

Germany puts refugees to work ... for one euro

AFP, Berlin

With a spoon and spatula in hand, Zaid, a 23-year-old Iraqi refugee, lifts the lid on a large pot filled with goulash and potatoes as he begins his shift.

From 6:30 to 8 pm, he is employed by the city of Berlin to dish out dinner to 152 other Syrian, Iraqi, Afghan and Moldovan refugees in a sports hall, which had been turned into an emergency shelter for the newcomers.

Zaid is one of thousands of refugees who have taken on tasks ranging from repairing bicycles to pruning plants to cleaning sidewalks for pay of just over one euro (\$1.1) an hour.

The so-called "one-euro jobs" have been touted as a springboard for the newcomers into Germany's job market, but experts remain sceptical about their effectiveness.

At the sports gym, Zaid tries to explain to the sceptical faces crowded in front of him what went into the beef stew that he described as "so German".

For the work that includes setting the table, cutting bread, serving food and then cleaning up, he is paid 1.05 euros an hour.

Restricted to working no more than 20 hours a week, Zaid gets a monthly income of 84 euros at best, a small extra on top of the 143 euros he receives as pocket money while he waits for the official decision on his asylum application.

His monthly intake may be a tiny fraction of an average German wage, but Zaid takes on his job with a big smile.

"It allows me to have contact with the German volunteers who come here to distribute meals, and gives me a chance to speak the language," said Zaid who fled the city of Hilla, about 100 kilometres (62 miles) south of Baghdad, along with his father and sister six months ago.

"And I don't have to stand around in the centre not knowing what to do," he said.

With authorities often taking weeks, if not months, to process asylum applications, many refugees are bored out of their minds as they are not allowed to take on regular employment during that time.

To get around the problem, authorities have decided to make use of the one-euro job solution.

Conceived a decade ago with the aim of nudging the long-term unemployed back to work, it is now being used to help integrate a record influx of refugees, which topped 1.1 million last year.

The city of Berlin currently employs 3,925 refugees who are lodged in 75 centres, and wants to widen the offer to associations that offer public service such as charities helping the homeless or rehabilitative shelters for alcoholics.

In Bavaria, the main gateway for thousands of refugees in southern

Germany, 9,000 refugees have taken up such jobs.

The city of Hanover also offers newcomers the possibility of working in bicycle repair, or sorting donated clothes, or accompanying kindergarten children in exchange for German language classes.

Labour Minister Andrea Nahles has promised to create 100,000 such posts for refugees, describing them as a "trampoline" into the job market.

"In the short term, it makes sense because the refugees can't otherwise work," Ronald Bachmann, economist at the RWI institute told AFP.

"Having them at work also sends a good political signal," he said, as anti-migrant populism surges in tandem with Germany's record refugee influx.

Nevertheless, Bachmann noted that the one-euro jobs had not proven particularly successful in their original task of getting the long-term unemployed back to work.

"It was very, very rare that they helped to bring them back to a job market as one learns very little from such jobs," said Bachmann.

The head of the German Federation of Unions, Reiner Hoffmann, also spoke out against placing refugees in such jobs as he believed that Germany needs a far more ambitious programme to integrate the newcomers into the economy.

Chinese executive 'confesses' to \$800m fraud

AFP, Shanghai

The alleged mastermind of a scam which cost Chinese investors hundreds of millions of dollars lived in a penthouse flat featuring peacocks and fountains, reports said Monday after he was paraded on television confessing.

Xu Qin, described as the "controller" of Zhongjin Asset Management and its linked companies, was among 35 executives and employees formally arrested last week in connection with the scheme, state-run Dragon Television reported at the weekend.

It owes more than half its 25,000 investors a total of 5.2 billion yuan (\$800 million) said the broadcaster, which is based in the commercial hub.

Xu, 35, was shown saying that the firm "paid back previous investors' principal and interest with money from new investors".

"It is actually a typical Ponzi scheme," he admitted.

He squandered around 500 million yuan of investors' money on luxury houses and cars with his wife, the report alleged.

It was the latest example of a suspect being shown on Chinese state televi-

sion confessing to crimes, often before he or she has appeared in court.

Overseas rights groups have condemned the practice and say the interviews may be carried out under duress, with some senior Chinese lawyers also expressing concern.

Xu and his wife rented a 1,200 square metre (13,000 square foot) penthouse at one of China's most expensive developments, Tomso Riviera in Shanghai, where he raised peacocks and built fountains in his living room, state-run newspaper Jiefang Daily reported on Monday.



Ashfaq Rahman, managing director of SMC, and Md Ali Reza Khan, managing director of SMC Enterprise, attend the launch of two new oral contraceptive products, Ovacon Gold and Mypill.

China car-hailing app eyes going public

AFP, Beijing

Chinese ride-hailing app Didi Chuxing is mulling an initial public offering, a report said Monday, after US technology giant Apple invested \$1 billion in the rival to Uber.

Didi is "targeting" a listing in New York next year, Bloomberg News said,

citing unnamed people "familiar with the matter".

The exact timing would depend on how its battle with US-based Uber goes in China, the sources were quoted as saying.

Didi denied having such intentions at present. "We do not have IPO plans as of now," a company spokeswoman told AFP.

Apple on Friday announced it had invested \$1 billion in Didi in what the Chinese firm called the single largest investment it had ever received.

Didi Chuxing, formerly known as Didi Kuaidi, claims to have almost 90 percent of the Chinese ride-hailing market with nearly 300 million registered passengers and more than 11 million rides a day.

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Police Telecom Bhaban, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.

Invitation for International Re-Tenders

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Police		
3	Procuring Entity Name	SP (A & T) Police Telecom & Information Management		
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present		
5	Procuring Entity District	N/A		
6	Invitation for	Tender	Goods	Single lot
7	Invitation Ref No	P-621/09-2005/2015-2016/Re-DMR/1666/Betar		
8	Date	16-05-2016		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	ICT (International)	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB		
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	None		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	None		
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	None		
14	Tender Package No.	GD/16825/2015-2016		
15	Tender Package Name	DMR		
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS				
- Receiving Tender Document: Police Telecom & Information Management, Rajarbagh, Dhaka-1217.				
- Opening Tender Document: Police Telecom & Information Management, Rajarbagh, Dhaka-1217.				
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Police Telecom & Information Management, Rajarbagh, Dhaka-1217.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Upto date trade license 2) Current income tax certificate, 3) VAT registration 4) Bank Statement and 5) other requirements described in the standard tender document.		
23	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply & Installation of VHF and UHF DMR Radio System for Bangladesh Police.		
24	Brief Description of Related Services	N/A		
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Lot-3: 3,000.00 (Three Thousand) Tk. only.		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
27	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Shofiqul Islam		
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	SP (A & T), Bangladesh Police, Rajarbagh, Dhaka-1217.		
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Police Telecom & Information Management, Rajarbagh, Dhaka-1217.		
30	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone: 9332395	Fax: 9344504	spat@police.gov.bd
31	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender proceedings			

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং-০২/২০১৫-২০১৬ইং

২০১৫-২০১৬ইং অর্থ বৎসরে বার্ষিক উন্নয়ন কর্মসূচিতে (এডিপি) উপজেলাসমূহের জন্য উন্নয়ন সহায়তা খোক বরাদ্দের আওতায় নিম্নে বর্ণিত স্বীকৃত বাস্তবায়নের নিমিত্তে এলজিইডি'র তালিকাভুক্ত (হালনাগাদ নয়)নবায়নকৃত সকল ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হইতে সীমামোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে।

১	কার্যের বিবরণঃ-					
	প্যাকেজ নম্বর	কার্যের নাম	প্রাথমিক মূল্য (টাকা)	বরাদ্দের টাকা	কার্য সমাপ্তির সময়সীমা	দরপত্রের মূল্য (টাকা)
	১	২	৩	৪	৫	৬
	ADP/W1.24	উপজেলা চেয়ারম্যান কেয়ার্টার মেয়ামত	১০,০১,০০০.০০	৩০,০০০.০০	২৫ দিন	৭৫০.০০
	ADP/W1.25	উপজেলা ইউটিভিসি ভবন (নতুন) মেয়ামত	১৬,৯৯,০০০.০০	৫১,০০০.০০	২৫ দিন	৭৫০.০০
	ADP/W1.26	উপজেলা ইউটিভিসি ভবন (পুরাতন) মেয়ামত	১৬,০০,০০০.০০	৩৯,০০০.০০	২৫ দিন	৭৫০.০০
২	টাকার উৎসঃ এডিপি (জিএবি) খোক বরাদ্দ।					
৩	ক্রি-টেন্ডার মিটিং এর তারিখ, সময় ও স্থানঃ তারিখঃ ২২/০৫/২০১৬ইং বেলা ১১.০০ ঘটিকা, স্থানঃ উপজেলা পরিষদ হল রুম।					
৪	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়ঃ তারিখঃ ২৯/০৫/২০১৬ইং সময়ঃ বিকাল-৫.০০টা পর্যন্ত।					
৫	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থানঃ (১) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, এলজিইডি, বগুড়া। (২) উপজেলা প্রকৌশলীর দপ্তর, গাবতলী, বগুড়া ও (৩) নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর কার্যালয়।					
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৯	(ক) দরপত্রের সহিত দাখিলকৃত বরাদ্দের টাকা উপজেলা প্রকৌশলী, সারিয়াকান্দি, বগুড়ার অনুমোদিত কোন সিডিউল ব্যাংক হতে বিডি/পে-অর্ডার আকারে জমা দিতে হবে। (খ) ১২ই নভেম্বর/২০০৯ এ প্রকাশিত বাংলাদেশ গেজেট এর পার্বলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন ২০০৬ এর অধিকতর সংশোধনকৃত প্রণীত আইন মোতাবেক কোন দরদাতা কর্তৃক প্রাথমিক মূল্যের ৫% (পাঁচকরা পাঁচ শতাংশ) এর অধিক কম বা বেশি দরপত্র উত্তর করা হইলে উক্ত দরপত্র বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। (গ) কোন কাল্পনিক দরদাতা বাতিলকৃত হইলে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।					

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e-Tender Notice No. 02/2015-16 (Re-Tender)

Memo No: SCC/Engr/PW-1/1125/15-16/777 Date: 16/05/2016

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of the Local Government, Rural Development & Cooperatives.
2.	Agency	Sylhet City Corporation.
3.	Project/program name	Municipal Governance and Services Project (MGSP), LGED.
4.	Tender ID No. & Invitation reference No.	Description of works.
	57238, Re-Tender ID No. 36173. SCC/Engr/PW-1/1125/766	(1) Maintenance of Sheikhghat Road by Asphalt, (Ch.00 m-500.00 m) (2) Maintenance of Zindabazar point to Lamabazar point road with Asphalt, (Ch.00 m-900.00 m) (3) Maintenance of Uposahar Block B road No. 14. (Ch.00-710.00 m) (4) Maintenance of Bondor Bazar to Jail Road Point with Asphalt. (Ch.00-490.00 m) (5) Maintenance of the road of Uposahar Main road linking to Block D. (Ch.00-150.00m)
5.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Engr. Nur Azizur Rahman, Chief Engineer (I/C), Sylhet City Corporation, 0821-719534.
6.	This is online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and offline/hard copies will not be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd	
7.	Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).	

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