

Crude slips, gasoline jumps as storm shuts a fifth of US fuel output

REUTERS, London

Crude oil slid and gasoline futures hit their highest since mid-2015 on Wednesday as flooding and damage from Tropical Storm Harvey shut over a fifth of US refineries, curbing demand for crude while raising the risk of fuel shortages.

Refineries with output of 4.1 million barrels per day (bpd) were offline on Tuesday, representing 23 percent of US production, Goldman Sachs said. Restarting plants even under the best conditions can take a week or more.

"It will be a while before operations can return to normal and the US refining industry is bracing itself for an extended shutdown," Stephen Brennock of oil broker PVM said.

mark for crude trading, was down 23 cents at \$51.77 a barrel by 1051 GMT. US crude CL1 fell 25 cents to \$46.19.

In refined products, price movement was more dramatic and extended gains after sources on Wednesday said Total's Port Arthur, Texas, refinery was shut by a power outage resulting from the storm.

US gasoline futures RBC1 were up 5.5 percent at \$1.8858, the highest since July 2015. Diesel futures HO1 advanced by 2.5 percent to \$1.7076 a gallon, having touched their highest since January at \$1.7097.

"Crude is always easier to replace than products," said Olivier Jakob, analyst at Petromatrix. "If the refineries stay shut for more than a week or 10 days, it's going to be very problematic."

Harvey made landfall on Friday as the most

powerful hurricane to hit Texas in more than 50 years, resulting in the death of at least 17 people.

In addition to shutting oil refineries, about 1.4 million bpd of US crude production has been disrupted, equivalent to 15 percent of total output, Goldman Sachs said.

The impact of the storm overshadowed the latest weekly figures on US oil supplies from the American Petroleum Institute (API).

US crude inventories fell by 5.78 million barrels last week, the API industry group reported on Tuesday, suggesting a gradual tightening of the US oil market. The figures, however, do not reflect the impact from Harvey.

Traders are awaiting the latest US government inventory report, due at 1430 GMT from the Energy Information Administration, to compare with the API figures.



PICKABOO

Shahrear Satter, CEO of e-commerce platform Pickaboo.com, and Morshedul Alam Chaklader, CEO of Total Air Services Ltd, the general sales agent of AirAsia in Bangladesh, exchange signed documents of a deal at the former's office in Dhaka recently. Pickaboo club members will get 10 percent discount on purchase of Dhaka-Kuala Lumpur-Dhaka air tickets from AirAsia.



Kazi M Aminul Islam, executive chairman of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority; Yuan Jianhua, general manager of Energy China GPEC International; Golam Mostafa, chairman of Deshbandhu Group, and Golam Rahman, managing director, attend a programme in Dhaka on Monday. Deshbandhu Group and Energy China GPEC signed an engineering, procurement and construction contract for investing \$1 billion in various sectors, especially infrastructure development, to execute multiple projects in the northern part of Bangladesh.

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Invitation for Tender (Goods) e-Tender Notice No. 01/3000 School/Furniture/2017-2018

Memo No. EE/EED/DINAJ/2017-2018/757 Dated: 29/08/2017

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. This fees for downloading the e-Tender documents of following packages from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to **12 Sep 2017 at Time: 17.00.**

Sl No.	Package No.	Name of works	Tender ID	Last date & time of selling documents	Last date & time of submission documents	Tender security Tk.
1	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G1	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Noyabad Mitrohati High School Under Kaharol Upazila Dist. Dinajpur.	117223	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 11.30	11,000/-
2	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G2	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Muraripur High School Under Bochagonj, Upazila Dist. Dinajpur (Vertical).	117245	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 11.45	18,000/-
3	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G3	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Dinajpur Iqbal High School Under Sadar Upazila Dist. Dinajpur.	117248	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 12.00	11,000/-
4	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G4	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Chadgonj A.S.M. Di Mukhi High School & College under Sadar Upazila Dist. Dinajpur.	117249	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 12.15	11,000/-
5	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G5	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Hashimpur Moia Para High School Under Chiribondar Upazila Dist. Dinajpur.	117253	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 12.30	11,000/-
6	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G6	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Shubornokhuli Shabuder Hat High School Under Khanshama Upazila Dist. Dinajpur.	117254	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 12.45	11,000/-
7	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G7	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Joshai High School Under Parbotipur Upazila Dist. Dinajpur.	117255	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 1.00	11,000/-
8	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G8	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Zomihat High School Under Parbotipur Upazila Dist. Dinajpur (Vertical).	117256	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 3.30	18,000/-
9	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G9	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Nilphamari Notun Dimukhi High School Under Sadar Upazila Dist. Nilphamari.	117257	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 3.45	11,000/-
10	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G10	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Rabeya Balika Bidyanketon Under Sadar Upazila Dist. Nilphamari.	117258	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 4.00	11,000/-
11	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G11	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Taluk Bodi High School Under Joldhaka Upazila Dist. Nilphamari.	117260	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 4.15	11,000/-
12	Exen/EED/Dinaj/Fur/3000 School/2017-18/Desk-04/G12	Manufacturing and Supplying of Furniture for Selected Non. Govt Secondary Schools at Kherkati High School Under Joldhaka Upazila Dist. Nilphamari.	117261	12 Sep 2017 Time: 17.00	13 Sep 2017 Time: 4.30	11,000/-

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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Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority
Office of the Project Director
Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City Area
South Nagar Bhaban (Level-12), Fulbaria, Dhaka-1000
Ref: 35.02.0000.008.37.029.17-630 Date: 28/08/2017

Request for Expressions of Interest (2nd Call) for Consultancy Services for Public Relation on RAPID PASS

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges/Road Transport and Highways Division.
2	Agency	Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority.
3	Name of procuring entity	Project Director, Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City Area.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm.
7	REOI Ref. No.	35.02.0000.008.37.029.17-630
8	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	28/08/2017
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement sub-method	Quantity in Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget (TA Project) GoB Portion.
11	Development partner (if applicable)	JICA
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/program code (if applicable)	5014
13	Project/program name (if applicable)	Establishment of Clearing House for Integrating Transport Ticketing System in Dhaka City Area.
14	EOI closing date	18/09/2017

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

- 15 **Brief description of the assignment:**
- Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority (DTCA) under Road Transport and Highways Division of Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges has been allocated public funds from Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards a preparation of implementation of Integrated Transport Ticketing System by the Common Card named "Rapid Pass" including establishment of Clearing House (Rapid Pass System). Considering the convenience of the users, introduction of this System is expected for the new mass transit systems, as well as existing Public Transports such as BRTC, BIWTC, BR and others.
 - The objective of Public Relations (PR) consultant is to create and raise awareness, of both the general and target group, for public-private initiatives to promote Rapid Pass System and encourage general people and target group to become Public Transport users as well as Customers of Rapid Pass. The Public Relations Consultant (consulting firm) will be responsible for carrying out PR activities which the consulting firm considers appropriate to achieve the following 4 items.
 - Change in public perception from "Time is Free" to "Time is Money".
 - Penetration to public's mind with basic concept of business model of Rapid Pass System.
 - Establishment of Rapid Pass as premium brand (brand building).
 - Development of Rapid Pass in future.

Target Group will be Public Transport users and Private Transport users in Dhaka who will use the transport as well as the policymaker, Transport owners, Transport workers.

16 Experience, resources & delivery capacity required:

- The Project Director of the Clearing House Project-DTCA now invites eligible consulting firms to express their interest in providing the services. EOIs should include brochures, description of similar assignments, experience in similar conditions, summaries of firm's capability, availability of appropriate skills among key staff with short biographies (one page), availability of resources, and snapshots of relevant transactional experience. The EOIs would be reviewed on the basis of the following:
 - Registration of firm
 - Age of firm
 - Availability of key professionals
 - Availability of resources
 - Experience of the firm in similar task in similar condition
 - Experience of the firm in other works.

17 Other details:

- Consultants may associate to enhance their qualifications, but should mention whether the association is in the form of a "joint venture" or "Sub consultancy". In the case of an association, all members of such "association" should have real and well defined inputs to the assignment and it is preferable to limit the total number of firms including their associates to maximum of three.
- The consulting firm will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in Public Procurements Rules-2008.
- Interested consultants may obtain further information from the address below (from 9.00am to 5.00pm), on all working days.
- Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be submitted in two set (one original+one duplicate) to the address below by 3:00pm BST on 18 September, 2017.
- Incomplete or partial EOIs will be rejected.
- The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs or annul the EOI process at any stage without assigning any reason(s) whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected applicant(s).
- EOI submitted by the consulting firms in the previous call are still valid and they are not required to submit further.

18 Association with foreign firms is Not encouraged.

19 PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

19	Name of the official inviting EOI	Md Zakir Hossain Mazumder.
20	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director (Joint Secretary).
21	Address of the official inviting EOI	Dhaka Transport Coordination Authority, Dhaka South Nagar Bhaban, 12th Floor, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
22	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	02-9568831, Email: Zakir09@gmail.com

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US economy grows 3pc in Q2

AFP, Washington

The US economy grew at its fastest pace in more than two years in the second quarter, much faster than initially estimated, official data showed Wednesday.

Hitting the White House growth target for the first time in Donald Trump's presidency, Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased three percent in the April-June period, the Commerce Department reported.

The figure was revised up by an unusually-large four tenths from the growth estimate published last month, due to higher consumer spending and business investment than in the initial report.

The rate surpassed analyst expectations, which called for an increase of 2.7 percent.

But growth in the first half of the year was just 2.1 percent, still below the 2.2 percent average recorded over the last three years.

The Trump administration has pledged to return the world's largest economy to sustained annual growth of three percent or more by slashing taxes and regulations while boosting trade.

Siemens buys self-driving software specialist Tass

REUTERS, Frankfurt

German industrial group Siemens has agreed to buy Dutch self-driving software specialist Tass International for an undisclosed sum to strengthen its automotive business, it said on Wednesday.

Tass makes software that can simulate complex traffic scenarios, validate autonomous driving and advanced driver assistance systems and replicate the impact of a car crash on a human body.

It has annual turnover of around 27 million euros (\$32.3 million) and around 200 employees.

"Tass International is a proven leader in both integrated safety and autonomous driving, two fields of engineering that are increasingly important for the industry," Siemens' Digital Factory unit Chief Executive Jan Mrosik said in a statement.

Siemens said it would combine Tass's software with its own advanced simulation products as well as electronic design capabilities from recently acquired Mentor Graphics.

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