



Pubali Bank directors Syed Moazzem Hussain and M Kabiruzzaman Yaqub, Vice Chairman Azizur Rahman and Managing Director Md Abdul Halim Chowdhury open the bank's 457th branch at Siddhirganj in Narayanganj yesterday.

Singapore growth beats forecasts

AFP, Singapore

Singapore's economy beat expectations to grow at its fastest pace in nearly four years during the third quarter, data showed Thursday, boosted by a surge in global demand that has buoyed Asia in the face of brewing protectionist fears.

The forecast-beating performance for the island-state follows similarly strong readings from the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, South Korea and Taiwan, all of which have benefited from a pick-up in world trade.

The trade ministry said the economy

expanded 5.2 percent on-year in July-September, accelerating from 2.9 percent in the previous three months and the fastest rate since the fourth quarter of 2013.

It also beat the 5.0 predicted in a Bloomberg News survey.

The improvement came as the key manufacturing sector, a key pillar of the trade-dependent economy, expanded 18.4 percent, from 8.4 percent growth in the preceding quarter. The government raised its full-year growth forecast for this year to 3.0-3.5 percent from the previous projection of 2.0-3.0 percent.



Rajesh Dahiya, group head for sales of Apollo Tyres Ltd for India, Saarc and Oceania, and Mohamed Ismail, chairman of Rahimafroz Distribution Ltd, the local distributor of Apollo Tyres, attend the launch of Apollo's two-wheeler tyres in Bangladesh.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Railways
Administration Sec. 4
www.mor.gov.bd

Memo No. 54.00.0000.007.07.078
Dated: 23.11.2017

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of:

| SI No. | Tender ID and reference | Name of work | Publishing date, closing date |
|--------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 01 | Tender ID: 139772 Reference No. 54.00.0000.007.07.078.15 Dated: | Supply of Computer & Printer | 23.11.2017 12.51 12.12.2017 12.00 |

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 from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank branches.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

Md. Rafiqul Islam
Deputy Secretary (Admn.)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence
Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka
www.fireservice.gov.bd

Memo No. 58.03.0000.008.07.003.17-18/1778
Date: 08 Agrahayan 1424
22 November 2017

Corrigendum Notice

It is notified for all concerned that the following amendment have been made for e-Tender ID No. 131827, 131829, 131831, 131833, 131834, 131835 & 131836 Notice Memo No. 58.03.0000.008.07.003.17-18/1731 Dated 30 Oct, 2017 published in The Daily Star and Daily Jugantor on 02 November, 2017.

| Original | Amendment |
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| Tender security will be submitted in the form of Pay Order or Demand Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Deputy Director General, Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence will be allowed. | Tender security will be submitted in the form of Pay Order or Demand Draft from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director General, Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence will be allowed. |

| Sl. No | Field Name | Old Value | Amendment |
|--------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Document last selling date & time | 26.11.2017 up to 17.00pm | 03.12.2017 up to 17.00pm |
| 2. | Meeting start date & time | 31/10/2017 up to 11.00am | 21/11/2017 up to 11.00am |
| 3. | Meeting end date & time | 31/10/2017 up to 12.00 hours | 21/11/2017 up to 12.00 hours |
| 4. | Closing date & time | 27/11/2017 up to 12.00 hours | 04/12/2017 up to 12.00 hours |
| 5. | Opening date & time | 27/11/2017 up to 12.00 hours | 04/12/2017 up to 12.00 hours |
| 6. | Last date & time for tender/proposal security submission | 27/11/2017 up to 11.00am | 04/12/2017 up to 11.00am |
| 7. | Start date | 14/12/2017 | 26/12/2017 |
| 8. | Completion date | 30/01/2018 | 05/02/2018 |

Other terms and conditions of the tender notice will remain unchanged. This amendment notice will be the part of the tender documents.

Major A. K. M. Shakil Nawaz
Director (Admin & Finance)

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Qatar crisis hurts Gulf oil cooperation

REUTERS, Dubai

Opec's most powerful internal alliance, bringing together the oil producer group's Gulf members, is disintegrating fast.

As a six-month-old spat between Saudi Arabia and Qatar deepens, the organization's Gulf ministers will have to scrap their tradition of meeting behind closed doors to agree policy before Opec holds its twice-yearly talks, Opec sources say.

"We used to have a WhatsApp group for all ministers and delegates from the Gulf. It used to be a very busy chatroom. Now it's dead," said a senior source in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Four other sources said there had been no official contact on oil policy between the Gulf Arab nations, in a grouping known as the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The GCC includes Opec members Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar and non-Opec Oman and Bahrain. Opec meets on Nov. 30 in Vienna to decide whether to extend global output cuts beyond March.

Opec kingpin Saudi Arabia and the UAE cut ties with Doha in June, saying Qatar backed terrorism and was cozying up to rival Iran. Qatar rejected the accusation.

"The ministers can't meet," another Opec source said. "They may relay the message through the Kuwaiti or the Oman oil ministers, but Saudi and the UAE cannot meet publicly with the Qatars."

Kuwait and Oman have refrained from taking sides in the dispute, over which Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Sabah has led regional mediation.

To be sure, Opec has survived worse crises and operated under even greater strain, including the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s, Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and proxy wars fought by Saudi Arabia and Iran over the past decade.

None of the Opec sources suggested the Qatar crisis would derail a widely expected decision by Opec to extend price-boosting output cuts until the end of 2018, as almost all producers agree on the need to maintain policy.

But dialogue within Opec is likely to be complicated as the stand-off strikes at the heart of Opec's efforts to form a united front to stabilize a fragile oil market. It may also weaken the group's Sunni faction at a time when predominantly Shi'ite Iran and Iraq are raising their game.



Rajeev Gopalakrishnan, president of Bata Emerging Markets for South Asia, opens a refurbished Bata store in Tongi yesterday. Chitpan Kanhasiri, managing director of Bata Bangladesh, was present.

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Memo No: 622/NWPCL/Siraj 7.6 MWp/2017 Date: 23 November 2017

Invitation for International Bid

Procurement of Plant -- Engineering, Procurement, Construction & Commissioning (EPC) of Sirajganj 7.6MWp Grid Connected Solar PV Power Plant Project

1. Ministry/division : Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.
2. Name of procuring entity : North-West Power Generation Company Limited (NWPCL).
3. Invitation for : Engineering, Design, Manufacturing, Procuring, Inspection, Supply, Installation, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of Sirajganj 7.6MWp Grid Connected Solar PV Power Plant including related Auxiliaries, Ancillaries, Civil Works, Sand filling, River Erosion Protection, Boundary Fencing, Lighting etc. on Turnkey Basis.
4. Procurement method : Open Tendering Method (Single Stage-Two Envelopes). The bidders shall submit the Technical and Financial proposals in two separate envelopes in accordance with the requirements of the bidding document.
5. Source of fund : Own source.
6. Date of selling of bidding document : From 26 November 2017 to 10 January 2018 (5:00pm BST) within working hours (on working days).
7. Name of bid : Engineering, Procurement, Construction & Commissioning (EPC) of Sirajganj 7.6MWp Grid Connected Solar PV Power Plant Project.
8. Completion time from the effective date of contract : 365 days.
9. Experience of bidders : **Average Annual Turnover:** Minimum average annual turnover of USD 12 million within the last 3 (three) years.
General Experience: Experience under contracts in the role of contractor for 7 (seven) years.
Specific Experience: Participation as an EPC contractor in at least 2 (two) projects, each with a capacity of at least 7 MWp, of which at least 1 (one) Project should be executed outside the bidder's own country, within the last 5 (five) years that have been successfully completed and that are similar to the proposed plant and services. Such power plants shall be in continuous commercial operation for minimum 2 (two) years.
** Detailed qualification criteria are described in the bidding document.
10. Price of bidding document : Bangladesh Taka (BDT) 10,000.00 (ten thousand) or USD 125.00 (one hundred twenty-five) only (non-refundable) per set of bidding document payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft in favour of North-West Power Generation Company Limited, Dhaka, Bangladesh.
11. Amount of bid security : BDT 12.50 (twelve point five) million or USD 0.15 (zero point one five) million in the form of an irrevocable and unconditional Bank Guarantee issued by any scheduled bank of Bangladesh or by a foreign bank duly endorsed by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh payable in favour of North-West Power Generation Company Limited.
12. Bid and bid security validity : 180 (one hundred eighty) days and 208 (two hundred and eight) days respectively from the date of opening of bid.
13. Name and address for selling the bidding document : Company Secretary, North-West Power Generation Company Limited, UTC Building (Level-4), 8, Panthapath, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
14. Name and address of the office for receiving and opening of bid : Company Secretary, North-West Power Generation Company Limited, UTC Building (Level-4), 8, Panthapath, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
15. Last date and time of bid submission : 11 January 2018
Time: 12:00 noon (BST).
16. Date and time for opening of bid : The Technical Bid shall be opened on 11 January 2018 at 12:30pm (BST) in presence of the bidders/their authorized representatives.
17. Place: Board Room, North-West Power Generation Company Limited, UTC Building (Level-4), 8, Panthapath, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
18. Date: 13 December 2017 at 10.30am.
19. Special notification : Bidding documents will be available in the NWPCL website: www.nwpcl.org.bd as well as in the website of CPTU & BPDB for review only. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject any/all bids or annul the bidding process at any stage without assigning any reason whatsoever and without incurring any liability to the affected bidders. Bids submitted by Fax, Telex, Swift, Cable, E-mail & by post/courier shall not be accepted.
20. Name of official inviting the bid : Dipak Kumar Dhal.
21. Designation and address inviting the bid : Company Secretary, North-West Power Generation Company Limited, UTC Building (Level-4), 8, Panthapath, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. Phone: 9145291-92, 9145427-28, E-mail: info@nwpcl.org.bd, xenrec.nwpcl@gmail.com Website: www.nwpcl.org.bd

Dipak Kumar Dhal

Company Secretary

North-West Power Generation Co. Ltd

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