



Concord Group's Managing Director Shahriar Kamal opens the Lake City Restaurant and Party Centre and Lake City Fitness Centre and Spa at Lake City Shopping Mall in Dhaka on February 1.

World food prices hit near two-year high in January

Reuters, Rome
World food prices rose to a near two-year high in January and look set to be higher and more volatile in 2017, the United Nations food agency said on Thursday.
Food prices on the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) index have fallen for five straight years due to ample supply, a slowing global economy and a strong US dollar.
But in January, the index, which measures monthly price changes for a basket of cereals, oilseeds, dairy products, meat and sugar, averaged 173.8 points, a high not seen since

February 2015.
The 2.1 percent monthly rise was driven by surges in sugar quotations and export prices for cereals and vegetable oils.
FAO Senior Economist Abdolreza Abbassian said outside factors including concerns about US President Donald Trump's trade policy in North America would probably contribute to more volatility in food prices.
"Uncertainties are going to create problems for international markets, in terms of where Mexico will source its corn, would the current trend continue with its closest (trade) partner, the United States," Abbassian said.

Relations between major grain exporters Russia and Ukraine could also have an impact, he said, adding food prices overall were likely to be broadly firmer but more volatile this year than in 2016.
A 9.9 percent rise in the price of sugar in January was driven by expectations of protracted tightness in supplies from Brazil, India and Thailand, a trend Abbassian said was likely to continue.
FAO raised its forecast for global cereals output in 2016-17 to 2.592 billion tonnes, based primarily on larger-than-expected wheat harvests in Australia and Russia.

Narayan Chandra Chanda, state minister for fisheries and livestock, and Umme Kulsum Smrity, president of Women Dairy Entrepreneur Development Forum, attend a workshop on empowerment of women, at BIAM auditorium in Dhaka on February 1.



WOMEN DAIRY ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Nokia beats market expectations

Reuters, Helsinki
Finnish network equipment maker Nokia reported its quarterly profits fell less than expected, helped by cost cuts and the acquisition of Alcatel-Lucent, and said the tough global market was starting to stabilize.
Nokia and its rivals, Sweden's Ericsson and China's Huawei, have struggled lately as telecom operators' demand for faster 4G mobile broadband equipment has peaked, and upgrades to next-generation 5G equipment are still years away.
Nokia bought Franco-American Alcatel-Lucent last year to broaden its operations and is currently axing thousands of jobs as it seeks to cut 1.2 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) of annual costs by 2018.
Nokia said that while it expected the global networks market to fall around 2 percent this year, it saw opportunities in markets such as North America, India and Japan.

"We continue to expect our performance to improve in 2017 and see the potential for margin expansion in 2017 and beyond, as market conditions improve and our sales transformation programs gain further traction," Chief Executive Rajeev Suri told reporters on a conference call.
"Our plan is to make the most of the market this year, be efficient, maintain our pricing discipline, ensure our synergies happen and we get the cost reductions."
Shares in the company - which are down 24 percent from a year ago - rose 3.5 percent by 0905 GMT.



Officials of X-GEN Solutions Ltd and Unity Game Engine pose in a stall of B2M Technologies, at Basis Softexpo 2017 at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka.

Strong iPhone 7 sales a bridge to Apple's next upgrade

Reuters
"Things don't have to change the world to be important," Apple Inc co-founder Steve Jobs said in an interview in 1996.
His words rang true, two decades later, as sales of the iPhone 7 and 7 Plus - similar in design to their predecessor - surpassed expectations to reinstate Apple as the world's biggest smartphone seller after a five-year gap.
This has only built expectations, however, that the 10th-anniversary iPhone will need to offer revolutionary new features if it is to trigger a substantial uptick in sales.
"This is really the last (quarter) that anybody is going to care about iPhone until the launch this fall," Cowen & Co analysts wrote in a note. "It can be said that iPhone 7/7+ 'did its job' as a bridge to get to the supercycle in 2017."
Apple's shares rose as much as 5.8 percent to \$128.30 early on Wednesday, their highest in 18 months, a day after the company dethroned Samsung Electronics Co Ltd as the world's top smartphone seller based on units shipped.
At the day's high, more than \$36 billion

was added to the company's market value.
Apple sold 78.29 million iPhones in its fiscal first quarter ended Dec. 31, up from 74.78 million a year earlier. Analysts on average had expected sales of 77.42 million.
The sales reflected the first full quarter of iPhone 7 sales and come at a time when global demand for smartphones is slowing and cheaper Android alternatives are flooding the market. Apple may also have benefited from Samsung's much-publicized recall of its fire-prone Galaxy Note 7.
Apple's strong sales set the stage for the 10th-anniversary iPhone, which analysts say is expected to feature better touchscreen display, wireless charging and a shift to a higher-resolution OLED display.
The company typically launches new iPhones in September. A big jump in sales usually follows in the holiday quarter, before demand tapers over the next few quarters as customers hold back in anticipation of the next launch.
Existing iPhone users tend to upgrade their devices when the new model has significant design changes. Apple last saw a significant uptick in sales with the introduction of iPhone 6 in 2015.

ASHUGANJ POWER STATION COMPANY LTD. (An Enterprise of Bangladesh Power Development Board) Ashuganj, Brahmanbaria-3402, Bangladesh

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd (APSC) is the largest power generation company in Bangladesh looking for energetic, talent and promising individuals for immediate appointment to the following posts and invites applications in the prescribed form to be downloaded from APSC website from Bangladeshi nationals who are interested to build their career in power sector and ready to accept the challenge:

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Executive Engineer (Mech-05, Elec-05 Posts) Basic Pay Tk. 91,000/-	<p>a. Candidates Must have B.Sc. in Electrical/ Mechanical/ Electrical & Electronics Engineering degree from Public/Government approved University.</p> <p>b. At least 7 (Seven) years experience on 31/01/2017 in the relevant field of which 4 (Four) years in Operation/Maintenance of Gas Turbine/Steam Turbine/ Combined Cycle Power Plant of capacity not less than 100 MW or experience in the field of construction of Gas Turbine/Steam Turbine/ Combined Cycle Power Plant Project of capacity not less than 100 MW as class-1 officer or equivalent.</p> <p>c. Age Limit: Upto 40 years as on 31/01/2017.</p>

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 - An envelope with Tk. 6 (six) valued postage stamp and mailing address of candidate should be attached with the application.
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Mohammad Anamul Haque, Manager (HRM)
APSC/MD/HRM-2(Recruitment)/Ad-3/2017/370
Date: 02/02/2017

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Police
Police Telecom & Information Management Headquarters
Police Telecom Bhaban, Rajarbagh, Dhaka.
Invitation for International 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	Multi lot
7	Invitation Ref No	44.01.0000.057.11.012.16/574/Betar		
8	Date	02-02-2017		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	ICT (International)	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (One Stage Two Envelope)	
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.	GD1 & GD9/6825/2016-2017		
15	Tender Package Name	GD1 & GD9		
Date				
16	Tender Publication Date	03-02-2017		
17	Tender Last Selling Date	23-03-2017		
Date				
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	27-03-2017	11.00 AM	
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	27-03-2017	11.30 AM	
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
- Selling Tender Document (Principal)		Addl. SP (Admin & Telecom), Rajarbagh, Dhaka-1217		
- Selling Tender Document (Others)		Addl. DIG (Supply), Police HQ, Dhaka. DC (Logistic & Procurement), DMP, Dhaka.		
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-1: 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand) Tk. only. Lot-2: 10,000.00 (Ten Thousand) Tk. only. GD9: 3,000.00 (Three Thousand) Tk. only.		
Identification		Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)	Completion Time in Days/Weeks / Months
26	GD1	Lot -1: Supply and Installation of VHF DMR Radio System.	TK-25,00,000/- or US\$-32,000.00	120 days from the Date of Opening of L/C
		Lot -2 (Item-1): Supply and Installation of UHF DMR Radio System.		
	Lot -2 (Item-2): Supply and Installation of UHF Digital Trunking Radio System.	TK-13,50,000/- or US\$-17,000.00		
GD9:	Supply and Installation of Portable Repeater.	TK-9,50,000/- or US\$-12,000.00	TK-260,000/- or US\$-3,200.00	
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			
32	The tenderer's shall submit their Technical and Financial offer in separate sealed envelope. Furthermore both envelope shall cover by an outer envelope with sealed.			

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