

First Security Islami Bank Vice Chairman Mohammed Abdul Maleque presides over the bank's 18th annual general meeting at Kurmitola Golf Club in Dhaka on Sunday. The bank declared 5 percent cash and 5 percent stock dividends for 2016. Managing Director Syed Waseque Md Ali was also present.

China, India oil imports show Saudi Arabia carrying the burden of cuts

REUTERS, Launceston, Australia

Saudi Arabia wants to do more to boost crude oil prices by taking a razor to its exports, but the kingdom is already doing much of the heavy lifting in Asia, where it is surrendering market share in the world's top importing region.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said after a meeting of the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) and its allies on Monday that his country would limit crude oil exports to 6.6 million barrels per day (bpd) in August, almost 1 million bpd below levels a year ago.

This commitment is belated recognition that Opec and its non-Opec allies, including Russia, have to do more than just comply with their November agreement to cut output by a combined 1.8 million bpd. For the output restrictions to work by draining global oil inventories, the producers will also have to curb exports.

Vessel-tracking data from Thomson Reuters and other service providers suggest that cuts to exports in the first half of 2017 by Opec and its non-Opec allies haven't matched the reductions in stated output.

However, data from Asia's top two oil importers, China and India, show that Saudi Arabia is already taking much of the pain by cutting the amount of crude it supplies.

China imported the equivalent of 8.56 million bpd of crude in the first half of 2017, up 13.8 percent on the same period a year earlier, according to calculations based on customs data released on Monday.

Of this Saudi Arabia supplied 1.07 million bpd, a gain of just 0.5 percent over the first half of 2016.

This meant that Saudi Arabia, which was China's top supplier in 2015 and was only just pipped by Russia last year, has now slipped to third.

Russia supplied 1.18 million bpd in the first half, an increase of 11.3 percent from a year ago that

saw it maintain its top position, while Angola leapfrogged into the second spot with 1.09 million bpd, a jump of 22 percent from the first half of 2016.

Both Russia and Angola are party to the agreement to restrict output, as is Iraq, which boosted its supplies to China by 5.6 percent in the first half to about 720,000 bpd, becoming the fourth-largest source of oil imports.

Also worrying from the Saudi perspective is that producers outside the output agreement showed sharp increases in Chinese imports, with Brazil supplying 501,000 bpd, a leap of 48 percent over the first half of last year.

Because of the restrictions on Opec and non-Opec supply, China has turned to oil from non-traditional suppliers, with imports from Britain amounting to about 190,000 bpd, up 186 percent, and from the United States about 123,500 bpd, up a staggering 1,348 percent.

In India, a similar dynamic is at play, with imports from Saudi Arabia dropping 8.4 percent in the first half of 2017 to 759,100 bpd, placing the kingdom behind new top supplier Iraq with 847,200 bpd, a gain of 0.3 percent.

India boosted imports from Iran by 57.8 percent to 539,500 bpd, while those from Angola rose 9.5 percent to 128,600 bpd, according to tanker data compiled by Thomson Reuters.

While not a major supplier to India, Brazil supplied 107,300 bpd in the first half, a gain of 82.5 percent. Also, imports from Mexico, another producer outside the output deal, jumped 62.4 percent to 133,700 bpd.

Putting the Chinese and Indian import data together and the picture that emerges is that Saudi Arabia is giving up market share, while some of its allies aren't.

The question then becomes whether the kingdom views this as sustainable, and how long will it be prepared to cut its exports to major buyers while others seemingly don't.



Dhaka Bank Managing Director Syed Mahbubur Rahman and bKash Chief Executive Officer Kamal Quadir attend a deal signing ceremony at the bank's corporate office in the capital. The bank's corporate customers will enjoy services of bKash by using Dhaka Bank C Solution, a digital payment solution of the bank.

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Dated: 24/07/2017

e-Tender Notice

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents of following package from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches.

SI No.	Name of work	Tender ID	Last date & time of submission documents	Tender/proposal opening date & time
1.	Construction of RCC open yard at Sonahat Land Port Kurigram.	110819	16.08.2017 at 11:00am	16.08.2017 at 12:00 noon
2.	External electrification, supply of 100 kva generator and construction of power house at Sonahat Land Port Kurigram	111863	09.08.2017 at 12:00 noon	09.08.2017 at 12:30pm
3.	Repairing and maintenance of weighing scale and weighbridge scale for different Shed and Yard at Benapole, Bhomra, Burimari, Akhaura, Tamabil & Nakugaon Land Port.	111772	09.08.2017 at 12:00 noon	09.08.2017 at 14:30pm

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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Toyota set to sell fast-charging electric cars in 2022

REUTERS, Tokyo

Toyota Motor Corp is working on an electric car powered by a new type of battery that significantly increases driving range and reduces charging time, aiming to begin sales in 2022, the Chunichi Shimbun daily reported on Tuesday.

Toyota's new electric car, to be built on an all-new platform, will use all-solid-state batteries, allowing it to be recharged in just a few minutes, the newspaper said, without citing sources.

By contrast, current electric vehicles (EVs), which use lithium-ion batteries, need 20-30 minutes to recharge even with fast chargers and typically have a range of just 300-400 kilometres (185-250 miles).

Toyota has decided to sell the new model in Japan as early as 2022, the paper said.

Toyota spokeswoman Kayo Doi said the company would not comment on specific product plans but added that it aimed to commercialise all-solid-state batteries by the early 2020s.

Japan's biggest automaker is looking to close the gap with EV leaders such as Nissan Motor Co and Tesla Inc as battery-powered cars gain traction around the globe as a viable emission-free alternative to conventional cars.

Whether Toyota will be able to leapfrog its rivals remains to be seen, however, as mass production requires a far more stringent level of quality control and reliability.

"There's a pretty long distance between the lab bench and manufacturing," said CLSA auto analyst Christopher Richter. "2022 is ages away, and a lot can change in the meantime." How quickly the new EVs will catch on would also depend largely on battery costs.



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Directorate of Primary Education
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Invitation for Tenders (IFT) For Non-Consulting Services

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Primary and Mass Education.
2	Procuring entity name	Director General, Directorate of Primary Education.
3	Procuring entity code	2431.
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5	Invitation for bid	Hiring an Inspection Agent (IA) to Conduct Inspection and Testing on Production and Distribution of Textbooks of Pre-Primary and Primary Level for the Academic Year 2018 including Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI), Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) and Post-Landing Inspection (PLI).
6	Invitation Ref. No.	38.151.180.007.01.00.464(1).2017-109;
7	Date of publication of the bid notice	24 July 2017.

KEY INFORMATION

8	Procurement method	Open Tendering/Bidding Method (National).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9	Budget and source of funds	Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

11	Project/program code	N/A.										
12	Project/program name	N/A.										
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Eligibility of bidder	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tenderer shall have valid trade licence for Inspection Agent, up-to-date Bangladesh Bank permission for operating as Inspection Agent. 2. The tenderer shall have minimum specific experience as a prime contractor in providing Non-Consultant Service at least TWO contract of period of two (2) years with a value of at least 25 lac shall be required contract for providing ESI/PDI/PLI services will be treated as similar nature specially for paper and book printing. 3. The tenderer shall have minimum manpower for quality assurance. <p>They have sufficient chemist, laboratory staffs, inspectors/field officers; data entry operators and staff and minimum capacity of equipment for testing different parameters of paper.</p> <p>► More details described in the Tender Document.</p>
21	Brief description of goods	<p>Pre-printing Testing of Text Paper and Cover Paper, Testing of Printed Paper and Monitoring of Printing Process, Testing of Printing and Binding Textbooks, Monitoring of Pre-Shipment/Pre-Delivery, Testing of Textbooks -- Post Delivery, Testing for Final Acceptance (BCSIR or BSTI) for Printing and Supply of Textbooks of Pre-Primary and Primary Level for the Academic Year 2018 including Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI), Pre-Shipment Inspection (PSI) and Post-Landing Inspection (PLI).</p>
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