



Dhaka Bank Syed Mahubur Rahman, CEO of Dhaka Bank, and Reaz Uddin Al-Mamoon, managing director of Epyllion Group, exchange the signed documents of a deal at the bank's corporate office in Dhaka on Tuesday. The bank will provide cash management services to Epyllion through Dhaka Bank C Solution.



Md Akhtaruzzaman, vice chancellor of Dhaka University (DU); Shibli Rubayat UI Islam, business faculty dean, and Adeeb Hossain Khan, president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB), attend a deal signing ceremony in the capital yesterday. DU's finance students will be exempted from taking certain subjects while studying at ICAB.

## With rate hike in the bag, Fed may hint at Trump effect on economy

REUTERS, Washington

The Federal Reserve is widely expected to raise interest rates on Wednesday, but, more significantly, it may give its strongest hint yet on how the Trump administration's tax overhaul could affect the US economy.

Investors will pay close attention to how the central bank aims to balance a stimulus-fueled economic boost with the ongoing weak inflation and tepid wage growth that has curbed some policymakers' appetite for higher rates.

The Fed's policy statement and its latest economic projections are due to be released at 2 p.m. EST (1900 GMT) following the end of a two-day meeting. Fed Chair Janet Yellen is scheduled to hold a press conference half an hour later. It will be her last before her four-year term ends early next year.

Her successor, Fed Governor Jerome Powell, said at his recent confirmation hearing before a Senate panel that he had "no sense of an overheating economy," an early signal he may not want to quicken the pace of rate increases until there is evidence of an acceleration in wage growth and inflation.

The Fed has increased rates twice in 2017 and is currently expected to push through three more hikes next year.

Much of Yellen's tenure as Fed chief has been defined by a desire to leave loose monetary policy in place as long as possible in the hope that unemployment continued to decline, workers rejoined the labor force, and wages rose.

Powell, who has worked closely with Yellen, said he feels that process still has room to run.

Recent bullish data, highlighted by continued solid job gains and a jump in economic growth, has prompted some analysts to speculate that the central bank's new projections will reflect an expectation of four rate increases next year.

There are also signs inflation may be firming after a lengthy bout of weakness. Fed policymakers have been stymied at how price rises have remained persistently below the central bank's 2 percent target despite labor market strength and a growing economy.

President Donald Trump's proposed tax plan, including a sharp reduction in the corporate income tax, could further boost the US economy if it passes the Republican-controlled Congress, as appears likely.

In a recent note projecting four Fed rate increases next year, Paul Ashworth, US economist for Capital Economics, said "the stimulus could provide cover for the Fed to normalize interest rates at a faster pace than it otherwise would have been able to."

What Ashworth called a "badly timed" tax cut "would be expected to raise inflation as much as it boosted real GDP growth," he said.

## India's cement industry can now use petroleum coke

REUTERS, New Delhi

India's Supreme Court on Wednesday allowed the cement industry to use petroleum coke, a dirtier alternative to coal which had temporarily been banned as pollution levels shot up in Delhi last month.

India is the world's biggest consumer of petroleum coke, better known as petcoke, a dark solid carbon material that emits 11 percent more greenhouse gas than coal, according to studies.

The Supreme Court in October banned the use of petcoke in and around New Delhi in a bid to clean the air in one of the world's most polluted cities.

But a blanket ban on the sale and use of petcoke could hit the country's small and medium scale industries, which employ millions of workers and operate on thin margins, businesses say.

Supreme Court judge Madan Bhimrao Lokur, in issuing the exemption order for cement and limestone industries, asked the government to frame guidelines for the use of petcoke.

Shares of Indian cement companies, which use petcoke as feedstock, surged as much as 5 percent on news of the court decision. Local producers of petcoke include Indian Oil Corp, Reliance Industries and Bharat Petroleum Corp.

Delhi's air quality has worsened this winter, piling pressure on authorities to take steps. Vehicles and industrial emissions as well as the burning of crop stubble in the farm states around Delhi have caused the spike in pollutants.

Petcoke and other cheap, highly polluting fuel such as furnace oil are widely used by cement factories, dyeing units, paper mills, brick kilns and ceramics businesses.

## China to ease business curbs for foreign banks

REUTERS, Beijing

China will relax requirements for foreign banks to take retail yuan deposits and allow them to do business in government bonds, the banking regulator said on Wednesday, in its latest move to open up the financial sector.

For decades, China has carefully controlled the activities of foreign banks in a bid to protect domestic players, with foreign banks' share in a fast-growing market falling to just 1.4 percent.

The China Banking Regulatory Commission said it would also abolish a "waiting period" for foreign banks to start doing yuan business and adjust requirements on operating capital management.

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**গবেষণা প্রস্তাব আহ্বান**

জাতীয় গণমাধ্যম ইনস্টিটিউট ২০১৭-১৮ অর্থ বছরের গবেষণা কার্যক্রম হিসেবে ২ (দুই)টি সমীক্ষা পরিচালনার কাজ হাতে নিয়েছে। সমীক্ষা দুইটি হলো যথাক্রমেঃ

- ১। Wide Publicity in mass-media creates awareness or motives the poor parents against child labour.
- ২। জাতীয় গণমাধ্যম ইনস্টিটিউটের প্রশিক্ষণ কার্যক্রমে প্রায়োগিক পাঠ্যাবলীর বর্তমান অবস্থা ও ভবিষ্যতের চাহিদা নিরূপণ।

উল্লিখিত এই দুইটি বিষয়ের ওপর অগ্রাধী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তির নিকট থেকে গবেষণা প্রস্তাব আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে। গবেষণা প্রস্তাব বাংলা অথবা ইংরেজি যে কোন একটি ভাষায় জমা দেয়া যাবে। গবেষণার জন্য জাতীয় গণমাধ্যম ইনস্টিটিউটের চলতি অর্থবছরে প্রতিটি গবেষণার জন্য ৩.০ (তিন) লক্ষ টাকা বরাদ্দ আছে।

অগ্রাধী প্রতিষ্ঠান/ব্যক্তির শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, গবেষণা কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা, ঠিকানা, ই-মেইল ও টেলিফোন নম্বর উল্লেখপূর্বক গবেষণা পরিচালকের ০২ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবিসহ সংক্ষিপ্ত জীবনবৃত্তান্ত এবং ১০ (দশ) কপি গবেষণা প্রস্তাব (প্রস্তাব অনধিক এক হাজার শব্দের মধ্যে সীমাবদ্ধ থাকতে হবে) আগামী ২৬ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৭ তারিখের মধ্যে মহাপরিচালক, জাতীয় গণমাধ্যম ইনস্টিটিউট, ঢাকা বরাবর সিলগালাযুক্ত খামে ডাকযোগে অথবা সরাসরি প্রেরণ করতে হবে। খামের ওপর অবশ্যই গবেষণার বিষয়বস্তু উল্লেখ করতে হবে। গবেষণা প্রস্তাবের ছক জাতীয় গণমাধ্যম ইনস্টিটিউটের ওয়েবসাইড (www.nimc.gov.bd)-এ পাওয়া যাবে।

প্রাপ্ত প্রস্তাবসমূহ PPR-2008 অনুসারে মূল্যায়ন করে নির্বাচিত গবেষককে গবেষণার সুযোগ দেওয়া হবে। নির্বাচিত গবেষককে আগামী ৩০ এপ্রিল ২০১৮ তারিখের মধ্যে ১০০ (একশত) কপি পূর্ণাঙ্গ প্রতিবেদন (বাইভিং ও ছাপানোসহ) জমা দিতে হবে।

কর্তৃপক্ষ যেকোনো প্রস্তাব গ্রহণ ও বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করে।

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Abdul Matlub Ahmad, new president of India-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IBCCI), takes charge of IBCCI from Taskeen Ahmed, outgoing president of the trade body, at the chamber's 10th annual general meeting at Nitol Centre in Dhaka on December 10.

**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**

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Memo No. HED/HPNSP/e-Tender-569, 570, 571, 572 & 573/2017/125 Dated: 12.12.2017

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Sl No	Tender ID No.	Package No.	Description of work	Publication date	Last date of selling document	Closing date
1	145393	WP-5145/SDP-4(GOB)-HED	Vertical extension of Cox's Bazar HED Office Building, Cox's Bazar.	11.12.2017 20.00pm	25.12.2017 18.00pm	26.12.2017 16.00pm
2	145394	WP-5146/SDP-4(GOB)-HED	Vertical extension of inspection bungalow at Cox's Bazar District.	11.12.2017 20.00pm	02.01.2018 18.00pm	03.01.2018 16.00pm
3	145490	WP-5147/SDP-4(GOB)-HED	Vertical extension of male hostel 2nd floor Mirpur Homeopathic Medical College, Dhaka.	11.12.2017 20.00pm	01.01.2018 18.00pm	02.01.2018 16.00pm
4	145491	WP-5149/SDP-4(GOB)-HED	Vertical extension of female hostel 2nd floor to 3rd floor of Homeopathic Medical College Hospital at Mirpur 14, Dhaka.	11.12.2017 20.00pm	01.01.2018 18.00pm	02.01.2018 15.00pm
5	145493	WP-5159/SDP-4(GOB)-HED	Vertical extension of male hostel building of Dhaka Dental College, Mirpur, Dhaka.	11.12.2017 20.00pm	02.01.2018 18.00pm	03.01.2018 15.00pm

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The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank's branches.

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

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**Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh**

Alternative Medical Care (AMC)  
Director General of Health Services  
Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.

**Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)**

1. Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOHFW)
2. Division	Health Services Division
3. Agency	Directorate General of Health Services
4. Procuring Entity Name	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care (AMC), DGHS.
5. Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.
6. Expression of Interest for Selection of	Survey of Patients received AMC services out of OPD patients at the selected Medical College Hospital, District Hospital & Upazilla Health Complex in Unani System of Medicine.
7. EOI Ref. No.	DGHS/LD/AMC/Procurement plan/Gob (Services)/2017-2018/Service-Package No. SP1 (Unani).
8. Date	14/12/2017
9. Procurement Method	Consulting firm/research Institute/Consultant will be selected in accordance with the People's Republic of Bangladesh procurement Guideline and procedures set out in the public procurement Regulation 2008 of the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh (Followed by QCBS Method).
10. Budget of Source of Funds	As per ADP allocation 2017-2018 (GOB), Health Sector Development fund.
11. Project/Program Name	Alternative Medical Care (AMC), 4 <sup>th</sup> HPNSP.
12. Development Partners	N/A
13. Project/Program Code	5032
14. EOI Closing Date & Time	28/12/2017 (Up to 4:00 PM), EOIs shall be submitted in sealed envelope to Line Director, Alternative Medical Care, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212. Name of the work should be mentioned on the top of the envelop.
15. Brief Description of Assignment	Survey of Patients received AMC services out of OPD patients (minimum 10 diseases profile describe according to health center receive patients) at the selected Medical College Hospital, District Hospital & Upazilla Health Complex in Unani System of Medicine.
16. Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity required	The applicant shall have to submit the EOI with the following documents: (1) Category of the firm: Research Organization/Survey organization/Consulting firm; (2) Brief description of the firm with proof of working in the relevant areas and of conducting Survey; (3) Valid Trade license/Registration; (4) Updated income Tax certificate; (5) Certificate of VAT; (6) 05 (five) Years Experience in the survey/research; (7) List of major clients working with in last five years with contact reference; (8) Bank Solvency certificate; (9) Name of the Central Key personnel with C.V. who will be involved with the assignment; (10) Relevant documents in favor of organizational strength of the firm.
17. Association with other firms	Consultant firm/Research Institute may associate with other consultants to enhance its qualifications.
18. Association with foreign firms	N/A
19. Name of Official inviting EOI	Dr. Monowara Sultana
20. Designation of Official inviting EOI	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care (AMC)
21. Address of Official inviting EOI	Line Director, Alternative Medical Care, DGHS, Mohakhali, Dhaka-1212.
22. Contact details of Officials inviting EOI	Tel No-02-58812134, Email- amc@ld.dghs.gov.bd.
23. The procuring Entity reserves the right to reject any or all of the EOIs	

**Dr. Monowara Sultana**  
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