



Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, speaker of Bangladesh parliament, and Dipu Moni, a lawmaker, attend a programme to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Pride Ltd, a fashion house, at Radisson Hotel in Dhaka on January 21. Pride honoured 15 women for their contribution to different sectors of the economy.

## Asian nations try to save TPP trade deal

REUTERS, Wellington/Tokyo

Australia and New Zealand said on Tuesday they hope to salvage the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) by encouraging China and other Asian countries to join the trade pact after US President Donald Trump kept a promise to abandon the accord.

The TPP, which the United States had signed but not ratified, was a pillar of former US President Barack Obama's policy to pivot to Asia.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has touted it as an engine of economic reform, as well as a counter-weight to a rising China, which is not a TPP member.

Fulfilling a campaign pledge, Trump signed an executive order in the Oval Office on Monday pulling the United States out of the 2015 TPP agreement and distancing the United States from its Asian allies.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said he had held discussions with Abe, New Zealand Prime Minister Bill English and Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong overnight about the possibility of proceeding without the United States. "Losing the United States from the TPP is a big loss, there is no question about that," Turnbull told

reporters in Canberra on Tuesday. "But we are not about to walk away... certainly there is potential for China to join the TPP."

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying did not say directly whether China would be interested in joining the TPP but that at a time of economic uncertainty the Asia-Pacific should make its own contributions to growth with openness.

"We think that in the present situation, no matter what happens, all should keep going down the path of open, inclusive, continuous development, seeking cooperation and win-win," Hua told a daily news briefing.

Obama had framed the TPP without China in an effort to write Asia's trade rules before Beijing could, establishing US economic leadership in the region as part of his "pivot to Asia".

China has proposed a counter pact, the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP) and has championed the Southeast Asian-backed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP). Hua said efforts on FTAAP should be stepped up, adding China hoped talks on RCEP could be concluded at an early date.

New Zealand's English said the

United States was ceding influence to China and the region's focus could switch to alternative trade deals.

"We've got this RCEP agreement with Southeast Asia, which up until now has been on a bit of a slow burn, but we might find the political will for that to pick up if TPP isn't going to proceed," English said. Malaysia's trade minister said negotiators from the remaining TPP countries would be in "constant communication" to decide the best way forward.

"Notwithstanding the current position of the new US administration on (TPP), we will continue to engage with our American colleagues to strengthen our bilateral trade and economic relations, given the US's importance as our third-largest trading partner and a major source of investment," Mustapa Mohamed said in a statement.

The TPP, which has been five years in the making, requires ratification by at least six countries accounting for 85 percent of the combined gross domestic product of the member nations.

Australia held open the possibility of China, the world's top exporter, joining a revised deal.

"The original architecture was to enable other countries to join,"

Australian Trade Minister Steven Ciobo told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation on Tuesday.

"Certainly I know that Indonesia has expressed interest and there would be scope for China if we are able to reformulate it."

Japan has led the push for the partnership, which includes Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru and Vietnam.

"There is no change to our view that free trade is the source of economic growth," Japanese Economy Minister Nobuteru Ishihara told reporters.

When asked whether Japan would be open to negotiating a bilateral trade pact with the United States, Ishihara said it was uncertain whether US trade officials would start such negotiations.

Japanese Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Koichi Hagiuda said separately that Japan was not considering moves with other TPP members based on a lack of US involvement.

"As Prime Minister Abe has made clear, TPP without the United States is meaningless and the balance of interests would crumble," he told a news conference, adding Japan would keep explaining the benefits of the pact for America.

## Cash ban drive to favour India's big gold jewellery store chains: WGC

REUTERS, Mumbai

India's drive to bring transparency to bullion trading, along with the rise of branded gold jewellery, could help major retailers raise their share of the world's second-biggest gold market to 40 percent by 2020, the World Gold Council (WGC) said.

Somasundaram PR, managing director of the WGC's Indian operations, said on Tuesday Prime Minister Narendra Modi's move to scrap 500 and 1,000 rupee banknotes - a 'demonetisation' crackdown on corruption and tax evasion - will boost larger jewellery retailers' market share from

30 percent in 2015.

"The issue the industry is facing today is lack of transparency," said Somasundaram, speaking in an interview as the WGC published a report on the Indian gold trade. "This is addressed by demonetisation... Consumers will be forced to pay by cheque or digital payments for large transactions."

Known as 'organised retailers', firms like Titan Co Ltd, P C Jeweller Ltd and Gitanjali Gems Ltd have seen their share of a traditionally fragmented market rocket from just 5 percent in 2000 as young consumers switched to branded jewellery.



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### TENDER NOTICE

#### For Support Renewal from Oracle for Oracle GoldenGate 11g Software and Oracle RDBMS Software

- Sealed tenders are invited from bona-fide suppliers for supplying the following item:
  - Group - 1
    - Oracle GoldenGate 11g Software (Support Renewal)
  - Group - 2
    - Oracle RDBMS Software (Support Renewal)
- The participating company must have at least 3 (three) years' proven experience in supplying software in any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh / Bangladesh Bank or must have previous record of successfully supplying software to BASIC Bank Limited. The participating company must submit relevant document(s) as proof of its experience as mentioned here.
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- The tender schedule may be obtained from ICT Division (Peoples Insurance Bhaban - 5th Floor, 36 Dilkusha C/A) of BASIC Bank Limited between 10:00 A.M. and 02:00 P.M. of all working days at a price of Tk 500/- only in cash (non refundable). No schedule will be sold after 02:00 P.M. of February 01, 2017.
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- Other terms and conditions can be found in the tender schedule.

General Manager  
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**Meghna Petroleum Limited**  
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58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong

### Tender Notice

1.	Ministry/Division	Energy and Mineral Resources Division.		
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.		
3.	Name of the procuring entity	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.		
4.	Invitation of tender for	Tender No.	Description	Earnest money
		PUR-065 Date 24.01.2017	Construction of 19 Storied Meghna Bhaban with 03 Basement Floors at 72, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong	Tk 1,80,00,000/- (non-refundable)
5.	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM). Tender to be submitted in two separate envelopes, one for Technical offer and the other for Commercial offer.		
6.	Last selling date of tender document	February 27, 2017	15.00 hrs	
7.	Tender closing time and date	February 28, 2017	15.00 hrs	
8.	Tender opening time & date	February 28, 2017	15.30 hrs	
9.	Name & address of the offices for:			
	Selling of tender documents	1. Purchase Section, Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Meghna Petroleum Limited, Meghna Bhaban, 131, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
	Receiving of tender documents	1. DGM (Operations), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2. Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, BSC Bhaban, Saltgola Road, Chittagong. 3. Deputy Commissioner's Office, General Section, Room-138, Ground Floor, Court Building, Chittagong. 4. Police Commissioner's Office, Chittagong Metropolitan Police, Laldighi, Chittagong.		
	Opening of tender documents	DGM (Operations), Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.		
10.	Qualification of tenderer	a) The minimum period of general experience of the tenderer in the construction works must be 10 (ten) years.		
		b) Experience in successful completion of minimum 01 (one) No. thirteen storied (above ground) building having minimum two basement floors (below ground) within last 10 (ten) years as a prime contractor, year counting backward from the date of IFT in the newspaper having a total floor area of at least 4000 sqm including Civil, Sanitary, Electrical Works, Fire-Fighting System etc costing not less than Tk 15 (fifteen) crore in a single work order issued by Govt/Semi-Govt/Autonomous Organization/Financial Institution/Industry or Private Organization (Local or Overseas). Work order and work completion certificate shall be issued by an engineer officer on behalf of employer not below the rank of Executive Engineer (work order & completion certificate must be submitted with the bid document). Real Estate Developer must be a member of REHAB or BACI and a certificate issued by an officer not less than the rank of General Secretary of REHAB/BACI. Cost of work completed by a real estate developer to be certified by an Executive Engineer of PWD within the region where the organization has constructed the building.		
		c) Overseas firms may participate in the tender only through forming a joint venture (JV) agreement with a local Bangladeshi firm as the lead partner. All overseas firms/partners must have a local registered liaison office in Bangladesh.		
		d) Must have experience in multi storied building related piling or shore piling work. Work order & work completion certificate of piling work must be submitted issued by employer.		
		e) Contractors having experience in constructing buildings with fair faced/as-cast concrete facade as well as structural glazing works shall be given preference.		
11.	Special instruction	Technical offer must contain the under noted documents:		
		a. Certificates from appropriate authority/person for experiences according to qualification of tenderer.		
		b. Average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 12.00 crore over the last 05 (five) financial years.		
		c. The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 5,00 crore.		
		d. Certified copy of up-to-date trade license.		
		e. Certified copy of Income Tax/TIN certificate.		
		f. Certified copy of VAT registration certificate.		
		g. Original copy of money receipt against purchase of tender documents.		
		h. Earnest money as mentioned above.		
i. Any other documents as specified in the tender schedule.				
12.	Name of official inviting tender	Sheikh Abdul Motleb.		
13.	Designation of the official inviting tender	DGM (Operations), Meghna Petroleum Limited.		
14.	Address of official inviting tender	Meghna Petroleum Limited, 58-59, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.		
15.	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel: 031-711891, Fax: 031-2514662.		
16.	Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or part of any tender without showing any reason whatsoever.			

Note: If the tender cannot be received/opened on the date of schedule due to any uncontrollable reason, the same will be received/opened on the next working day at same time and same place. GD-195

## Samsung Electronics expects profit growth in 2017

REUTERS, Seoul

Samsung Electronics Co Ltd on Tuesday said it expects profit growth in 2017 despite challenges arising from political uncertainty, after record chip earnings glossed over the Note 7 smartphone fiasco in the fourth quarter.

The South Korean tech giant and Apple Inc rival is embroiled in an influence-peddling scandal surrounding President Park Geun-hye, with five Samsung Group executives already grilled by prosecutors and investigations ongoing.

"The uncertain business environment such as the changing political landscape in Korea and overseas poses a challenge to the execution of mid-to long-term business strategies, such as M&A and investment decisions and developing new growth engines," Samsung Electronics said in a statement.

Even so, it flagged higher earnings this year after a slow first quarter, when steeper marketing costs will eat into its bottom line as it tries to rebuild its reputation from the failure of its latest flagship phone.

The world's top manufacturer of smartphones, memory chips and flat-screen televisions is counting on the booming chip market to continue driving growth and give the mobile business breathing space to rebuild its premium lineup.

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### Invitation for Local Tenders

#### e-Tender Notice (Open Tendering Method)

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods and related services.

<b>Invitation Reference No.</b>	31.00.0000.75.006.016.16-3--04-01-2017
<b>Tender/proposal ID (e-GP portal)</b>	82577
<b>Name of Work</b>	Supplying Necessary Equipment and Establishing ICT infrastructure and LAN

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hardcopies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP system portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for the downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP system portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank branch up to **07-Feb-2017 17:00 (for Tender ID-82577)**.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP system portal and e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd))

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