



Arastoo Khan, chairman of Islami Bank, and Md Abdul Hamid Miah, CEO, attend the opening session of the bank's two-day business development conference at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka yesterday.

SEBI bars PwC from auditing listed firms for two years

REUTERS, Mumbai

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) late on Wednesday barred PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) from auditing listed companies in the country for two years, after a probe into a nearly decade-old accounting fraud case in a software services company that became India's biggest corporate scandal.

Ramalinga Raju, founder and former chairman of the erstwhile software services exporter Satyam Computer Services, stunned Indian markets and investors in January 2009, when he admitted that the firm had overstated earnings and assets for several years, in a fraud of more than \$1 billion sometimes referred to as "India's Enron".

PwC was Satyam's auditor during the period in which the fraud was perpetrated. In its order, the SEBI, on Wednesday said any entities or firms practicing as chartered accountants in India under the brand name of PwC, shall not directly or indirectly issue any certificate of audit of listed companies, or their intermediaries that are registered with the regulator for a period of two years.

"The network structure of operations adopted by the international accounting firm should not be used as a shield to avoid legal implications arising out of the certifications issued under the brand name of the network," SEBI said in a 108-page order.

In India, all audit functions within the group are conducted under the PwC brand, with a network of local firms operating under the banner. The broader PwC entity handles consulting, tax advisory and other businesses.

Powerful growth in Germany fuels calls to share the wealth

AFP, Berlin

Strong growth data in Germany came as welcome news Thursday for politicians haggling over spending and unions battling for more pay, although observers warn the good times cannot last forever.

Gross domestic product in Europe's top economy grew by 2.2 percent in 2017, the fastest rate since 2011, according to federal statistics authority Destatis.

The performance, in line with forecasts from leading economic think-tanks and the OECD, was driven by a sharp pick-up in growth in investments and exports.

At the same time, expansion in private and government consumption slowed compared with 2016.

Overall, growth was almost one percentage point higher than the 1.3-percent average recorded over the past 10 years.

Germany also notched up a record government budget surplus of 1.2 percent of GDP, Destatis said.

It was "a strong performance by an economy firing on all cylinders," commented ING Diba bank economist Carsten Brzeski, arguing that the same factors that have favoured the economy will stay in place over the coming year.

Defying fears of a new era of protectionism after the US election of Donald Trump, exports grew by 4.7 percent in 2017, compared with 2.6 percent the previous year.

Meanwhile, historic low interest rates set by the European Central Bank, a euro that has not strengthened against other currencies in step with the continent's economic recovery, high levels of employment and a broad-based upturn across the 19-nation eurozone all favour continued expansion for Germany.

But the picture is not entirely rosy for Berlin, Brzeski warned.

"Strong growth performance has led to reform complacency. Under the surface of strong growth, deficiencies in areas like digitalisation, services and education have emerged," he said.

"The next government still has the unique opportunity to tackle these challenges in good times and not wait until the bad times have started."

As the statisticians unveiled the nation's economic performance in Berlin's government quarter, Germany's leading politicians gathered in the Social Democratic Party (SPD) headquarters across town.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives are making a last-ditch attempt to strike a coalition deal with the centre-left SPD -- a prospect greeted with reluctance on both sides after four years sharing power cost both parties dearly in September elections.

Nevertheless, politicians' mouths are

watering at the prospect of having billions of euros of additional cash to pay for tax cuts, public spending or increased investment.

Over four days of talks since Sunday, the negotiators have racked up a wish list totalling some 100 billion euros (\$119.5 billion) for the coming four years, newspaper Rheinische Post reported Wednesday.

But many of those hopes could be dashed Thursday, as the finance ministry calculates that just 45 billion euros will be available in federal coffers.

It would be a "tough day" of talks, Merkel told reporters as she arrived, vowing to "work constructively to find the necessary compromises".

Not to be left out, the powerful metalworkers' union IG Metall has taken to the streets with a series of "warning strikes" this week, demanding bosses grant them a six-percent pay rise and the option to switch to a 28-hour week for up to two years.

S Korea govt sends bitcoin on rollercoaster ride

AFP, Seoul

Bitcoin and other virtual currencies were sent on rollercoaster rides in South Korea Thursday as the government said it was planning to ban cryptocurrency exchanges, before later backtracking.

Justice Minister Park Sang-Ki said Seoul was preparing a bill to shut down the country's virtual coin exchanges, sending bitcoin and other virtual unit prices into a tailspin.

"The ministry is preparing legislation that basically bans any transactions based on a virtual currency through the trading floor," he told journalists.

Authorities had "grave concerns" over the craze and were "aiming to close virtual currency exchanges" in the country, he said.

"It has started to resemble gambling and speculation," Park added, citing the fact that bitcoin prices are higher in South Korea than globally -- the so-called "kimchi premium".

The hyper-wired South has emerged as a hotbed for cryptocurrency trading, accounting for some 20 percent of global bitcoin transactions -- about 10 times the country's share of the world economy.

A series of measures have failed to curb overheated virtual currency speculation in the country and Park said it would be "devastating if the bubble bursts".

His remarks sent bitcoin prices plunging 18 percent on South Korean exchange Bithumb, while ethereum slumped 23 percent.

Investors flooded the presidential Blue House website with hundreds of online petitions against the shutdown, which was swiftly reversed.

Uniqlo logs strong profits from international sales

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's Fast Retailing said Thursday that sales at its Uniqlo stores abroad had outstripped domestic demand for the first time, as Asia's biggest retailer delivered quarterly earnings that beat market expectations.

Driven by a strong performance in China and the wider Asia region, overseas sales at the cheap-chic Uniqlo chain soared by nearly one third to 258 billion yen (\$2.3 billion), just



Saifuzzaman Chowdhury, state minister for land, and AE Abdul Muhaimen, managing director of United Commercial Bank, attend the bank's annual business conference for 2018 at Radisson Blu Dhaka Water Garden yesterday.

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Amendment/Corrigendum of e-Tender Notice

01	Tender ID	145991	
02	Name of project	Municipal Governance & Services Project (MGSP).	
03	Package No.	MGSP/PAT/2017-18/W-04	
04	Description of works	(a) Construction of Kitchen Market at new Thana Hat under Patiya Pourashava-Civil Works. (b) Construction of Kitchen Market at new Thana Hat under Patiya Pourashava-Water and Plumbing Works. (c) Construction of Kitchen Market at new Thana Hat under Patiya Pourashava-Electrical Works.	
05	Amendment/Corrigendum	Old value	New value
		TDS (ITT Clause No. 16.1 (b) of Tender Document has been amended for inevitable reasons	
	Document last selling date & time	14/01/2018 17:00	21/01/2018, 17:00
	Meeting end date & time	08/01/2018 17:00	14/01/2018 17:00
	Closing date & time	15/01/2018 15:00	22/01/2018 15:00
	Opening date & time	15/01/2018 15:00	22/01/2018 15:00
	Last date & time for tender/proposal security submission	15/01/2018 12:30	22/01/2018 12:30
	TDS/PDS c. Qualification Criteria	The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 10,33,60,000.00 over the last 05 (five) years [years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper] [2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17] Only payment certificate will be considered for counting turnover.	The required average annual construction turnover shall be greater than Tk 10,33,60,000.00 over the last 05 (five) years [years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper] [2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17] Only payment certificate will be considered for counting turnover.
		The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 32,30,000.00	The minimum amount of liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities of the tenderer shall be Tk 3,23,00,000.00

These are 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.

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

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Memo No. 40 Dated: 09-01-2018

"Invitation of Quotation for Ferry Ghat Toll Collection" (2nd Call)

1.	Lease Quotation Notice No.	Lease-07/PRD/2017-2018
2.	Name of quotation	Lease for Toll Collection of "Amrajhuri Ferry Ghat" at 40 th (P) km of Gariarpar-Banaripara-Sarshina-Sawrupkathi-Kawkhali-Naikathi Road (Z-8033) under Pirojpur Road Division, during three financial years.
3.	Lease implementation period	3 (three) financial years (1095 days).
4.	Price of lease quotation schedule	Tk. 5000/- (five thousand) only per set (non-refundable).
5.	Security money	10% of quoted rate (including VAT and Tax) (In favour of Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur in the form of Pay Order or Bank Draft).
6.	Quotation last selling date	30-01-2018 up to office hour (5.00pm).
7.	Tender closing date and time	31-01-2018 at 12.30pm.
8.	Eligibility of lease quotationer	All interested persons/firms regardless of whether enlisted or not with the employer may submit quotation provide that they are otherwise qualified who can fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Quotation's document.
9.	Selling quotation document	Divisional Commissioner, Barisal/DC Pirojpur, EE (RHD), Road Division-Pirojpur/Barisal/Jhalakati/Bhola/Planning Division-1 (P&D) Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka/SDE (RHD) Road Sub-Division, Pirojpur/Kawkhali.
10.	Receiving quotation document	EE (RHD), Road Division, Pirojpur, SE (RHD), Barisal Road Circle, Barisal, DC, Pirojpur.
11.	Quotation opening place, date & time	Executive Engineer, RHD, Road Division, Pirojpur, 31-01-2018 at 3.30pm.
	a. The concerned authority reserves the right to accept or reject any/all quotations. b. If it is not possible to receive/open the quotation the schedule date for any unavoidable circumstances, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time and same venue. c. The quotationer will quote the rate in figures & words. d. This quotation notice will also be seen at RHD website www.rhd.gov.bd	

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১	প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম	বাংলাদেশ জাতীয় সংসদ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।
২	অর্থের উৎস	ইউএনএফপিএ
৩	দরপত্র আহ্বানের বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং ও তারিখ	বাজািসস/SPCPD/গাড়ি/২২(১)/২০১৭/৬১
৪	দরপত্রের ধরণ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র
৫	মালামালের সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ	ইউএনএফপিএ এর অর্থায়নে বাস্তবায়নধীন এসপিপিডি প্রকল্পের কার্যক্রম বাস্তবায়নের জন্য গাড়ি ভাড়া করণ (ডাবল এ/সি যুক্ত মাইক্রোবাস)।
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৭	দরপত্রাদাতার যোগ্যতা	দরপত্রের সাথে ২০১৭-২০১৮ অর্থ বছরের ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ২০১৬-২০১৭ কর বর্ষের আয়কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র, সর্বশেষ ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন আইন অনুযায়ী ভ্যাট রেজিস্ট্রেশন সনদপত্র, ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট (সিডিউল ক্রমের পরবর্তী তারিখ হতে), গাড়ির মালিকানা সংক্রান্ত কাগজপত্র, ব্যাংক হতে ঋণ গ্রহণের মাধ্যমে গাড়ি ক্রয় কর হয়ে থাকলে উক্ত ব্যাংক এর উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নামে মালিকানা সংক্রান্ত যথাযথ ডকুমেন্টসমূহ অবশ্যই দাখিল করিতে হবে এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ক্ষেত্রে কমপক্ষে ২ (দুই) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করিতে হবে (বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী ছাড়া দরপত্র সিডিউলে উল্লিখিত অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী এক্ষেত্রে প্রযোজ্য হবে)।
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