



**Md Arfan Ali**, president and managing director of Bank Asia, and **Md Shafiqul Islam**, MD of SME Foundation, exchange documents after signing an agreement at the Foundation office in Dhaka on Thursday. Under the deal, the two organisations will work to make financing available for women entrepreneurs in manufacturing and services sectors in the rural areas as well as in the capital's suburbs where cluster-based industries have sprouted.

# Germany expects continued IMF aid for Greece

AFP, Berlin

Germany said Sunday that it expects the International Monetary Fund to continue participating in the bailout for debt-stricken Greece, despite the lender's doubts on the issue.

Ahead of key talks over the Greek debt saga, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble told ARD public television he was "starting from the principle" that the Washington-based IMF would carry on supporting Greece alongside the eurozone.

Athens said this week that it intends to reach "a political agreement in principle" with its creditors on Monday, in order to unblock loans required to repay its debts.

Schäuble and other eurozone finance ministers are due to meet in Brussels on Monday, with a crucial

meeting two days later in Berlin between German Chancellor Angela Merkel and IMF chief Christine Lagarde.

Concerns over Greek debt have been rising in recent weeks, sparking fears of another eurozone crisis.

Schäuble said he remained optimistic "because we have clear commitments which provide that if Greece fulfils its obligations" over economic reforms to cut spending and increase its revenues, "the IMF is committed" to maintaining its support. "I think this will be achieved in the coming weeks."

Merkel's right-hand man Peter Altmaier, the chief of staff in her chancellery, gave a similar assessment.

"For us in the German government, things are clear -- we want the IMF to stay involved and we are working to ensure that this is the case," he told the

Bild newspaper.

"I think there is a good chance that we will have a solution with the participation of the IMF."

The IMF has threatened to walk away from the bailout, saying Greece's debts are so huge that it is unable to stand on top of the repayments. It has demanded the eurozone reduce the debt burden to make the repayments more sustainable.

Germany has been steadfast in its opposition to this -- not least because such a prospect is unpopular with voters, months ahead of legislative elections.

Athens faces debt repayments of 7 billion euros (\$7.43 billion) this summer that it cannot afford without completing the current review of its rescue which would unblock new loans from the country's 86-billion-euro bailout.

# Deep sea mining gets a second look

AFP, Boston

The risk of running out of rare earth metals that are essential to modern technology has led to a surge in interest in mining the deep seas.

But fears have also mounted about the environmental impact of disturbing vast areas of the pristine ocean floor, experts said at the American Association for the Advancement of Science annual conference in Boston.

Demographic growth and the acceleration of technological innovations in the past 40 years have doubled the quantity of minerals extracted worldwide, leading to shortages of certain key metals, according to a recent UN report.

"Mining is essential for modern life," said Thomas Graedel, professor emeritus of industrial ecology and chemical engineering at Yale University.

"If global development proceeds at its current pace, traditional land-based supply of resources may be challenged to meet demand."

When it comes to copper, an essential element for electrical equipment and numerous industries, a shortage could begin around 2050, he said.

This uncertainty highlights the importance of considering deep-sea mining, even though the process involves environmental risks.

Cobalt, iron, manganese, platinum, nickel, gold and other rare earth minerals are generally found at depths ranging from a few hundred to several thousand meters (yards).

But just how much valuable material lies beneath the ocean floor remains highly uncertain, said Mark Hannington, a geologist at GEOMAR-Helmholtz Center for Ocean Research in Germany.

Observations so far indicate that

seafloor deposits targeted for mining could include from 600 million to a billion tons of minerals, including 30 million tons of copper and zinc, resources which could help respond to growing global demand for electronics.

He also said that nodules -- or rocky formations containing valuable metals on the ocean floor -- "are enormously abundant."

But details on this potential remain poorly understood, because for the past three decades, exploration has been concentrated on certain areas near hydrothermal vents.

"We have not found the large deposits yet," said Hannington.

"We have got to figure out how to find them if we want to truly understand the resources," he added.

"We've got to speed up the process dramatically because it has taken 30 years to get where we are now and 30 years from now it will be too late."



**Amir Hossain Amu**, industries minister, hands the CIP (commercially important person) card for 2015 to **Md Abdul Razzaq**, founder managing director of JMI Group, at a ceremony in Dhaka recently in recognition of his contribution to the manufacturing sector of Bangladesh.

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1	RF02004-IIF	Development of Baluchhora R/A Road at 02 No. Jalalabad Ward (Ch. 0'-0" to 950'-0")	84635	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
2	RR02009-IIF	Development of Kulgaon Sher-e-Bangla Road at 02 No. Jalalabad Ward (Ch. 0'-0" to 1500'-0")	84639	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
3	RR02003-IIF	Development of Dr. Farid Bari bylane (adjacent Khaza Road) at 02 No. Jalalabad Ward. (Ch. 0'-0" to 600'-0")	84649	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
4	RR02005-IIF	Development of East Kulgaon Nishi Shadu and Shukhendra Bikash bylane at 02 No. Jalalabad Ward. (Ch. 0'-0" to 100'-0" & Ch. 0'-0" to 300'-0")	84647	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
5	RF03006-IIF	Development of Abbas Khan Bari Road at 03 No. Panchlaish Ward. (Ch. 0'-0" to 600'-0")	84660	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
6	RR03003-IIF	Development of Hazi Yasin Bari Road at 03 No. Panchlaish Ward (Ch. 0'-0" to 250'-0")	84667	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
7	RR03004-IIF	Development of Commissioner Leyakot Ali Bari bylane at 03 No. Panchlaish Ward. (Ch. 0'-0" to 400'-0")	84668	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
8	RR03004-IIF	Development of Kholon Shah Road at 03 No. Panchlaish Ward. (Ch. 0'-0" to 550'-0")	84669	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
9	WR03001-NIF	Development of Amjad Ali Pukur side Retaining Wall beside Abdul Karim Munshi Road at 03 No. Panchlaish Ward	84672	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
10	RR04014-IIF	Development of Jalal Khan Chowdhury Road at 04 No. Chandgaon Ward. (Ch. 0'-0" to 800'-0")	84679	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00
11	RR04012-IIF	Development of Faridar Para Rafiq Uddin Mazar Goli Road at 04 No. Chandgaon Ward. (Ch.0'-0" to 1100'-0")	84682	06-03-2017 12.00	06-03-2017 14.00

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### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC) is entrusted with the responsibility of operation, maintenance and development of the power system network within the geographical area of DPDC (major half of Dhaka & Narayanganj City), invites applications from energetic and promising citizens of Bangladesh for appointment to the following position on contract basis for a period of maximum 03 (three) years at a time (inclusive of 01 year probationary period) which is renewable up to the age of 60 years subject to satisfactory performance against specific yearly targets to be set by the Board.

**1. Assistant Engineer: Number of post03(Merit Quota Only)**  
1.1 The Assistant Engineer is the position of the company in the functional area titled Technical, primarily engaged in assisting distribution management, manage functions pertaining to operations and maintenance of sub-stations, distribution lines, load management, consumer connections, commercial activities, planning, design, development and preparation of project profiles for the electrical network system etc.; reporting to the Executive Engineer. He/She will work under the direct supervision of Executive Engineer in achieving the targets of DPDC (e.g. distribution quality, revenue etc.).

**1.2 Required Qualification for:**  
1.2.1 **Telecommunication Engineering - 02 posts:**  
B.Sc. in Engineering in Telecommunication/ Electronics & Telecommunication/ Electronics & Communication/ Communication;  
1.2.2 **Electro-Mechanical Engineering - 01 post:** B.Sc. in Engineering in Electro-Mechanical.

Candidates must have minimum 2nd divisions/ classes or CGPA 2 or above in SSC and HSC or equivalent and must have minimum 2nd divisions/ classes or CGPA 2.25 or above in a scale of 4 or 2.82 in a scale of 5 in rest of the educational life. No 3rd division/ class or CGPA below 2 in any examination will be eligible to apply. Letter grades of O Level and A Level subjects are to be converted into grade points on the basis of A= 4, B= 3, C= 2 and D= 1. Grade Point Average (GPA) is calculated by averaging the grade points. Computer proficiency is an absolute necessity. The candidate should be fluent in spoken and written Bangla and English languages, and should be capable of working in challenging situation.

**1.3 Remuneration/Compensation Package:**  
Basic salary per month Taka 51,000.00 (Fifty One Thousand) only plus house rent @ 60% of basic per month for Dhaka City and 50% of basic per month for Narayanganj and Gazipur City area, two festival bonuses in year, contributory provident fund, group insurance, encashment of leave, gratuity as per applicable rules of the company. Expenses at actual for medical treatment purpose as mentioned in the company Service Rules will be reimbursed up to a maximum limit of equal to 02 (two) months basic salary per annum, and transport allowances will be provided as per company policy. Income tax shall have to be paid by the employee.

**Conditions:**  
1. Interested candidates have to apply using the application form available in the DPDC's website([www.dpdco.org.bd](http://www.dpdco.org.bd)).  
2. Aged maximum 32 (thirty two) years on 01.03.2017. Maximum age limit & educational result (CGPA/ Division) may be relaxed for suitable internal (DPDC's employees only) candidate.  
3. Those who have recently appeared in the examination and yet to get their degree, need not apply for the position.  
4. The applicant must pay Tk.1500/- (one thousand five hundred) using 'Pay Order/ Bank Draft' in favour of DGM, Employee Management (Administration), HR, DPDC.  
5. Persons employed in govt., semi govt., autonomous organization or power sector utilities should submit application through proper channel.  
6. Persuasion of any kind will disqualify the candidate. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any application and increase or decrease number of positions/ posts as it may seem proper and no explanation for such action will be provided to the applicant.  
7. Duly filled in application form (printed/typed) with 04 (Four) attested passport size recent photographs, attested photocopies of all educational certificates& marks sheet, 02 (Two) self-addressed envelope, attested copy of National Identity Card or copy of Passport (1st two pages) in enclosed envelope marked with the name of the post applied for should reach to the Deputy General Manager, Employee Management (Administration), DPDC, Biddut Bhaban (3rd floor), 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka-1000 on or before 12/03/2017 (Sunday) within the office hour.  
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