



Mahmood Malik, executive director and CEO of Infrastructure Development Company Ltd, and Rezaul Karim, chairman of Confidence Group, attend a deal signing ceremony to raise \$135 million in loans to establish three power plants in Bogra, Rangpur and Chittagong. The plants will run on heavy fuel oil.

EU blacklists 17 tax havens

AFP, Brussels
European Union ministers adopted on Tuesday a blacklist of 17 non-EU tax havens including Panama, South Korea and the United Arab Emirates after a year of tough negotiations.

The Paradise Papers leak last month gave a new impetus to the plan, making public some of the intricate ways the world's rich evade tax using offshore havens.

"We have adopted at EU level a list of states which are not doing enough to fight tax evasion. This blacklist includes 17 states," French finance minister Bruno Le Maire told reporters in Brussels.

The EU has struggled for over a year to finalise the blacklist, with smaller, low-tax EU nations such as Ireland, Malta and Luxembourg worried about scaring off multinationals.

The countries on the list are: American Samoa, Bahrain, Barbados, Grenada, Guam, Macau, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Namibia, Palau, Panama, Saint Lucia, Samoa, South Korea, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia and the United Arab Emirates.

A further 47 countries are on a "grey list", sources said.

Other jurisdictions are understood to have been given leeway after suffering severe damage during hurricanes in the Caribbean earlier this year.

Britain fought particularly hard against the list, afraid that its crown dependencies, including Jersey and the Virgin Islands, would be singled out.

Senior officials from member states had whittled down an initial draft of 29 countries, with divisions still strong in recent days on who would make the final version.

EU Economic Affairs Commissioner Pierre Moscovici said ahead of the official announcement that this was fewer than the 20 countries he had hoped for but would be a "initial victory".

Enforcement is the biggest problem, with EU countries split over whether blacklisted countries should be subjected to financial sanctions or if the list itself is shaming enough.

Several states, including France, support tough measures against the listed tax havens such as exclusion from EU and World Bank funding, though the debate is still open.

Other countries are reluctant to draw up common sanctions, believing that responsibility is better left to member states.

"To be on a blacklist is in itself bad enough and of course there will be consequences for these countries," Luxembourg Finance Minister Pierre Gramegna said.

An existing list of tax havens compiled by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) currently includes only Trinidad and Tobago.

The EU originally screened a total of 92 jurisdictions and once the list is compiled it is expected to be continuously updated. In a blow to activists, states that charge no corporate tax are not automatically considered at risk of breaching EU tax criteria.

However, the criteria do single out countries that facilitate the creation of shell companies and other structures that could aid tax avoidance.

Countries in the EU's firing line have been given an opportunity to stay off the list if they provide a political commitment and a detailed plan to comply.

All countries, which initially included the US, were given until Tuesday's meeting of the EU's 28 finance ministers to provide feedback and possible measures to satisfy EU demands.



Ziaur Rahman, editor of Arthosuchak, an online news portal on economy and business, attends a press meet to announce Bangladesh Capital Market Expo 2017, at Dhaka Reporters' Unity yesterday. The three-day event will start at Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy tomorrow.

Air transport net profits to rise 11pc in 2018: IATA

AFP, Geneva
Led by US airlines, net profits in the aviation industry are set to rise by some 11 percent in 2018, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said on Tuesday as it presented economic forecasts for the industry.

According to the forecast by the industry's global trade association, combined net profits will hit \$38.4 billion, from a revised \$34.5 billion in 2017, with US carriers weighing in with almost half. "Strong demand, efficiency and reduced interest pay-

ments will help airlines improve net profitability in 2018 despite rising (operating) costs," said IATA, whose 280 members account for more than three quarters of global air traffic.

"These are good times for the global air transport industry. Safety performance is solid. We have a clear strategy that is delivering results on environmental performance," said IATA director general and CEO Alexandre de Juniac. "Airlines are achieving sustainable levels of profitability," added de Juniac, while highlighting the challenges of rising fuel costs and well as

labour and infrastructure expenses. De Juniac urged governments to "raise their game" and do more to ensure infrastructure can cope with higher aviation demand.

"Governments are not meeting their responsibility to provide sufficient infrastructure for the industry to meet demand," de Juniac said. "Aviation is the business of freedom and a catalyst for growth and development," he said, adding the industry benefits to the economy include 2.7 million direct jobs and support for 3.5 percent of global economic activity.



M Nazeem A Choudhury, head of consumer banking at Eastern Bank, and Khairul Anam, general manager for sales and marketing at Nazimgarh Resorts, exchange documents after signing a deal at a programme in Dhaka. The bank's cardholders will enjoy 35 percent discount on room rack rates at the resort's garden and wilderness branches in Sylhet.

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INVITATION FOR TENDERS

01. Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Home Affairs/Securities Services Division.					
02. Agency	:	Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence (FSCD).					
03. Procuring Entity	:	Project Director, 156-Project of FSCD.					
04. Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka, Bangladesh.					
05. Invitation for	:	Supply of Fire Fighting & Rescue Equipment.					
KEY INFORMATION							
06. Procuring Method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM)					
Funding Information	:	GOB.					
PARTICULAR INFORMATION							
07. Tender package No.	:	14 (Fourteen).					
08. Tender lot No.	:	34 (Thirty Four).					
09. Tender publication date	:	06/12/2017.					
10. Tender documents selling date	:	11/12/2017 to 14/01/2018 upto Office hours.					
11. Date and time of submission tenders	:	15/01/2018 from 09.00 am to 12.00 noon					
12. Date and time of opening tender documents.	:	15/01/2018 at 12.15 pm.					
13. Name & address of the of the selling tender documents	:	Foreign Procurement Section, Head Quarter Building (1 st floor) Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence, 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.					
14. Receiving tender documents	:	In the tender box to be kept in front of the Conference room (1 st floor), Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence, 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.					
15. Opening Tender Documents	:	Conference room, Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence, (1 st floor), 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.					
INFORMATION OF TENDERER							
16. Eligibility of Tender	:	a) The Tenderer Shall have a minimum of five [5] years of overall experience in the supply of similar goods (Fire fighting & rescue equipment). b) The Tenderer should have Specific experience and liquid asset or working capital as mentioned in the Tender Schedule of the concerned Packages.					
17. Brief Description of supply Goods	:	As stated at SL. 18.					
18. Package No.	Lot No.	Tender No.	Name of the Item	Quantity	Cost of tender documents (Tk.) (Non-Refundable)	Tender Security (Tk.)	Completion of Time (Maximum)
GD-28	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/010/17-18	Water Tender (6,500 Liter) (4WD)	04 Nos.	3,000/-	20,33,000/-	120 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/011/17-18	Water Tender (2,000 Liter, 4WD)	12 Nos.	6,000/-	46,41,000/-	120 Days.
	03	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/012/17-18	Towing Vehicle (Pick-Up Type)	87 Nos.	7,500/-	76,90,000/-	120 Days.
	04	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/013/17-18	Fire & Rescue Tender	03 Nos.	2,500/-	19,89,000/-	120 Days.
GD-29	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/014/17-18	Water Tender (1,800 Liter)	71 Nos.	10,000/-	1,96,14,000/-	150 Days.
GD-30	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/015/17-18	Portable Pump (Medium)	106 Nos.	5,000/-	51,54,000/-	120 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/016/17-18	Portable Pump (Small)	62 Nos.	2,500/-	28,78,000/-	90 Days.
GD-31	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/017/17-18	Smoke Ejector	73 Nos.	1,000/-	6,46,000/-	90 Days.
GD-32	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/018/17-18	Air Compressor Machine	73 Nos.	2,500/-	17,75,000/-	90 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/019/17-18	Diving Apparatus	70 Nos.	2,000/-	6,97,000/-	90 Days.
	03	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/020/17-18	Breathing Apparatus	157 Nos.	2,000/-	6,94,000/-	90 Days.
GD-33	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/021/17-18	Delivery Hose With Coupling	1,336 Nos.	1,000/-	4,43,000/-	90 Days.
GD-34	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/022/17-18	Foam Compound	1,62,500 Liter.	2,500/-	17,96,000/-	90 Days.
GD-35	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/023/17-18	Foam Making Branch Pipe	130 Nos.	1,000/-	2,59,000/-	90 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/024/17-18	Branch Pipe (Turex)	43 Nos.	750/-	57,000/-	90 Days.
	03	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/025/17-18	Collecting Breaching	134 Nos.	750/-	1,18,000/-	90 Days.
	04	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/026/17-18	Collecting Head	134 Nos.	750/-	1,18,500/-	90 Days.
	05	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/027/17-18	Dividing Breaching	134 Nos.	750/-	1,19,000/-	90 Days.
GD-39	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/028/17-18	Battery Charger	130 Nos.	750/-	58,000/-	90 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/029/17-18	Lock Cutter	264 Nos.	750/-	1,46,000/-	90 Days.
	03	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/030/17-18	Axe (Big)	670 Nos.	1,000/-	2,97,000/-	90 Days.
	04	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/031/17-18	Fireman Axe With Pouch	650 Nos.	1,000/-	3,60,000/-	90 Days.
GD-40	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/032/17-18	Hydraulic Spreader	130 Nos.	2,500/-	17,24,000/-	90 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/033/17-18	Hydraulic Cutter	130 Nos.	2,500/-	17,23,500/-	90 Days.
	03	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/034/17-18	Hydraulic Ram Jack	130 Nos.	2,500/-	17,24,500/-	90 Days.
	04	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/035/17-18	Hydraulic Door Opener	135 Nos.	1,500/-	7,46,000/-	90 Days.
GD-41	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/036/17-18	Chipping Hammer	130 Nos.	1,000/-	4,31,000/-	90 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/037/17-18	Reciprocating "Saw"	130 Nos.	1,000/-	4,30,500/-	90 Days.
	03	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/038/17-18	Chain "Saw" (Electric)	130 Nos.	750/-	2,16,000/-	90 Days.
	04	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/039/17-18	Rotary Rescue "Saw" (Electric)	130 Nos.	1,000/-	2,87,500/-	90 Days.
GD-42	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/040/17-18	Generator (5 KVA) With Accessories	130 Nos.	2,000/-	7,18,500/-	90 Days.
GD-43	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/041/17-18	a) Fireman Suit (With Jacket, Trouser & Hand Gloves). b) Gum Boot. c) Helmet with Lamp	2647 Sets.	5,000/-	73,13,000/-	90 Days.
	02	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/042/17-18	Heat Protective Suit	264 Sets.	2,500/-	11,67,000/-	90 Days.
GD-44	01	FS&CD/Dev(P-156)/043/17-18	Wireless Equipments (VHF Set with Accessories)	130 Sets.	1,000/-	3,45,000/-	90 Days.
19. Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director, 156-Project.						
20. Address of official Inviting Tender	Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence, 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.						
21. Contact Details of official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 9586115 Fax # 9586115. E-mail : a.haque-2009@hotmail.com						
22. Special Instruction :	i) Interested tenderer may participate in any Package or any lot/all packages. ii) Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in front of the conference room of the Department of fire service & civil defence on the date and time fixed. Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee (TOC) in presence of the tenderers' or their representatives (if any one present). iii) Quantity of equipment may be increased or decreased or dropped without showing any reason. iv) If submitted documents (brochure, catalogue, certificates etc.) are found fake/manipulated/ fabricated etc, action will be taken against the tenderer as per law including black listing. v) All technical specifications submitted by the tenderer (in their offer) must be available in the manufacturer's Web-site. The Web-site address of the quoted manufactures must be submitted along with the technical offer. vi) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.						
23. Tender notice will also be published in the website :	www.cptu.gov.bd , www.ssd.gov.bd & www.fireservice.gov.bd						

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