



Matiur Rahman, chairman and managing director of Uttara Group of Companies, attends the annual dealers' conference 2016 of Uttara Motors, at International Convention City, Bashundhara in Dhaka on September 24. Uttara Motors is a leading automobile importer, assembler and marketer.

Sudan needs swift reforms to revive ailing economy: World Bank

AFP, Khartoum
The World Bank on Sunday urged Sudan to undertake swift structural reforms to revive its ailing economy, which a top Sudanese official insisted had been adversely impacted by US trade sanctions.

Rising inflation and the loss of nearly 75 percent of oil earnings following the north-south split in 2011 have led to a steady decline in the country's economic growth over the past few years.

The decline comes on top of an economy already damaged by US trade sanctions imposed since 1997, making international banking transactions cumbersome when it comes to doing business with Sudan.

"It is essential that Sudan undertakes a combination of institutional, macro-economic and sectoral reforms to reach a stable growth path," said a World Bank report released in Khartoum.

"While the authorities have succeeded in reducing inflation and slightly recovering from the negative growth rates of 2011 and 2012, more must be done to ensure a more stable medium-term outlook," said the report's lead author, Michael Geiger.

Sudan's average gross domestic product growth between 1998 and 2008 was above six percent, after

which it steadily declined to around three percent in recent years.

Previous efforts at economic reform have proven controversial.

An attempt in September 2013 to cut fuel subsidies led to bloody confrontations between anti-austerity protesters and security forces that left dozens dead in Khartoum.

The World Bank report said that removing exchange restrictions to unify official and black-market exchange rates of the Sudanese pound against the US dollar could help revive the east African country's sluggish economy.

The official rate is 6.50 Sudanese pounds to the dollar, but it trades for about 15.50 on the black market.

"Given the ever-changing black market rate... gradual and ongoing devaluation" is a key to help growth, the report said.

It said a stable exchange rate will help in formulating monetary and fiscal policies that support economic stability and competitiveness.

Washington imposed a trade embargo on Sudan in 1997 over Khartoum's alleged backing for radical Islamist groups and over the conflict in the western region of Darfur.

In recent months, Sudan has called for the United States to relax the sanctions.

More than 300,000 people have died in Darfur and 2.5 million have

been displaced since 2003, according to UN figures.

A deadly conflict erupted in 2003 in Darfur -- a region the size of France -- when ethnic minority groups took up arms against President Omar al-Bashir's Arab-dominated government, accusing it of marginalising the region.

Bashir was indicted by the International Criminal Court in 2009 over war crimes related to the Darfur conflict, which he denies.

Geiger suggested that although decisions on whether to lift sanctions were "political and the World Bank had no role in it", easing these measures could certainly help Sudan's economy.

"There is an issue in access to foreign exchange... there is an issue in transferring money to different countries through the formal banking system... all this certainly plays a role" in slowing the economy, Geiger told AFP.

A senior finance ministry official insisted that the dilapidated state of the economy was primarily because of the US measures.

"America's unilateral sanctions imposed without any reasons pushed the country into economic problems," Makki Mohamed Aberahim told AFP.

"We want the World Bank to join us in removing the sanctions."

Indian buyers purchased around 25,000 tonnes Australian wheat

REUTERS

Indian importers in past days purchased around 25,000 tonnes of Australian-origin wheat as India increases its wheat imports after a reduction in the country's import duties, European traders said on Monday.

It was for December shipment and was purchased at around \$210 a tonne c&f, they said.

India's wheat imports in the year to June 2017 have risen above 1 million tonnes with mills especially stepping up purchases from Ukraine after a poor harvest in India.

Further increases in Indian imports are expected after the government lowered the wheat import tax to 10 percent from 25 percent on Friday.

China's N Korea coal imports surge despite sanctions

AFP, Beijing

China's coal imports from North Korea have surged in recent months, government data showed Monday, raising questions about Beijing's commitment to international sanctions intended to curb Pyongyang's nuclear programme.

As the isolated country's sole ally and main provider of trade and aid, Beijing's participation in the UN-imposed restrictions is crucial for their success.

But in August China imported 2.465 million tonnes of North Korean coal worth \$113 million, 60 percent more than in April when sanctions were imposed and 35 percent more than a year ago, according to data on the Customs website.

Imports of North Korean iron ore also rose, from 110,500 tons in April to 197,000 tons last month, data showed.

The UN Security Council in March agreed to impose sanctions on certain North Korean exports, including coal and iron. But it also said it would allow trade to continue for "livelihood" purposes -- if the proceeds did not go towards funding Pyongyang's nuclear or weapons programmes.

The UN did not set criteria for making that determination, leaving each country

to make its own decision. In April China announced it would place restrictions on imports of both items, among others.

Trade with the world's second largest economy is crucial for the isolated and impoverished North, which has suffered regular food shortages and an outright famine in the mid-1990s.

In 2015 China accounted for more than 90 percent of North Korea's \$6.25 billion in total trade, according to figures from South Korea's state-run Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency.

China's total imports from North Korea in August rose 16.7 percent year-on-year to \$291.3 million, Customs data showed.

The figures come just weeks after North Korea tested its fifth and most powerful nuclear device.

China has said it "firmly opposes" the test, but analysts believe it has resisted targeting the North's fragile economy for fear of provoking the regime's collapse.

It fears this could prompt a flood of cross-border refugees and ultimately the prospect of US troops stationed on its border in a reunified Korea. The international community has engaged in a flurry of diplomacy to try to persuade China to use its leverage with Pyongyang.



M Moniruzzaman Khandaker, chairman of Midland Bank, presides over the bank's third annual general meeting at the Westin hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The bank approved 8 percent stock dividends for 2015. Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director, was also present.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Development of Cox's Bazar Airport Project (Phase-1)
LGED Part, LGED Bhaban, Level-08,
Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar
Dhaka-1207

Memo No. LGED/AO/Bakkhali Bridge/T-01/2016/12 Date: 25/09/2016

Corrigendum Notice

Subject: Construction of 595m Long Pre-stressed Box Girder Bridge Over Bakkhali River at Kusturi Ghat under Sadar Upazila of Cox's Bazar District.

Ref: Tender Notice No: IFT-01/2016-2017 Date: 30/08/2016.

The following amendment is hereby made to the tender notice for the above mentioned work. The participants are advised to submit their tender with due consideration to these amendments. This corrigendum is a part and parcel of the tender notice. All other terms and conditions of tender notice will remain unchanged. The tenderer must submit this corrigendum along with their tender document duly sealed and signed.

Sl. No. (Reference)	Description	Original (To be replaced)	Replaced with
1	2	3	4
SI No. 17 of tender notice	Tender last selling date & time	4 October, 2016 up to 5.00pm	16 October, 2016 up to 5.00pm
SI No. 19 of tender notice	Submission date & time	5 October, 2016 up to 2.30pm	17 October, 2016 up to 2.30pm
SI No. 20 of tender notice	Tender opening (technical tender) date & time	5 October, 2016 up to 3.00pm	17 October, 2016 up to 3.00pm
BOQ Item SI. No.-59	POT PTFE bearing	46000 Ton	Quantity-46 sets Unit-set
BOQ Item No.-12	Making arrangement of steel staging.	Making arrangement of steel staging.	This item is not required for this sub-project and excluded from the BOQ.
BOQ Item No.-132	Street light	Crescent cat No. CSL-1001 or Gloria cat No. GSLF-797 (sodium lamp) or Asha cat No. ACSTLS-2988 or Shwash cat No. SCRL-7 or equivalent product. Each Tk 15,536.00	Crescent cat No. CSL-1001 or Gloria cat No. GSLF-797 (sodium lamp) or Asha cat No. ACSTLS-2988 or Shwash cat No. SCRL-7 or equivalent product.
-	New item of tack coat in part 13 (BOQ Item No-211)	Nil	Added as new item of tack coat
-	New item of pre-mixed dense bituminous surfacing-base course (plant method) in part-13 (BOQ Item No. 212)	Nil	Added as new item of pre-mixed dense bituminous surfacing-base course (plant method)
BOQ Item No.-136	Provisional sum	Provisional sum Tk. 30,082,456.59	The amount of Provisional sum will be Tk. 2,68,14,414.03

Tofazzal Ahmed
Authorised Officer

Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF)-2017
EXPORT PROMOTION BUREAU

Memo No. 26.02.0000.055.67.118.13(Part-2)/20 Date: 25/09/2016

Invitation for Tender (OTM)

Construction of Bangabandhu Pavilion in DITF Ground

The 22nd Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF)-2017 will be held at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka during 01-31, January, 2017. Sealed Tenders are hereby invited as per the Public Procurement Rules (PPR), 2008 for following mentioned work of DITF-2017 as per terms and conditions stated below :

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Commerce.
2	Agency	Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF)-2017, Export Promotion Bureau.
3	Procuring Entity Name	Export Promotion Bureau.
4	Procuring Entity code	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation Tender package Name	Construction of Bangabandhu Pavilion in Dhaka International Trade Fair-2017 ground in Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
7	Invitation Tender Ref. & Date	26.02.0000.055.67.118.13(Part-2)/20, Date: 25/09/2016.
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Budget and Source of Funds	Own Fund of DITF.
10	Development Partners	Not applicable
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Project/Programmer Code	Not applicable.
12	Project/Name	Construction of Bangabandhu Pavilion in Dhaka International Trade Fair-2017 ground in Sher-E-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka.
13	Tender Schedule Selling Date & Time	From 03/10/2016 to 24/10/2016 (during office hours).
14	Last Date and Time of Tender Submission	25/10/2016 at 02:00 PM.
15	Tender Opening Date and Time	25/10/2016 at 4:30 PM (Intending Tenderers or their authorized representatives may remain present during opening of tenders)
16	Name & Address of the Offices (s) for:	
	(a) Selling Tender Document (Principal)	DITF Secretariat, Export Promotion Bureau, TCB Bhaban (4th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215;
	(b) Selling Tender Document (Other)	(a) Ministry of Commerce (Building. No. 3, Room No. 126 (Ga)), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. (b) Office of the Additional Divisional Commissioner (General), First 12-Storey Govt. Building, 2nd Floor, Room No. 303, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
	(c) Receiving Tender Document	(a) Finance Section, Export Promotion Bureau, TCB Bhaban (4th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215; (b) Ministry of Commerce (Building. No. 3, Room No. 126 (Ga)), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka. (c) Office of the Additional Divisional Commissioner (General), First 12-Storey Govt. Building, 2nd Floor, Segunbagicha, Dhaka
	(d) Opening Tender Document	DITF Secretariat, Export Promotion Bureau, TCB Bhaban (4th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215;
17	Place/Date/Time of Per-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Not Applicable.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
18	Eligibility of Tenderer	Tenderers must submit attested copy of (a) Updated Trade license (b) VAT registration certificate, (c) Income Tax Clearance Certificate for Tax assessment year 2015-16, (d) Updated license as first class contractor from any Government Organization, (e) Previous experience certificate of same nature of work during last 03 years (f) Bank solvency certificate. Original copies of all documents shall be submitted before Tender Evaluation.
19	Brief Description of Works	As per schedule
20	Brief Description of Related Services	Not Applicable
21	Period for Completion	29 (Twenty Nine) days
22	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 1,500/-
23	Tender security money	Tk. 1,25,000/- (One Lac Twenty Five Thousand) in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft in favour of Dhaka International Trade Fair Fund. Tk.50,00,000/- (Fifty lac)
24	Special experience as prime contractor in construction works successfully completed during last 05 (five) years with a value of at least	
25	Special Instruction to Tenderers	(a) If the Tenderer submits any false/incorrect or forged documents, the tender security will be forfeited. (b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. (c) If 50% progress of the work can not be achieved after 50% time elapsed of allocated time, in that case the authority reserves the right to cancel the work order and to forfeit the tender security. (d) The Tender Notice will also be available in the official web site (www.ditf-epb.gov.bd) of Dhaka International Trade fair-2017. (e) All the clauses, terms & conditions of instructions to Tenderers/bidders and General conditions of Contract of PPR-2008 shall be applicable for this Tender. In addition to those other relevant forms should be enclosed with the tender documents.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
26	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Abdul Moyeen
27	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director, Dhaka International Trade Fair-2017 Secretariat and Secretary, EPB.
28	Address of Official Inviting Tender	TCB Bhaban (4th Floor), 1, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.
29	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No- 02-55013420

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