



Nazeem A Choudhury, head of consumer banking at Eastern Bank, and Robin Rozon Sakhawat, director of Robintex (Bangladesh) Ltd and managing director of Comptex Bangladesh Ltd, exchange the signed papers of a payroll banking agreement at a programme in Dhaka.

Hard Brexit fears push pound to 31-year low vs dollar

AFP, London

The pound slumped to a 31-year low against the dollar Tuesday on concerns over the timing and terms of Britain's planned exit from the European Union, traders said.

Britain's currency also struck a fresh three-year low point against the euro, while the drops helped pushed London's benchmark FTSE 100 stocks index up to a 16-month high beyond 7,000 points at the open.

While the British economy has showed signs of improvement in the months since the shock vote to leave the EU, there are concerns about the wider long-term impact of the bloc losing its second-biggest economy.

British Prime Minister Theresa May announced at the weekend that her government would start the process of leaving the EU within the next six months -- possibly leading to Britain severing ties with the single market.

The pound on Tuesday struck \$1.2740 -- its

lowest level since 1985.

Sterling meanwhile traded at 87.66 pence to the euro -- the weakest level since 2013.

"It seems that it is going to be hard to provide a tourniquet for sterling's recent wounds given the solidity of the newly announced Brexit timeline," said Connor Campbell, analyst at traders Spreadex.

"In terms of silver linings, the pound's protracted demise has continued to lift the multinationals that make up the FTSE 100, leaving the index back above 7,000 for the first time in 16 months."

The FTSE rallied to a gain of 1.6 percent in morning deals, compared with Monday's close.

"The reality is the biggest stocks in the index dominate its performance, and the likes of HSBC, Royal Dutch Shell, and British American Tobacco all have international earnings which are now worth more in pounds and pence thanks to sterling's decline," said Laith Khalaf, senior analyst at stockbrokers Hargreaves Lansdown.

In the eurozone, Frankfurt's DAX 30 stocks index won 0.7 percent compared with Friday's finish. The DAX was shut Monday owing to a public holiday in Germany.

Elsewhere Tuesday, Asian stock markets rose with Japanese stocks boosted by a weaker yen.

The dollar won support from a rebound for US manufacturing, which helped turn attention back to US monetary policy, days ahead of the release of a closely watched jobs report.

Traders took the data as a sign that the world's top economy is getting back on track and would be able to withstand an increase in borrowing costs.

The Fed had considered a rate hike last month but held off, saying it wanted to see more evidence of strength.

"Traders are seeing a number of reasons to be a little cautious this week," said Oanda analyst Craig Erlam.

"One of the obvious reasons for this is that we will get the US jobs report on Friday which often weighs on risk appetite."

Australia cracks down on rate riggers as bank chiefs grilled

AFP, Sydney

Manipulating financial benchmarks will become a criminal offence in Australia, the government announced Tuesday, as the nation's largest lender defended its huge profits in a grilling by lawmakers over its practices.

Treasurer Scott Morrison said the tough new rules would "ensure that past egregious conduct by the banks in manipulating benchmarks is prevented in the future".

Criminal penalties, including jail time, could be imposed for manipulation of equity indexes and Treasury Bond Futures settlement prices.

They would also apply to bank bill swap rates (BBSW), which are used to set the price of financial products such as bonds, loans and derivatives.

By providing false information to help set the BBSW, banks could potentially make millions in profits.

Australia's corporate regulator, like its counterparts in the United States and Britain, has been probing multinational banks over benchmark interest rate-rigging.

Three of the country's big four lenders -- Westpac, ANZ, and National Australia Bank -- are facing allegations they manipulated the interbank lending rate between 2010 and 2012. None of them has admitted any wrongdoing.

"This package will ensure our regulatory regime is as modern and secure as any comparable regime found in equivalent foreign jurisdictions, such as the United Kingdom

and the European Union," Morrison said of the new rules, which will come into effect in January 2018.

Criminal acts will include making false or misleading statements or engaging in dishonest conduct in relation to determining a BBSW or other financial benchmark.

The new regulations came as Commonwealth Bank chief executive Ian Narev Tuesday appeared before a parliamentary committee for a new annual grilling of the country's big banks designed to make them more accountable.

The heads of Westpac, ANZ and NAB will answer questions by the House of Representatives economics committee later this week.


Narev said he welcomed the chance to "explain our decisions" and would listen carefully to suggestions about areas in which banks could improve.

He defended the bank's huge net profits and executive pay, at a time when it was under scrutiny over the fees it charges customers and a failure to pass on in full interest rate cuts by the Reserve Bank of Australia.

"You can't have a prosperous economy unless banks are strong," he said.

"Our profits are at a level that will enable us to keep the confidence of global funders, who play a critical role in our ability to consistently extend credit."

The Commonwealth -- Australia's largest bank -- posted a record Aus\$9.23 billion (US\$7.08 billion) annual net profit in the year to June 30.



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(পেট্রোবাংলার একটি কোম্পানি)
Sylhet Gas Fields Limited
(A Company of Petrobangla)

বিন্দু ও জ্বালানি নিরাপত্তা সর্বোচ্চ অগ্রাধিকার

গ্যাস জাতীয় সম্পদ। এর অপচয় রোধ করে জাতীয় দায়িত্ব পালন করুন।

Invitation for Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Energy and Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (A Company of Petrobangla).
3	Procuring entity name	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited (SGFL).
4	Procuring entity district	Sylhet
5	Invitation for	(a) Vertical extension of boundary wall including barbed wire at Rashidpur Condensate Fractionation Plant (RCFP), Bahubal, Habiganj. (b) Installation of barbed wire above boundary wall of Plant Area at Rashidpur Field, Bahubal, Habiganj.
6	Invitation Ref. No.	28.20.9153.081.00.028(365).16
7	Date	02/10/2016
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement method	Open tendering method (National), Single stage one envelope method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Budget and source of funds	Own fund of SGFL.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
10	Tender publication date	02/10/2016
11	Tender selling date & time	From 10/10/2016, up to 13:00 hours of 07/11/2016
12	Tender closing date and time	08/11/2016 at 12:00 hours.
13	Tender opening date and time	08/11/2016 at 15:00 hours.
14	Name & address of the office(s)	Selling tender document 1) Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd., Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152. 2) Rashidpur Field, Bahubal, Habiganj. 3) Dhaka Liaison Office, 4/10, Iqbal Road, Block-A, Mohammadpur, Dhaka-1207. Receiving tender document 1) Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd., Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152. 2) Rashidpur Field, Bahubal, Habiganj. Opening tender document 1) Head Office, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd., Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
15	Eligibility of tenderer	Only Bangladeshi tenderers are eligible.
16	Brief description of works	(a) The works consist of RCC work, CC work, brick work, MS angle work, barbed wire fencing work, painting work and other associated works. (b) The works consist of MS angle work, barbed wire fencing work, white washing work and other associated works.
17	Price of tender document (Taka)	a) Tk 2,000.00 (two thousand). b) Tk. 200.00 (two hundred).
18	Gr. No.	Description of work
	(a)	Vertical extension of boundary wall including barbed wire at Rashidpur Condensate Fractionation Plant (RCFP), Bahubal, Habiganj
	(b)	Installation of barbed wire above boundary wall of Plant Area at Rashidpur Field, Bahubal, Habiganj
		Location
	(a)	RCFP, Bahubal, Habiganj
	(b)	Rashidpur Field, Bahubal, Habiganj
		Tender security amount (Tk)
	(a)	Tk. 56,000.00 (fifty-six thousand)
	(b)	Tk. 12,000.00 (twelve thousand)
		Completion time
	(a)	Five (5) months
	(b)	Three (3) months
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
19	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Abdul Quadir.
20	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager (Technical Services).
21	Address of official inviting tender	Sylhet Gas Fields Limited, P.O. Chiknagool, Sylhet-3152.
22	Contact details of official inviting tenders	Mobile: 01713-328527 E-mail: gmts@sgfl.org.bd
23	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all or any of the tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

GD-1966 **General Manager (Technical Services)**

India's central bank cuts interest rates to six-year low

AFP, Mumbai

India's central bank cut interest rates to a six-year low of 6.25 percent Tuesday, citing a good monsoon, in its first monetary policy decision under new governor Urjit Patel.

The Reserve Bank of India said the benchmark repo rate -- the level at which it lends to commercial banks -- would be brought down by 25 basis points from 6.50 percent. It was last at 6.25 percent in November 2010.

"The outlook for agricultural activity has brightened considerably," the RBI said in a statement, adding that 85 percent of the country had received "normal to excess precipitation" during India's four-month-long monsoon.

Good monsoon rains are vital for Indian crops and a particularly dry season can reduce farm output, raising food prices which can be crippling for the tens of millions of India's poor.

The above average rains have brought relief to millions of rural farmers who were reeling from two years of drought, helping to push inflation down to a five-year low in August.

Tuesday's interest rate decision was the first to be made by a new Indian monetary policy committee, which was established last month, rather than the chief of the central bank.

US auto sales decline in September

AFP, Chicago

US auto sales dipped in September after a summer of slow growth, according to figures released Monday.

As the summer driving season drew to an end, the pace of sales slowed 0.5 percent over September 2015, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 17.8 million units, according to figures from Autodata.

Among major auto makers, Ford fared the worst. Overall sales at the second largest US producer were down 8 percent year-on-year at 204,447 vehicles for the month.

General Motors boasted of growing market share and strong retail sales but also recorded a 0.6 decline, with 249,795 units sold, putting total sales for the year to date down 3.8 percent from 2015.

GM said monthly retail sales for flagship brands were up, with Chevrolet posting a 0.9 percent gain in deliveries to individual customers while retail sales for Buick and Cadillac also rose 6.7 percent and 4.7 percent respectively.

Toyota in September saw a 1.5 percent year-on-year gain, selling 197,260 units. Its luxury brand Lexus saw a 2 percent rise in sales, with 25,801 units sold.

"Toyota outpaced the industry to be the No.1 retail brand in September, led by Camry, RAV4, and Corolla, and the fourth quarter outlook is strong thanks to our best light truck supply of the year," Bill Fray, group vice president at Toyota, said in a statement.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ
কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল
রাজারবাগ, ঢাকা


সংশোধনী দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল, রাজারবাগ, ঢাকায় ২০১৬-২০১৭ অর্থ সালে (1) Medical & Surgical Requisites (MSR), (2) UN Mission Medical Equipment, (3) UN Mission Medicine, Reagent & other items এবং (4) UN Mission Medical & Surgical Requisites (MSR) ক্রয়ের জন্য স্মারক নং- কেঃ পূঃ হাঃ/দরপত্র-১৪/২০১৬-২০১৭/২৪৩৬ তাং-০১/১০/২০১৬ক্রঃ মোতাবেক দৈনিক ইত্তেফাক, দি ডেইলি স্টার পত্রিকা এবং সিপিটিই ওয়েবসাইটে প্রকাশিত বিজ্ঞপ্তির ক্রমিক নং ও অন্যান্য সকল বিষয় বহাল রাখিয়া নিম্নরূপভাবে সংশোধন করা হইল।

Sl. No.	Previous description of date	Sl. No.	Revise description of date
6.	Date 01/06/2016	6.	Date 01/10/2016
9.	Tender publication date 03/06/2016 & 04/09/2016	9.	Tender publication date 03/10/2016 & 04/10/2016
10.	Tender last selling date 26/09/2016	10.	Tender last selling date 26/10/2016
11.	Tender closing date & time At 12.00 noon on 27/09/2016	11.	Tender closing date & time At 12.00 noon on 27/10/2016
12.	Tender opening date & time 12.30pm on 27/09/2016	12.	Tender opening date & time 12.30pm on 27/10/2016
14.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting Date 17/09/2016 Time 11.00	14.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting Date 17/10/2016 Time 11.00

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কেন্দ্রীয় পুলিশ হাসপাতাল
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Eastern Refinery Limited
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)
North Patenga, Post Box No. 35, Chittagong-4000
Bangladesh

Dated: 29 September, 2016

Invitation for International Tenders

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the bonafide manufacturers/suppliers/agents for supply of the following material as per specification, terms and conditions mentioned in the relevant tender documents.

01.	Ministry/Division	Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
02.	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC).
03.	Procuring entity name	Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL).
04.	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
05.	Invitation for	Goods.
06.	Invitation tender Ref. No. & date	(a) ER/PUR/IT-22/2016 (RT) dt. 29-09-2016 (b) ER/PUR/IT-23/2016 dt. 29-09-2016 (c) ER/PUR/IT-24/2016 dt. 29-09-2016
07.	Procurement method	Open tendering with international competition (OTM).
08.	Budget and source of funds	ERL's own source.
09.	Eligibility of tenderer	As stated in the tender document.
10.	Tender last selling date & time	(a) 18-10-2016 up to 16:00 hours BST (b) & (c) 08-11-2016 up to 16:00 hours BST
11.	Tender closing date & time	(a) 19-10-2016 up to 14:30 hours BST (b) & (c) 09-11-2016 up to 14:30 hours BST
12.	Tender opening date & time	(a) 19-10-2016 up to 15:00 hours BST (b) & (c) 09-11-2016 up to 15:00 hours BST
13.	Tender document selling address	(i) Accounts Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong, and (ii) AGM (DLO), ERL, YMCA Bhaban (2nd Floor, West Side), 1/1, Pioneer Road, Kakrail, Dhaka.
14.	Tender dropping/submission place	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong.
15.	Opening address of tender	Purchase Department, Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong.
16.	Brief description of goods:	
	Name of materials	Price of tender document
(a)	Super Heater Tube for Water Tube Boiler	Tk. 70,000.00 (Seventy thousand)
(b)	Diesel Welding Machine	Tk. 80,000.00 (Eighty thousand)
(c)	Multi-Pair Armoured Instrument Cable	Tk. 60,000.00 (Sixty thousand)
17.	Name of official inviting tender	Mollah Abul Kalam Azad.
18.	Designation of official inviting tender	Asstt. General Manager (Purchase).
19.	Address of official inviting tender	Eastern Refinery Limited, North Patenga, Chittagong.
20.	Contact details	PABX (Ctg) : 88-031-2501261-67 Ext. 380 Dhaka (DLO) : 88-02-8391991 Fax : 88-031-2501269 E-mail : purchase@erl.com.bd, shafiq@erl.com.bd, md-office@erl.com.bd Website : www.erl.gov.bd, www.erl.com.bd
21.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without showing any reason.	

GD-1974 **Mollah Abul Kalam Azad**
Asstt. General Manager (Purchase)