



Md Abdul Halim Chowdhury, CEO of Pubali Bank, and Abdus Salam, managing director of Brac Saajan Exchange Ltd, exchange the documents of an agreement on drawing remittance at the former's head office in Dhaka. Bangladeshi expatriates will be able to remit foreign currency through the state-run bank.

# TPP talks without US near final stretch ahead of Apec

REUTERS, Urayasu, Japan

The 11 remaining nations in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) without the United States edged towards sealing a comprehensive free trade pact after New Zealand agreed to amend laws that are not subject to TPP, to enable its ban on foreign home purchases.

The pact aims to eliminate tariffs on industrial and farm products across an 11-nation bloc whose trade totalled \$356.3 billion last year.

This week's compromise saves member nations from having to renegotiate the ambitious trade pact to accommodate the New Zealand government's demands for firm measures to rein in housing prices.

It also brings member countries closer to an important victory in support of free trade to be finalised at an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) summit next week in Vietnam's central city of Danang.

"The momentum towards (an agreement) at the meeting in Danang has significantly increased," said Japan's chief TPP negotiator, Kazuyoshi Umemoto.

"The economic impact is certainly not small, but the even bigger message is this agreement can influence the global economic system and bring about peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific."

Negotiators gathered for three days in Urayasu, east of the Japanese capital, to narrow down which terms of the original 12-nation deal to suspend, so as to salvage the pact at the Vietnam summit.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who was sworn in last week, has announced plans to ban foreign home purchases that should curb speculation without forcing TPP countries to renegotiate the pact.

Japan hopes the deal, which links 11 countries with a combined GDP of \$12.4 trillion, can show other nations it can champion free trade in the absence of Washington's influence.

It could also help Japan resist US pressure for a two-way trade pact, which is likely to come up when President Donald Trump visits, from Sunday until Tuesday, for a summit with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

## Cryptocurrencies' total value hits record high

REUTERS, London

The aggregate value of all cryptocurrencies hit a record high of around \$184 billion on Wednesday, according to industry website Coinmarketcap, making their reported market value worth around the same as that of Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley combined.

The new peak came as the biggest and best-known cryptocurrency, bitcoin, hit a record high of more than \$6,500. That took its own "market cap" - its price multiplied by the number of coins that have been released into circulation - to a record high just shy of \$110 billion.



Nooruddin Chowdhury, country manager for DHL Global Forwarding Bangladesh, and Ilias Kanchan, chairman of Nirapad Sarak Chai (Nischa), a road safety campaign, pose with the participants at a certificate presentation ceremony of a training programme at Nischa's training centre in Dhaka. DHL employees facilitated the training on safe driving and traffic rules and regulations for underprivileged students.

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# Oil hits highest since mid-2015

REUTERS, London

Oil rose to its highest since mid-2015 on Wednesday as data showed Opec has significantly improved compliance with its pledged supply cuts and Russia is also widely expected to keep to the deal.

Brent crude futures were up 59 cents at \$61.53 per barrel at 0905 GMT, having hit a session peak of \$61.70 earlier, the highest since July 2015.

US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude was at \$55.12 a barrel, up 74 cents.

The oil price gained 7 percent in October, marking the fourth consecutive month of gains.

"The bulls have it and momentum is strong," Saxo Bank senior manager Ole Hansen said.

"We know how oil can easily run ahead of what is fundamentally justified and we've seen that in both directions in the last couple of years," he said. "We really need to see demand growth pick up even more strongly than what is currently expected for the

bullish outlook for to be maintained."

Optimism has been fueled by an effort this year lead by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), Russia and other producers to hold back about 1.8 million barrels per day (bpd) in oil production to tighten markets.

Opec's October output fell by 80,000 bpd to 32.78 million bpd, putting adherence to its pledged supply curbs at 92 percent, up from September's 86 percent.

Shams Abdullah Muhaimin, executive vice president of Prime Bank, and Jahangir Alam Chaklader, CEO of MEP Group, sign the documents of a deal for the collection of payments of the national distributors of MEP through the bank. Ahmed Kamal Khan Chowdhury, CEO of the bank, was also present.

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Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-lane Highway  
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### Invitation for Bids

**Project No.** 40540-016 BAN: South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation (SASEC) Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project, Phase 2: (Second SASEC Road Connectivity Investment Programme). SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II: Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway.  
**ICB No and Title:** SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 07 (LOT 1); SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 08 (LOT 2) and SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 09 (LOT 3); SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II: Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway.  
**Deadline for Bid Submission:** 19 December 2017 (Tuesday) at 12:00 Hours (Bangladesh Standard Time)

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (the "Borrower") has applied financing from the Asian Development Bank ("ADB") toward the cost of SASEC Dhaka-Northwest Corridor Road Project, Phase 2. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the Contracts named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
- The Roads and Highways Department (RHD) is the Executing Agency under Road Transport and Highways Division, Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges (MRTB) invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders in 3 (three) Lots for the **Improvement of Elenga-Hatikamrul-Rangpur Road to a 4-lane highway** including Structures with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) lane on both sides.

Lot No., Description of the Works and Intended Completion Period	
<b>ICB No.: SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 07 (LOT 1)</b>	
<b>Part 1:</b> Improvement of Road from Hatikamrul to Mirzapur (28.3km) to a 4-Lane Highway along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Construction phase works-1095 days	and
<b>Part-2:</b> Performance Based Maintenance Works on Improved 4-Lane Highway from Hatikamrul to Mirzapur (28.3km) to a 4-Lane Highway along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Maintenance Phase works-2190 days	
<b>ICB No.: SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 08 (LOT 2)</b>	
<b>Part 1:</b> Improvement of road from Mirzapur to Banani (Bogra) (22.5km) to a 4-Lane Highway along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Construction phase works-1095 days	and
<b>Part 2:</b> Performance Based Maintenance Works on Improved 4-Lane Highway from Mirzapur to Banani (Bogra) (22.5km) along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Maintenance Phase works-2190 days	
<b>ICB No.: SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 09 (LOT 3)</b>	
<b>Part 1:</b> Improvement of road from Banani (Bogra) to Mokamtala (25.3km) to a 4-Lane Highway along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Construction phase works-1095 days	and
<b>Part 2:</b> Performance Based Maintenance Works on Improved 4-Lane Highway from Banani (Bogra) to Mokamtala (25.3km) along with Slow Moving Vehicular Traffic (SMVT) Lane on both sides & Structures. Completion Time for Maintenance Phase works-2190 days	
Bidders may bid for one or combination of Lots, as further defined in the Bidding documents. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one Lot they will be allowed to do so provided those discounts are included in the Letter of Price Bid.	

3. **International Competitive Bidding (ICB)** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's **Single-Stage: Two-Envelope** Bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries of ADB as described in the Bidding Documents.

- Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualification should participate in this Bidding:  
(i) The Bidder shall have Minimum Average Annual Construction Turnover of US\$ 68.00 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 07 (LOT 1); US\$ 45.00 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 08 (LOT 2) and US\$ 56.00 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 09 (LOT 3); calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed within the last 5 (five) years.  
(ii) Bidder participated in at least One Contract that has been successfully or substantially completed within the last 10 (Ten) years and that is similar to the proposed highway standard road and structure works, where the value of the Bidder's Participation exceeds US\$ 75 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 07 (LOT 1); US\$ 49 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 08 (LOT 2) and US\$ 61 million for SASEC-II/ICB/MP-2/WP 09 (LOT 3). The similarity of the Bidder's Participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology or other characteristics as described in Section 6, Employer's Requirements. The complete eligibility and qualification requirements are stipulated in Section 3: Evaluation and Qualification Criteria of Bidding Documents.

5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents during normal office hours (from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm) on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) up to 18 December 2017 (Monday) at the address given below:

**Project Director (ACE, RHD)**  
**SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II:**  
**Improvement of Elenga - Hatikamrul - Rangpur Road to a 4-Lane Highway**  
**Roads and Highways Department**  
Address:  
Room No. 203, Block H, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, Bangladesh.  
Telephone : 8802 - 8870100  
Facsimile number : 8802- 8870199  
E-mail mail address : pd.sasecii.rhd@gmail.com

6. A complete set of Bidding Documents **for each lot** may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon payment of non-refundable fees of Tk. 15,000 or US\$ 180 and upon submission of a written application to the address above during normal office hours on all working days up to day before the submission deadline (i.e. 18 December 2017). The Bidding Documents may also be sent via courier with an additional fee of Tk.60,000 or \$750 for each Lot **for overseas delivery only**. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery of the Bidding Documents. The method of payment will be either in Cash or Pay Order / Demand Draft from any scheduled bank in Bangladesh in favor of **Project Manager- 3, SASEC Road Connectivity Project-II**.

7. A Pre-Bid meeting will be held at the Chief Engineer's Conference Room, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh on **23 November 2017 (Thursday) at 10:30 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time)**.

8. **Bids must be delivered to the address above on or before the Bid submission deadline i.e. 19 December 2017 (Tuesday) at 12:00 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time)**. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount as stated in the Bidding Document (Bid Data Sheet). Late submission of Bids shall be rejected. The Technical Proposal of the Bids will be opened at the address above at 12:30 hrs. (Bangladesh Standard Time) on 19 December 2017 in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend. The price proposal of responsive Bids will be opened in presence of the Bidder's authorized representative who choose to attend at the time, date and address to be advised by the Employer after approval of Evaluation Report of the Technical Proposal by the competent authority with no objection from ADB.

9. The RHD will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.

10. The Employer reserves all the rights to accept any Bid or to reject any or all Bids without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

11. The Invitation for Bids (IFB) is available in the Roads and Highways Department (RHD), Road Transport and Highways Division, Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) websites at www.rhd.gov.bd, www.rhd.gov.bd, www.cptu.gov.bd and www.adb.org respectively as well as in DG Market (www.dgmarket.com).

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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (OTM)

০১	মন্ত্রণালয়	ঃ	কৃষি মন্ত্রণালয়।
০২	সংস্থার নাম	ঃ	বাংলাদেশ কৃষি উন্নয়ন কর্পোরেশন।
০৩	বিক্রয়কারী সত্তার নাম	ঃ	সিনিয়র সহকারী পরিচালক বিএডিসি, বরিশাল।
০৪	বিক্রয় পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র।
০৫	দরপত্র নং ও তারিখ	ঃ	২০১৭-২০১৮/০১ তারিখঃ- ২৩/১০/২০১৭ইং।
০৬	দরপত্র স্মারক নং ও তারিখ	ঃ	স্মারক নং ৭৪(২৫) তারিখঃ- ২৩/১০/২০১৭ইং।
০৭	কাজের বিবরণ	ঃ	পুরাতন ভবন বিক্রয়, ভাঙ্গা/অপসারণ।
০৮	দরদাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	হালনাগাদ ভ্যাট রেজিঃ টিআইএন ও ট্রেড লাইসেন্সধারী প্রকৃত সচ্ছল ব্যবসায়ী প্রতিষ্ঠান।
০৯	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য	ঃ	৩০০/- ভ্যাট (১৫%) ৪৫/- মোট ৩৪৫/- (মাত্র তিনশত পঁয়তাল্লিশ) টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য।
১০	দরপত্র জামানতের পরিমাণ	ঃ	মোট উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ)।
১১	দরপত্র সিডিউলের প্রাপ্তি ও দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	ঃ	(ক) সিনিঃ সহঃ পরিচালক ডাল ও তৈল বীজ কঃ গ্রোঃ (জোন)-এর কার্যালয় বিএডিসি, বরিশাল। (খ) যুগ্ম পরিচালক (বীবি) বাদ্দ রোড বিএডিসি, বরিশাল। (গ) সহকারী প্রকৌশলী (নির্মাণ) বিএডিসি, সিএভিবি রোড, বরিশাল।
১২	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৭/১১/২০১৭ইং তারিখে (অফিস চলাকালীন সময়)।
১৩	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৮/১১/২০১৭ইং তারিখে বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটকা পর্যন্ত।
১৪	দরপত্র খোলা ও সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণের তারিখ, সময় ও স্থান	ঃ	০৮/১১/২০১৭ইং তারিখঃ বিকাল ২.০০টার সময়। নির্ম্মাঙ্করকারীর দপ্তরে।
১৫	বিশেষ নির্দেশনাবলী	ঃ	(ক) কার্যাদেশে বর্ণিত (পুরাতন থানা বীজ পরিদর্শক এর অফিস ভবন) নির্ধারিত সময়ের মধ্যে যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে সে ভিত্তিতে নিজ খরচে ভাঙ্গা/অপসারণ বিএডিসি কমপ্লেক্স/দপ্তর থেকে অপসারণ করতে হবে। (খ) দরপত্র দাখিলের দিন কোন দরপত্র বিক্রয় করা হবে না। (গ) দরপত্র বাস্তব ক্ষেত্র পর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। (ঘ) বিএডিসি কোন কার্যকর দর্শনো ব্যতিরেকেই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে এবং সর্বোচ্চ দরদাতার দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র গ্রহণ করতে বাধ্য নয়। (ঙ) দরপত্রে শর্তাবলী ও মালমালের বিশদ বিবরণ দরপত্র সিডিউলে আছে। (চ) দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম বিএডিসির বিক্রয় নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী পরিচালিত হবে। (ছ) উল্লেখ্য যে অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ এবং দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখে দরপত্র দাখিল সম্ভব না হলে যথাক্রমে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে দরপত্র বিক্রয় ও তৎপরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে দাখিল করতে হবে।

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