



Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed inaugurates Bangladesh Knitwear Exhibition 2008, organised by Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association, at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel yesterday. (Story on B1)

Aziz says prices of essentials not 'governed'

UNB, Dhaka

Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam said Monday the prices of imported essentials are not as governed as that of fuel oil.

It means the government cannot reduce the prices of essentials at will in consistent with a declining trend on the international market.

"You should ask businessmen this question," he told reporters, replying to a question at Zia International Airport.

He was talking to reporters about the possible impact of

global financial crisis on Bangladesh on his return home after attending the IMF-World Bank Annual Meetings in Washington DC.

The finance adviser was asked whether the government has any role in bringing down the prices of essentials like soybean and palm oil, wheat and sugar as well as the fuel oil in consistent with the substantial decline on the international market as an impact of the financial crisis.

Aziz said it is natural that the businessmen would look for better facilities if they get

to maximise their profits and they would try to get higher prices if people purchase the products. "These are not administered."

He, however, pointed out that the prices of few items like palm oil have already come down to some extent, even though not consistent with the international prices.

Commerce Secretary Feroz Ahmed, who was present at the airport, said the price of palm oil declined substantially and soybean oil showed the same trend to some extent.

On fuel oil, the finance

adviser said the government had discussion on reducing the prices and worked out some options.

Replying to another question, he said the inflation would come down even below 9 percent as estimated in the current budget due to the decline in the prices of the commodities. However, it would depend on rice price that has not yet come down as such.

Aziz was also asked about the accelerated private sector credit growth at 26 percent. He said the bank credit should be

at a range of 18-19 percent considering the economic growth and inflation. He expressed concern that some unproductive sectors received excessively high growth of credit.

On the impact of global financial crisis on the country's apparel sector, the adviser said he had some exchanges with RMG entrepreneurs during a travel abroad.

"It seemed, the sector would not be affected due to the financial crisis as the local manufacturers tend to lower end-products," he added.

Augere takes WiMax licence Aims to launch service early next year

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Augere Wireless Broadband Bangladesh Ltd, one of the three winners of WiMax licences, formally received its licence from telecom regulator on Sunday.

The UK-Bangladesh joint venture company, which received the licence by paying 50 percent of the total licence fee of Tk 215 crore within the October 16 deadline, aims to reach high-speed internet facilities to the untapped rural areas.

"We are targeting untouched rural areas. Because we believe, a good business remains there," said Syed Farhad Ahmed, one of the partners of the company, yesterday.

"We are now working on our company's structure and hope to launch WiMax service by early next year," said Ahmed.

The two other companies -- Banglalion Communication and BRAC BD Mail Network Ltd -- are yet to receive the licence even after expiry of the deadline on October 16.

These three companies on September 24 won as many WiMax licences in a battle of nine and finally settled for a hefty amount of Tk 215 crore in acquisition fees each.

Telecom regulator sources said the deadline for receiving the licences has been extended to November 15, considering appeals by the two companies.

WiMax (Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access) is a wireless digital communication system that can provide broadband wireless access across 30 miles for fixed phone, and 3-10 miles for mobile stations.

The September 24 bidding for WiMax licences demonstrates the potential of Bangladesh's densely populated market that has become very lucrative for both local and foreign investors, industry people said.

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) also distributed 35 MHz spectrums to each licensee. On priority basis,

Banglalion chose 2585-2620 MHz bandwidth, while BRAC BD Mail and Augere Wireless went for 2330-2365MHz and 2365-2400MHz respectively.

As per the WiMax guidelines, these three companies will have to start operation by March 2009.

Besides the three private companies, Bangladesh Telecommunications Company Ltd will also operate WiMax as per government plan.

The BTRC will divide the country into four zones and will allocate each zone to a single operator.

Bangladesh is one of the countries having low internet penetration rate of less than one percent. According to internet service providers, only 10 lakh (one million) people of the 150-million populated country are now connected to internet.

Talking to The Daily Star, BTRC Chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) Manzurul Alam said: "Our aim is to reach broadband facilities to both rural and urban areas."

Miracom unveils low-priced laptops

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Low-priced Chinese laptops for the country's small and medium business entrepreneurs and students were launched in Dhaka yesterday.

"Low-priced laptops will help enhance the information technology (IT) in the business community to improve the communication system and develop better business," said Mustafa Jabbar, president of Bangladesh Computer Society (BCS).

"Better communication and IT will help bring new businesses to the country and earn more revenues that would develop the economy," he told the launching ceremony of Chinese brand Great Wall laptops in Dhaka.

"Low-priced laptop will also solve the common problems of less affordability of technology due to its high price," he added.

There are 45 lakh people who own a personal computer in the country, with only one percent of them having a laptop.

Jabbar said the middle class people and the students would now be able to get a laptop.

"This will enhance creating a better skilled generation in the long run," he said.

MM Rahman Tushar, director of Miracom Technologies, importer and sole distributor of Great Wall laptops in the country, said the company had imported "economical laptops" for people of all segments of society ranges from high-tech professionals to amateur users.

"Earlier, many people bought old and used laptops, which often have no longevity for budget shortage now would be able to get a new one," he said.

A Great Wall A-81 laptop is kitted with 512 MB random access memory (RAM), 120 GB hard-drive and a 10.2-inch screen, priced at Tk 29,900. It also contains a web cam and ultra-sound system.

A Great Wall E-67 with 1GB RAM, 120 GB hard-drive and a 14.1-inch screen costs Tk 42,000 and a T-68 laptop will cost Tk 59,000.

Tushar said Great Wall laptops are now available at different outlets at BCS Computer City and on Elephant Road.

World stocks rally on hopes of easing financial crisis

AFP, London

Global stocks rose robustly on Monday with investors across Asia and Europe encouraged by news that world leaders will hold a series of summits aimed at tackling a prolonged financial crisis.

Tokyo closed up 3.59 percent, Hong Kong surged 5.3 percent, Seoul gained 2.3 percent, while Shanghai won 2.25 percent despite news that China's economic growth had slowed in the third quarter.

Approaching 1100 GMT, London was up 1.69 percent, Frankfurt climbed 0.86 percent and Paris rose 1.35 percent.

"We have a second day of straight gains (in London)... and this gives us the hope that we might be in for a shock free week," said City Index market strategist Joshua Raymond.

Investors were heartened by US President George W. Bush's announcement over the weekend that world leaders plan to hold a series of summits aimed at reforming the global financial system.

The proposed summits have "contributed to creating a climate in which investors can have positive expectations," said Kazuhiro Takahashi, general manager at Daiwa Securities SMBC.

But he added: "Markets are still surrounded by uncertainty."

European markets had closed sharply higher on Friday, with London closing up more than five percent. However Wall Street ended lower ahead of the weekend break, pushed down by weak US economic data, traders

said.

Governments have pumped billions of dollars into troubled banks in recent weeks while central banks have injected huge amounts of cash into money markets in an effort to keep credit flowing and prevent a financial system meltdown.

The Dutch government announced on Sunday that it would inject 10 billion euros (13.4 billion dollars) into ING, one of the world's 20 biggest banks, in the latest rescue effort. In Amsterdam, ING shares jumped and stock in another rescued bank Fortis also surged.

But in Paris, shares in Societe Generale bank shares slumped 10.17 percent on rumours that the bank might seek a capital increase.

The move to shore up ING came two weeks after the government put 16.8 billion euros into the rescue of Dutch-Belgian bank Fortis.

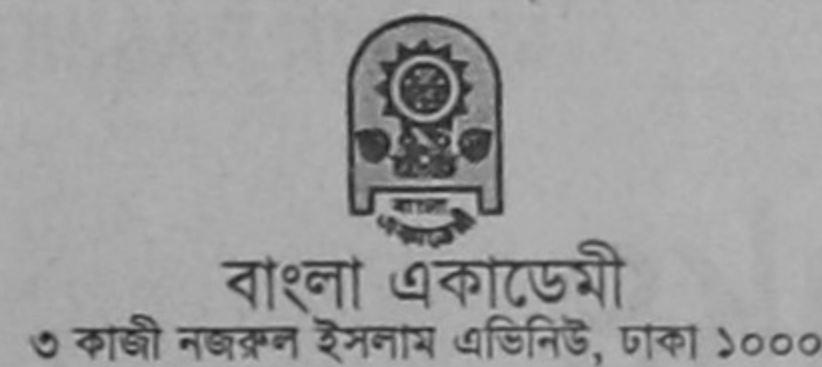
In Asia, the Seoul stock market rallied on Monday after the local government announced a 130-billion-dollar package to shore up the country's troubled banking sector.

While it is too early to say the worst of the financial turmoil is over, there are tentative signs "we could be approaching a temporary reprieve," said analysts at JPMorgan.

On Monday, Sydney stocks closed up 4.3 percent while Gulf stock markets began mixed. Kuwaiti stocks dived to a 19-month low on fears about the future of troubled investment companies in the emirate, but most other Gulf markets finished higher.

"Development of ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Instrumentation and Calibration Service Laboratory for Chemical Measurement"-Project ("ডেভেলপমেন্ট অব আইএসও ১৭০২৫ এক্রিটেড ইনস্ট্রুমেন্টেশন এন্ড ক্যালিব্রেশন সার্ভিস ল্যাবরেটরী ফর কেমিক্যাল মেজারমেন্ট"-প্রকল্প) BCSIR, Dr. Qudrat-I-Khuda Road, Dhaka-1205.					
Invitation for Tenders (IFT)					
1.	Ministry/ Division	Ministry of Science and Information & Communication Technology			
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (BCSIR)			
3.	Procuring entity name	Project Director, "Development of ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Instrumentation and Calibration Service Laboratory for Chemical Measurement"-Project			
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka			
5.	Invitation for	National Tender			
6.	Invitation ref. no.	BCSIR/CSL/অস-দরপত্র/৫-২/২০০৮-০৯			
7.	Date	16/10/2008			
8.	Procuring method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
9.	Budget and source of fund	GoB			
10.	Project code	5070			
11.	Project Name	"Development of ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Instrumentation and Calibration Service Laboratory for Chemical Measurement"-			
12.	Tender package no.	A) Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Energy Dispersive- X-ray Fluorescence (ED-XRF) Spectrometer			
13.	Tender last selling date	12/11/2008 up to 1:00 pm			
14.	Tender closing date and time	13/11/2008	at 3:00 pm		
15.	Tender opening date and time	13/11/2008	at 3:05 pm		
16.	Name and address of the office(s)	i) Office of the Project Director, "Development of ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Instrumentation and Calibration Service Laboratory for Chemical Measurement" Room No.5, Qudrat-I-Khuda Building, BCSIR, Dhaka-1205 ii) Office of the officer-in-charge, LRI, BCSIR, Nayarhat, Savar, Dhaka			
	-Receiving tender document	Office of the Project Director, "Development of ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Instrumentation and Calibration Service Laboratory for Chemical Measurement" Room No.5, Qudrat-I-Khuda Building, BCSIR, Dhaka-1205			
17.	-Opening tender document	Office of the Project Director, "Development of ISO/IEC 17025 Accredited Instrumentation and Calibration Service Laboratory for Chemical Measurement" Room No.5, Qudrat-I-Khuda Building, BCSIR, Dhaka-1205			
18.	Eligibility of tender	Minimum 5 years experience as a supplier of Scientific equipment Other terms & conditions should be followed according to the Tender Documents.			
19.	Brief description of goods	As per specification			
20.	Brief description of related services	As per specification			
21.	Lot Number	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of tender document (In Taka)	Tender security In Taka
	A	ED-XRF	ICSL, BCSIR, Dhaka	1,000/- (Non-refundable)	2,00,000/-
22.	Name of official inviting tender	Mala Khan			
23.	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director,			
24.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Room No.5, Qudrat-I-Khuda Building, BCSIR, Dhaka-1205			
25.	Contract details of official inviting tender	Project Director, Tel: 8617620 E-mail: malakhan_07@yahoo.com			
26.	The Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason				
C-2716					Mala Khan Project Director

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বাংলা একাডেমী
৩ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা ১০০০

পাণ্ডুলিপি আস্থান

বাংলা একাডেমী "উচ্চ শিক্ষান্তরে বাংলায় পাঠ্যপুস্তক প্রণয়ন ও প্রকাশনা" শীর্ষক কর্মসূচির আওতায় গ্রন্থ প্রকাশের লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের বিভিন্ন কলেজ ও বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের স্নাতক, স্নাতক (সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ের পাঠ্যসূচির অনুরণে নিম্নলিখিত বিষয়ে পাণ্ডুলিপি প্রণয়ন করে নিম্নোক্ত তিকানায় পাঠানোর জন্য অভিজ্ঞ লেখক ও গবেষকদের অনুরোধ জানাচ্ছে।

মানবিকবিদ্যা, সামাজিক বিজ্ঞান, আইন ও বাণিজ্য

- বাংলা ভাষা ও সাহিত্য
- তথ্যবিজ্ঞান ও গ্রন্থাগার ব্যবস্থাপনা
- আইন
- একাউন্টিং এন্ড ইনফরমেশন সিস্টেমস
- ফিন্যান্স এন্ড ব্যাংকিং
- রাষ্ট্রবিজ্ঞান
- সমাজবিজ্ঞান
- লোক প্রশাসন
- শান্তি ও সংঘর্ষ
- শিক্ষা ও গবেষণা
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- মার্কেটিং
- আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক
- গণযোগাযোগ ও সাংবাদিকতা
- নৃবিজ্ঞান
- চারুকলা
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- ভাষাতত্ত্ব
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- বনবিদ্যা
- ফলিত প্রাণিবিদ্যা
- জৈব প্রযুক্তিবিদ্যা
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- প্রাণরসায়ন
- ফসল উদ্ভিদবিজ্ঞান
- পোষকবিজ্ঞান
- পদার্থবিজ্ঞান
- গণিত
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- ইলেকট্রিক্যাল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
- মেকানিক্যাল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
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- পুষ্প ও ফলবিজ্ঞান
- মানব শারীরবিদ্যা
- খাদ্য ও পুষ্টিবিজ্ঞান
- কৃষি রসায়ন
- মৃত্তিকাবিজ্ঞান
- ডেয়ারিবিজ্ঞান
- রসায়ন
- ভূগোল ও পরিবেশ
- কম্পিউটার সায়েন্স এন্ড ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
- সিভিল ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং
- ফলিত রসায়ন ও রাসায়নিক প্রযুক্তি

বিশেষ দ্রষ্টব্য

- কলেজ ও বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পর্যায়ের অধ্যাপনা এবং গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠানে গবেষণায় অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন লেখকদের অধ্যাপনার দেওয়া হবে।
- পাণ্ডুলিপি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ও কলেজসমূহের স্নাতক, স্নাতক (সম্মান) ও স্নাতকোত্তর পর্যায়ের পাঠ্যসূচির আলোকে রচিত হতে হবে।
- পাণ্ডুলিপি বাংলা একাডেমীর প্রমিত বানান অনুসরণে প্রণয়ন করতে হবে।
- সারসংক্ষেপসহ কম্পিউটারে কম্পোজ করে ২ (দুই) কপি পাণ্ডুলিপি ও সফট কপি জমা দিতে হবে।
- আগামী ৩০শে নভেম্বর ২০০৮-এর মধ্যে পাণ্ডুলিপি জমা দিতে হবে।
- পাণ্ডুলিপি গ্রহণ সক্রান্ত বিষয়ে বাংলা একাডেমীর লিখিত ই-মেইল বুলেটিনে বিবরণিত হবে।
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- গ্রন্থ প্রকাশের ক্ষেত্রে বাংলা একাডেমীর নিয়ম অনুসৃত হবে।
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