

Measures to stop migrant workers' harassment urged

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The decline in overseas employment in recent months and harassment of migrant workers are not a result of the ongoing global financial meltdown, rather in most cases it is caused by indifferent recruiting agencies, a dialogue in Dhaka was told yesterday.

Speakers pointed out that migrant workers have to pass through difficult situations in receiving countries mainly because of the failure of recruiting agencies to manage jobs as promised and negligence of Bangladesh missions abroad.

Action Aid Bangladesh organised the discussion on Economic Recession: Fate of Bangladeshi Migrant Workers at the Dhaka Reporters' Union auditorium in the capital.

In his keynote paper, Zoyan Abedin Joy, chairman of International Migrants Alliance (IMA) Research Foundation, said around 32,000 cheated migrant workers have been deported mainly from Malaysia, Dubai,

Singapore, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during January-March this year.

He said the number of deaths of migrant workers in receiving countries have also increased to 635 in the period, which raised concerns.

"The government should take the situation seriously, as migrant workers are important forces of our national economy," he said.

Farah Kabir, country director of ActionAid, said the expatriate welfare and overseas employment ministry should ensure the well-being of the migrant workers abroad.

"The government should take immediate measures to strengthen diplomatic relations with more countries to explore new destinations for our migrant workers," she said.

Representatives from Bangladesh Oviyasi Mahila Samik Association and Shikha Shastha Unnyan Karjakram, migrant workers organizations also spoke on the occasion.



ABARANI INTERNATIONAL

Maksudul Momin, managing director of Abarani International Ltd, the sole distributor of Cooline brand air conditioners in Bangladesh, poses with others at a product expo and corporate night, organised by the company at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel recently.



Mahbub Jamil, chairman of Singer Bangladesh Ltd, presides over the company's 29th annual general meeting in Dhaka yesterday. The AGM approved 30 percent cash dividend for the year 2008.

Islami Bank wins top scores

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Global Finance, a US-based finance magazine, has recently branded Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd (IBBL) as the Best Islamic Financial Institution in Bangladesh for 2008, says a press release.

IBBL will join the world's best financial institutions to receive the award at a function scheduled for October in Istanbul, Turkey.

The magazine also awarded IBBL the same in 2008 and the Best Bank in Bangladesh in 1999, 2000, 2004 and 2005.

Wall Street powers up on recovery signs

AFP, New York

US stocks powered higher Wednesday as investors focused on dimmer data showing another sharp contraction in the world's largest economy.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lifted 163.12 points (2.03 percent) to 8,180.07 at 1044 GMT and the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite advanced 38.15 points (2.28 percent) to 1,711.96.

The Standard & Poor's 500 broad-market index increased 18.01 points (2.11 percent) to 873.17.

International lending plunges to record low

AFP, Geneva

Banks cut cross-border lending by a record 1.8 trillion dollars in the fourth quarter last year, the world's biggest central banking body said Wednesday.

Lending between banks accounted for about half of the drop, while another half of 903 billion dollars constituted lending to non-banks, according to the Bank for International Settlements.

"After a relatively small change in total outstanding stocks in the third quarter, banks' external claims shrank by 5.4 percent in the fourth quarter of 2008 to 31 trillion dollars," the BIS said in its quarterly report on international banking statistics.

"This was the largest reduction ever recorded in a single quarter," it added.

The biggest fall was recorded in loans, which plunged 1.678 trillion dollars, followed by securities, which fell by 211 billion dollars.

Claims denominated in US dollars declined by 6.0 percent while those in yen were down 15 percent.

Banks have become extremely reluctant to lend to each other since the beginning of the financial crisis in 2007.

The latest statistics revealed the severity of a global credit crunch that emerged following the dramatic collapse of US banking titan Lehman Brothers in September 2008.

As banks sought to pro-

tect their capital base, they stopped lending not only to fellow banks but also to industries.

As a result, major central bankers had to take coordinated action on several occasions to offer cash to the markets in a move to prevent the credit squeeze from choking off commercial bank lending.

The BIS statistics also indicate that during the fourth quarter of last year, banks were hit by 1.7 trillion dollars' worth of withdrawals to leave them with total liabilities of 28.731 trillion.

Deposits plunged by 1.873 trillion dollars and securities by 232 billion dollars. However, this was partly offset by "other stocks," which gained 369 billion dollars.

Spanish recession deepens in Q1

AFP, Madrid

Spain's recession deepened during the first quarter of 2009 as its gross domestic product (GDP) shrank by 1.8 percent when compared to the previous three months, according to an estimate published Wednesday by the Bank of Spain.

GDP plunged by 2.9 percent in the first quarter of 2009 compared to the same period last year, the bank said in its latest economic bulletin, citing estimates based on partially complete data for the period.

"The available indicators regarding the first months of 2009 point to an intensification of the contraction observed at the end of 2008 amid a severe international recession," it said.

The national statistics office will publish its first official GDP figures for the first quarter on May 14.

If the estimates are confirmed, it will be the sharpest quarterly decline in Spain's GDP since 1970 and the deepest yearly drop in output since 1993.

Correction

A caption on Apollo Hospitals Dhaka, published on Wednesday, mistakenly named Rafez Alam Chowdhury as president of Gulshan Club Ltd. In fact, Chowdhury is the president of Gulshan Youth Club Ltd. We regret the mistake.

Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat

Strengthening Public Accounts Committee Project

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, SPAC Project, Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Goods Tender.
7	Invitation Ref No.	BJSS-SPAC/3/2007-2008/Procure/38.
8	Date	27/04/2009

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement method Open tender method.

FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and source of funds Development Budget PA: Grants

11 Development partners (if applicable) IDA, World Bank.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	0201-5001
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Strengthening Public Accounts Committee Project.
14	Tender package no.	GD1, GD3 & GD4
15	Tender package name	Supply & installation of Office Furniture, Computers & others for SPAC Project.
16	Tender publication date	03/05/2009.
17	Tender last selling date	19/05/2009.
18	Tender closing date and time	20/05/2009 2:30pm
19	Tender opening date and time	20/05/2009 3:00pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	- Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Project Director, SPAC Project, 1/2 Minister's Hostel, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Sangsad Campus, Dhaka-1207.
	- Selling tender document (others)	Question Branch, Room No. 734, South West Block, Level-7, Parliament Building, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
	- Receiving tender document	Main Gate of Bangladesh Parliament.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Project Director, SPAC Project, 1/2 Minister's Hostel, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Sangsad Campus, Dhaka-1207.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

21	Eligibility of tenderer		Genuine supplier/manufacturer of Furniture, Computers & others and should have valid certificate of company ownership, trade licence, VAT registration & paying documents, Income Tax and bank solvency.		
22	Brief description of goods		Office Furniture, Computers, Laptop, Printers, Photocopier Scanner, Digital Camera & others described in tender documents.		
23	Brief description of related services		In warranty period, any damage or any disfunctioning of equipments and goods should be replaced or repaired.		
24	Price of tender document (Tk)		500.00 (five hundred Taka only) (cash non-refundable).		
	Lot No	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
25	1	Furniture for the SPAC Project	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	16000.00	Two weeks after contract signing
	2	Computers and others for the SPAC Project	Bangladesh Parliament Secretariat	29000.00	Two weeks after contract signing
26	Name of official inviting tender		Mr. Md. Mostafizur Rahman.		
27	Designation of official inviting tender		Project Director (Deputy Secretary).		
29	Address of official inviting tender		Office of the Project Director, SPAC Project, 1/2 Minister's Hostel, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Sangsad Campus, Dhaka-1207.		
30	Contact details of official inviting tender		Tel-9125388	Fax-9123066	Email: spacparl@gmail.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders.				

Md. Mostafizur Rahman
Deputy Secretary & PD, SPAC Project

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Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Office of the Chief Engineer
Headquarters, Kurmitola, Dhaka-1229
www.caab.gov.bd

Tender Notice

Sealed tenders are hereby invited for the undermentioned work as per following terms and conditions:

1.	Name of work	Improvement and widening of existing road in/c. earth filling with palasiding work from G-type building No 03 to Mondir at Kurmitola Residential Area at ZIA, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
2.	Source of funds	Own fund of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB).
3.	Tender package No.	GD-2-10/2008-2009
4.	Invitation for tenders Ref & date	CAABW-129/Part-78/431, dated: 16-10-2008.
5.	Time for completion of work	30 (thirty) days.
6.	Eligibility of tenderers	Local bonafide civil contractors/CAAB enlisted "B" class & above (civil) contractor.
7.	Cost of tender document	Tk 1,000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable)
8.	Earnest money	Tk 65,000/- (sixty-five thousand) only as earnest money must be submitted along with the tender in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-order/Bank Guarantee from any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
9.	Name and address of the offices selling tender document	a) Executive Engineer, Civil Division-2, CAAB, Kurmitola, Dhaka. b) PA to Member (Operation & Planning), CAAB HQ, Dhaka. c) PA to Chief Engineer, CAAB, HQ, Dhaka. d) PA to Superintending Engineer, Civil Circle, Dhaka. e) CAAB Headquarter, Cash Section, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
10.	Name of the office receiving tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
11.	Name and address of the office opening tenders	Office of the Chief Engineer, CAAB Headquarter, Kurmitola, Dhaka.
12.	Last date and time for selling the tender documents	26/05/2009 up to 12:00 hours.
13.	Last date and time for submission of tenders	28/05/2009 up to 12:00 hours.
14.	Date and time for opening of tender	28/05/2009 at 12:30 hours (in presence of tenderers or their authorized representatives, if any)
15.	Reason for summary rejection of tender	i) If attested copy of the up-to-date enlistment renewal fee receipt and up-to-date valid trade licence is not furnished along with the tender. ii) VAT registration and up-to-date income tax certificate issued from appropriate authority is not furnished along with the tender. iii) If the original money receipt of purchasing tender documents is not enclosed. iv) If the requisite earnest money is not furnished along with the tender. v) If the requisite tender documents are not furnished along with the tender.
16.	Special conditions	If communication is disrupted on the last dated of receiving and opening the tender, tenders will be received and opened on the next working day. Other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Date: 28-4-2009
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Harunur Rashid Bhuiyan
Chief Engineer (C.C.)
Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh

Bangladesh Bridge Authority
Setu Bhaban
New Airport Road, Banani, Dhaka-1212
Web Site: www.jmba.gov.bd

Invitation for Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communications
2	Agency	Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA)
3	Procuring Entity Name	Executive Engineer (In-charge), Bangladesh Bridge Authority
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not Available
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	Installation of Deep Tube Well (DTW) and Automatic Water Treatment Plant at BBA office-cum-rest house site, Mukterpur, Munshiganj.
7	Invitation Ref No	Tech/Jb-MB-10/2005-
8	Date	April 27, 2009

KEY INFORMATION

9 Procurement Method Open Tendering Method

FUNDING INFORMATION

10 Budget and Source of Funds GoB/BBA

11 Development Partners (if applicable) Not Applicable

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project / Program Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable
13	Project / Program Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable
14	Tender Package No.	1 (One)
15	Tender Package Name	Installation of Deep Tube Well (DTW) and Automatic Water Treatment Plant at BBA office-cum-rest house site, Mukterpur, Munshiganj.
16	Tender Publication Date	Date: April 29, 2009
17	Tender Last Selling Date	Date: May 11, 2009 Time: During office hours
18	Tender Submission/Closing Date and Time	Date: May 12, 2009 Time: 12:30 pm
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	Date: May 12, 2009 Time: 4:00 pm
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	
20.1	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Account Section, BBA, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212
20.2	Selling Tender Document (Others)	Not Applicable
20.3	Receiving Tender Document	Additional Director (Admin), Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA), 2nd floor, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212 and Md. Tofazzel Hossain, Assistant Engineer, BBA, Bangabandhu Bridge (Jamuna Bridge) site office, Bhupur, Tangail.
20.4	Opening Tender Document	Conference room, 2nd floor, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212.
21	Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Not Applicable

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22	Eligibility of Tenderer		(1) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 (three) years similar type of experience. (2) The intending tenderers shall have to apply in their letterhead to the designated officer to obtain permission for the issuance of the tender documents.			
23	Brief Description of Works		Installation of Deep Tube Well(DTW) and Automatic Water Treatment Plant at BBA office-cum-rest house site, Mukterpur, Munshiganj.			
24	Brief Description of Related Services		Not Applicable			
	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Weeks/ Months
25	1	Installation of Deep Tube Well(DTW) and Automatic Water Treatment Plant at BBA office-cum-rest house site, Mukterpur, Munshiganj.	Mukterpur Munshiganj	300.00	36,000.00	21 (Twenty One) days

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shafiqul Islam
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Executive Engineer (In-charge), Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA)
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	BBA, Setu Bhaban, Banani, Dhaka-1212
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 8850540 Fax: Nil
30	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reasons thereof.	

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(Md. Shafiqul Islam)
Executive Engineer (In-charge)