

# China under mounting pressure to ease policy as economy stumbles

REUTERS, Beijing

China is under growing pressure to further stimulate its economy after disappointing data over the week-end showed another heavy fall in factory-gate prices and a surprise slump in exports.

Producer prices in July hit their lowest point since late 2009, during the aftermath of the global financial crisis, and have been sliding continuously for more than three years.

Exports tumbled 8.3 percent in the same month, their biggest fall in four months, as weaker global demand for Chinese goods and a strong yuan policy hurt manufacturers.

"Policy focus is definitely the (producer) deflation at this stage," said Zhou Hao, economist at Commerzbank AG in Singapore.

He said China's central bank would likely need to further cut interest rates again, having already cut four times since November in the most aggressive easing in nearly seven years.

The gloom may only deepen in the coming week with a raft of economic data forecast to show renewed weakness in factories, investment and domestic spending.

The world's second-largest economy is officially targeted to grow at 7 percent this year, still strong by global standards, but



A customer pushes a cart at a supermarket in Anhui province, China.

some economists believe it is growing at a much slower pace.

Economists expect the central bank to cut rates by another 25 basis points this year, and further reduce the amount of deposits banks must hold as reserves by another 100 basis points, according to a Reuters poll last month.

The producer price index fell 5.4 percent from a year earlier, the National Statistics Bureau said on Sunday, compared with an expected 5.0 percent drop. It was the worst reading since October 2009 and the 40th straight month of price decline.

Falling producer prices are

worrying because they eat into the profits of miners and manufacturers and raise the burden of their debts. China's corporate debt stands at 160 percent of gross domestic product, twice that of the United States, according to a Thomson Reuters study of over 1,400 firms.

In line with the sluggish economy, annual consumer inflation remained muted at 1.6 percent despite surging pork prices, in line with forecasts and slightly higher than June's 1.4 percent.

A cooling housing market, uneven exports and weak investment have cooled annual

economic growth, which will be slowest in a quarter of a century even if it hits Beijing's target this year.

A strong yuan policy - designed in part to support domestic consumption and help Chinese firms to borrow and invest abroad - is hurting exporters. Trade data on Saturday showed depressed demand from Europe and the first drop in exports to the United States, China's biggest market, since March.

Chinese firms have laid off workers for 21 consecutive months as they slash prices to a six-month low to attract customers, an official survey showed this month.

China's turbulent stock markets, which have fallen by almost a third since peaking in June, also add a new sense of urgency for top officials as they try to ensure a stable financial system can fund Beijing's efforts to rekindle economic growth.

Yet, even the central bank has warned that looser policy may not be effective in lessening the pain felt by companies.

Companies are holding back on spending amid a reluctance by banks to lend due to rising bad debts.

"Maintaining a growth rate of 7 percent in the second half of the year will be a challenge," ANZ Bank said in a note at the weekend. "Monetary policy will need to become more supportive."



Md Zillur Rahman, managing director of Bangladesh Development Bank, and Md Fayekuzzaman, managing director of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, exchange documents of a deal to float Peninsula AMCL BDBL Unit Fund One, in Dhaka recently. AKA Mubin, chairman of Peninsula Asset Management Company, was also present.



Sazzadul Hassan, managing director of Syngenta Bangladesh, hands the dividend cheque to Mohammad Iqbal, chairman of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation, at a programme recently. The 15th annual general meeting of Syngenta Bangladesh was held at Syngenta Learning and Development Centre in Bogra on Saturday. Syngenta



Shagufa Anwar, chief of communication and business development at United Hospital, and Shakawat Hossain, executive director of Auko-TEX Group, exchange documents of an agreement at a programme recently. Staff of Auko-TEX Group and their dependants will get corporate medical benefits from the hospital.

# Greece, creditors seen closing in on third bailout accord

AFP, Athens

Greece and its creditors were to resume talks in Athens on Sunday with both sides indicating that the terms of a third bailout will be finalised in short order.

The finance and economy ministers, Euclid Tsakalotos and Giorgos Stathakis, were to go back into the talks with the ECB, the International Monetary Fund and the European Stability Mechanism at 2:00 pm (1100 GMT).

They are finalising the draft of a crucial new bailout of up to 86 billion euros (\$94 billion) in exchange for further reforms before the debt-ridden country must repay 3.4 billion euros to

the European Central Bank on August 20.

Stathakis said ahead of negotiations on Saturday that lasted more than six hours that the talks were "in the final stretch".

On Sunday, pro-government newspaper Avgi said: "All signs are pointing to an agreement... possibly being reached even today."

It added that parliament could vote on the accord this week, or that eurozone finance ministers could approve it first on Friday, after which parliament would vote on it on August 18.

Germany's Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported Sunday that the Greek government would likely approve a 27-page draft memoran-

dum of reform commitments this weekend to allow the new bailout to go through before the August 20 repayment deadline.

With its lenders insisting on "very good cooperation" from Athens, both sides are "working flat out" and "intense talks with Greece will continue over the weekend," an EU source said.

An agreement will have to be reached by August 17 to prevent Greece from having to ask for a bridging loan to avoid another loan default.

The cash-strapped country already missed two key payments to the IMF that were due on June 30 and July 13, but the repayments -



Mizanur Rahman Shelley, chairman of Premier Leasing and Finance, attends the managers' conference of the company at its head office in Motijheel, Dhaka on Saturday. Mustafizur Rahman, managing director, was also present.



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## Invitation for e-Tender

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of goods/works	Last selling date and time	Closing date and time	Opening date and time
28918	PDSDP-57	Development Work Store-1 (Fouzdarhat)	19-Aug-2015, 16:00	20-Aug-2015, 14:00	20-Aug-2015, 14:30
28921	PDSDP W-58	Development Work Store-2 (Rampur)	23-Aug-2015, 16:00	24-Aug-2015, 14:00	24-Aug-2015, 14:30

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the national e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)). For more details please contract to the PE's support desk (031-2525832, 01866955442, 01866955445).

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## Zimbabwe police bar trade union protests over job losses


AFP, Harare

Zimbabwe police on Saturday blocked the country's main workers union from protesting against a recent wave of job losses and briefly held union leaders, one of the march organisers said.

"The police besieged our offices when we were about to stage our demonstration and they decided to arrest the leadership," Japhet Moyo, secretary general of Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions (ZCTU) told AFP.

"The police then released the leadership by randomly dropping us at various points away from (the planned march site)," he said.

The protestors had intended to express their "anger and displeasure over job losses."



**ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানি লিমিটেড**  
**DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD.**  
(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Memo No. DPDC/SE/NOCS Circle Motijheel/Tender/2015-2016/210/01 Date- 06/08/2015

## INVITATION FOR TENDER

01 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power Energy & Mineral Resources/ Power Division		
02 Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC)		
03 Procuring Entity Name	Superintending Engineer, Network Operation & Customer Service Circle Motijheel, DPDC		
04 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
05 Invitation For	Yearly Repair and Maintenance of 11 KV, 11/0.4 KV, 0.4 KV Overhead Line & Distribution Transformer under NOCS Mugdapara, DPDC for FY 2015-2016		
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
06 Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method		
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
07 Budget and Source of Fund	DPDC's own fund (Revenue Budget)		
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
08 Tender Enquiry No	DPDC/SE/NOCS Circle Motijheel/Tender/2015-2016/210/01, Date- 06/08/2015		
09 Last Selling date of Tender with Bid submission and Bid Opening Date & Time	<b>Last Selling Date &amp; time</b> 25/08/2015 During Office Time	<b>Bid Submission Deadline</b> 26/08/2015 Time up to 12.00 Noon	<b>Bid Opening time</b> 26/08/2015 Time 12.30 PM
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDER</b>			
10 Name and Address of the office for selling & receiving of Tender Documents	<b>Place of Selling</b> Office of the : i) Chief Engr., NOCS (Central), DPDC 12/1/B Motijheel C/A. Dhaka. Tel: 7123133 ii) SE, NOCS Circle Motijheel, DPDC 12/1/B Motijheel C/A. Dhaka. Tel: 7121554	<b>Place of Receiving</b> Office of the : i) SE, NOCS Circle Motijheel, DPDC. 12/1/B Motijheel C/A. Dhaka. Tel: 7121554	
11 Place of Tender Opening	Office of the : SE, NOCS Circle Motijheel, DPDC. 12/1/B Motijheel C/A. Dhaka. Tel : 7121554, Fax : 9514808		
12 Eligibility of Tenderer	i) Reputed Contractors who have experience of at least 02 (Two) successful completion of yearly repair & maintenance works of 11/0.4 KV over head distribution lines not less than worth Tk. 2.50 Lac (Taka Two Lac Fifty Thousand only) each over last 5 (five) years any organization of power sector in Bangladesh ii) Tenderers shall have available competent manpower and logistic supports to complete the work. They have to provide the list of manpower and logistic in support.		
13 Price for the tender Document	Tk. 1000.00 (One Thousand) (non refundable) in the form of Pay order/Bank Draft from any schedule Bank in favour of Superintending Engineer, NOCS Circle Motijheel, DPDC.		
14 Tender Security Amount (Tk.)	Amount of Tk. 25,000.00 (Taka Twenty five thousand) have to be submitted with bid in favour of Superintending Engineer, NOCS Circle Motijheel, DPDC in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any schedule Bank.		
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>			
15 Name and Designation of the Official inviting Tender	Md. Kutub-Ul-Alam, Superintending Engineer, NOCS Circle Motijheel, DPDC.		
16 Address of the official inviting Tender	12/1/B Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
17 Contract Details of official inviting Tender	Tel. No. 7121554,	Fax No. 9514808	E-mail: <a href="mailto:semotijheel@dpdc.org.bd">semotijheel@dpdc.org.bd</a>
18 Special instructions	i) The Tenderer shall have to apply in their original letter pad (Photocopy will not be accepted) for purchasing tender document. The Tenderer shall have to show up-to-date valid original copies of Trade license, income Tax Certificate, Vat Registration Certificate, Experience Certificate & ABC license (Electrical) while purchasing the tender document and submit the attested copies of above documents with tender document. ii) All documents/Certificates must be attested by a 1 <sup>st</sup> class Officer. iii) The Tenderer shall have to Submit the experience certificate issued by an officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent officer. iv) Procuring agency reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in any stage without assigning any reason thereof. v) If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received / opened on the next working day at the same time. vi) The Tenderer shall have to satisfy the other criteria laid down in the tender Document.		

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