



Prabal Bose, managing director of Siemens Bangladesh, and Aminur Rashid, chairman of Edison Group, attend an agreement signing ceremony between the two companies. Under the deal, Edison Group has been appointed as a dealer for the low voltage components of Siemens.

US, Saudi firms sign tens of billions of dollars of deals as Trump visits

REUTERS, Riyadh

US and Saudi Arabian companies signed business deals worth tens of billions of dollars on Saturday during a visit by US President Donald Trump, as Riyadh seeks help to develop its economy beyond oil.

National oil firm Saudi Aramco said it signed \$50 billion of agreements with US firms. Energy minister Khalid al-Falih said deals involving all companies totaled over \$200 billion, many of them designed to produce things in Saudi Arabia that had previously been imported.

Business leaders on both sides were keen to demonstrate their talks had been a success, so there was an element of showmanship in the huge numbers. Some deals had been announced previously; others were memorandums of understanding that would require further negotiations to materialize.

Nevertheless, the deals illustrated Saudi Arabia's hunger for foreign capital and technology as it tries to reduce its dependence on oil exports. Low oil prices in the past couple of years have slowed the economy to a crawl and saddled the government with a big budget deficit.

"We want foreign companies to look at Saudi Arabia as a platform for exports to other markets," Falih told a conference attended by dozens of US executives.

In March, Saudi Arabia's King Salman toured Asia and his delegation signed similar agreements worth tens of billions of dollars there, including deals worth as much as \$65 billion in China. FUNDS Even as it sought US investment on Saturday, Riyadh made two announcements on plans to deploy its own financial reserves for projects that would cement economic ties with the United States.

The Public Investment Fund, Riyadh's main sovereign wealth fund, and U.S. private equity firm Blackstone said they were studying a proposal to create a \$40 billion vehicle to invest in infrastructure projects, mainly in the United States. The vehicle would obtain \$20 billion from the PIF and with additional debt financing, might invest in over \$100 billion of infrastructure projects - a political boon to Trump, who has said he wants to rebuild crumbling US infrastructure.

Meanwhile the world's largest private equity fund, backed by the PIF, Japan's Softbank Group and other investors including US firms Apple Inc and Qualcomm, said on Saturday it had raised over \$93 billion to invest in technology sectors such as artificial intelligence and robotics.

Much of the Softbank Vision Fund's money is likely to be invested in the United States, helping Riyadh obtain access to technology that it could use to diversify its economy. Top Saudi economic policy makers, including the finance minister and head of the kingdom's main sovereign wealth fund, described investment opportunities in Saudi Arabia to the conference on Saturday.

Saudi officials said they aimed to prepare new, streamlined rules covering direct investment by foreign firms within 12 months.

Among the deals signed on Saturday, GE said it reached \$15 billion of agreements involving almost \$7 billion of goods and services from GE itself. They ranged from the power and healthcare sectors to the oil and gas industry and mining. Jacobs Engineering will form a joint venture with Aramco to manage business projects in the kingdom, and McDermott International will transfer some of its ship fabrication facilities from Dubai to a new shipbuilding complex which Aramco will build within Saudi Arabia.

Pacific Rim nations fight to save TPP trade pact

AFP, Hanoi

Asia-Pacific trade ministers agreed Sunday to try to revive a massive free trade pact, even though the US reaffirmed its decision to pull out, as fears grow of a new global era of protectionism.

The 12-nation Trans-Pacific Partnership covered 40 percent of the global economy before Trump abruptly abandoned it in January to meet a campaign pledge to save American jobs which he says have been sucked up overseas.

Japan, Australia and New Zealand are leading efforts by the so-called TPP 11 to resuscitate the agreement, convinced it will lock in future free trade and strengthen labour rights and environmental protections.

After an early-morning huddle in the Vietnamese capital Hanoi, New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay told reporters the TPP 11 "are committed to finding a way forward to deliver" the pact.

Trade representatives agreed to help the United States to rejoin the deal at any time, pinning hopes on a U-turn in American policy. The TPP was in part crafted as a counterweight to the burgeoning economic might of China.

But Trump's newly-appointed trade chief Robert Lighthizer poured cold water on the prospect of a US return, saying Washington "pulled out of the TPP and it's not going to change that decision".

"The TPP 11 can make their own decisions, the United States makes its decisions, that's what sovereign nations do," Lighthizer told reporters, adding his nation will "stay engaged" in the area, albeit on a bilateral basis.

Spearheaded by then-US president Barack Obama, the far-reaching TPP -- which notably excludes China -- would have rewritten the rules of 21st century trade.

After seven years of negotiations the finalised proposal was signed in February last year, but cannot go into force until it is ratified by six countries with a combined 85 percent of the bloc's total GDP.

The deal goes further than most existing free trade pacts, with labour laws, environmental protections and intellectual property rights touted as a new gold standard for global trade.

It promised to transform smaller economies such as Vietnam by offering unprecedented access to the world's top economies.



Annisul Huq, chairman of Jadoo Vision Ltd, a concern of Mohammadi Group, and a number of senior officials of IndiaCast Media Distribution Ltd attend a programme in Dhaka recently to announce a partnership between the two companies. Under the partnership, Jadoo Vision will be the exclusive distributor of channels such as MTV, Colors, Colors Bangla, History, VH1, Nick, Nick Jr, Nickelodeon Sonic, Rishtey, Comedy Central and FYI in Bangladesh.

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Chittagong Fish Harbour, Chittagong

Invitation for Tenders

Invitation for National Tender (Works) for Construction of Retaining Wall in Multi-Channel Slipway Project.

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Chairman, BFDC.
4	Procuring entity code	4405.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Tender for Construction of Retaining Wall in Multi-Channel Slipway Project.
7	Invitation No.	33.03.1561.010.07.011.17.10
8	Date	21.05.2017.

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	National Competitive Bidding (NCB), Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, GOB.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	None.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	7040.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Multi-Channel Slipway Project, Ctg Fish Harbour, BFDC, Chittagong.
14	Tender package No.	11.
15	Tender package name	Construction of Retaining Wall in Multi-Channel Slipway Project.
16	Tender publication date	21.05.2017.
17	Tender last selling date	11.06.2017.
18	Tender closing date and time	12.06.2017 12:00 noon
19	Tender opening date and time	12.06.2017 12:30 PM.
20	Name & address of the office(s)	
	Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Chief Accountant, Chittagong Fish Harbour, BFDC, Chittagong.
	Selling tender document (others)	Office of Controller of Accounts, Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation, 24-25, Dilkusha C/A, Motijheel, Dhaka-1000.
	Receiving tender document	Office of the Project Director, Multi-Channel Slipway Project, Chittagong Fish Harbour, BFDC, Chittagong.
	Opening tender document	Office of the Project Director, Multi-Channel Slipway Project, Chittagong Fish Harbour, BFDC, Chittagong.

21 Pre-tender meeting (optional) Date: 01-06-2017 Time: 11:00am

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Eligibility of tenderer	Any reputed contractor of Bangladesh.			
23	Brief description of works	Construction of Retaining Wall in Multi-Channel.			
24	Brief description of related services	None.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 15,000.00.			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security (Tk lac)	Completion time (months)
1	Construction of Retaining Wall	Ctg Fish Harbour	9 (nine)	Maximum 6 (six) months from the signing of the contract	

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27	Name of official inviting tender	M. Monirul Islam.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director.
29	Address of official inviting tender	Multi-Channel Slipway Project, Chittagong Fish Harbour, BFDC, Chittagong.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 880-31-613006 E-mail address: ctgharbour@gmail.com
31	The purchaser reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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Greece appeals to creditors to approve debt relief measures

AFP, Athens

Greece told its EU-IMF creditors Sunday there should be "no excuse" for delays to debt relief payments now that Athens has "fulfilled its obligations" with new austerity cuts. The appeal came on the eve of a meeting of eurozone finance ministers in Brussels that will discuss the issue.

"Our country by adopting the new measures through the Greek parliament has fulfilled its obligations totally and on time," Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos said in a statement carried by the Athens News Agency. "There is no excuse for further delay on the issue of the debt relief".

The Greek parliament late Thursday adopted a new round of austerity cuts which the government hopes will secure a pledge of debt relief and loan disbursements by EU-IMF creditors.

The bill entails 4.9 billion euros (\$5.4 billion) in pension cuts and lower tax breaks in 2018-2021 and was passed by a majority of 153 lawmakers from the ruling coalition. "The decisions are now in the hands of the institutions in order to pave the way for our access to the QE (European Central Bank's asset purchase programme), and our return to bond markets", Tsakalotos said.

The question of debt relief has served as a point of contention for months between Berlin and the IMF, which does not want to participate in the bailout programme unless Greece's debt burden is brought down to manageable levels.

In his calls for substantial debt relief, Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras faces resistance from Germany, where additional concessions are unpopular with an electorate called to a general election in September.

According to sources familiar with the matter, the IMF and eurozone countries are close to reaching a compromise, which would clear the way for a global agreement allowing Greece to return to bond markets in 2018.

জাতীয় জনসংখ্যা গবেষণা ও প্রশিক্ষণ প্রতিষ্ঠান
(নিপোর্ট)

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অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ নিপোর্টের ডেপুটি প্রক্টর, ল্যান্ডস্কেপ ও প্রিন্টার ক্রয়ের জন্য গত ৫/৫/২০১৭ খ্রিঃ তারিখে দৈনিক ইত্তেফাক এবং ৭-৫-২০১৭ খ্রিঃ দি ডেইলি স্টার পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত দরপত্র আহ্বান বিজ্ঞপ্তির ৯ নম্বর ক্রমিক সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ সময় ও তারিখ ২১-৫-২০১৭ এর পরিবর্তে ২৪-৫-২০১৭ খ্রিঃ অফিস চলাকালীন, ১০ নম্বর ক্রমিকের দরপত্র বন্ধ করার সময় ও তারিখ ২২-৫-২০১৭ খ্রিঃ এর পরিবর্তে ২৫-৫-২০১৭ খ্রিঃ দুপুর ১.০০টা এবং ১১ নম্বর ক্রমিকের দরপত্র খোলার স্থান, সময় ও তারিখ নিপোর্টের সভাকক্ষে ২৫-৫-২০১৭ খ্রিঃ দুপুর ২:৩০টায় করা হলো। দরপত্রে প্রকাশিত অন্যান্য তথ্য ও শর্তাদি অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে।

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