Is 2015 the beginning of the end for Africa's China-led boom?

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Disappointing growth in Africa's two biggest economies has highlighted the role of China in the expansion of recent years, now that China's own economy is slowing.

Expectations of more than 4 percent growth in Nigeria, Africa's largest economy, are probably now too high, and South Africa's prospects also look at risk. in need of revising.

Second-quarter growth for both countries was worse than the most pessimistic forecasts - in South Africa's case, by the biggest margin in at least half a decade of Reuters polls.

emerging market economies in Latin America and Asia, and a sign that now waning.

On Tuesday, the latest purchasing managers' data showed the weakest the weakest in three years for larger remain in place. enterprises.

Economists have long been aware that commodity-exporting countries would be troubled by China's rebalancing to a more consumerdriven economy. They have been warning since the shift began that investors would have to make do with slower growth.

"With growth slowing in Nigeria and collapsing in South Africa, our prediction that 2015 would be Africa's most difficult year so far this century seems, unfortunately, to be playing out," said John Ashbourne at Capital Economics.

"The key point is that high oil prices over the past decade may have led both investors and policymakers to ignore the deep structural problems within Nigeria's economy. Now that prices have fallen, those flaws have been exposed."

In addition, the Federal Reserve expects inflation to accelerate, making an increase in US interest rates more likely. But many emerging mar-

ket policymakers say they are ready for a US rate rise, and they are now focused on dealing with a slowing Chinese economy.

Two months ago, the Reuters longterm consensus on Nigeria was for 4.4 percent growth this year. But a drop to 2.35 percent in the second quarter from a record high of 8.6 percent in the fourth quarter of 2010 - puts that

South Africa, the continent's second-biggest economy, shrank 1.3 percent in the second quarter - worse than any of the 21 economists polled by Reuters had predicted. That makes the consensus for 1.9 percent growth this year, already weak by Their slowdown is similar to other emerging market standards, look too optimistic.

Razia Khan, Africa research China's appetite for raw materials is head at Standard Chartered, says ties. in the next decade, the structural drivers of Africa's growth - rising demographics, greater rates of growth in 6 1/2 years for small- to urbanisation, productivity gains, mid-sized China manufacturers and growth of financial markets, will

external headwinds -deteriorating risk appetite and weaker commodity prices - may well take the shine off growth trends," she said.

The World Bank forecasts GDP growth in sub-Saharan Africa will slow this year to 4.2 percent, down from an average of 6.4 percent during 2002 to

Even after a decade of growth, sub-Saharan Africa's manufacturing remains weak. Exports from the region more than quadrupled to \$457 billion in the decade to 2011, but manufactured goods made up just \$58 billion

Africa could have rebalanced its own economies, by shifting from commodity-led growth to inter-regional trade. But neglected infrastructure looks set to keep the continent reliant on commodi-

"Africa remains largely a primary goods exporter. There are growth opportunities to be found in forwardintegrating its largely primary industries," said Rafiq Raji, an economist at macroafricaintelligence.com, a "However, in the very near future, research service based in Lagos.



Second-quarter growth for China and South Africa was worse than the most pessimistic forecasts.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ পরিচালক (পুলিশ সুপার) এর কার্যালয় ইভাস্ট্রিয়াল পুলিশ-২, প্লট নং-২২৫, নলজানী, চৌরাস্তা, গাজীপুর

তারিখঃ ৩১/০৮/২০১৫খ্রিঃ স্মারক নং- ৭৫০/ই ২০১৫-২০১৬ অর্থ বছরে ২য় কোয়ার্টারে (অক্টোবর/১৫ হতে ডিসেম্বর/১৫খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত) রেশন স্টোরের (ভোজ্য তেল, মণ্ডর ডাল, জালানি কাঠ, পোলাও এর চাল, গম পেষাই ও কুলি ক্রয়/সরবরাহের নিমিত্তে 'দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা/২০০৮ অনুসারে নিমুবর্ণিত শর্তসাপেক্ষে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/পুলিশ বিভাগ

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٥٥.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	৩০/০৯/২০১৫খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়।				
33.	দরপত্র জমা প্রদানের সর্বশেষ তাং ও সময়	০৪/১০/২০১৫খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে।				
٥٤.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	০৪/১০/২০১৫খ্রিঃ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।				
অফি	সর নাম ও ঠিকানাঃ					
٥٥.	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা					
	দরপত্র ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিস	০১। পরিচালক (পুলিশ সুপার) এর কার্যালয়, ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল পুলিশ-২, গাজীপুর। ০২। ডাইরেক্টর জেনারেল, ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, উত্তরা, ঢাকা। ০৩। পুলিশ সুপার, গাজীপুর জেলা।				
	দরপত্র গ্রহণকারী/অফিস	০১। পরিচালক (পুলিশ সুপার) এর কার্যালয়, ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল পুলিশ-২, গাজীপুর। ০২। ডাইরেক্টর জেনারেল, ইন্ডাস্ট্রিয়াল পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, উত্তরা, ঢাকা। ০৩। পুলিশ সুপার, গাজীপুর জেলা।				

\$8.	প্রি-টেভার সভার স্থান, তারিখ, সময়	ইন্ডাঃপুঃ-২, গাজীঃ তাং ০২/০৬/২০১৫খ্রিঃ বেলাঃ ১২:৩০ ঘটিকা।						
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S &.	দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা	০১। হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ০২। আয়কর সনদ ০৩। ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদ ০৪। ব্যাংক সলভেন্সী সনদ ০৫। অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা যাহা টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউল (PG-2/PG-3) উল্লেখ আছে।						
১৬.	মালামালের বিবরণঃ							
ক্রমিক নং	আইটেম রেশন সামগ্রী	পরিমাণ (টন)	দরপত্রের মূল্য (টাকা) অফেরতযোগ্য	নিরাপত্তা জামানত (টাকা) ফেরতযোগ্য	কাজ সম্পন্ন করার সময় (দিন)			
ক।	ভোজ্য তেল (সয়াবিন উন্নতমানের)	৬ টন/চাহিদা মোতাবেক	960/-	90000/-	২য় কোয়ার্টার (অক্টোঃ/১৫ হইতে ডিসেঃ/১৫) পর্যন্ত			
খ।	মশুর ভাল (উন্নতমানের ছোট দানা)	৭ টন/চাহিদা মোতাবেক	960/-	90000/-	২য় কোয়ার্টার (অক্টোঃ/১৫ হইতে ডিসেঃ/১৫) পর্যন্ত			
গ।	জ্বালানি কাঠ (উন্নতমানের)	৬০ টন/চাহিদা মোতাবেক	@00/-	20000/-	২য় কোয়ার্টার (অক্টোঃ/১৫ হইতে ডিসেঃ/১৫) পর্যন্ত			
घ।	পোলাও এর চাল (উন্নতমানের)	১ টন/চাহিদা মোতাবেক	(coo/-	@000/-	২য় কোয়ার্টার (অক্টোঃ/১৫ হইতে ডিসেঃ/১৫) পর্যন্ত			
ঙ।	গম পেষাই (ক্রাসিং) করে আটা সরবরাহ	\$ 5 22	¢00/-	@000/-	২য় কোয়ার্টার (অক্টোঃ/১৫ হইতে ডিসেঃ/১৫) পর্যন্ত			
চ।	কুলি (লোড-আনলোড)	9 4 5	@oo/-	@000/-	২য় কোয়ার্টার (অক্টোঃ/১৫ হইতে ডিসেঃ/১৫) পর্যন্ত			

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দরপত	। সম্পাদনকারীর বিবরণঃ						
۵٩.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	জনাব শেখ মোঃ মিজানুর রহমান।					
36.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	পুলিশ সুপার।					
١۵.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	ইভাস্ট্রিয়াল পুলিশ-২, গাজীপুর।					
২૦,	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার যোগাযোগের মাধ্যম	ফোনঃ ০২-৯২৬১১৭২ ফ্যাব্রঃ ০২-৯২৬২৪৫৬।					
২১.	বিশেষ শর্তাবলীঃ						
	ক) নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর আর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।						

খ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে কর্তৃপক্ষ যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। গ) দরপত্রে উল্লেখিত যে কোন আইটেম এর পরিমাণ বৃদ্ধি অথবা কমানো বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের ক্ষমতা রয়েছে।

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ঘ) দরপত্র পিপিআর/২০০৬ ও পিপিআর/২০০৮ মোতাবেক সকল শর্তাবলী কার্যকর হবে।

পরিচালক (পুলিশ সুপার) ইভাস্ট্রিয়াল পুলিশ-২



Ziad Shatara, chief executive officer of Banglalink, and Syed Farhad Ahmed, managing director of Aamra Companies, pose at the launch of "Banglalink Aamra A10B smartphone" at the telecom operator's head office in Dhaka on Thursday. Banglalink has partnered with Aamra Smart Solutions to bring the flagship 3G smartphone, which has a four-inch display with 1GB RAM and 8GB ROM. Customers purchasing the phone with Tk 5,400 will get special bonus from Banglalink of the equivalent amount.

Japan may exempt food, drinks from sales tax hike

REUTERS, Tokyo

************************* Japan may exempt some food and beverages from a planned increase in the sales tax, government sources said.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government plans to raise the nationwide introduce for tax and social security to sales tax to 10 percent in 2017 from 8 administer tax rebates on purchases of immediately available for comment.

percent currently to pay for rising healthcare costs, but many politicians worry about the impact on lowincome households.

The government will use a national identity number system it plans to

some food and drinks, the sources said.

The number system is similar to a social security number in the United States. The finance ministry could submit its proposal on the tax rebate as early as next week, the sources said.

An official from the ministry was not



Bangladesh Bank

Head Office, Motijheel, Dhaka Financial Sector Support and Strategic Planning Department Request for Expression of Interest (REOI)

Selection of Individual Consultant: International IT Governance and Risk Management Specialist (BB-S7)

Introduction and Background:

This request for expression of interest follows the general procurement notice for this project that appeared in United Nations Development

Business No. WB3146-07/15 of July 09, 2015.

The Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh received a credit (IDA Credit No. BD 5664) from the International Development Association (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for hiring International IT Governance and Risk Management Specialist in order to provide necessary support for improvement of financial market infrastructure, regulatory and oversight capacity of Bangladesh Bank. Bangladesh Bank (BB) has implemented LAN-WAN, Enterprise Resources Planning Package, Core Banking System, National Payment Switch, Enterprise Data Warehouse, System for BFIU, Electronic Fund Transfer Network etc. in order to automate its business process. Bangladesh Bank is now planning to build on existing automated financial infrastructure to improve its service delivery to the next level of excellence. Now Bangladesh Bank intends to hire an international specialist on IT Governance and IT Risk Management in order to serve its objectives.

Tasks and Responsibilities:

The specialist will carry out following tasks and responsibilities:

Provide guidance and support to understand the prevalent IT standards adopted by leading Central Banks and Financial Sector in general.

Recommend specific standards that the Bangladesh Bank should seek to adopt. Enable the strategic and tactical alignment of IT with the priorities and goals of Bangladesh Bank.

Set up IT service management standards.

Assess IT Governance framework and advise BB in their IT Governance perspective. Provide assistance in establishing and sustaining effective IT policies, IT performance measurement and make proposal for

improvement if required. Help BB in formulating, updating world standard IT risk policy.

Identify different IT risks and propose solutions to mitigate those risks. Main risk management responsibility is to identify improvements and breakdowns in IT governance elements with significant business impact and feed into IT risk management function.

Provide assistance in establishing effective governance arrangements in IT procurements.

Provide inputs into IT disaster recovery process: Information security governance monitoring and reporting.

Deliverables The consultant will provide the following deliverables in English in two phases to Bangladesh Bank:

Phase-I An inception report with proposed work plan, list of people the consultant proposes to meet, plans for the consultation process and

Timeline: Three (3) week after the contract signing Submission of report on the prevalent IT standards adopted by leading Central Banks and financial sector in general with

recommendation of specific standards that the Bangladesh Bank should seek to adopt and also an implementation plan of those Timeline: Month three (3) of the contract period.

Detailed evaluation report of the current IT infrastructure, IT security and IT systems landscape of Bangladesh Bank. Timeline: Month six (6) of the contract period.

Assessment report on IT service management standards

Timeline: Month eight (8) of the contract period. Implementation support to recommendations: Timeline: On going.

Phase-II Assessment of current IT governance framework of BB and development of a comprehensive IT governance framework for BB's

future IT pathway. Timeline: Months twelve (12) of the contract period.

Identification of different IT risks and proposed solutions to mitigate those risks. Timeline: Months sixteen (16) of the contract period.

In-depth assessment of IT disaster recovery process.

Timeline: Months twenty (20) of the contract period.

Other relevant tasks Timeline: Months twenty-three (23) of the contract period.

Final report:

Timeline: Months twenty-four (24) of the contract period. Implementation support to the recommendations.

Timeline: On going. G. Submission of status report on quarterly basis for the whole contract period.

Required skills and experience

The specialist must possess the following qualifications:

Bachelor/Masters degree in science/business/IT subjects and related work experience. Having at least fifteen (15) years experience in the relevant field of assignment.

Having high level of intellectual and professional knowledge and skill: experience may be relaxed in the case of highly qualified

person depending on the field of assignment. Having qualifications in terms of professional certifications built around the implementation and audit skills required for

management standards that include IT Service Management, COBIT Frameworks, ISO27001, ISO27005, BS25999 and ISO38500. 5. Deep understanding of governance issues in IT and direct experience in at least 3 institutions with similar context as in Bangladesh

Bank in assessing IT governance arrangements against prevalent international standards and providing assistance in achieving certifications under relevant standards.

Experience in providing assistance in formulating and updating world standard IT risk management policy.

Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.

Knowledge of formulating IT governance objectives and goals and developing effective techniques for deriving these objectives from IT initiatives. The selected consultant will require to stay in Dhaka at least four week per year and all discussions with the consultant will be held in English.

Selection Criteria and Process: Bangladesh Bank now invites eligible individual specialists to indicate their interest in providing the services. The position will be selected

solely based on experience and qualifications criteria. Any individual or firm (firm has to apply proposing its individual) may indicate their interest in providing the services. Interested specialists must provide information to substantiate that they are qualified to perform the services. Only the experience and qualifications of individuals shall be used in the selection process. If a firm applies proposing its individual, their corporate experience shall not be taken into account. Contract will be signed with the individual/firm. Expression of interest shall have to be submitted to the address of the undersigned on or before 05 October 2015 within 05:00pm via mail or e-mail and be clearly marked "Expression of interest for international IT governance and risk management specialist (BB-S7). Interested candidates may obtain further information regarding "Terms of Reference" from the website of Bangladesh Bank, www.bb.org.bd or the address below, during working days, from 10:00am to 05:00pm. The consultants will be selected in accordance with World Bank Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by the World Bank Borrowers, January 2011 (Revised July 2014). The International IT Governance specialist will be hired for 24 months which may be extended at the purchaser's requirement. The

Bangladesh Bank authority solely preserves the right to accept or reject any or all the EOIs at any stage of selection process without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected candidate(s). Md. Ahsan Ullah

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