

German industries make economic case to welcome refugees

As thousands of refugees arrive every day in Germany, calls are growing louder from business leaders in Europe's biggest economy to offer them jobs.

"If we can integrate them quickly into the jobs market, we'll be helping the refugees, but also helping ourselves as well," the head of the powerful BDI industry federation, Ulrich Grillo, said this week.

For the countless Syrians, Afghans and Eritreans fleeing war and oppression in their home countries and seeking refuge in Europe, Germany is their chief destination, as it is for Kosovars and Albanians.

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Beyond the humanitarian imperative to offer protection, businesses are increasingly seeing an economic case to keep the asylum seekers, particularly since Germany's rapidly ageing population and low birth rate are slowly depleting its pool of skilled labour.

At 6.4 percent, unemployment in Germany is currently at its lowest level since unification, but the employers' federation BDA estimates the country is still short of 140,000 engineers, programmers and technicians.

The healthcare and leisure sec-



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tors are also wringing their hands for qualified workers. In all, some 40,000 training places across all sectors are expected to remain unfilled this year.

The Prognos think-tank forecasts the shortage of qualified workers will rise to 1.8 million in 2020, and as many as 3.9 million by 2040, if nothing is done.

The influx of migrants could therefore be the answer as many of them are young and have "really good qualifications," said Grillo at BDI.

Already, at a local level, more and more businesses are opening their doors to the new arrivals, encouraged by new initiatives.

In the Augsburg region of Bavaria in south Germany, for example, the HWK local Chamber of Crafts has appointed an "intercultural advisor" to deal specifically with the issue. And the advisor has succeeded in placing 63 young refugees in a training scheme since the start of the year.

In order to copy and amplify the success of such schemes, the head of the BDA employers' federation, Ingo Kramer, has called for "efforts at all levels".

His call was particularly aimed at Germany's leaders, said Alexander Wilhelm, who is in charge of labour market policy at the BDA.

"It's up to the government to act" by easing the rules on access to jobs, Wilhelm told AFP.

Companies want a guarantee that a trainee they take on will not be deported from one day to the next.

Businesses must also currently prove that there is no German candidate to fill a position before they hire a refugee or asylum-seeker, a rule which the Labour Agency would like to see abolished as soon as possible.

On businesses' wish list of things are the speeding up procedures for recognising professional and educational qualifications, assessing arrivals' qualifications upon registration and putting more money on the table to help them learn German.

This is because "to enter the labour market or secure an apprenticeship, there is generally a lack of German language skills," said the head of the Chamber of Crafts, Holger Schwannecke.

The German government does not seem to lack good intentions.

"People who arrive here as refugees should quickly become our neighbours and our colleagues," said Labour and Social Affairs Minister Andrea Nahles, whose ministry in late July relaxed the conditions for refugees to access company internships.

"A lot has already happened," said Sait Demir, intercultural advisor at HWK in Augsburg.



Muhammad Abdul Mubeen, chairman of United Power Generation & Distribution Co Ltd, receives the Gold Asian Power Awards 2015 in the category of combined cycle power plant of the year across the Asia Pacific Region at the "Oscars" event of the power industry in Thailand last Wednesday. Moinuddin Hasan Rashid, managing director of United Ashuganj Energy Ltd, was also present.

Rajshahi City Corporation Engineering Department

Invitation for Tender (IFT) No: 06/2015-16

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh		
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives, Local Government Division.
2	Agency	Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC).
3	Procuring entity name	Rajshahi City Corporation.
4	Procuring entity district	Rajshahi.
5	Invitation for	Supplying, Fitting, Fixing of Air Cooler, Stage Sound System, Stage & Ceiling Lighting System of Zilla Parishad Auditorium, Rajshahi.
6	Invitation Ref. No.	RCC/Engg.(Elec.)/Dev./88/2015/4721
7	Date	06.09.2015.

KEY INFORMATION

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

9	Budget and source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10	Tender package No.	Aud-ZP-GD-02
11	Tender package name	Supplying, Fitting, Fixing of Air Cooler, Stage Sound System, Stage & Ceiling Lighting System of Zilla Parishad Auditorium, Rajshahi.
12	Tender publication date	07.09.2015.
13	Tender last selling date	21.09.2015 (during bank hour).
		Date Time
14	Tender closing date and time	22.09.2015 Up to 1:00pm
15	Tender opening date and time	22.09.2015 At 02:00pm
16	Name & address of the office(s)	Address

-Selling Tender document (principal)	Agrani Bank Ltd., Nagar Bhaban Branch, Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi.
-Receiving tender document	Office of the Secretary, Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi.
-Opening tender document	Office of the Secretary, Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation, Rajshahi.

17	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Place Date Time
		Office of the Chief Engineer, Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation 15.09.2015 11.00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

18.	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	The Invitation for Tenders (IFT) is open to all eligible tenderer as mentioned below. a) Reputed manufacturers or his authorized dealer. b) The minimum of years of general experience of the tenderer in the supply of goods and related services as supplier shall be 03 (three) years. i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. c) The minimum specific experience as supplier in supply of similar goods (Air Cooler, Stage Sound System & Stage Lighting System) of at least 01 (one) contract successfully completed within the last 05(five) years, with a value of at least Tk. 80.00 lac. i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. d) The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital of credit line(s) of the tenderer shall be Tk. 80.00 lac. Other detailed eligibility and terms & conditions mentioned in the TDS of tender document.
19.	Brief description of goods	Supplying, Fitting, Fixing of 2 Nos. 4 Tons & 8 Nos. 8 Tons DUCTED TYPE & 1 No. 2 Tons Split Type Air Cooler, Stage Sound System (Microphone, Amplifier, Speaker) Stage & different types of Lighting System of Zilla Parishad Auditorium, Rajshahi.
20.	Price of tender document (Tk.)	Tk. 5,000.00 (five thousand) (non-refundable).
21.	Identification of lot	Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in weeks/months
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PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

22.	Name of official inviting tender	Ahmad AL Moyeen.
23.	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer (In Charge).
24.	Address of official inviting tender	Nagar Bhaban, Rajshahi City Corporation.
25.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. No. 0721-775435 Fax No. 0721-812604
26.	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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তারিখ: ৬.৯.২০১৫
GD-2919

Ahmad AL Moyeen
Executive Engineer
(Electrical In Charge)
Rajshahi City Corporation

বড়পুকুরিয়া কোল মাইনিং কোম্পানী লিমিটেড

(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানী)

BARAPUKURIA COAL MINING COMPANY LIMITED

(A COMPANY OF PETROBANGLA)

Invitation for Tender (International)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh		
1	Ministry/Division	Power, Energy & Mineral Resources Ministry/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (BCMCL) (A Company of Petrobangla).
3	Purchaser name	General Manager (Planning & Environment).
4	Purchaser code	None.
5	Purchaser district	Dinajpur.
6	Invitation for	Goods and Related Service.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	BCMCL/10/01/159/Pay Loader/3252
8	Date	6 September 2015.

KEY INFORMATION

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

10	Budget and source of funds	Company's Own Fund.
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.	02-2015-2016
15	Tender package name	SUR
		Date
16	Tender publication date	7 September 2015.
17	Tender last selling date	20 October 2015.
		Date Time
18	Tender closing date and time	21 October 2015 11.30am
19	Tender opening date and time	21 October 2015 11.45am
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	- Selling tender document (principal)	1. Janata Bank, Fulbari Bazar Branch, Fulbari, Dinajpur.
	- Selling tender document (others)	BCMCL Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocenter, 14th Floor, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
	No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents	
	- Receiving tender document	BCMCL Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocenter, 14th Floor, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
	- Opening tender document	BCMCL Dhaka Liaison Office, Petrocenter, 14th Floor, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215.
21	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (optional)	Not be held.
		Date Time
		Not applicable Not applicable

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Valid trade license, 2. Income tax clearance certificate for Tax Year 2013-14/2014-15, 3. Valid VAT registration certificate, 4. Other qualification as described in TDS.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Pay Loader. Specification detailed in tender document.
24	Brief description of related services	Not applicable
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 3,000.00 (three thousand) by cash only and non-refundable.

26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	Mentioned above: Sl: No. 23	Store Section of Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (BCMCL), Village: Chowhati, Upazila: Parbatipur, District: Dinajpur, Bangladesh	BDT 9,00,000.00 or USD 11,500.00	180 (one hundred eighty) working days from the date of signing of the contract agreement

PURCHASER DETAILS

30	Name of official inviting tender	ABM Kamruzzaman.
31	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager (Planning & Environment).
32	Address of official inviting tender	Barapukuria Coal Mining Company Limited (BCMCL), Chowhati, Parbatipur, Dinajpur
33	Contact details of official inviting tender	+8801713077906, Fax-05327-56299 E-mail: gmplanning.environment@bcmcl.org.bd
34	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

ABM Kamruzzaman
General Manager (Planning & Environment)
GD-2917

Ford Foundation hints at discord with Indian government

REUTERS, New Delhi

The head of the Indian operations of the US-based Ford Foundation, one of the world's largest charitable funds, has announced she is moving roles, hinting at discord between the organisation and the government over its handling of charities. The foundation has had its funding frozen after the government announced a probe into a \$250,000 grant it had given to a vocal critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Since Modi's right-wing government swept to power, it has sought to tighten surveillance on foreign-funded charities, saying some have not disclosed details of their donations or used overseas money to engage in "anti-national" activities.

The home ministry has cancelled the foreign-funding licenses of more than 13,000 organisations since April including Greenpeace India. Charities say the move aims to muzzle criticism of initiatives such as industrial projects affecting the poor and the environment.

In a message to the foundation's grantees, Kavita Ramdas said she had completed her three-year term as the foundation's representative to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, and was moving to a more senior post within the organisation in New York.

But she also alluded to the current challenges faced in India, saying civil society in India had faced a "rapidly changing context and new challenges" over the past year.

"The foundation has sought to navigate these times by maintaining a direct, constructive, and ongoing engagement with the Indian government," said Ramdas in a message sent this week and provided by the Ford Foundation in New York late on Friday.

She said the foundation had recently submitted an application to be registered in "keeping with the requirements of other philanthropic organizations".

"We continue to work hard to resolve these matters, and look forward to renewing our work with committed partners across all sectors to advance the aspirations of a new generation," she said.

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এতদ্বারা সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, লবণ আমদানি নিষিদ্ধ সংক্রান্ত আমদানি নীতি আদেশ, ২০১২-২০১৫ এর ২৬ (৫৮) অনুচ্ছেদ এর কার্যকারিতা আপাতী ২৭-০৯-২০১৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত স্থগিত করা হইল এবং ২৭/০৯/২০১৫ তারিখ পর্যন্ত নিম্নলিখিত শর্তে ১ (এক) লক্ষ মেট্রিক টন ক্রুড লবণ (এইচ.এস.হেডিং নং-২৫.০১) আমদানিযোগ্য করা হইলঃ

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(ক) একজন লবণ মিল মালিক সর্বোচ্চ ১০ (দশ) হাজার মেঃ টন ক্রুড লবণ আমদানির জন্য স্বপত্র প্রস্তুত করিতে পারিবেন। লবণ আমদানির নিমিত্ত স্বপত্র প্রস্তুত করার পরবর্তী ২৪ ঘণ্টার মধ্যে আমদানিকারককে স্বপত্রের অনুলিপি সহ সকল তথ্য (আইআরসি, প্রোফরমা ইন্ডাস্ট্রিস, এলসিএ ফরম ও স্বপত্রের কপি) প্রধান নিয়ন্ত্রক, আমদানি ও রপ্তানি প্রধান নিয়ন্ত্রকের দপ্তর, ১১১-১১৩, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকাকে লিখিতভাবে অবহিত করিতে হইবে।

(খ) স্বপত্র প্রস্তুতকার ৩০ (ত্রিশ) দিনের মধ্যে লবণ জাহাজীকরণ করিতে হইবে।

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