



Md Khalilur Rahman, managing director of the National Housing Finance and Investments Ltd, attends the launch of the company's new logo at its Gulshan corporate office in Dhaka on Tuesday.

# London mayor welcomes Uber boss' humility after licence loss

London Mayor Sadiq Khan welcomed the humility shown by Uber's chief executive after the city stripped the taxi app of its licence to operate, but once again criticised the company's London management on Thursday.

Transport for London (TfL) shocked Uber last month by deeming it unfit to run a taxi service and refusing to renew its licence, citing the firm's approach to reporting serious criminal offences and background checks on drivers.

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi met TfL Commissioner Mike Brown on Tuesday for discussions both sides described as "constructive." Khan said

he did not have talks with the Silicon Valley firm's boss.

Khan, a centre-left politician from the opposition Labour party, has repeatedly criticised Uber's leadership in Britain, previously saying that instead of hiring "an army of PR experts and an army of lawyers" it needed to address the issues raised by TfL.

But Khan, who is also chairman of TfL, contrasted that with Khosrowshahi, who apologised for the firm's mistakes in an open letter to Londoners last week.

"What gives me confidence about the TfL decision is the fact that the global chief executive officer for Uber apologised to London," Khan told LBC Radio. "I think that bodes well in relation to the humility which hasn't

been shown by Uber London or Uber UK," he said.

Citing separate disagreements with unions in London over strike action on the underground train network, known as the tube, Khan said he always preferred to solve matters without court action.

"The global CEO has gone away to do some further work and I always think, as I said before when it came to the tube strikes, the way to resolve differences is constructively and amicably around a table rather than through litigation," he said.

Asked on Thursday, Uber referred to its comments on Tuesday when it promised to "make things right in London."

# Oil steady as talk of new Opec deal balances US exports

Oil prices steadied on Thursday on expectations that Saudi Arabia and Russia would extend production cuts, although record US exports and the return of supply from a Libyan oilfield dragged on the market.

"Opec and Russia are talking about extending production limits, but there's still plenty of supply with US crude exports up sharply," said Carsten Fritsch, commodities analyst at Commerzbank in Frankfurt.

Brent crude was up 35 cents at \$56.15 a barrel by 1000 GMT US light crude was up 10 cents at \$50.08.

Both crude benchmarks have fallen more than 5 percent over the last week as investors have booked profits after almost three months of gains.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said this week that a pledge by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and other producers, including Russia, to cut oil output to boost prices could be extended to the end of 2018, instead of expiring in March 2018.

# Linde urges investors to exchange shares for Praxair merger

German industrial gases group Linde urged investors to tender their shares in an exchange offer for its planned \$80 billion merger with US peer Praxair as a deadline approaches to reach 75 percent acceptance.

As of Oct. 4, seven weeks after the offer was launched, it had been accepted for 27.7 percent of outstanding Linde shares. The acceptance period ends at midnight on Oct. 24.

"We have been encouraged by the number of shareholders that have already accepted the offer. Now that we are entering the final phase of the offer period, I would like to address you personally," Chief Executive Aldo Belloni wrote in a letter to shareholders on Thursday.

The planned all-share merger of equals will create a global leader to overtake France's Air Liquide with a combined market value of \$80 billion, revenue of \$28.7

billion and 88,000 staff.

Institutional investors who have accepted include Norway's \$1 trillion wealth fund Norges, Schroder Investment Management and Union Investment.

Deutsche Boerse, at a comparable point about two-thirds of the way through its exchange offer for a planned merger with the London Stock Exchange, had about 1 percent acceptance.

That deal, which was undermined by Britain's vote to leave the European Union, eventually failed after European regulators blocked it over monopoly concerns.

Praxair shareholders have already voted in favor of the Linde deal at an extraordinary meeting on Sept. 27.

Linde estimates that individual retail investors own about 22 percent of its shares, while 10-13 percent may be held by index-tracker funds, some of which have rules which forbid them from tendering until acceptance reaches a certain level.

# Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD Road Division, Pirojpur Invitation for Expression of Interest (Local)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh		
1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges.
2	Agency	Road Transport and Highways Division.
3	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur.
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district	Pirojpur.
6	Expression of interest for selection of	Consulting Firm/Agency.
7	EOI Ref No. and date	Memo No. 2187 date: 04/10/2017.
8	Procurement method	Quality and Cost Based Section (QCBS) in accordance with Public Procurement Rules-2008 and public procedures issued by the Government of Bangladesh.
9	Source of funds	GOB
10	Project code	Not applicable.
11	Project name	Not applicable.
12	Tender No. (EOI)	02-PRD/2017-2018 (Re-Tender).
13	EOI closing and opening date and time	18/10/2017 up to 12.00 noon 18/10/2017 at 1.00pm
14	Place of submission of EOI	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur.
15	Brief description of works	Feasibility Study of the Pirojpur (Hularhat)-Shreeramkathi-Swarupkathi Road under Pirojpur Road Division, during the year-2017-2018.
16	Brief description of assignment	RHD's Pirojpur Road Division, Pirojpur has planned to extend & improvement of existing road of Pirojpur (Hularhat)-Shreeramkathi-Swarupkathi Road. In this regard the consulting firm has been selected for Feasibility Study. The Consulting Firm has to carryout the detailed Feasibility Study of the Pirojpur (Hularhat)-Shreeramkathi-Swarupkathi Road to determine alignment of the road, volume of the earthwork for widening, type of pavement at different section, location of bridges, BCR of the Project, after completion of the study they have to submit a report indicating above parameters.
17	Experience, resources and delivery capacity required	Intending firms/agencies for providing the above stated consulting services shall have to submit the following documents in support of their qualifications and experiences along with EOI. * Firm's registration certificate & other legal documents. * Firm's bank solvency certificate. * Description of similar assignments completed in the last 10 years. * Records of other completes assignments. * Records of other assignments under execution. * Availability of staff with adequate experience, professional qualification and resources to carry out the said assignment.
18	Others details	Envelope containing the application (EOI) along with the relevant supporting documents to be marked with "Expression of Interest (EOI) for consultation services". Expression of Interest (EOI) in two sets (one original and one copy) shall be submitted in sealed envelope and to be addressed to the undersigned.
19	Name of official inviting expression of interest	Md. Nazrul Islam.
20	Designation of official inviting expression of interest	Executive Engineer, RHD.
21	Address of official inviting expression of interest	Road Division, Pirojpur.
22	Contact details of official inviting expression of interest	0461-62576 (Office) Fax: 0461-63599 [ <a href="mailto:eeiprd@rhd.gov.bd">e-mail: eeiprd@rhd.gov.bd</a> ]
23	Special instructions	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs. All papers and correspondence about submission EOI must be in English.

Md. Nazrul Islam  
ID No. 602142  
Executive Engineer, RHD  
Road Division, Pirojpur

# US services growth hits 12-year record

Growth in the US services sector, a key driver of the American economy, hit a 12-year high last month in the wake of back-to-back hurricanes, a survey released Wednesday showed.

The monthly gains surpassed analyst expectations and marked 93 consecutive months of expansion, according to the Institute for Supply Management.

ISM's non-manufacturing index rose a strong 4.5 percentage points from August's level to reach 59.8 percent.

A reading above 50 percent indicates growth. Analysts had predicted that September's result would be the same as those from August.

The September reading was the highest since August of 2005, when the index hit 61.3 percent. Hurricane Katrina wrought destruction in New Orleans at the end of that month.

Analysts said Wednesday that rising chain store sales and deliveries in advance of the hurricanes had helped explain some of September's bounce.

The business activity index rose 3.8 points to 61.3 percent, the new orders index spiked by 5.9 points to 63 percent and the employment index nudged up 0.6 points to 58.6 percent.

According to the survey, 15 of 17 service industries reported growth, including retail, construction and financial services.

Meanwhile, the mining sector, as well as arts and entertainment, reported contraction.

The indices for supplier deliveries jumped 7.5 percent and prices showed an 8.4 percent gain.

Most industries did not report disruption from hurricanes Harvey and Irma, except for hospitality and food services, as well as professional, scientific and technical services.

# New boss of SBI promises to tackle bad debt, seize opportunities

Tackling bad debts is the priority for State Bank of India, its newly appointed chairman said on Thursday, but India's largest bank will not shy away from opportunities to grow, including in infrastructure lending.

India's state-run banks have been battered by bad loans, and SBI, which accounts for more than a fifth of India's banking assets, saw stressed assets rise after it absorbed five subsidiary banks this year.

Rajnish Kumar said SBI had tackled issues that came as a result of that deal and asset quality numbers would "look much better than in the past."

"We are already in discussions on how we revive credit growth, how we resolve the (non-performing assets). That discussion, we will try to bring it to a conclusion very quickly. And you will see some changes," he said at a press conference at SBI's Mumbai headquarters.

The bank, which has more than 400 million customers, is considering having separate senior executives to deal with stressed assets and lending, to avoid having too many top managers focused on bad debts.

Despite the focus on troubled assets, SBI would continue to chase growth, Kumar said, describing infrastructure lending opportunities as "unlimited".

"There is definitely a change in the underwriting standards... We will be much more cautious," he said.

"Sometimes people equate it with risk aversion - but let me tell you it is not risk aversion. We are still looking for opportunities in financing good infrastructure projects"

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Office of the Director General  
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Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215

EOI No: 33.01.0000.777.18.009.17.118 Date: 03.10.2017

## Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh		
1	Ministry/division	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.
2	Agency	Department of Livestock Services (DLS).
3	Procuring entity name	DG, DLS
4	Procuring entity code	None
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
6	Expressions of interest for selection of a firm for	Development of e-Veterinary Service System and Post-Development Support.
7	Eoi Ref No.	33.01.0000.777.18.009.17.118
8	Date	03.10.2017
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement sub method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue budget.
11	Development partners	None
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code	None
13	Project/programme name	Development of e-Veterinary Service.
14	Eoi closing date and time	Expression of interest shall be submitted by 1200 noon (BST) on 30.10.2017 in sealed envelope delivered to Department of Livestock Services (DLS), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215 and be clearly marked Expressions of Interest for "Selection of a Firm for "Development of e-Veterinary Service System and Post-Development Support."
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15	Brief description of the assignment	"Development of e-Veterinary Service system and Post-Development Support". For detail Terms of Reference (TOR) contact 01715156911 office time or please log in: <a href="http://www.dls.gov.bd/www.cptu.gov.bd/EProcurement.aspx">www.dls.gov.bd / www.cptu.gov.bd/EProcurement.aspx</a>
17	Experiences, resources & delivery capacity required	This is a national project with utmost importance towards the digital Bangladesh goal. The applicant must prove that they have solid technical background and operational strength to undertake and take this assignment forward without any hindrances. Applicant must also have adequate technical ability, human resources and processes. As such, following are defined as minimum qualification criteria: 1. Minimum 5 years' experience in ICT business as a registered company/entity in Bangladesh. Applicant's headquarter must be located at Dhaka. 2. Registered entity with Register of Joint Stock & Companies (RJSC) in Bangladesh. Must submit updated Trade license, Income tax and VAT certificate. 3. Must have 3 years practical experience of developing web-based/Mobile Apps enterprise solution having features related to this system as major solution provider. 4. Applicants having experience of working with software solution development related to public service delivery and international experience in relevant area will be an added quality. 5. Applicant needs to have at least three existing running enterprise software solution system in Bangladesh in any Government agency or large corporate sector. 6. Needs to have full time experienced human resource in business analysis, system analysis and design, software development for Web and Mobile (Android, IOS and Windows version), database management, project management and in support management. 7. Needs to have test environment ready with equipped devices at applicant's premise. 8. Management capacity (brochures and other documents describing similar assignments, experience, availability of appropriate professional staff and experience among applicant's staff, resources to carry out the assignment). 9. Logistic capability (well-equipped office space at Dhaka with necessary facilities). 10. The minimum amount of liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) of the firm shall be Tk. 20 (twenty) lakh. 11. Audit report of the previous three years. Yearly turnover of the firm shall be at least Tk.1 (one) crore. 12. Multiple applicants having technical and legal competency for developing such service can apply jointly but they must have legal agreement among them where one applicant need to be lead applicant. Lead applicant needs to fulfill all conditions mentioned in this TOR. Joint-venture agreement needs to have clear identification about each responsibility matrix along with IPR. An applicant may associate with other applicant to fulfill their qualifications. A shortlist of applicant will be prepared upon evaluation of EOIs of the eligible applicants and "Request for Proposal" document will be issued in their favour. A software development firm will be selected using the Quality and Cost Based (QCBS) method. It is expected that the services will commence in <b>December 2017</b> . Total duration of the contract will be <b>24 months</b> . Interested Applicants may obtain further information on the requirements including the criteria of short listing by applying to the address below/e-mailing <a href="mailto:ahasan67@gmail.com">ahasan67@gmail.com</a> , contacting: 01715156911 during normal office hours up to <b>29.10.2017</b> .
18	Other details (if applicable)	Not applicable.
19	Association with other firms	Encouraged
20	Phasing of services	Not applicable
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
30	Name of official inviting EOI	DG, DLS
31	Designation of official inviting EOI	Department of Livestock Services (DLS).
32	Address of official inviting EOI	Department of Livestock Services (DLS), Krishi Khamar Sarak, Farmgate, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
33	Contact details of official inviting EOI	Dr. Syed Ali Ahasan, PC, e-service, DLS; Epidemiology Unit, 3rd Floor, Main Building, DLS, Farmgate, Dhaka. 01715156911; <a href="mailto:ahasan67@gmail.com">ahasan67@gmail.com</a>
34	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.	

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