



Md Arfan Ali, president and managing director of Bank Asia, and Md Jalalul Azim, CEO of Pragati Life Insurance Ltd, exchange documents after signing a deal at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka recently. The insurer now can collect premiums through the bank's agent outlets.

EU eyes capital offer for banks to boost climate financing

REUTERS, Brussels

The European Commission could lower capital requirements for environmentally-friendly investments by banks in a bid to boost the green economy and counter climate change, the EU executive's vice president said on Tuesday.

The move could be part of a broader set of measures the EU plans to present in March to meet the target of cutting carbon emissions by 40 percent by 2030, for which it estimates around 180 billion euros (\$212.2 billion) in additional low-carbon investments are needed per year.

The Commission, which is in charge of proposing laws at EU level, is "looking positively" at plans to reduce capital requirements for banks' green investments, Valdis Dombrovskis said at the "One Planet" summit on climate change financing in Paris.

"This could be done at first stage by lowering capital requirements for certain climate-friendly investments, such as energy-efficient mortgages or electric cars," Dombrovskis said in a speech at the conference held on the second anniversary of

the Paris climate accord.

He added that the reduced charges could be modelled on "existing discounts for investments in small and medium-sized enterprises or high-quality infrastructure projects".

Currently, the EU grants capital reductions of 23.81 percent for banks' exposures to small firms for investments below 1.5 million euros (\$1.7 million), and is considering a 15 percent reduction for the share of investment above that threshold.

The size of the possible capital reduction is under consideration and could take into account the lower climate risk banks face when they invest in green projects.

The move would represent a shift in the EU strategy to boost climate financing, which so far has focussed on new requirements rather than incentives.

The commission has proposed tighter bank supervision to promote sustainability and EU finance ministers have even discussed stress-testing financial firms against their exposure to climate risks, like extreme weather or volatile

energy prices.

Brussels also plans to introduce a legal obligation for asset managers to consider environmental risks when they invest money for their clients.

The addition of a dose of carrot-and-stick approach on climate financing follows banks' pressure to lower capital charges on green investments. On Monday the French bank federation FBF repeated its call for a "green supporting factor".

Dombrovskis also said that in a bid to spur the market for green financial products, the commission is working on an EU "classification system for what is considered sustainable".

Common labels for green bonds could significantly expand investment in these instruments which so far attract much less attention than traditional products, although it is growing.

Green funds had around 145 billion euros of assets under management in 2016, against 3.1 trillion invested in European bonds and 3.4 trillion in equity funds, according to a report of an EU expert group on sustainable finance.

Oil tops \$65, first time since 2015

REUTERS, London

Oil rose above \$65 a barrel for the first time since mid-2015 on Tuesday as an unplanned shutdown of the UK's biggest North Sea oil pipeline supported a market already tightened by Opec-led production cuts.

The Forties oil pipeline helps set global oil prices. It was scheduled to pump 406,000 barrels per day (bpd) in December, but was shut down on Monday after cracks were found in what traders believe is the first unplanned outage for some years.

Brent crude, the global benchmark, was up by 90 cents at \$65.59 at 0915 GMT, after breaking above \$65 for the first time since June 2015 and trading as high as \$65.70. US crude rose 49 cents to \$58.48.

"Such a reaction indicates that supply disruptions can no longer be ignored in tight markets," said Hussein Sayed, analyst at FXTM.

The Forties pipeline is important for the global oil market because the crude it carries normally sets the price of dated Brent, a benchmark used to price physical crude around the world and which underpins Brent futures.



N Rajashekar, managing director and country officer of Citi for Bangladesh, hands over a cheque worth \$100,000 to Hafiz Ahmed Mazumdar, chairman of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, in Dhaka for the rehabilitation of 3,000 families affected by heavy rains and floods in the northern areas of the country.

China likely to keep 2018 GDP target around 6.5pc

REUTERS, Beijing

China will likely set its 2018 economic growth target at around 6.5 percent, unchanged from the previous year, leaving more room for quality growth as a government deleveraging campaign is set to intensify, a policy adviser was quoted as saying on Tuesday.

Lou Feng, a researcher at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, a state think tank, expects China to rely more on "innate drivers" for economic growth such as technology innovation in 2018, stressing the country is now minimising the importance of quantitative targets, according to Chinese newspaper 21st Century Business Herald.

China routinely sets an annual growth target which is widely watched by the market for clues on how much the government will likely stimulate the economy throughout the year.

A proposed target would be endorsed by top leaders at the closed-door Central Economic Work Conference in mid-December, and then announced at China's annual congress in early 2018.

China lowered its 2017 growth target to around 6.5 percent from the previous year's 6.5 to 7 percent, but its debt-fuelled investment binge has driven up infrastructure investment and real estate development, which has given the economy a surprise boost.

The Chinese economy is on course to hit an expansion of 6.8 percent in 2017, Lou said, according to the newspaper.

He said the government would seek to reduce overall leverage in the economy, pressing for a lower broad money supply against its gross domestic product (GDP) in the next step of a deleveraging campaign. Many analysts say efforts to cut high debt levels received a renewed push after the agenda-setting Communist Party Congress concluded in October.

Policy sources have told Reuters that China's leaders are likely to maintain this year's growth target of around 6.5 percent in 2018, even as they ratchet up efforts to prevent a destabilising build-up of debt.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
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Invitation for Tenders (IFT) National Competitive Tendering (NCT)

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education and Family Welfare Division.
2	Agency	Directorate General of Family Planning.
3	Procuring entity name	Director (Logistic and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management).
4	Procuring entity code	N/A.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Procurement of 1,50,000 (one lac fifty thousand) pcs sharee with 3 (three) lots: Lot-1: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee Lot-2: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee Lot-3: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	DGFP/L&S-2/Saree/2017-18/150/112
8	Date	11 December, 2017

KEY INFORMATION

9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM) (National).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB (Dev).
11	Development partners (if applicable)	N/A.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	5-7481-5005
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	4th Health, Population and Nutrition Sector Programme (4HPNSP).
14	Tender package No.	GFP/LP/Dev/CC/17-18/09
15	Tender package name	Procurement of 1,50,000 (one lac fifty thousand) pcs sharee with 3 (three) lots: Lot-1: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee Lot-2: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee Lot-3: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee.
16	Tender publication date	Date: 12/12/2017 Time:
17	Tender last selling date	15/01/2018 Up to 12:00 noon
18	Tender closing date and time	Date: 16/01/2018 Time: 12:30pm
19	Tender opening date and time	16/01/2018 12:45pm
20	Name & address of the office(s)	Address
	-Selling tender documents (principal)	Office of the Director (Logistic and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management), Logistics & Supply Unit (5th Floor), Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
	- Selling tender document (others)	Office of the Deputy Secretary (Purchase & Procurement), Building No. 3, Room No. 312 (3rd Floor), Medical Education & Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000.

No conditions apply for sale, purchase or distribution of tender documents.

	-Receiving tender document	Office of the Deputy Secretary (Purchase & Procurement), Building No. 3, Room No. 312 (3rd Floor), Medical Education & Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000.
	-Opening tender document	Office of the Deputy Secretary (Purchase & Procurement), Building No. 3, Room No. 312 (3rd Floor), Medical Education & Family Welfare Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MOHFW), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000.
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Date: 27/12/2017 Time: 12:00 noon
		Office of the Director (Logistic and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management), Logistics & Supply Unit (5th Floor, Room No. 15), Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

22	Brief eligibility and qualification of tenderer	Only the tenderer who is the owner of a textile mill/factory and registered by the competent authority shall only be eligible to participate in these tender & other qualifying criteria is mentioned in the tender documents.			
23	Brief description of goods	Procurement of 1,50,000 (one lac fifty thousand) pcs sharee with 3 (three) lots: Lot-1: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee Lot-2: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee Lot-3: 50,000 (fifty thousand) pcs sharee.			
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.			
25	Price of tender document (Tk)	Taka 2,000/- (Taka two thousand) only, non-refundable. Mode of payment should be Treasury Challan from Bangladesh Bank or Sonali Bank Limited, Code No. 1-2781-0000-2366 in favour of Director General, Directorate General of Family Planning, 6, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215. Original copy of the Treasury Challan must be certified (CTR) by the concerned Accounts Office.			
26	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
	1	50,000/- (fifty thousand) pcs sharee	Regional Warehouse, Family Planning, Chittagong	BDT 5,00,000/- (Taka five lac) only for each lot	Delivery period starts 08 (eight) weeks from the date of contract signed
	2	50,000/- (fifty thousand) pcs sharee	Regional Warehouse, Family Planning, Khulna		
	3	50,000/- (fifty thousand) pcs sharee	Regional Warehouse, Family Planning, Bogra.		

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

27	Name of official inviting tender	A. K. M. Mahbubur Rahman Joarder.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Director (Logistic and Supply) and Line Director (Procurement, Storage and Supply Management).
29	Address of official inviting tender	Logistics & Supply Unit (5th Floor), Directorate General of Family Planning (5th Floor), 6, Karwan Bazar, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel. & Fax No. 88-02-9101232 e-mail: dirsdgfp@gmail.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.	

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Memo No. ZPB/2017/786 Date: 7.12.17

e-Tender Notice (LTM): 03/2017-2018

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

Sl No.	Tender ID	Documents last selling date & time	Tender opening date & time
1	141475	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
2	141477	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
3	141478	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
4	141479	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
5	141480	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
6	141481	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
7	141482	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
8	141483	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
9	141484	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
10	141485	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
11	141486	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
12	141488	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
13	142407	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00
14	143609	26 December 2017, 17.00	27 December 2017, 15.00

This is an online tender, where any 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-Tender System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered banks branches up to 17.00 on previous day of receiving tender.

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

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