

Int'l convention for contractors in March

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A convention of Asian and Western Pacific contractors is going to begin in Dhaka on March 4, 2009 to attract potential local and foreign investors in Bangladesh construction sector.

An international construction industry exhibition will also take place simultaneously, organisers said yesterday.

"It will bring further recognition to Bangladesh as a business-friendly investment destination, especially for the infrastructure and construction projects," said Aminul Islam, president of International Federation of Asian & Western Pacific Contractors Associations (IFAWPCA).

Islam unveiled the convention plan at the Registration Launching Session of the 37th IFAWPCA Convention at the National Press Club in Dhaka. The Bangladesh Association of Construction Industry (BACI) will host the three-day (March 4-March 6) programme at the Bangladesh China Friendship Conference Centre.

IFAWPCA Secretary General Mir Zahir Hossain and BACI President Md Rafiqul Islam were also present on the occasion.

Organsiers said more than 300 foreign delegates from IFAWPCA member countries are expected to attend the convention, the first-ever in Bangladesh.



Sardar Mohammad Shahjahan, general manager of Bangladesh Bank, Rajshahi, inaugurates the SME service centre of Islami Bank Bangladesh at Keshorehat, Rajshahi recently.

US drags China to WTO over 'protectionist' policy

AFP, Washington

The United States said Friday it had hauled China to the WTO over Beijing's programs to market Chinese-branded goods, which Washington charged were based on "protectionist" policy.

"We are going to the WTO today because we are determined to use all resources available to fight industrial policies that aim to unfairly promote Chinese-branded products at the expense of American interests, said US Trade Representative Susan Schwab.

The US move addresses, among others, two of Beijing's key Chinese brand programs.

At the central government level, China has established the "Famous Export Brand" program and the "China World Top Brand" program under which the government set out criteria for an enterprise to receive such designations.

Enterprises involved the programs are entitled to various government preferences, including what Washington said appeared to be financial support tied to exports.

The United States, Schwab said, was concerned that the Chinese programs appeared to incorporate export subsidies and "protectionist industrial policy apparently underlying these programs."

These programs, she added, appeared designed to promote the development of global Chinese brand names and to increase sales of Chinese-branded merchandise around the world.

Washington's decision to seek World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute settlement consultations with China came after analysis of dozens of the promotion programs, Schwab's office said in a statement.

Following the request, both parties would have 60 days to resolve the dispute bilaterally.

If no resolution is reached, WTO arbitrators would then be asked to make a ruling which could be appealed by either side.

Zia Fertilizer to halt production for another four days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria

Production at Ashuganj Zia Fertilizer Company Limited (ZFCL) will be suspended for another three days incurring a loss of at least 1400 tonnes of urea a day.

A technical glitch that led to an explosion of the factory's air compressor tube with a big bang on Friday had forced the suspension of its production.

ZFCL Managing Director Osman Ghani said engineers and technicians who have been trying round the clock to put the factory in order expect that normalcy would restore in the next three to four days.

Earlier, production at the ZFCL remained suspended during October 11-December 1 for the factory's overhauling purpose.

China to come to Taiwan's aid amid crisis

AFP, Beijing

China will come to Taiwan's aid if the impact of the global economic crisis worsens, a top Chinese official was quoted saying on Saturday in the latest gesture of goodwill between the two long-time rivals.

Jia Qinglin, the fourth-ranking leader in China's political hierarchy, made the vow during an economic forum in Shanghai between the two sides, Xinhua news agency said.

"If the world economic situation continues to worsen and the Taiwan side asks for help in resolving economic difficulties, the mainland is willing to do its utmost to offer assistance," Jia was quoted as telling the gathering.

"We should get through the difficulties hand in hand."

Jia's offer comes after the two sides last week inaugurated direct daily flights and postal and shipping services in a historic move hailed by both sides as cementing a new era in warming ties.

Relations have improved rapidly since the election in March of Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou, who has promised closer ties.

His election ended eight years of rule by Chen Shui-bian, whose independence rhetoric inflamed China.

Airlines from the two sides will fly more than 100 flights a week under the transportation arrangement launched Monday, linking four Taiwanese and 12 Chinese cities.

Oil plunges, gold loses shine

AFP, London

Oil prices fell this week to their lowest levels since 2004, despite a record Opec output cut, while many commodities were dragged lower on fears of a looming global recession and weak demand.

"Commodity markets have fallen back sharply under the weight of a rapidly deteriorating outlook for global growth," said Barclays Capital analysts in a research note to clients.

OIL: New York crude oil hit a low point of 33.44 dollars per barrel in New York, which was a staggering 77 percent beneath the record high 147.27 dollars per barrel that was forged in July.

A record oil output cut by the Opec crude producers' cartel failed to stop the slide to a 4.5-year trough that was last seen on April 2, 2004.

New York's January contract was also driven lower in technical trade

due to its expiry on Friday.

The fresh falls prompted Opec President Chakib Khelil to stress that the cartel would continue cutting output until prices stabilise.

The 13-nation Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), which produces some 40 percent of the world's crude, agreed Wednesday to cut output by 2.2 million barrels a day.

But stubborn demand concerns refused to go away despite news of the historic production cut at an Opec ministerial meeting in Oran, Algeria.

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By Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), light sweet crude for delivery in January tumbled to 36.91 dollars from 44.51 dollars.

On London's InterContinental Exchange (ICE), Brent North Sea crude for February was steady at 44.67 dollars, from 44.49 dollars a week earlier when January was the most traded contract.

PRECIOUS METALS: The prices of gold, silver, platinum and palladium fell.

On the London Bullion Market, gold rose to 835.75 dollars an ounce at Friday's late fixing from 826.50 dollars a week earlier.

Silver increased to 10.61 dollars an ounce from 10.07 dollars.

SUGAR: Sugar prices pulled lower as oil prices tumbled. Sugar is used in the production of ethanol, a cheaper alternative to motor fuel which is refined from crude oil. When crude futures fall, demand drops for ethanol.

By Friday on LIFFE, the price of a tonne of white sugar for delivery in March eased to 313.20 pounds from 319.40 pounds the previous week.

On NYBOT, the price of unrefined sugar for March drooped to 11.18 US cents per pound from 11.72 cents.

GRAINS AND SOYA: Grains and soya prices rebounded on the weak dollar.

"The main driver has been the collapse of the US dollar, commodities have rallied this week because of that," said analyst Bill Nelson at Doane Advisory Services.

By Friday on the Chicago Board of Trade, maize for delivery in March firmed to 3.78 dollars a bushel from 3.73 dollars the previous week.

March-dated soyabean meal -- used in animal feed -- advanced to 8.69 dollars from 8.56 dollars.

Wheat for March increased to 5.65 dollars a bushel from 5.13 dollars.



Azim Uddin Ahmed, former chairman and director of Southeast Bank, opens the bank's 45th branch at Konabari, Gazipur recently.

**Mongla Port Authority**  
Office of the Chief Engineer (M&E)  
Mongla, Bagerhat

**Invitation for Re-Tenders**

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping
2.	Agency	Mongla Port Authority
3.	Procuring entity name	Mongla Port Authority
4.	Procuring entity code	5205
5.	Procuring entity district	Bagerhat
6.	Invitation for	Lot-1: Engine Overhauling and other repair works for SVE Truck Forklift, Model No: 28120-46 of lifting capacity 25 Tons of MPA Berapole Dry Port. Lot-2: Engine (Model No: Valmet 612 DS Diesel) Top Overhauling for 16 Ton Capacity Forklift Truck (Model: TD 1216) of Mongla Port Authority. Lot-3: Left Side Engine (No: 80272; Model: Valmet 612 DS Diesel) Overhauling, Transmission Gear Box repair and supply of other spare parts for 35 Tons Capacity Straddle Carrier No-2 of Mongla Port Authority.
7.	Invitation Ref. No.	MPAXENW&E/228/P-307-08
8.	Date	03-12-2008
9.	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
10.	Budget and source of fund	MPA's own fund.
11.	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
12.	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13.	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14.	Tender package No.	MPAXENW&E/228, MPAXENW&E/202 & MPAXENW&E/30(Part-5)
15.	Tender package name	As serial No-6
16.	Tender publication date	Before 30-12-2008
17.	Tender document last selling date	Date: 14-01-2009 Time: During office hours
18.	Tender receiving date and time	15-01-2009 12:00 noon
19.	Tender opening date and time	15-01-2009 12:30pm
20.	Name and address of the offices selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Executive Engineer (W&E), Mechanical, Electrical & Marine Building, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat.
21.	Selling tender document (others)	i) Office of the Executive Engineer (Div-I/V), Mongla Port Authority, Khalsipur, Khulna. ii) Liaison Office, Mongla Port Authority, 8/6, Sagurbarsha, Dhaka.
22.	Receiving tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer (W&E), Mechanical, Electrical & Marine Building, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat.
23.	Opening tender document	Office of the Executive Engineer (W&E), Mechanical, Electrical & Marine Building, Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat. Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives may remain present during opening of tender.
24.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	N/A
25.	Eligibility of tenderer	As stated in the tender document.
26.	Brief description of goods or works	Lot 1: Engine Overhauling and other repair works for 25 Tons Forklift Truck. Lot 2: Engine Top Overhauling for 16 Ton Capacity Forklift Truck. Lot 3: Left Side Engine Overhauling, Transmission Gear Box repair and supply of other spare parts for 35 Tons Capacity Straddle Carrier No-2.
27.	Brief description of related services	N/A
28.	Price of tender document	Lot 1: Tk. 300/- (three hundred) only (non-refundable). Lot 2: Tk. 300/- (three hundred) only (non-refundable). Lot 3: Tk. 300/- (three hundred) only (non-refundable).
29.	Lot No.	Identification of lot
30.	Location/site of the work	Tender security amount (Tk.)
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PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAILS

28. Designation of the official inviting tender: Chief Engineer (Mechanical & Electrical)

29. Address of the official inviting tender: Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat

30. Contact details of the official inviting tender: Telephone No: 04662-75234, Fax No: 04662-75224, E-Mail: [mpa@mpa.net.bd](mailto:mpa@mpa.net.bd) Web Site: [www.monglaport.gov.bd](http://www.monglaport.gov.bd)

31. Special instruction: i) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept/reject any or all of the tenders. This tender shall be guided by "The Public Procurement Rules-2008".  
ii) If selling/receiving/opening of tender is not possible on the last date of selling tender or on the date of receiving tender or on the date of opening tender beyond control situation the tender will be sold, received or opened on the next working days respectively as mentioned in the ITT.  
iii) Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tender shall be declared late, will be rejected and returned unopened to the tenderer.

No. MP/A&E/PPR/P/243  
GD-5001

Chief Engineer (Mechanical & Electrical)

Wall Street rally fades

AFP, New York

An opening rally on Wall Street lost steam Friday as investors digested a 13.4 billion dollar US government rescue of General Motors and Chrysler to avert a collapse of the auto industry.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average traded up 8.92 points (0.10 percent) to 8,613.11 around 1659 GMT and the tech-rich Nasdaq rose 16.76 points (1.08 percent) to 1,575.11.

The Standard & Poor's 500 broad-market index advanced 5.04 points (0.57 percent) to 890.32.

In an announcement before the market open, the White House said it had agreed to an emergency loan of 13.4 billion dollars to GM and Chrysler, which had pleaded for a lifeline as they faced imminent collapse.

The rescue announced could include up to four billion dollars more pending congressional approval.

General Motors and privately held Chrysler were expected to draw on the funds immediately to avert bankruptcy, and will be required to implement new belt-tightening moves and demonstrate their long-term viability.

The loans begin to be available on December 29.

GM shares surged 12.36 percent to 4.11 dollars. Ford, which says it does not need an immediate bailout, was trading 4.23 percent higher at 2.96.

"This announcement could lift the market as a big area of economic uncertainty will probably be resolved, at least for a few months," said Frederic Dickson at DA Davidson & Co.

Dickson said that next week's trading activity would likely thin: the market will be closed next Thursday for the Christmas holiday and Wall Street typically empties for extended year-end vacations.

Among stocks in focus, oil majors, battered Thursday by plunging crude oil prices, held steady. Exxon Mobil, the blue-chip Dow's largest component, was up 0.06 percent at 77.05.

Financials resisted Standard & Poor's credit downgrades on 11 international banks.

Among the banks affected were Bank of America, up 0.29 percent at 14.00 dollars; JPMorgan Chase, up 1.29 percent at 30.60; Morgan Stanley, gaining 0.86 percent at 16.37; and Wells Fargo, rising 0.13 percent at 29.69.

But Citigroup plunged 3.77 percent to 7.15.

Sentiment in the tech sector also improved after business software giant Oracle reported in-line earnings and BlackBerry maker Research In Motion topped profit estimates.

Oracle leapt 7.28 percent to 17.82 and RIM gained 7.78 percent at 41.43.

The bond market broke an extended rally to historic highs, sending yields lower. The 10-year bond was yielding 2.095 percent, up from 2.074 percent late Thursday while that on the 30-year bond climbed to 2.544 percent from 2.546 percent. Bond yields and prices move in opposite directions.

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**Re-Tender Notice**

1. Sealed tenders in foreign currency are invited from bonafide manufacturers/dealers/ suppliers (enlisted firms in DGDP) for supply of the following items for Bangladesh Air Force.

Ser No	Name of items & qty	Date of selling From To	Date of opening	Currency	Tender No	Cost of I/T
1.	Procurement of 01X Out Field Test Instrument for Transponder Model: JZ/CS 698	22-12-08 18-01-09	19-01-09	Foreign	10276/AP-4	Tk 1,000.00
2.	Procurement of 01X Tester for KJ8602A Radar Warning Receiver (RWR)	*	*	*	10310/AP-4	Tk 5,000.00

2. Tender schedule with detailed specifications/conditions will be available on payment in respective value (non-refundable) on any working day between 0800 hrs to 1300 hrs. The tender will be opened on the specified date at 1200 hrs in presence of the bidders (if present).

Dated 07 December 2008  
ISPR/Misc/08/2677  
GD-5839

Wing Commander  
for Director General

**বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন**  
তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা

**স্থানীয় দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (গুডস)**

০১।	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	তথ্য মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২।	এজেন্সী	বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
০৩।	সম্মতকারী সত্তার নাম	বাবস্থান। পরিচালক, বিএফডিসি, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
০৪।	সম্মতকারী সত্তার জেলা	ঢাকা।
০৫।	কি জন্য আহবান	উত্তর ফর গুডস।
০৬।	আহবানের সূত্র	এফডিসি/পিডি-এলপি/২০০৮-২০০৯/১৯/৪৬/
০৭।	তারিখ	তারিখঃ ১৫/১২/২০০৮।
০৮।	সম্মত পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্রের পদ্ধতি (OTM)।
০৯।	বাজেট এবং সোর্স অব ফান্ড	রাজস্ব খাত।
১০।	দরপত্র প্যাকেজের নাম	৩৫ মিঃ মিঃ কালার পিকচার নেগেটিভ ফিল্ম।
১১।	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	তারিখঃ ১৭/১২/২০০৮।
১২।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	তারিখঃ ০৬/০১/২০০৯ বিকাল ৫.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১৩।	দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	তারিখঃ ০৭/০১/২০০৯ দুপুর ২.০০টা পর্যন্ত।
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১৫।	দরপত্র বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	হিসাব কাশা শাখা, বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা।
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১৬।	দরদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	(১) সরবরাহকারী মালামাল সরবরাহ কাজের ৩ (তিন) বছরের সার্বিক অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। (২) এ জাতীয় মালামাল সরবরাহের কমপক্ষে ১ (এক) বছরের সুনির্দিষ্ট অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। (৩) হালনাগাদ ইনকাম ট্যাক্স পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট, ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট ইত্যাদি থাকতে হবে।
১৭।	মালামাল সমগ্র অথবা কাজের সংক্ষিপ্ত বর্ণনা	৩৫ মিঃ মিঃ কালার পিকচার নেগেটিভ ফিল্ম।
১৮।	দরপত্র তফসিলের মূল্য	প্রতিসেট সিডিউলের মূল্য ৬১,৫০০/- (এক হাজার পাঁচশত টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য))।
১৯।	লট নং	লট (সমগ্রতথ্য মালামাল) এর পরিচয়
০১।	৩৫ মিঃ মিঃ কালার পিকচার নেগেটিভ ফিল্ম।	বাংলাদেশ চলচ্চিত্র উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা-১২০৮।
২০।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	এস এম কায়সার হোসেন মল্লিক।
২১।	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	উপ-পরিচালক (সমগ্র)।
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২৪।	যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করে।	

এস এম কায়সার হোসেন মল্লিক  
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