

Interest rates would be higher without immigrants

BBC NEWS

There seems to be a bit of confusion about what the Bank of England and its governor said about the economic impact of migration. First things first.

As long ago as last October, the Bank's chief economist, Andy Haldane, acknowledged that immigration depresses pay.

He noted that one respected study, by Dustmann, Frattini and Preston, found that each 1 percent increase in the share of migrants in the working age population leads to a 0.6 percent decline in the wages of the 5 percent lowest paid workers.

And to be clear, the general point that an influx of workers from abroad represents a weight on the pay of the indigenous population is a statement of the overwhelmingly obvious: it is simply a version of the law of supply and demand, that the price of anything falls when supply rises relative to demand.

So there is nothing terribly revelatory in Mark Carney saying, at the Bank's three-monthly news conference on its Inflation Report, that immigration had held down the rise in wages and living standards.

Perhaps more interesting is that the Bank acknowledged that it - like the government - had underestimated how much immigration there would be in recent years.

This is what its Inflation Report

says: "Net inward migration was close to a historical high of just under 300,000, around 0.5 percent of the population, in the four quarters to 2014 Q3."

"That is well above the 165,000 per year assumed in the ONS's population projections, which were last updated in 2012, and upon which the Labour Force Survey is based."

"Bank staff have revised up their assumptions about population growth from 2013 onwards on the basis of higher net migration."

So that would imply, on the Dustmann formula, that over two years, immigration had depressed the pay of the poorest by around 0.6 percent - which is neither devastating nor trivial.

Dampening down? Which is broadly consistent with what Mark Carney said on the Today programme this morning - though not completely.

The governor wanted - in his words - "to dampen down" the idea that net migration was a big negative factor on productivity and wage growth.

And to prove his point, he said that net migration over the past two years was just 50,000 - which he regards as relatively inconsequential, compared with a net increase in the effective size of the labour force of more than 500,000 due to people retiring later and wanting to work longer hours.

But I am not sure of the source of

his 50,000. It is a sixth of the net inward migration statistic cited by the Bank itself for the year to the end of October 2014. And the Office for National Statistics yesterday said that the total number of UK non-nationals working in the UK rose by 294,000 in the year to the end of March (to a total of 3.1 million).

I hesitate to say the governor got it wrong. But the official statistics don't tell his story. Now there are two other issues here.

First is whether the influx of migrant workers depresses productivity as well as wages.

That looks very unlikely at first glance. As the Bank points out, the Poles and Romanians who take service sector jobs tend to be over-qualified for the work they do in the UK. Often they have degrees. So it is very unlikely that their output would be less than the equivalent indigenous Brit.

However, if the availability of this relatively talented pool of foreign workers is persuading British companies to take on labour to increase output rather than investing in expensive new kit, then that would have a negative impact on productivity - because this failure to invest would mean that the output per hour of the workforce would be lower than it would otherwise be.

That said, it would be slightly bonkers to blame immigrants for

companies' low investment: that is surely much more to do with their confidence and their culture.

The second important question is whether pulling up the drawbridge and shrinking the numbers of migrants to the UK would be so wonderful for those living and working here. Well, if the labour market were to tighten, that would probably lead to a welcome increase in wages.

But the Bank of England does not believe there is massive slack in the labour market any longer. And how can there be huge spare capacity, with employment at record levels and unemployment more or less back at pre-Crash levels?

So if wage increases suddenly accelerated, at a time when productivity growth remains trivial, they would probably be passed on by companies in the form of higher prices. Or to put it another way, inflation would take off.

What you will already have deduced, of course, is that as soon as the Bank were to see a tightening in the labour market, it would preemptively increase interest rates, to choke off demand and any serious rise in inflation.

So if living standards were to rise thanks to a rise in wages, they would almost certainly be simultaneously depressed by a rise in mortgage and other interest rates on households' record debts.



DHAKA REGENCY
Dhaka Regency's Chairman Kabir Reza and Managing Director Arif Motahar attend a corporate night programme organised by the hotel in Dhaka on Thursday.



SYMPHONY
Aminur Rashid, chairman of Edison Group, parent company of Symphony Mobile, and Allan Bonke, chief marketing officer of Grameenphone, sign a memorandum of understanding to work on reducing handset price and improve mobile internet usage in Bangladesh, at Grameenphone head office recently.



SM Kamaluddin, chairman of Concord Group, poses at the launch of Freestyler -- a new brand of jeans launched by the company to mark its 40th anniversary -- at a function in Dhaka on Friday. Concord also launched a new restaurant and convention hall at Fantasy Kingdom, and inaugurated a ready mix concrete plant, to mark the occasion.

CONCORD

Concord celebrates 40th anniversary

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Concord Group on Friday launched a new restaurant, a new brand of jeans and a ready mix concrete plant to mark its 40th anniversary.

The restaurant and convention centre was opened at Fantasy Kingdom, the group's theme park in Savar.

The new brand of jeans—Freestyler—is designed to serve all age groups and aimed at turning out to be a substitute to foreign jeans brands in the country, Concord said in a statement.

The ready mix cement plant—the group's third plant—has a production capacity of 50 cubic metres per hour, which will help boost the factory's output, according to the statement.

Russia's economy falls in Q1 as woes mount

BBC NEWS

The Russian economy has contracted in the first three months of 2015 because of low oil prices, weaker spending and sanctions from the West.

It shrank by 1.9 percent between January and March compared to the previous year, according to the Russian statistics agency.

That compares to annual growth of 0.4 percent in the previous quarter.

President Vladimir Putin has said the government expects Russia's economy to start growing again next year.

But the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development says that it expects the economy to contract by 4.5 percent in 2015 and 1.8 percent in 2016.

The country has hit been hard by a sharp fall in oil prices in the past year, its main export, as well as by sanctions imposed by the West over the Ukraine crisis.

"The best that can be said about Q1 GDP [first quarter gross domestic product] data from Russia is that the economy has avoided outright collapse and is, instead, merely on the cusp of recession," says Neil Shearing, chief emerging markets economist at Capital Economics.

Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev had previously predicted a 2 percent decline in the first quarter of 2015.

"Though better than expected, this is still a painful fall for any economy," said Craig Botham, emerging markets economist at Schroders.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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কর অঞ্চল-১৫, ঢাকা
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উৎসে কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, ঢাকা সিভিল জেলার প্রধান কার্যালয়ে অবস্থিত সকল উৎসে আয়কর কর্তনকারী কর্তৃপক্ষকে নিম্নবর্ণিত খাতসমূহের ক্ষেত্রে অর্থ/বিল পরিশোধকালে উহাদের পার্শ্বে বর্ণিত উৎসে কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহপূর্বক নির্দিষ্ট কোডে জমা দেওয়ার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হইল।

ক্রমিক নং	উৎসে করের খাত	আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ ও আয়কর বিধিমালা, ১৯৮৪ এর ধারা/বিধি	কর কর্তনের বর্তমান হার
১	২	৩	৪
১)	সিএন্ডএফ কমিশন	52AAA	১০% হারে।
২)	জমি হুকুম দখল	52C	সিটি কর্পোরেশন, পৌরসভা ও ক্যান্টন বোর্ড এলাকার ক্ষেত্রে ২% এবং অন্যান্য এলাকার ক্ষেত্রে ১% হারে।
৩)	আন্তর্জাতিক ফোন কল	52R	IGW Services Operator এর বিলের উপর ১% এবং ICX ও ANS অপারেটরের বিলের উপর ৫% হারে।
৪)	জমি, প্লান্ট, মেশিনারী ভাড়া	53J	৫% হারে।

যে উপকর কমিশনার এর অনুকূলে চালান/পে-অর্ডার জমা করিতে হইবেঃ

- উপকর কমিশনার, সদর দপ্তর (প্রশাসন), কর অঞ্চল-১৫, ঢাকা।

উৎসে কর্তনকৃত আয়কর চালানের মাধ্যমে জমার ক্ষেত্রে হিসাবের খাতঃ

- ১-১১৪১-০১১০-০১০১ (আয়কর কোম্পানীসমূহ) এবং
- ১-১১৪১-০১১০-০১১১ (আয়কর কোম্পানী ব্যতীত)

উৎসে কর কর্তন/সংগ্রহ সংক্রান্ত বিধানাবলী পরিপালনে ব্যর্থতার ক্ষেত্রেঃ

সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠান উক্ত করের জন্য খেলাপি করদাতা হিসেবে অনাদায়ী সময়ের জন্য মাসিক ২% হারে অতিরিক্ত অর্থসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট আয়কর পরিশোধ করিবেন (ধারা-৫৭)। ইহা ছাড়াও বিদ্যমান আইনে এক বছরের জেল বা জরিমানা অথবা উভয় দণ্ডের বিধান রহিয়াছে (ধারা-১৬৪)।

মাহবুব হোসেন
কর কমিশনার
কর অঞ্চল-১৫, ঢাকা

জিডি-১৭৯৪

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Inspector General
Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka

Memo No. K/28-2015/1590 Date: 14 May 2015

Invitation for Tender

For financial year 2015-2016, sealed tenders are hereby invited from the manufacturers/suppliers in their official pad for the purchase of the uniform items for Bangladesh Police.

No.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
1	Agency	Bangladesh Police.
2	Procuring entity name	Assistant Inspector General (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
3	Invitation for	Police Uniform Items.
4	Invitation Ref. No.	K/28-2015/1590.
5	Date	14 May 2015.

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget and source of fund	Revenue Budget (GoB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

9	Tender publication date	14 May 2015.
10	Tender last selling date	16 June 2015.
11	Tender closing date and time	17 June 2015 at 12:00 noon.
12	Tender opening date and time	17 June 2015 at 12:30pm.

Name & address of the office

13	Name & address of the office	Police Headquarters, Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka - 1000.
	- Selling tender document	i) AIG (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka -1000. ii) AIG (Admin), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka -1000.
	- Receiving tender document	AIG (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police, Headquarters, Dhaka-1000.
	- Opening tender document	Conference Room (3 rd Floor), NCCOM Building, 6, Phoenix Road, Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
14	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	1 st June 2015 at 12:00 noon. Conference Room (3 rd Floor), NCCOM Building, Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15	Eligibility of tenderer	1) Up-to-date trade license, 2) Current income tax certificate, 3) VAT registration, 4) Bank solvency certificate and 5) other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG-2/PG-3).
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Brief description of goods

Item	Quantity	Price of tender document (non-refundable)	Tender security amount (Tk.)	Completion time
TC Plain Deep Grey Fabric (For District Police)	300000 Meter	1,500/-	25,25,000/-	120 days
TC Twill Dark Blue Fabric (For District Police)	260000 meter	1,500/-	21,88,000/-	120 days
TC Plain Light Olive Fabric	210000 meter	1,500/-	17,70,000/-	120 days
TC Twill Combat Fabric (APBn)	70000 meter	1,000/-	6,25,000/-	120 days
Boot (For District Police)	60000 pair	1,500/-	24,50,000/-	120 days
Tactical Boot (For SPBn)	2000 pair	800/-	1,70,000/-	90 days
Canvas Shoe (For District Police)	100000 pair	1,500/-	33,15,000/-	60 days
Jacket (Deep Grey)	33000 pcs	1,000/-	9,25,000/-	90 days
Jacket (Light Olive)	14300 pcs	1,000/-	4,10,000/-	90 days
Long Jacket (Deep Grey/Light olive)	6710 pcs	800/-	1,56,000/-	75 days
Jersey (Deep Grey/Light Olive)	15200 pcs	1,000/-	2,85,000/-	90 days
Blanket (Including FPU)	6000 pcs	1,000/-	2,60,000/-	90 days
Cardigan (Deep Grey/Light Olive)	2200 pcs	700/-	50,000/-	75 days
Combat Jacket (Including FPU)	5500 pcs	800/-	1,62,000/-	75 days
Jacket (For SPBn)	660 pcs	700/-	52,000/-	75 days
Boot (Special Type/Tactical) for FPU	1500 pair	700/-	72,000/-	75 days

Name of official inviting tender: Md. Rezaul Karim.
Designation of the official inviting tender: Assistant Inspector General (Supply).
Address of official inviting tender: Assistant Inspector General (Supply), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

Contact details of official inviting the tender: Phone & Fax: 9567001, E-mail: aigsupp@police.gov.bd

Special instructions

- No tender will be received after the deadline of submission.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason.
- The procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from the tender.
- If not possible to receive/open the tender on the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time & same venue.
- The procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.

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