



Swedish Ambassador Johan Frisell, Managing Director of Berger Paints Bangladesh (BPBL) Rupali Chowdhury and General Manager of Berger Becker Bangladesh Kazi Mohammad Hossain Nipu pose during Frisell's visit to the Dhaka factory of Berger Becker Bangladesh, a joint venture of BPBL and Berckers Group of Sweden. The joint venture produces coil coatings to promote industrialisation in Bangladesh.

BERGER PAINTS BANGLADESH

India's wind power tariffs hit new low in push for renewables

REUTERS, New Delhi

Indian wind power tariffs fell to a record low in a government-run auction on Friday, weeks after solar power rates too hit an all-time low, as the country looks to cut chronic electricity shortages in one of the world's biggest clean energy programmes.

India, the world's third-biggest greenhouse gas emitter, has set a target of raising its renewable energy generation to 175 gigawatt by 2022, around five times current usage, to supply power to its 1.3 billion people and fight climate change.

The government push, personally monitored by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has prompted companies to bid aggressively for solar and wind projects, pushing tariffs low enough to challenge power generated by fossil fuels such as coal over the long term.

In an auction conducted by state-controlled Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for various wind projects totalling 1 gigawatt, five companies separately quoted a tariff of 3.46 rupees (\$0.0519) per unit to win the projects.

"After solar cost reduction below 3 rupees/unit, wind power cost down to 3.46 rupees/unit through transparent auction," India's coal, power and renewable energy minister, Piyush Goyal, said in a tweet on Friday.

Mytrah Energy, part of London-based Mytrah Group, Ostro Kutch Wind, backed by British private equity firm Actis, and Indian company Inox Wind Infrastructure won contracts for 250 megawatts (MW) each.

Green Infra Wind Energy, majority-owned by Singapore-based Sembcorp Industries Ltd, won a contract for 249.90 MW and Adani Green Energy, part of Indian billionaire Gautam Adani's infrastructure group, was awarded a 50 MW project, according to a senior SECI official and a bid document seen by Reuters.

"The auctions have been hard fought and have led to tighter pricing than one would have foreseen even a few months earlier," said Vikram Kailas, chief executive of Mytrah Energy.

The other companies were not immediately available for comment.

Saudi king eyes investment, skills on rare Asia tour

AFP, Riyadh

Saudi Arabia's King Salman begins on Sunday a three-week Asian tour likely to seek investment and technical expertise as the world's biggest oil exporter looks to diversify its economy.

Almost 50 years since the last trip by a Saudi monarch to Japan and Indonesia, Salman will visit those countries as well as Malaysia, China, and the Maldives.

"This visit will be the first time for 46 years, so symbolically it's very important," Shigeto Kondo, a research fellow at The Institute of Energy Economics, Japan, told AFP.

Salman's first stop will be close ally Malaysia, which the late king Abdullah visited 11 years ago.

But the Japan and Indonesia visits, where Salman is expected to seek further economic ties with the world's third largest economy and the most populous Muslim nation respectively, are expected to be the highlights of the trip.

Saudi Arabia last year began a wide-ranging economic and social reform effort to diversify its economy.

Known as Vision 2030, it calls



REUTERS/FILE

Saudi King Salman bin Abulaziz Al-Saud attends the first Gulf Cooperative Council's "GCC British Summit", in Sakhir Palace Bahrain, on December 7, 2016.

for development of non-oil industries, small and medium enterprises, and a broader investment base, all of which should employ more Saudis. Tokyo and Riyadh have been discussing how Japan can contribute since Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman visited last year. "So we can expect some sort of framework for cooper-

ation being announced during (the) king's visit," Kondo said. As Riyadh tries to develop renewable energy, entertainment, digital and other areas "it expects investment in these sectors from the world's third largest economy," according to Makio Yamada, a research fellow at Riyadh's King Faisal Center for Research and

Islamic Studies.

He said Japan and Saudi Arabia "have begun to cooperate on the creation of more diverse economic ties between them," while Tokyo seeks energy security from its main oil supplier.

Japanese firms are already helping to train young Saudis in technical skills vital for replacing millions of foreign workers in the kingdom.

Many Saudis are interested in Japanese culture, and the royal families of the two countries -- led by Emperor Akihito, 83, and Salman, 81 -- maintain a "cordial relationship", Japan's foreign ministry said.

Salman will be in Jakarta from Wednesday to Friday, followed by five days on the resort island of Bali, Indonesian media reported.

"This is an extremely historic visit for us," Indonesian Cabinet Secretary Pramono Anung was quoted as saying.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim country and every year sends the biggest contingent to the hajj pilgrimage in western Saudi Arabia, which is home to Islam's holiest sites.



MERCANTILE BANK

Subhash Chandra Das, general manager of Sonali Bank, and Shamim Ahmed, senior executive vice president of Mercantile Bank, attend the signing of a deal at a programme for online collection of the pre-registration fees and other charges of hajj 2017 from the pilgrims.

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E-Tender Notice No. 01/2016-2017

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Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description	Online tender notice publication date	Online tender closing date
86941	HEQEP/DU/ISRT/C P3236/2016-17/G6	Supply & Installation of IT Equipments	26 Feb 2017, 10:00am	13 Mar 2017, 13:00pm

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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US new home sales rise in January

AFP, Washington

Sales of new US homes started the year on an upswing, with buyers in the Northeast snapping up the largest number of houses in nine years, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

Purchases of new single-family homes have been rising steadily since 2012 and the new data confirmed the upward trend in the sector, along with tightening supply.

Housing has been a solid part of the economic recovery, and the National Association of Realtors also said sales of existing homes hit their fastest monthly pace in nearly 10 years last month, according to data released Wednesday.

Sales of new single-family homes in January rose 3.7 percent to a seasonally-adjusted annual rate of 555,000 units, the data showed. Analysts were expecting a larger monthly increase to 566,000 units.

The increase reversed some of the decline recorded in December, when the pace of sales slowed seven percent. January sales were 5.5 percent higher than the same month of last year.

A small decline in sales in the western United States was almost entirely offset by a 15.8 percent jump in the Northeast, where homebuyers bought 44,000 new houses -- the highest since January of 2008.

The median sales price fell one percent to \$312,900 while inventory stood at 265,000 units, or 5.7 months' supply.

Brazil's jobless rate hits new record high

AFP, Rio De Janeiro

Brazil's unemployment rate hit a new record high of 12.6 percent in November-January, official data showed Friday, despite government assertions of economic recovery.

That meant 12.9 million out of work, deepening the sense of crisis for ordinary people in Latin America's biggest country after two years of recession.

At nearly 13 million jobless, that's a 34.3 percent increase from 12 months ago. Brazil's economy shrank 3.8 percent in 2015 and is expected to have contracted a further 3.5 percent in 2016.

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Sl. No.	Tender ID No./Package No.	Name of works	Last date and time for tender security submission	Tender closing date & time
1	88800, 29/e-GP/FRD/2016-2017/WD-04	"Improvement of Faridpur (Badarpur)-Shalitha-Sonapur-Mukusdipur Road (Z 7005)" Providing Widening of Existing Road Embankment & Pavement with Strengthening, Surfacing, Protective work, Traffic Sign-Signal, K.m Post, Guide Post, Road Marking, New Construction of flexible pavement, Construction of 02 Nos. RCC Box Culvert from Ch: 21+910 to Ch. 28+910 under Faridpur Road Division during the year 2016-2017(Package No. WD-04)	28/03/2017 11:30 hours	28/03/2017 12:00 hour

e-Tender details can be downloaded from 22/02/2017 to 27/03/2017, time 17:00 of e-GP System Portal <http://www.eprocure.gov.bd> for pursue.
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No. BR/ADB-2/Washing Plant-1 Date: 22-02-2017

Corrigendum-2

The following amendment is made to the Invitation for Bid No. BR/ADB-2/Automatic Train Washing Plant, issued on 29 November 2016 for "Procurement of 1 (One) Meter Gauge (MG) and 1 (One) Broad Gauge (BG) Automatic Train Washing Plant for Bangladesh Railway".

Sl No.	Reference	Existing Paragraph/Sentence/Word in the Document	Added/Replacement Para/Sentence/Word or Clarification Proposal
1	Deadline for Submission of Bids	27 February 2017, 11:00am (Bangladesh Standard Time)	27 March 2017, 11:00am (Bangladesh Standard Time)
2	SI No. 5 of Invitation for Bids (IFB)	Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Chief Mechanical Engineer/Development and Project Director and inspect the Bidding Document at the address given below, from 10:00am to 04:30pm. Date of selling of bid document: Up to 27 February 2017 till 10:00am.	Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Chief Mechanical Engineer/Development and Project Director and inspect the Bidding Document at the address given below, from 10:00am to 04:30pm. Date of selling of bid document: Up to 27 March 2017 till 10:00am.
3	SI No. 7 of Invitation for Bids (IFB)	Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 27 February 2017, 11:00am (Bangladesh Standard Time). All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the bidding document. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders representatives, who choose to attend at the address below at 11:30am on 27 February 2017.	Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 27 March 2017, 11:00am (Bangladesh Standard Time). All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as described in the bidding document. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders representatives, who choose to attend at the address below at 11:30am on 27 March 2017.

The other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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বাংলাদেশ বিজ্ঞান ও শিল্প গবেষণা পরিষদ (বিসিএসআইআর)
Establishment of Physical Facilities for Technology Transfer and Innovation in BCSIR-Project
Dr. Quadrat-A-Khuda Road, Dhaka-1205

Ref: 39.345.17.00.00.011,12,13,14,15 Date: 25/02/2017

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Sl No.	Tender ID No.	Name of tender	Last date and time for tender selling	Last date and time for tender closing	Last date and time for tender opening
01.	88657	Supply and installation of Nitrogen Generator and High Density Rotifer Production System	13 March 2017 (17:00)	14 March 2017 (12:00)	14 March 2017 (12:30)
02.	88886	Supply and installation of Recirculated Fishery System Spare Parts	13 March 2017 (17:00)	14 March 2017 (12:00)	14 March 2017 (12:30)
03.	88896	Supply and installation of Recirculated Aquaculture System	13 March 2017 (17:00)	14 March 2017 (12:00)	14 March 2017 (12:30)
04.	89026	Supply of chemical and reagents (standards and primers)	13 March 2017 (17:00)	14 March 2017 (12:00)	14 March 2017 (12:30)
05.	88986	Supply and installation of Recirculated Aquaculture System Parts	13 March 2017 (17:00)	14 March 2017 (12:00)	14 March 2017 (12:30)

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