

India keeps interest rates on hold to guard against inflation

India's central bank kept interest rates on hold Tuesday, saying it was worried inflation in Asia's third-largest economy may not cool as fast as hoped.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintained the benchmark repo rate, at which it lends to commercial banks, at a steep 8.0 percent, in line with analysts' expectations.

"There are risks from food price shocks as the full effects of the monsoon's passage unfold, and from geopolitical developments that could materialise rapidly," RBI governor Raghuram Rajan said after a monetary policy meeting in Mumbai.

Wholesale price inflation fell to a near five-year low in August, but retail inflation, which the RBI closely tracks, is hovering at close to eight percent.

Business leaders have been clamouring for a rate cut to bring down steep borrowing costs to spur sluggish economic growth.

But Rajan has been firm that inflation must be tamed first.

He said he was confident of pushing retail inflation below eight percent by January next year, but said it would be "hard" to reach the target of six percent the following year.

"There's a fair amount of work that needs to be done," he said, adding he was unsure what course monetary policy would take.

The central bank has raised the repo rate three times since Rajan, nicknamed "The Guv", was installed as governor a year ago.

He has promised not to keep India's benchmark lending rate high for a "second" longer than necessary, but he also did not rule out a rate hike Tuesday, saying he would "tighten screws" if necessary.

"The underlying tone of the RBI without a doubt remains hawkish," Bank of Baroda chief economist Rupa Rege Nitsure said.

Rajan has been praised for his tough line against inflation, which hits India's hundreds of millions of poor hardest, as well as for stabilising the country's currency.

India's right-wing government, which took office in May, is keen to

see interest rates fall to help it fulfil its election promise to accelerate growth.

The economy expanded by 5.7 percent in the first quarter of the financial year from the same period a year earlier -- the best quarterly performance in more than two years.

But economists say India -- with three quarters of a billion people under the age of 35 -- needs to return to at least eight-to-nine percent growth to create jobs for its young people.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been promising to roll out the red carpet for foreign investors during his current US visit as he seeks money for projects to overhaul India's dilapidated infrastructure and revitalise growth.

Modi has already sought to speed up notoriously slow government decision-making and slash red tape that has been delaying projects.

But now "hard-selling of India needs to be translated into action on (the) ground," said YES Bank chief economist Shubhada Rao.

Stocks showed little reaction to the central bank's decision to keep rates steady.

Thailand to give tourists 'safety' wristbands

Thailand on Tuesday announced plans to give tourists wristbands carrying their personal details, as the kingdom falls under intense scrutiny over visitor safety following the murder of two British holidaymakers.

Under the scheme hotels will distribute the wristbands to new arrivals.

"If anything happens to them we will then know their names, nationality and hotel," said Arnunarp Gaesornsuwan, director general of the Department of Tourism told AFP.

"We have discussed it with hotel operators and they are willing to do it," he said.

"We are not going into their personal information -- it's just the details they have to fill out on the immigration form already," he said.

eBay to split PayPal into standalone company

US online auction giant eBay on Tuesday agreed to shareholders' requests for a split making its highly profitable PayPal brand into an independent company starting next year.

Current eBay shareholders will receive stock in the future PayPal in proportion to their current holdings, the company said in a statement.

The split will give shareholders "more targeted investment opportunities" and will increase the value of the company over the long term, the statement said, without giving more details of the spinoff.

Rumors of a split, which activist investor Carl Icahn had unsuccessfully demanded during the spring, had been circulating since the end of August.

eBay said it had decided to spinoff PayPal after carefully examining several strategic options available and planned to complete the separation in the second half of 2015.

PayPal accounted for 41 percent of eBay's revenues last year and has more than 152 million active users.

eBay chief executive John Donahue and chief financial officer Bob Swan will lead the transition of both businesses, the statement said. But they will not hold executive management roles in the two new companies, instead serving on one or both boards.

Apple to launch iPhone 6 in China from Oct 17

Apple said Tuesday it will begin selling its latest iPhones in China from October 17 after the Chinese regulator pressed the US giant to improve personal data security to gain approval.

Apple launched the large-screen iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus in 10 countries and regions on September 19, though not in mainland China, with state media saying

problems with licensing were the main obstacle.

The absence of China in the first round of sales was notable because Apple launched the iPhone 5s and 5c in the mainland at the same time as other major markets last year.

But on Tuesday the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology said on its website it had granted a network access licence for the phone.



A Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Bank Asia, inaugurates an agent banking booth of the bank at Sholla Bazar of Nawabganj upazila of Dhaka on Sunday. Md Arfan Ali, deputy managing director, was also present.



ABM Azaharul Islam, chairman of Shimulia Union Parishad, inaugurates the 96th branch of Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) at KD Super Market in Baraipara Bazar, of Shimulia in Ashulia recently. Md Hashem Chowdhury, deputy managing director of MTB, was also present.



Syed Gias Hussain, additional managing director of Apex, opens the company's flagship outlet after expansion in Uttara, Dhaka recently. Rajan Pillai, chief operating officer of Apex, was also present. The company has also launched gift vouchers ranging between Tk 1,000 and Tk 3,000.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology
Information and Communication Technology Division
Engineering Building, Science Laboratory, Dhaka

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Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Selection of Firms under FBS

1.	Ministry/Division	Information and Communication Technology Division.
2.	Agency	Learning & Earning Development Project.
3.	Name of procuring entity	Learning & Earning Development Project.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Training Firms, Lump sum.
7.	EOI Ref. No.	56.00.0000.030.02.007.14.001.
8.	Date	27 Sept 14.

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procurement sub-method	Selection under a fixed budget (FBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, GoB.
11.	Development partner	N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project/programme code	5-2801-5013.
13.	Project/programme name	Learning & Earning Development Project.
14.	EOI closing date and time	27/10/2014, 05:00pm.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

15.	Brief description of the assignment	Conducting the outsourcing/freelancing training courses as mentioned below. Most of the training courses will be held at the union/upazila level and district headquarters throughout the country. Some of the course will also be held at division levels. 1. Basic IT/ICT Literacy Training for Women at Union Level (20 persons/batch), Budget Tk 5,55,000/- (excluding VAT & AIT) per batch. 2. Basic IT/ICT Outsourcing Training for Freelancers at Union/Upazila Level (50 persons/batch), Budget Tk 3,66,000/- (excluding VAT & AIT) per batch. 3. Advanced IT/ICT Specialized Outsourcing Training for Freelancers at Upazila/District Level (40 persons/batch), Budget Tk 7,50,000/- (excluding VAT & AIT) per batch.
17.	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	1. Sufficient experience in conducting similar type of training courses. 2. At least 10 trainers, everyone being IT (or related) graduate and having minimum 2 years training experience. 3. Ability to provide computer loans. 4. Sufficient number of laptops, high-speed internet modems and other necessary resources for conducting the training courses in the remote and inaccessible areas of the country. 5. Registered and established office with sufficient support staff. 6. Online monitoring and support system with sufficient number of experienced staff.
18.	Other details	1. Understanding government development approach and projects/programmes. 2. Sufficient knowledge on global outsourcing market etc.
19.	Association with foreign firms is	Not encouraged.

Ref No.	Phasing of services	Location	Indicative start date (month/year)	Indicative completion date (month/year)
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26.	Name of the official inviting EOI	Zehsan Islam.
27.	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Deputy Project Director (Deputy Secretary).
28.	Address of the official inviting EOI	Engineering Building (4th Floor), Science Laboratory, Dhaka.
29.	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	01768620970.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.
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নিলাম দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

২০১৪-২০১৫ খ্রিঃ অর্থ সালে ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশের লজিস্টিকস এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিভাগ এবং টেলিফোন এক্সচেঞ্জ এর বিভিন্ন প্রকার অকেজো মালামাল নিলাম দরপত্রের মাধ্যমে বিক্রয়ের জন্য নিম্নলিখিত শর্ত সাপেক্ষে সীলমোহরকৃত বামে প্রয়োজনীয় যোগ্যতাসম্পন্ন নিলাম দরদাতাদের নিকট হইতে The Public Procurement বিধিমালা/২০০৮ মোতাবেক নিলাম দরপত্র আহবান করা যাইতেছে।

০১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২	সংস্থা	বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
০৩	নিলাম দরপত্র কর্তৃপক্ষ	ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা।
০৪	নিলাম দরপত্রে আইটেমের নাম	ক) বিভাগীয় ভাভারের ঠোরে বিভিন্ন প্রকার মালামাল সিডিউল মোতাবেক। খ) লজিস্টিকস এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট অফিসের ঠোরে রক্ষিত বিভিন্ন প্রকার মালামাল সিডিউল মোতাবেক। গ) টেলিফোন এক্সচেঞ্জের বিভিন্ন প্রকার মালামাল সিডিউল মোতাবেক।
০৫	নিলাম দরপত্র আহবানের নম্বর	১৪/২০১৪-২০১৫ খ্রিঃ।
০৬	নিলাম দরপত্র আহবানের তারিখ	২৯-০৯-২০১৪ খ্রিঃ।
০৭	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি	টেন্ডার সিকিউরিটি হিসাবে ৩৫,০০০/- (পঁয়ত্রিশ হাজার) টাকা বাংলাদেশ সরকার কর্তৃক অনুমোদিত যে কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক এর পে-অর্ডার/ব্যাংক ড্রাফট পুলিশ কমিশনার, ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকার অফিসে নিলাম দরপত্রের সাথে সংযুক্ত করে দাখিল করিতে হইবে।
০৮	নিলাম দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য	নিলাম দরপত্র দলিলের মূল্য নগদ ৮০০/- (আটশত) টাকা (অফেরতযোগ্য)।
০৯	নিলাম দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৬-১০-২০১৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্যাডে আবেদনের মাধ্যমে নিলাম দরপত্র দলিল সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।
১০।	নিলাম দরপত্র দাখিলের সর্বশেষ তারিখ ও সময়	২৭-১০-২০১৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ সময় ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে।
১০।	নিলাম দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৭-১০-২০১৪ খ্রিঃ তারিখ সময় ১২.৩০ ঘটিকায়।
১১।	নিলাম দরপত্র দলিল সংগ্রহের ঠিকানা	সহকারী পুলিশ কমিশনার (ইকুইপমেন্ট এন্ড ট্রেনারীজ), রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইনস্ এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে।
১১।	নিলাম দরপত্র জমা দেওয়ার ঠিকানা	সহকারী পুলিশ কমিশনার (ইকুইপমেন্ট এন্ড ট্রেনারীজ), রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইনস্ এর অফিস কক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাস্তবে।
১২।	নিলাম দরপত্র খোলার স্থান	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (লজিস্টিকস এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট) এর কার্যালয়, রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইনস্, ঢাকা। দরদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) দরপত্র খোলা হইবে।
১৩।	নিলাম দরপত্র আহবান কর্তৃপক্ষের নাম	ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা।
১৪।	নিলাম দরপত্র আহবানকারীর পদবী	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (লজিস্টিকস এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট) ডিএমপি, ঢাকা।
১৫।	নিলাম দরপত্র আহবানকারীর ঠিকানা	লজিস্টিকস এন্ড প্রকিউরমেন্ট অফিস, রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইনস্, ঢাকা।
১৬।	নিলাম দরপত্রদাতার যোগ্যতা	নিলাম দরপত্রের সহিত সকল কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি জমা প্রদান করিতে হইবে। ক) নবায়নকৃত ট্রেড লাইসেন্স খ) আয়কর পরিশোধের সার্টিফিকেট গ) ভাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সার্টিফিকেট ঘ) ব্যাংক সলভেটি সার্টিফিকেট।

কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন নিলাম দরপত্র গ্রহণ/প্রত্যাহ্বান করার ক্ষমতা অত্র সংস্থা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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Expression of Interest for Selection of Training Firms

1.	Ministry/Division	Information and Communication Technology Division.
2.	Agency	Learning & Earning Development Project.
3.	Name of procuring entity	Learning & Earning Development Project.
4.	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6.	Expression of interest for selection of	Training Firms, Lump sum.
7.	EOI Ref No.	56.00.0000.030.02.007.14.002
8.	Date	27-Sep-14

KEY INFORMATION

9.	Procurement sub-method	Direct Purchase Method (PPR-2008 Rule 76(1)(a))
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10.	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, GoB.
11.	Development partner	N/A

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12.	Project/programme code	5-2801-5013
13.	Project/programme name	Learning & Earning Development Project.
14.	EOI closing date and time	27 Oct 2014, 05:00pm.

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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

26.	Name of the official inviting EOI	Zehsan Islam.
27.	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Deputy Project Director (Deputy Secretary).
28.	Address of the official inviting EOI	Engineering Building (4th Floor), Science Laboratory, Dhaka.
29.	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	01768620970

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