

UK workers suffer first pay squeeze since 2014

REUTERS, London

British pay growth lagged inflation for the first time in two-and-a-half years in early 2017, underscoring the growing Brexit squeeze facing many households, official data showed on Wednesday.

British Prime Minister Theresa May, who has called a national election for June 8, will probably draw attention to the lowest unemployment rate in nearly 42 years as companies continued to hire workers at a fast pace.

But pay excluding bonuses rose by 2.1 percent year-on-year, the weakest increase since July and below expectations for a 2.2 percent rise in a Reuters poll of economists.

That meant regular pay, when adjusted for inflation, fell by 0.2 percent in the first three months of the year, the first fall since the third quarter of 2014. Britain's opposition Labour Party has made weak wage growth one of its main themes ahead of the election. It has promised a higher minimum wage and the end to a cap on public sector pay.

May has told voters she too is aware

of the squeeze on their spending power and said she will cap energy prices, breaking with the Conservative Party's usually pro-market stance.

While wage growth is weak, there are other signs of continued strength in the British labor market.

The unemployment rate in the January-March period unexpectedly fell to its lowest level in nearly 42 years at 4.6 percent. Economists polled by Reuters had expected the rate to remain at 4.7 percent.

And the number of people in work rose by a strong 122,000 - the biggest increase since before the EU referendum last year - taking the employment rate to a new record of 74.8 percent, the Office for National Statistics said.

Overall, the data is likely to bolster the BoE's view that it should keep interest rates at a record just above zero, despite the sharp rise in inflation so far this year which is likely to hit 3 percent before long, according to economists. The BoE says that despite the fall in unemployment, there is little pressure on employers to raise pay sharply which could feed a more

permanent inflation problem.

Employers plan to increase pay by just 1 percent in the year ahead, the weakest rate since 2013, a survey showed earlier this week.

The BoE said on Wednesday there was little sign that companies planned to raise annual pay awards above the 2.0-2.5 percent level of recent quarters.

Another survey published earlier on Wednesday showed inflation gnawed further into the budgets of British households this month, resulting in the sharpest fall in cash available to spend in two-and-a-half years.

Separately, Wednesday's ONS data provided some relief for employers who have said they are worried that migrant workers are being discouraged from coming to Britain because of the fall in the value of the pound since the Brexit vote and uncertainty about their future status in the country.

The number of workers in Britain from the other 27 European Union countries rose by 50,000 to just under 2.34 million in the first three months of 2017. The figure fell by 50,000 in the last three months of 2016.

Hindustan Unilever profit up 6.2pc

REUTERS

Hindustan Unilever Ltd, maker of products ranging from Lakmé cosmetics to BRU coffee, reported a 6.2 percent rise in quarterly profit, helped by strong sales of its Pears and Dove products.

Net profit rose to 11.83 billion rupees (\$184.57 million) in the quarter ended March 31, compared with 11.14 billion rupees a year earlier, the company said on Wednesday.

Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters estimated a profit of 10.80 billion rupees on average.

Revenue from the company's personal care segment, which houses brands such as Vaseline and Pond's, rose about 8 percent to 40.75 billion rupees.



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina receives donation from Alamgir Shamsul Alamin, president of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh, and Liakat Ali Bhuiyan, vice president (first), for the Prime Minister's Education Assistance Trust, at a programme at Gono Bhaban in Dhaka on May 15.

Hundreds of EU airports, ports to benefit from simpler subsidy rules

REUTERS, Brussels

Hundreds of small airports and ports around Europe are set to benefit from simpler EU state aid rules allowing governments to grant public funds to help them expand and create jobs.

The new rules, part of a broad reform by the European Commission to allow EU governments have more say on how they subsidize small facilities and minor projects, could benefit more than 400 small airports in the 28-country bloc.

The move would also free up resources at the EU competition enforcer for big cases.

"Today's changes will save them (EU countries) time and trouble when investing in ports and airports, culture and the EU's outermost regions, whilst preserving competition," European Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager said in a statement.

There are more than 420 airports in the EU with fewer than 3 million passengers yearly, accounting for

some 80 percent of all airports in the bloc but only about 13 percent of air traffic. The Commission has in recent years ordered governments to claw back millions of euros in illegal subsidies given to airports and airlines such as Ryanair, TUI's German carrier TUIfly and Lufthansa's Germanwings, which is now called Eurowings.

Under the new rules, authorities can cover the operating costs of small airports handling up to 200,000 passengers annually, which make up almost half of all airports in the EU.

Ford to cut 1,400 white-collar jobs in N America, Asia

REUTERS

Ford Motor Co said on Wednesday it plans to cut 1,400 salaried jobs in North America and Asia through voluntary early retirement and other financial incentives as the No. 2 U.S. automaker looks to boost its sagging stock price.

Ford said the cuts would amount to 10 percent of a group of 15,000 salaried workers. The company said a large group of salaried workers would not be covered by the planned cuts, including those in product development and in the Ford Credit unit. The cuts will not apply to Ford's Europe or South America units.

About two-thirds of the planned cuts are in North America and the rest in Asia.



Tofail Ahmed, commerce minister; Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal, home minister; AKM Mozammel Haque, liberation war affairs minister; Abdul Wahed, chairman of DBL group, and MA Jabbar, managing director of DBL, attend the launch of DBL Ceramics, a new concern of DBL Group, at a programme in Dhaka on May 16.

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Invitation Reference No.: 52.01.0000.405.07.026.15.151, Date: 17-05-2017 Tender ID : 102389, Project Code: P-5042 Package No : e-TENDER GD-31-REV Publishing : 17-May- 2017, 09:00 AM	Purchase of Multimedia Projector set and UPS (Detail specifications of the above mentioned items are available on e-GP portal)	Last Selling: 01-Jun-2017, 11:00 AM Closing: 01-Jun-2017, 12:00 noon
Invitation Reference No.: 52.01.0000.405.07.032.15.152, Date: 16-05-2017 Tender ID : 102414, Project Code: P-5042 Package No : e-TENDER GD-29-REV Publishing : 17-May- 2017, 09:00 AM	Purchase of Furniture and Office Equipment (Detail specifications of the above mentioned items are available on e-GP portal)	Last Selling: 01-Jun-2017, 11:00 AM Closing: 01-Jun-2017, 12:00 noon

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Sd.
Md. Alamgir Hossen
 Project Director

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স্মারক নং : প্রমাণ-সি-৫৮৯/২০১৭/৯০৬/২/ বাধ তারিখ : ১৫.০৫.২০১৭

উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১	প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	: বাংলা একাডেমি
২	সহোদক সন্ত্রের নাম ও ঠিকানা	: মহাপরিচালক, বাংলা একাডেমি, ঢাকা ১০০০
৩	কেন ধরনের সহোদক জন্ম দরপত্র	: জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান রচিত 'করনামারের রোজনামা' শীর্ষক গ্রন্থ পুনর্মুদ্রণের জন্য বিজ্ঞান ধরনের কাগজ (বিশেষ) ক্রয়
৪	দরপত্র আহ্বানের সূত্র নম্বর ও তারিখ	: প্রমাণ-সি-৫৮৯/২০১৭/৯০৬/২/ বাধ তারিখ : ১৫.০৫.২০১৭
৫	সহোদক পদ্ধতি	: উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি (OTM)
৬	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	: নিজস্ব অর্থ/জিওবি
৭	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	: ০৫.০৬.২০১৭ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন
৮	দরপত্র গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	: ০৬.০৬.২০১৭ তারিখ দুপুর ১২:০০টা
৯	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	: ০৬.০৬.২০১৭ তারিখ বেলা ১:০০ টায় বাংলা একাডেমির সভাকক্ষে দরপত্রদাতাদের উপস্থিতিতে যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন। দরপত্র বাজ খোলা হবে।
১০	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের স্থান	: ক. কোম্পানি, হিন্দুকোম্পানি ও বাজেট উপবিভাগ, বাংলা একাডেমি, ঢাকা ১০০০ খ. সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব (৪), সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ঢাকা ১০০০
১১	দরপত্র গ্রহণের স্থান	: ক. বাংলা একাডেমির সভাকক্ষে রক্ষিত দরপত্র বাজ খ. সিনিয়র সহকারী সচিব (৪), সংস্কৃতি বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয় ঢাকা ১০০০
১২	দরপত্রদাতাদের যোগ্যতা	: ক. উপপরিচালক/সহকারী বাসনি/সহকারী সচিব/সরকারি/আইসি/সরকারি/প্রাইভেট/প্রাইভেট প্রকৌশল/বিজ্ঞান ধরনের কাগজ সরকারের অধিকার
১৩	দরপত্রের সাথে ফেসব কাগজের জমা দিতে হবে	: ক. দরপত্র ক্রয়ের মূল বস্তু। খ. দরপত্র প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালতক ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ডাট নিবন্ধনপত্র, তফসিলি ব্যাংক থেকে আর্থিক সঞ্চয়তার সনদপত্র, টিআইএনসহ ফোননাম আয়কর পরিষেবার সনদপত্র ও ব্যাংকের অভিজ্ঞতাগণের সত্যায়িত কপি। গ. বিজ্ঞান ধরনের কাগজ (বিশেষ) ১(এক) শিট করে নমুনা হিসেবে সিডিউলের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে। ঘ. দরপত্রের জামানত পে-অর্ডার 'বাংলা একাডেমি, ঢাকা' অনুসরণে জমা দিতে হবে। এছাড়া দরপত্রের বর্ণিত অন্যান্য কাগজপত্র ও শর্তাবলি।
১৪	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর নাম	: সন্মার কুমার সরকার
১৫	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর পদবী	: উপপরিচালক (প্রশাসন)
১৬	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর অফিসের ঠিকানা ও টেলিফোন নম্বর	: প্রশাসন, মানবসম্পদ উন্নয়ন ও পরিকল্পনা বিভাগ, বাংলা একাডেমি, ঢাকা-১০০০ ফোন: ০২-৫৮৬১১২৩৯
১৭	লট	বিবরণ
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১৮	অন্যান্য তথ্য	: দরপত্র সমন্বিত অন্যান্য তথ্য দিল্লী/আসসা/সরকারি/সরকারি থেকে জানা যাবে। অনির্বাচনযোগ্য দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কর্মদিবস ব্যাহত হলে অপরিসীম কার্যক্রম উল্লিখিত সময় ও স্থানে দরপত্র গ্রহণ ও খোলা হবে। কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনো কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীতই বা সর্বদা দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা রাখে।

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Invitation for Tender

Memo No: 22.01.0000.221.02.35.2017.821 Date: 16.05.2017

01. Ministry/division	Ministry of Environment & Forests.
02. Agency	Bangladesh Forest Department.
03. Procuring entity name	Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forest Division, Bogra.
04. Procuring entity code	N/A
05. Procuring entity district	Bogra, Bangladesh.
06. Invitation for	Procurement of Vehicle: Brand New Car (01 No.) of 1490-1500cc & Manufacturing year- not before 2015.
07. Invitation Ref. No.	Tender No. 10
08. Date	16.05.2017

KEY INFORMATION

09. Procurement method	Open Tender Method (OTM) (National).
10. Budget and source of fund	Revenue Budget (GOB).

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11. Project/programme name	N/A
12. Tender package No.	N/A
13. Tender name	Supply of Brand New Car (01 No.) of 1490-1500cc & Manufacturing year- not before 2015.
14. Tender publication date	18.05.2017
15. Tender last selling date & time	30.05.2017 5:00pm
16. Tender submission date & time	31.05.2017 2:00pm
17. Tender opening date & time	31.05.2017 3:30pm
18. Name & address of the office	Office of the Range Officer, Sadar Range, Koigari, Bogra.
For selling tender document	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forest Division, Bogra, Koigari, Bogra.
For receiving tender document	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forest Division, Bogra, Koigari, Bogra.
For opening tender document	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forest Division, Bogra, Koigari, Bogra.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

19. Eligibility of tenderer	a) The maximum 2 (two) number of arbitration against the tenderer over a period 3 (three) years. b) At least 20 (twenty) years experience of supplying vehicles & related services. c) Tenderer shall have successfully completed minimum thirty (30) numbers of supply-contract of similar goods and related services within the last three (03) years. d) Minimum required cash flow Tk. 2.0 (two) crore and e) All other conditions mentioned in TDS.
20. Brief description of goods	As per schedule.
21. Price of tender document	Tk. 1000/- (one thousand) only (non-refundable).

22. Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Work completion time
01	Brand New Car (01 No.) of 1490-1500cc & Manufacturing year- not before 2015.	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forest Division, Bogra Koigari, Bogra.	Tk. 1,00,000/- (one lac) only	15 days from the date of signing contract.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

23. Name of official inviting tender	Molla Mohammad Mizanur Rahman.
24. Designation of official inviting tender	Divisional Forest Officer.
25. Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forest Division, Bogra, Koigari, Bogra.
26. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 051-66436, E-mail: dfobogra@gmail.com
27. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders.	

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