



Mahbubur Rahman, *centre*, president of International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh, speaks at a press briefing on the upcoming ICC conference on energy for growth in Dhaka yesterday. Latifur Rahman, *left*, vice president of the chamber, and Rashed Maksud Khan, *right*, executive member, are also seen.

Set up coal-based power plants

ICC-B urges govt as gas crisis looms

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The government should take a quick decision on coal extraction to improve the country's power situation by using the black mineral instead of natural gas, said a chamber leader yesterday.

President of International Chamber of Commerce-Bangladesh (ICC-B) Mahbubur Rahman said there is no alternative to improving the energy sector for achieving the expected economic growth.

He suggested the government set up coal-based power plants, as the country has 884 million tonnes of proven and 3,300 million tonnes of estimated reserves of coal in the mines mainly in Rangpur and Dinajpur areas.

"Why will we import coal? We have enough reserve. Most of the developed countries use coal for power generation. We have also the capacity to set up coal-based power plants," Rahman said.

He said at present 68 percent power is generated from coal in India, 76 percent in Australia, 81 percent in China, 49 percent in the US and 94 percent in South Africa.

"And Bangladesh is using natural

gas to generate 83 percent of its power," Rahman said.

The chamber president stressed open-pit mining of coal as this system exposes less risk and extracts more coal than other methods do.

He said power generation in the country now hovers between 3,800 megawatts (MW) and 4,300MW against the demand for 4,200MW-5,500MW.

Rahman was speaking at a press conference at Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) office in the capital to brief journalists on the upcoming ICC-B conference on 'Energy for Growth in Bangladesh'.

He said the chamber will organise an international conference on energy at Radisson Water Garden Hotel in Dhaka on April 13 mainly to attract foreign investors to the energy sector.

The major topics to be discussed at the conference include power project development, hydrocarbon exploration and regulatory structure, and financing power and energy projects.

Soren Pind, minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark, Victor K Fung, ICC global chairman, and officials from Japan Bank for International

Cooperation, Marubeni Power Systems Corporation of Japan, RWE of Germany, CESC of India, CMC of China, Santos of Australia, Alliance Bernstein of the US, Credit Suisse of Switzerland, Citibank NA, Deutsche Bank of Germany and a business delegation from Denmark, among others, will participate in the one-day conference.

Officials of foreign oil companies with offices in Bangladesh, including Chevron and Cairn, and Bangladeshi companies in the power generation sector will also attend the conference, Rahman added.

So far more than 450 delegates from foreign and local companies, private and public entities, banks, and business leaders and government officials have already registered for participation, he said.

Rahman also said around 500 guests from business community, diplomatic missions and energy companies operating in Bangladesh will join the inaugural ceremony of the conference.

Vice President of the ICC-B Latifur Rahman and Executive Member Rashed Maksud Khan, among others, were present at the press conference.

Bangladesh top exporter in European market

EU-Bangladesh trade update released

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Bangladesh was the top export performer in the European Union market in 2009 with 6 percent growth, when all other countries, except for Qatar, suffered an export fall in the common market due to a global financial contraction.

Qatar exported products worth three billion euros to the EU in 2009, predominantly hydrocarbon.

Bangladesh shipped products worth 5.8 billion euros to the EU in 2009, increasing from 5.7 billion euros in 2008, witnessing a 6.3 percent rise. During the time, Bangladesh outperformed its global competitors: China, India and Vietnam.

In 2009, China posted a 13.4 percent export fall in the EU market compared to 2008, while India sustained 13.9 percent and Vietnam 9.5 percent. At the same time, EU's import from the global market shrank 23.4 percent.

Bangladesh's export to the EU was not tainted probably because "Bangladesh exports items that are not sensitive to income variables", said Stefan Frowein, head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh, at a press briefing at its office in Dhaka yesterday.

The press meet was organised to give updates on EU-Bangladesh bilateral trade.

EU's exports to Bangladesh slipped 5.5 percent to one billion euros in 2009, compared to a year ago.

The average year-on-year export growth of the country was 9 percent in the last five years.

At the briefing, Zillul Hye Razi, trade adviser of EU trade delegation to Bangladesh, said the use of the generalised system of preferences (GSP) facility increased significantly in the last five years for exports from Bangladesh to EU.

In 2005, some 66 percent of export products used the GSP facility, an instrument that offers tariff rebate to the least developed countries to export to the EU market, while it increased to over 80 percent in 2009.

"Greater utilisation of the GSP means that backward linkage industries are strengthening in the country," Razi said, adding that Bangladesh got benefits worth 493 million euros using the facility in 2009, while India got 456 million euros and Vietnam 153 million euros.

Bangladesh was the fourth largest GSP preferential importer to the EU market in 2008, only after India, Thailand and Brazil.

At the function, participants also

voiced concern over the country's dependency on some products and a few export destinations.

Over 80 percent of the country's export earnings come from RMG and more alarmingly, four broad categories of products -- T-shirt, sweater, shirt and trouser -- account for around 85 percent to 90 percent of total RMG exports.

"It is great risk if exports depend on only a few items. You need to diversify both export items and export destinations," said Frowein. He said shipbuilding created hope, as new orders are being placed from EU countries to Bangladesh to build small ships.

He also urged shipbuilders to maintain delivery timelines and quality, to create a stronger image of the sector abroad.

Razi said Bangladesh performed better in the EU market than Vietnam and India as its products are still competitive in the world market.

"The present flow of order placement in the RMG sector is now so strong that in some cases, they are over the capacity of the RMG makers," he added.

Razi also found no major external challenge for the country's export sector in the running year.

Andrew Barnard, First Secretary to EU Delegation in Bangladesh, also spoke.



Stefan Frowein, head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Bangladesh, speaks at a press briefing at the European Union office in Dhaka yesterday.



Abdus Salam Bhuiyan

New office bearers for HR organisation

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The Bangladesh Society for Human Resources Management has elected Abdus Salam Bhuiyan, senior advisor of Grameenphone Ltd, as president for the term 2010-11.

The election took place at the body's eighth annual general meeting in Dhaka recently, according to a press statement.

The election also declared Noor Mohammad, country HR manager of Nokia Siemens Networks Bangladesh Ltd, as vice president, and Asif Zaman, HR director of Huawei Technologies (Bangladesh) Ltd, as general secretary.

Spain auto sales soar 63pc

AFP, Madrid

New car sales soared by a record 63.1 percent in Spain in March from the same month last year on the back of a government incentive programme.

A total of 124,756 new cars were registered during the month, up from 76,501 in March 2009 and from 124,302 in March 2008, the Spanish car manufacturers' association ANFAC said in a statement.

US services sector posts strong growth

AFP, Washington

The massive US services sector registered stronger than expected growth in March, amid signs of a continued economic recovery, a private survey showed on Monday.

Buoyed by robust increase in orders at home and abroad, the Institute of Supply Management said its non-manufacturing index posted its third consecutive month of growth.

The so-called purchasing managers index registered 55.4 percent, surging past the consensus forecast of 54 percent.

Any PMI number above 50 percent indicates growth in the sector that accounts for more than two-thirds of US economic activity.

According to analyst Aaron Smith of Moody's Economy.com, the sector, which has lagged behind other parts of the economy, may be now catching up.

"The increase in March suggests that growth is broadening from the goods sector," he said.

The services index now stands at its highest level in nearly three years.

New orders surged by 7.3 points to 62.3 percent, pointing to a strong increase in demand.

But the positive trend was weighed down by a continued contraction of employment.

বাংলাদেশ টেক্সটাইল মিলস করপোরেশন "বিটিএমসি ভবন" ৭-৯, কাওরান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫।

বিটিএমসি নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন মিলসমূহে সার্ভিসচার্জ পার্টি নিয়োগের দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পার্টির নিজস্ব অর্থায়নে মিলে কাঁচাতুলা / কৃত্রিম আঁশ সরবরাহের মাধ্যমে উৎপাদিতব্য সুতা সার্ভিসচার্জের বিনিময়ে উত্তোলনের মাধ্যমে সার্ভিসচার্জ পদ্ধতিতে মিল পরিচালনার লক্ষ্যে বিটিএমসি নিয়ন্ত্রণাধীন (১) সুন্দরবন টেক্সটাইল মিল নং-১, (২) সুন্দরবন টেক্সটাইল মিল নং-২ (নীল কমল ইউনিট), (৩) আমিন টেক্সটাইলস লিঃ (মিল নং-২), (৪) দোস্ত টেক্সটাইল মিল, (৫) দারোয়ানী টেক্সটাইল মিল, (৬) কুড়িগ্রাম টেক্সটাইল মিল এবং (৭) কাদেয়িয়া টেক্সটাইল মিলে ০২ (দুই) বৎসরের জন্য সার্ভিসচার্জ পার্টি নিয়োগকল্পে সুতার পাইকারী লাইসেন্সধারী, আর্থিকভাবে স্বচ্ছ, মিল পরিচালনায় অভিজ্ঞ আগ্রহী সুতা ব্যবসায়ীদের নিকট থেকে নির্ধারিত সিডিউলে বর্ণিত শর্তাধীনে সীল মোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

আগ্রহী পার্টিকে প্রতি মিলের জন্য আলাদা দরপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয় এবং আলাদা জামানতের অর্থ জমা প্রদানপূর্বক দরপত্রে অংশ গ্রহণ করতে হবে। একই পার্টি / প্রতিষ্ঠান একাধিক মিলের জন্য দরপত্র দাখিল করতে পারবেন। বিস্তারিত শর্ত সম্বলিত দরপত্র সিডিউল প্রতি সেট ৫০০.০০ (পাঁচশত) টাকা মূল্যে (অফেরতযোগ্য) (১) হিসাব বিভাগ, বিটিএমসি প্রধান কার্যালয়, "বিটিএমসি ভবন" ৭-৯ কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা (২) বিটিএমসি লিয়াজোঁ অফিস, পরিবহন গুদাম, পোর্ট কলোনী গুদাম এলাকা, চট্টগ্রাম এবং (৩) সংশ্লিষ্ট মিল অফিস থেকে আগামী ২৭/০৪/২০১০ ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে ক্রয় করা যাবে। দরপত্র গ্রহণের দিন কোন টেন্ডার সিডিউল বিক্রী করা হবে না।

দরপত্র আগামী ২৮/০৪/২০১০ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত (১) সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব / সহকারী সচিব, শাখাঃ নীতি-১, বস্ত্র ও পাট মন্ত্রণালয়, গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার, ভবন নং-৬, (১২ তলা), কক্ষ নং-১১২৫, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা (২) বাণিজ্য বিভাগ, বিটিএমসি প্রধান কার্যালয়, "বিটিএমসি ভবন" ৭-৯, কাওরান বাজার বা/এ, ঢাকা (৩) বিটিএমসি লিয়াজোঁ অফিস, পরিবহন গুদাম, পোর্ট কলোনী গুদাম এলাকা, চট্টগ্রাম এবং (৪) সংশ্লিষ্ট স্ব স্ব মিল অফিসে রক্ষিত টেন্ডার বাক্সে গ্রহণ করা হবে। দরপত্র একই দিন অর্থাৎ ২৮/০৪/২০১০ ইং তারিখ দুপুর ১২.৪৫ ঘটিকার সময় উক্ত ০৪ (চার)টি স্থানে যুগপৎভাবে দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে। আগ্রহী দরদাতাকে সিডিউল ক্রয়ের রসিদ এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট মিলের অনুকূলে যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক থেকে পে-অর্ডার / ডিডি আকারে নির্ধারিত অংকের জামানত (মিল ভেদে ৫.০০ (পাঁচ) থেকে ৬.০০ (ছয়) লক্ষ টাকা দরপত্রের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। জামানতবিহীন কিংবা আর্থিক জামানত সম্বলিত দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। পার্টি টেন্ডার সিডিউলের কোন শর্ত পালনে / পূরণে ব্যর্থ হলে কিংবা নতুন কোন শর্তযুক্ত দরপত্র দাখিল করলে তা গ্রহণযোগ্য বলে বিবেচিত হবে না।

বিটিএমসি কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

প্রকৌ এম এ জি আকন্দ
মহাব্যবস্থাপক (বাণিজ্য)

বিদ্যুৎ সাশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন	
1	Ministry/Division: Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2	Agency: Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entity name: Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code: Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district: Dhaka.
6	Invitation for: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Pressure Regulation & Metering Station (RMS) for Sikalaha 150 MW Peaking Power Plant, Chittagong on Turnkey basis.
7	Invitation for tender Ref. No: Pur-136/150MW. Sikalaha/2010.
8	Date: 30-03-2010.
KEY INFORMATION	
9	Procurement method: Open tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION	
10	Budget and source of funds: GOB Budget.
11	Development partners (if applicable): Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION	
12	Project/programme code (if applicable): Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable): Not applicable.
14	Tender package No: N/A.
15	Tender package name: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Pressure Regulation & Metering Station (RMS) for Sikalaha 150 MW Peaking Power Plant, Chittagong on Turnkey basis.
16	Tender publication date: 30-03-2010.
17	Tender selling date: 05-04-2010 to 24-05-2010.
18	Tender closing date and time: 25-05-2010 at 11:00am.
19	Tender opening date and time: 25-05-2010 at 11:30am.
20	Name & address of the office: Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Selling tender document (principal): Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Selling tender document (other): Not applicable.
	Receiving tender document: Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
	Opening tender document: Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional): N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER	
22	Eligibility of tenderer: As per tender document.
23	Brief description of goods or works: Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Pressure Regulation & Metering Station (RMS) for Sikalaha 150 MW Peaking Power Plant, Chittagong on Turnkey basis.
24	Brief description of related services: N/A.
25	Price of tender document: Tk 4,000/- (four thousand) only in favour of Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka. (BDT)
26	Lot Identification of lot: Location of delivery: Tender security amount in Tk/USD: Completion time in weeks/months:
1	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Pressure Regulation & Metering Station (RMS) for Sikalaha 150MW Peaking Power Plant, Chittagong on Turnkey basis: Sikalaha 150 MW Peaking Power Plant, Chittagong: BDT 8,40,000 or USD 12,000.00: Time for completion of commissioning within 180 days from the date of L/C opening
27	Name of official inviting tender: Abu Reza Md Salahuddin.
28	Designation of official inviting tender: Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS	
29	Address of official inviting tender: WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender: Tel: +88 02 9550532, 7120089, Fax: +88 02 7126151
31	Special instruction: Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender to annul the tender process or to reject any or all tenders at any time prior to contract award.
32	Tender document can be downloaded for observation only from BPDB's Website No: www.bpdb.gov.bd
33	This tender will be performed according to "The Public Procurement Rules 2008."
Abu Reza Md Salahuddin Director Directorate of Purchase BPDB, Dhaka	

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