Khan Assistant Director (Film) and Member-Secretary



Bangladesh Power **Development Board Tender Notice**

রাত ১১টা থেকে ভোর ৬টার মধ্যে সেচ পাষ্প চালান

Sealed tender at the estimated amount of total Tk 1,68,332/- (one lakh sixty-eight thousand three hundred and thirty-two) only through T-2 forms are invited from TIN certificate holder contractors enlisted with the Power Development Board for supplying winter/summer liveries/ shoes for the employees of Security Section of Karnaphuli Hydro-Electric Station. Each set of tender documents can be purchased on payment of Taka 200/- in the forms of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of the Deputy Director (Accounts), RAO/PDB, Kaptai with the approval of the (1) Additional Chief Engineer, Chittagong Power Station, PDB, Rauzan and the undersigned till 29/05/2000 during office hours. (Approved for purchasing schedule will not be given without TIN certificate). Tenders will be received in the office of the (1) Additional Chief Engineer, Chittagong Power Station, PDB, Rauzan and (2) In the office of the undersigned till 12-00 noon on 30-05-2000 and will be opened the same day at 12-30 pm before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present).

Power/Public-1963(3)/99-2000 DFP-10920-7/5

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Deputy Manager-1 Karnaphuli Hydro Electric Station PDB, Kaptai

Bangladesh Agricultural **Development Corporation** Krishi Bhaban 49-51, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka-1000

(Purchase Division)

only.

Local Tender Notice

Description of: stores Sale value of tender documents (non-refundable)

1-Jute Seed(P)33/99-2000 dt. Tender No & date : 26-04-2000 Jeep ... 2 (two) Nos.

Tk. 500/- (Taka five hundred)

24-05-2000 at 12-00 hours.

Office of the General

Manager (Purchase), Purchase

Division (3rd Floor), BADC,

Krishi Bhaban, 49-51,

Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.

Last date of sale of: 23-05-2000 during office tender documents Closing date & :

time of tender Opening date & : 24-05-2000 at 12-05 hours.

time of tender of: Place submission of tender

Name of the : Jute Seed Project. Project

: Local GOB Fund. Source of fund N.B: 1) Tender documents can be purchased on cash payment from the Cash Section of Accounts Division (3rd Floor), BADC, Krishi Bhaban, 49-51, Dilkusha C/A,

Dhaka-1000. Tender documents will not be sold on the date of opening of tender. 3) No tender documents or part thereof will be accepted

after opening of tender.

Md Faridul Alam ADC-1198 Manager (Purchase) DFP-10777-7/5 BADC, Dhaka G-863

EU hopes upcoming WTO round with China will be final

Both sides need to make concessions

SHANGHAI, May 10: The European Union's envoy to China said today he was hopeful the coming round of negotiations on China's entry to the World Trade Organisation would be the last, but both sides would have to make concessions, reports Reuters.

"Both sides hope this will be ties. the final round," Endymion Wilkinson told a Credit Lyonnais Securities forum in Shanghai.

The EU is the last major trading partner that China has yet to reach a deal with on its entry to the WTO. EU Trade Commissioner

Pascal Lamy is due in Beijing next week for the fourth round of talks this year.

Wilkinson said the EU welcomed the bilateral deals China has concluded with other trading partners such as the United States, which reached a landmark agreement with China in

But he said agreement with the EU must reflect EU priori-

"We seek a deal that takes into account the EU's industrial and trading profile," Wilkinson

"We have a few tariff issues to settle and in the service sector, we are looking at mostly insurance, mobile telecoms and also the issues of trading in some of the commodities currently traded by state trading monopolies," he told reporters

on the sidelines of the meeting.

In sectors such as insurance and telecommunications, the EU "seeks parity (with the United States) or in some cases better and more expedited access because it is in these sectors the EU is second to none," Wilkinson told the forum.

"It will require concessions on both sides," he added. The pending vote in the US

Congress on permanent trade relations for China would not change the European Union's position no matter which way it nance.

goes, he said. The Sino-US pact faces a critical vote later this month in the US House of Representatives on permanent normal trade relations (PNTR) for China to put

the November deal into effect. US Ambassador Joseph Prueher said he was hopeful Congress would approve PNTR for China but said the vote

would be close. "I am optimistic it will get good vote," Prueher told the same forum. "The vote will be close. I think people are very

optimistic but not confident." Under the deal with Wash ington. Beijing agreed to open a wide range of markets from agriculture to telecoms and fi-

In exchange, the White House has said. Congress must grant China permanent normal trade relations - a status it now enjoys only after an annual congressional review.

China car industry urges tax break as WTO looms

SHANGHAI, May 10: China's car industry is urging the government to cut taxes for both car producers and buyers, the Shanghai Daily reported today,

The move comes as China prepares to embark on another round of World Trade Organisation (WTO) talks with the European Union next week. If the talks are successful, China could join the WTO as early as

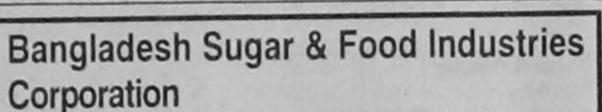
this year. Under the terms of a Sino-US WTO accord signed last year, China will cut tariffs on foreign car imports from the current 80-100 per cent to an average of 10 per cent within 5 years of joining the trade body.

In a proposal signed by 16 domestic auto manufacturers, the Chinese companies asked the government to abolish sales taxes imposed on car buyers and taxes on car tires passed on to the industry, the paper said.

The petition signers include Shanghai Automotive Industry Group and First Automotive Works Group, the report added. China's central government currently levies a sales tax of

three per cent to eight per cent on all new cars sold, depending on their engine size, the paper In addition, municipal gov-

ernments can require to pay a fee equal to 10 per cent of the car's price, it added.



Corrigendum to the International Tender Enquiry No. BSFIC/PD-1/All-Mills/Tube-Expander/09/2000 dated 3-04-2000, Due on 10-5-2000.

This is for information of interested concern that the name of materials have been erroneously printed as "Tube Expender" in our above tender notice published in the daily newspapers which may kindly be read as "Tube Expander.

SF-327 DFP-10755-7/5

Abdullah Addl. Chief (Purchase)



Bangladesh Power **Development Board Tender Notice**

রাত ১১টা থেকে ভোর ৬টার মধ্যে সেচ পাম্প চালান

Description of work: Work of supply of summer/winter liveries for technical and non-technical employees of Sale and Distribution Division-1, Rajshahi Electric Supply (as per estimate). Eligibility of contractors: Sealed tenders are invited from bonafide contractors enlisted with the PDB uptodate and bonafide liveries manufacturing owners who have Trade Licence and Income Tax/VAT certificate. Estimated cost: 1,15,836/- taka. Cost of tender: 200/- (two hundred) taka (non-refundable). It will have to be deposited in the forms of Bank Draft/Call Deposit/Pay Order in favour of the Deputy Director, Regional Accounts Office, PDB, Rajshahi. Place where tender will be available with date: Superintending Engineer, Operation and Maintenance Circle, PDB, Rajshahi/Project Director, PDB, Rajshahi/from the undersigned with written permission and from Janata Bank, Hetem Kha Branch, Rajshahi till 22/5/2000 tender can be purchased. Date of receiving and opening tender: In the abovementioned offices (except bank) in the office of the undersigned at 12:00 Noon on 23/5/2000 and tenders will be opened the same day at 12:30 PM before the tenderers present (if anyone remains present). All rules and regulations regarding tender as stated in schedule must be followed properly.

Power/Public-1961(4)/99-2000 DFP-10918-7/5

Executive Engineer Sales and Distribution Division-1 PDB, Rajshahi

Government of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer Faridpur PWD Division Tender No. 121 of 1999-2000

Dated: 25.4.2000/12.1.1407 Bang Memo No. 716

Notice Inviting Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited in Bangladesh Form No. 2911 from the approved Special Class-I/Combined Class-I/Class-I bldg. contractors of PWD Class-II bldg. contractors of PWD Zone, Khulna and Class-III bldg. contractors of PWD Circle, Jessore for "Repairs to Hospital bldg, Officers qrs. and Staff qrs. attached to Thana Veterinary Hospital at Alfadanga in the dist. of 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 23.5.2000. The estimated cost of the work is Tk 8,19,909/only and earnest money is Tk 16,399/- only in TCPO, BD from any schedule bank of Bangladesh or Pratirakkha Sanchaya Patra, Bonus Sanchaya Patra, 5 yrs. B. D. 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 22.5.2000. 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 EE PWD Division, Magura, Jhenidah, Jessore, Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Narail and Rajbari on all working days, during office hours on payment of usual charge of Tk. 400/- (four hundred) only per set of tender schedule and a sum of Tk. 25/- (twenty five) only per copy of tender Form No. 2911 (both non-refundable). Details may be seen from the office of the undersigned

during office hours.

DFP-10813-7/5 G-867

Md. Syedur Rahman Executive Engineer Faridpur PWD Division Phone No 3257

Step to ride out financial storm Mahathir appoints new top economic adviser

KUALA LUMPUR, May 10: Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has appointed a new top economic adviser, it was announced today, reports

Nor Mohamed Yakcop becomes special advisor to Mahathir on financial matters, "particularly concerning the functions of the executive committee of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC)," a statement from the prime minister's office said.

Nor Mohamad was formerly an adviser to the central bank. It was unclear how the new appointment would affect the role of Finance Minister Daim Zainuddin, who is also executive director of the NEAC.

The council was set up to oversee Malaysia's recovery from the regional economic crisis which started in July

"This is viewed as the prime minister easing out Daim," said

one member of Mahathir's ruling United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) who is close to the cabinet.

He was speaking as UMNO delegates today began four days of annual meetings.

"On the other hand Daim has always indicated he was a reluctant finance minister and would step down once the economy recovered," the member

Nizam Idris, regional economist in Singapore with IDEA global.com, said there had been talk for some time of a rift between Mahathir and Daim. "This appointment is probably to look over Daim's shoulder.'

A source close to Daim denied any bad blood between the finance minister and Mahathir. "Daim is very busy just with the finance ministry, especially since there is no second finance minister now," he told

UK set to hit 2.5pc inflation target recent rise in the exchange rate

LONDON, May 10: Britain's central bank said today the country was set to hit its 2.5 per cent inflation target in two years' time but expressed concern over rising pay pressures and strong consumer demand, reports Reuters.

The report, however, said ling exchange rate — if sustained — will exert additional downward pressure on inflation in the near term.

"Final domestic demand will probably need to slow if cost pressures - especially in the labour market - are not to increase further," the closely watched quarterly inflation report said.

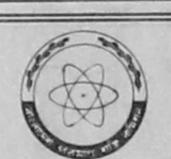
The report argued that the tion for labour.

had broadly offset the stronge than expected pay growth, a though the bank has slightly edged up its forecasts for the pace of economic growth over the next two years. Britain's gross domestic

product is seen growing at an annual rate of 2.5 to 2.75 per cent - at or above trend - for most of the two-year forecast "The profile is slightly

firmer than in the February report, largely because of stronger domestic demand." The main area for concern

for the bank appeared to centre on Britain's labour market where tumbling unemployment has sparked intense competi-



Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Atomic Energy Research Establishment Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka 1344 [GPO Box No 3787, Dhaka 1000]

TRIGA Reactor Decay Tank Re-Installation Project Date: 26/04/2000 Ref: TROMD, 1-(59)99 RE-TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the enlisted contractors of AERE, Savar for the dismantling of RCC saddle of the Dacay Tank at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment (AERE), Ganakbari, Savar, Dhaka. Tender documents will be available during working days until 21/05/2000 either from the offices of the Account Officer (Works), Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC), 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka on the written request made through the concerned Principal Engineer (Civil), Engineering Division, BAEC or from the Accounts Officer (Cash) of AERE with the written permission from Director CEF, AERE. Tender documents may be purchased on cash payment of Tk 300/- (three hundred), non-refundable. No documents will be sold on the day of dropping and opening of the tender.

Tender with 2.5% (two and a half per cent) earnest money of the quoted amount in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any schedule bank in favour of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission shall have to be dropped in the tender box kept in the Engineering Division, Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC), 4, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Ramna, Dhaka or in the Central Engineering Facilities Building, AERE up to 12 hours of 22/05/2000. All the tenders received from the both places will be opened at 1430 hours on 22/05/2000 in the office of the undersigned in presence of the bidders or their representatives who may wish to be present. While purchasing the tender schedule, purchasers have to produce originals of experience certificates, valid up-to-date Trade License, Income Tax certificate, VAT registration and Bank Solvency certificates, etc. and enclose photocopies (attested by 1st class gazetted officer) of the said documents with the applications/request for purchase.

For unavoidable circumstances, if the office remains closed on the day of dropping and opening of the tenders the same will be dropped and opened on the next working day as usual.

The authority reserves the right to accept any or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

BAEC/SID-1(2)/94-557

DFP-10778-7/5

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Project Director TRIGA Reactor Decay Tank Reinstallation Project

Exchange Rates

Currency	Selling TT & OD	CHEST STATE OF	Selling BC		ng n	Buying OD Sight Export Bill		Buying OD Transfer
US Dollar	51,2300	51.	2700	50.8	8100	50.6570		50.5850
Pound Stg	78.7764	78	8379	77.	5716	77.3380		77.2281
Deutsche Mark	24.1478	24	1666	23.	1574	MANAGEMENT THE PARTY OF THE PAR		23.0549
Swiss Franc	30.0522	30	.0757	29.	4431	29.	3545	29.3127
Japanese Yen	0.4714	0.4	718	0.4	628	0.4	614	0.4608
Dutch Guilder	21.4316	21	.4483	20.	5526	20.	4907	20.4616
Danish Krona	6.2728	6.2	2777	6.1	425	6.1240		6.1153
Australian 8	30.3845	30	4082	29.	0938	29	.0062	28.9650
Belgian Franc	1.1708	1.1	1717	1.1228 1.1194		194	1.1178	
Canadian \$	34.7440	34	.7711	33.	7496	33	6480	33.6001
French Franc	7.2000	7.5	2056	6.9	047	6.8839		6.8742
Hong Kong 8	6,5895	6.	5946	6.5	095	6,4899		6,4807
Italian Lira	0.0244	0.0	0244	0.0	234	0.0233		0.0233
Norway Krone	5.6985	5.	7029	5.6	100	5.5931		5.5851
Singapore \$	29.9906	30	0.0140	29	.0476	28	9601	28.9189
Saudi Rial	13.6979	13	3.7086	13	5122	13.4715		13.452
UAE Dirham	13.9866	13	3,9975	13	.7954	13.7539		13.734
Swedish Krona	5.6852	5.	6896	5.6155 5.5986		5986	5.5907	
Qatari Riyal	14.1149	14	1.1259	13.9167		13	.8748	13.855
Kuwaiti Dinar	172 1265	17	2.2609	159.8905		159,4090		159.1825
Thai Baht	1.3243	1.	3253	1.3107		1.3068		1.8049
Euro	47.2289	47	7.2658	45.2920 45		.1556	45.091	
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Months

9 Months

6 Months

12 Months

3/5 15/5

The USD/BDT trading was moderately active on Wednesday Transactions in USD/BDT were not as high as earlier days of the week despite high demand for USD. Call money market has experienced high liquidity shortage as an outcome of large government payments made during different times of this week. Liquidity gap forced the call rates to touch 10.50 per cent. High call rates prevented the players to buy US dollar. Average USD/BDT rate mostly ranged between 51.1650 and The euro held firmly above the 80.90 watermark on Wednesday, hitting

Amex notes on Wednesday's market

its highest level in a week amid speculation of coordinated intervention in its defence. Comments in recent days had fuelled talk that the European Central Bank might intervene for the first time to support the euro, but they commented that the timing was not necessarily right on Wednesday. The euro was trading around \$0.9055 at 0715 GMT, down from earlier one-week highs of \$0.9087. The euro was also around half a yen below earlier one-week highs against the yen, trading around 99 yen. Meanwhile, dollar was within shouting distance of two-month highs of 109.58 yen set in the previous session. Sterling was hovering within a cent of last week's four-year lows against the dollar of 1.5245 and hit two-week lows against the euro at 59.31 pence ahead of the release of the Bank of England's quarterly inflation report. Analysis expect official British interest rates, currently level pegging with US rates at 6.0 per cent, to start lagging behind the United States following an anticipated US rate hike next week.

At around 0843 GMT, the exchange rates of major currencies against USD were GBP/USD 1.5261/1.5271, USD/CHF 1.7136/1.7146, USD/JPY 109.39/ 109.44, EUR/USD 0.9086/ 0.9089.

Shipping Intelligence

Chittagong Port

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Berth	Name of Vessels	Cargo			Date of	
No			Call	Agent	Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Jin Cheng	GI	S Hai	BDShip	4/5	10/5
J/2	Clipper Eagle	R Seed	Alba	Litmond	2/5	19/5
J/3	Sea Galant	GI (St C)	Sing	Everett	6/5	10/5
J/4	Allegro	C Clink	Krabi	RML	6/5	
J/5	Marine Express	Wheat (P)	Teker	Total	9/4	
J/6	Ocean Bird	GI	Mong	Total	9/5	
J/7	Elmwood	Sugar (G)	Lame	CCNL	4/5	15/5
J/8	Triumph Kaoshiu		Yang	RML	9/5	
J/10	Royal Pescadores		Addal	MSA	7/5	
J/11	Arkan	Wheat (P)	Rasa	Seaglory	23/4	
J/12	Kota Berjaya	Cont	Sing	Pil (Bd)	5/5	
J/13	Xpress Nilgiri	Cont	Sing	RSL	9/5	
CCT/1	Da Fa	Cont	Sing	RSL	5/5	
CCT/2	Banga Birol	Cont	P Kel	BDSHip	6/5	
CCT/3	Qc Pintail	Cont	Sing	GCST.	6/5	
RM/14	Professor Pavlen	ko Cement	Sing	PSAL	4/5	
RM/15	Hyoksin	Cement	Zaka	PSAL	27/4	
GSJ	Leopard-1	C Clink	Kant	ANCL	24/4	
TSP	Elizabeth	R Phos	Hamre	Seacome	22/4	
RM/6	Amer Energy	HSD/JP-1	Ctira	Atlantic	21/4	
DOJ	Lima-1	Cement	Zaka	SBS	4/5	
DD	Banglar Moni	Repair		BSC	R/A	
DDJ/1	Banglar Shikha	Repair	Sing	BSC	17/4	
RM/8	Jaami	Idle	Hald	Cross		
RM/9	Banglar Mamata	Repair		BSC	R/A	
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Banglar Jyoti			BSC	R/A (7/5)				
Vessels Not Entering								
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Sonali			OMZ	5/3				
Asean Glory	Cement	Tuban	UML	2/5				
Norbulk Oak	C Clink	Kaub	Seacome	3/5				
Dena	Scraping	FISI	Simni	8/5				
Revenge			Sunshine	3/8/99				
Vana Cantana	Picc (G)		USTC	10/8/99				

The above are shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group,