



Sheltech Chairman Kutubuddin Ahmed, Managing Director Toufiq M Seraj and Directors Tanvir Ahmed and Saamiya Seraj attend a press meet at Sheltech Lounge in Dhaka yesterday to announce a three-week fair to celebrate the company's 30th anniversary today. Apartment buyers will get discounts of up to Tk 5 lakh for booking during the show that will start tomorrow at the Lounge.

# Trump presses EU on trade barriers in tit-for-tat

AFP, United States

US President Donald Trump renewed his demand Saturday that the European Union halts its trade barriers to US products in order to spare his allies new steel and aluminum tariffs.

The American president made his comments after crunch talks in Brussels between EU negotiators and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer in an effort to defuse a bitter row that many fear could turn into an all-out trade war.

The EU's top trade official said the US failed to provide full clarity on how Europe and Japan could be spared steel to continue next week.

"The European Union, wonderful countries who treat the U.S. very badly on trade, are complaining about the tariffs on Steel & Aluminum," Trump tweeted.

"If they drop their horrific barriers & tariffs on U.S. products going in, we will likewise drop ours. Big Deficit. If not, we Tax Cars etc. FAIR!"

President Donald Trump's announcement of duties of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum has stung the European Union, along with other major partners including Japan, whose Economy Minister Hiroshige Seko also attended the talks in Brussels.

"As long-standing security partners of the United States, (the EU and Japan) underlined to ambassador Lighthizer their expectation that EU

and Japanese exports to the US would be exempted from the application of higher tariffs," an EU statement said after the talks.

But after two-way talks with Lighthizer, European Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom tweeted: "No immediate clarity on the exact US procedure for exemption however, so discussions will continue next week."

Brussels has gone the furthest in fighting back against Washington's shock measures, loudly announcing a list of US products to hit with countermeasures if its exports are affected by the tariffs.

In announcing the measures, European Commission head Jean-Claude Juncker taunted Trump, saying the EU could match "stupid with stupid."

Trump pushed back as he visited western Pennsylvania, in the heart of US steel country, where he boasted of his tariffs and denounced low-quality imports.

"It's not good steel -- you guys know what I mean. It's crap," Trump said, earning cheers from the crowd. Trump said the move would spur economic growth in the region.

"A lot of steel mills are now opening up because of what I did," he said. "Steel is back, and aluminum is back."

Lighthizer, a loyalist to Trump's "America First" mantra, made no official comment after the talks, but the three sides did agree on a series of next

steps to address the oversupply worldwide of steel and other materials, mainly by China.

This progress was "unexpected" and a source of cautious optimism on solving the tariff row, an EU official said on condition of anonymity.

"If Trump wants his allies to demonstrate that they are united in tackling problems with China, this is precisely that," the source added.

With tensions at a peak, the EU had sought to keep low expectations for any breakthrough on Saturday. European Commission Vice President Jyrki Katainen said it would be "a meeting, not THE meeting."

Along with a huge range of steel products, the EU's hit list of flagship American products lined up for counter measures includes peanut butter, bourbon whiskey and denim jeans.

Germany -- singled out for particular criticism by Trump -- accused Washington of protectionism, calling the tariffs an "affront to close partners."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned that "no one can win in such a race to the bottom" while French President Emmanuel Macron said Trump risked provoking a mutually destructive "trade war."

Trump said the tariffs, which will come into effect 15 days after he formally unveiled them Thursday, will not initially apply to Canada and Mexico. He also added Australia to the list of likely carve-outs.

**Red Chittagong Cattle Development**  
& Conservation Project (Phase-II)  
Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI)  
Savar, Dhaka

No. 33.05.2672.107.02.370.18-01

Date: 11/03/2018

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

Engineering Consulting firms are hereby requested to submit their EOI for Engineering Consulting Services for the works stated below:

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute (BLRI).
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Red Chittagong Cattle Development & Conservation Project (Phase-II).
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5	Expression of interest for selection of	Engineering Consulting firm.
6	EOI reference No. & date	Ref: 33.05.2672.107.02.370.18-01 Date: 08/03/2018.

**KEY INFORMATION**

7	Selection method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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**FUNDING INFORMATION**

8	Budget and source of fund	GOB.
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**PARTICULAR INFORMATION**

9	Project code	5-4405-5005.
10	Project name	Red Chittagong Cattle Development & Conservation Project (Phase-II).
11	EOI last submission date & time	28/03/2018 at 12-00 Noon.

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT**

12	Brief description of the assignment	<b>A. Design-Drawing Phase:</b> i. Digital survey, sub-soil investigation, master plan, landscaping with bird's eye view for individual building/infrastructure as per requirement. ii. Preparation of architectural plan and elevation with detailed working drawings and 3D renderings. iii. Preparation of civil works structural & working drawing with plumbing, sanitary, electric & fire fighting drawing etc. iv. Preparing cost estimation, schedule of item & Bill of Materials (BOM) etc. v. Revisions may be made as per comments provided by PE/HOPE. <b>B. Project Implementation Phase:</b> i. To provide a full time Site Engineer & Supervisor in 3 (three) location to monitor the construction works & ensure the conformity to quality control as per schedule & instruction of Engineer-in-Charge. ii. Must undertake necessary modification on design during implementation of project, if necessary, or as per recommendation by PE/HOPE. iii. Have to submit monthly progress report with Gantt Chart. <b>The EOIs would be short listed on the basis of the following:</b> a) Registration of firm, up-to-date trade license, TIN, VAT certificate, affidavit/article of incorporation/article of memorandum (if applicable). b) Age of firm (years in relevant business). c) Availability of key professionals with proper affiliation with respective bodies. d) Financial solvency & turnover of the consultant (financial resources). e) Experience of the firm in similar tasks/assignments (examples of past experience-similar nature and/or complexity). f) Experience of the firm in other works. g) Support service/manpower & logistics. Interested firms are requested to provide necessary information & proven documents which indicating that they are experienced & qualified to perform the services (background, experience, brochures, description of similar assignments/activities, work in hand, viability of appropriate professional qualification, list & CV of staff & key personnel, evidence of permanent & registered office address etc. 13 Description of experience, resources & delivery capacity
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14	EOI receiving place	Office of the Executive Engineer, BLRI, Savar, Dhaka.
15	EOI opening date & time	28/03/2018 at 3:00pm.
16	EOI opening place	Office of the Executive Engineer, BLRI, Savar, Dhaka.
17	Other details	a) Detailed information may be collected from the Office of Project Director & Office of Executive Engineer during office hour. b) Consulting firm will be short listed in accordance with PPR-2008. c) Short-listed firms will be further invited for RFP.

18	Association with other firms/JV is	Not applicable.
19	Identification of the works under the service procurement:	

SI No.	Location	Services procurement for
i.	Savar, Dhaka	Construction of Dormitory Building (Supervision), Heifer-Dry and Milking Cow Shed, Land Development with H.B.B. Carpeting & R.C.C Road, External-Internal Electric, Sub-station & Water Supply etc.
ii.	Rajabarihat, Godhagari, Rajshahi	Maternity & Calf, Heifer & Dry, Breeding & Growing & Quarantine Shed, Boundary Wall, Land Development with H.B.B Road, Internal Electric, Deep Tube-Well & Water Supplying etc.
iii.	Nalkhongchhari, Bandarban	Dry & Milking, Maternity & Calf, Breeding & Growing Cow Shed, Land Cutting-Filling with H.B.B Road, Internal Electric, Ring-Well & Water Supplying etc.

**PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAIL**

20	Name of the official inviting EOI	Dr. S. M. Jahangir Hossain.
21	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director, Red Chittagong Cattle Development & Conservation Project (Phase-II).
22	Address of the official inviting tender EOI	Bangladesh Livestock Research Institute, Savar, Dhaka-1341, Bangladesh.
23	Contact details of the official inviting EOI	Tel: 02-7791684; Fax: 02-7791675; Email: smjhossainblri@yahoo.com
24	Special instructions	Interested firms may submit their EOI(s) either in person or through courier or postal service which must reach the Office of the Project Director, Red Chittagong Cattle Development & Conservation Project (Phase-II), BLRI, Savar, Dhaka before or on the EOI last submission date & time. Expression of Interest must be delivered to the address below in sealed envelope.
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all the EOIs or EOI proceedings without assigning any reason.	

Dr. S. M. Jahangir Hossain  
Project Director

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## RBI turns up heat on lenders after \$2b loan fraud

REUTERS, New Delhi/Mumbai

The Reserve Bank of India has asked commercial lenders to provide it with details of all letters of undertaking, a form of credit guarantee at the centre of an alleged \$2 billion fraud, issued by them in the past several years, according to four bankers who have seen the directive.

The regulator is ratcheting up pressure on lenders, increasing its scrutiny and laying down deadlines for them to fix gaps in their systems, in the aftermath of the country's biggest bank fraud.

Two jewellery groups were accused last month of defrauding state-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) of more than \$2 billion, mostly through fraudulent guarantees based on letters of undertaking (LoUs) issued by rogue bank employees that they used to raise credit overseas. The key accused in the case have denied any wrongdoing.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) wrote to all banks a week ago asking for details of the LoUs they had written, including the amounts outstanding, and whether the banks had pre-approved credit limits or kept enough cash on margin before issuing the guarantees, the sources said.

One of the sources said the regulator had asked for details of LoUs issued as far back 2011, while another said the deadline for banks to respond was earlier this week.

"If there is a problem in one bank, they will be checking the whole system. What's the outstanding? Is it correctly reflecting in the book or not? That kind of thing," said a third source, a senior banker.

The RBI did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Importers typically use LoUs issued by their local bank to raise cheaper foreign currency loans overseas to fund purchases.

In the case of PNB, bank employees who have been accused of pulling off the fraud in connivance with companies controlled by jewellers Nirav Modi and his uncle Mehul Choksi, allegedly issued LoUs on behalf of the jeweller groups without any pre-approved limit or margin. Modi and Choksi both deny involvement.

The bank has also said the employees intentionally did not enter the LoUs in the bank's core accounting system to prevent the alleged fraud from being detected.

In sweeping changes to bank protocols after the fraud, the RBI had asked banks to comply within strict deadlines on more than two dozen checkpoints, most notably to connect the SWIFT interbank messaging system with their core banking software by April 30.

Previous central bank letters to banks reviewed by Reuters had shown that the RBI had warned banks as early as in 2016 on technical loopholes that it said could expose the lenders to a heightened risk of fraud, but there was no indication of any fix on most counts.

Separately, a senior PNB executive told Reuters that the bank found "procedural lapses involving paperwork" after scanning all its 250 branches that deal with foreign exchange, but added he did not expect its total exposure to the fraud to rise further.

## Turkish Airlines to buy at least 50 Airbus, Boeing jets

AFP, Istanbul

Turkish Airlines has confirmed plans to buy at least 50 wide-body aircraft from Airbus and Boeing as the flag carrier ramps up its ambitions ahead of a move to a new Istanbul airport.

The company said in a statement late Friday that it had agreed to buy 25 Boeing B787-9 aircraft, known as the Dreamliner, and 25 Airbus A350-900 aircraft.

In addition, it has the option to buy five more of each aircraft from both suppliers, meaning the eventual purchase could total 60 planes.

It said six would be delivered in 2019, 14 in 2020, 10 in 2021, 12 in

2022, 11 in 2023 and 7 in the year 2024.

A statement by Airbus indicated that the catalogue price of the 25 A350s alone would amount to \$9.5 billion.

Turkish Airlines chief executive Ilker Ayci said that the announcement came after agreements signed during recent visits to France and the United States -- the homes of Airbus and Boeing -- by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

He hailed the deals as a "very important initiative to meet the need for wide-body aircraft at the new airport" and strengthen the fleet ahead of the 100th anniversary of the

founding of modern Turkey in 2023.

"We believe this will not just accelerate the steady rise of Turkish Airlines, but also contribute to Turkish civil aviation as a whole," Ayci said, quoted by the Anadolu news agency.

The government plans to open the new airport by Istanbul's Black Sea coast on October 29, hoping to make it a global hub that can compete with Dubai for transfer traffic.

Turkish Airlines, which is 49 percent owned by the government through a wealth fund, has grown exponentially in recent years in a rise strongly supported by Erdogan to create a national champion.



Matiur Rahman, chairman and managing director of Uttara Group of Companies, attends the Suzuki Owner's Night, organised by Suzuki's marketer Uttara Motors, in Rangpur on Friday.

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

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Memo No: 26.00.0000.066.14.001.18-44

Dated: 08-03-2018

### Vacancy Announcement

Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project-1, MoC Component under Ministry of Commerce, now invites application from suitable candidates for following position.

Position and No.	Grade & salary	Educational qualification	Experiences
Accountant (01)	Grade-13 Following National Pay Scale-2015 Consolidated pay=19300.00 Tk.	BBA/MBA with major in Accounting or Finance/Equivalent degree	Minimum three (3) years of working experience in accounting in the government or banking sector or foreign aided project.

For detailed job profile, requirements, salary and other benefits please visit our website [www.mincom.gov.bd](http://www.mincom.gov.bd)

Interested candidates who fulfill the requirements should submit application by post to the Project Director, Bangladesh Regional Connectivity Project, Level-12 (West Side), Probashi Kollayn Bhaban, 71-72, Eskaton Garden Road, Dhaka-1000 by April 2, 2018. Qualified candidates will be invited for the selection process.

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### শর্তাবলীঃ

- আবেদনপত্র প্রকল্প পরিচালক, "সরকারি বিনিয়োগ অধিকর্তার কার্যকর করার জন্য সেক্টর পরিকল্পনা প্রণয়ন ও সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্মকর্তাদের সক্ষমতা উন্নয়ন" শীর্ষক প্রকল্প, কৃষি, পানি সম্পদ ও পল্লী প্রতিষ্ঠান বিভাগ, পরিকল্পনা কমিশন বরাবর আগামী ২১-০৩-২০১৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে পৌঁছাতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখের পর কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না। অসম্পূর্ণ ও বিলম্বিত প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- আবেদনের উল্লেখিত তথ্য প্রমাণের জন্য মূল সার্টিফিকেট ও রেকর্ডপত্র মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় উপস্থাপন করতে হবে।
- আবেদনপত্রে কোনরূপ অসত্য বিবরণ বা মিথ্যা তথ্য পাওয়া গেলে আবেদনকারী চূড়ান্তভাবে মনোনীত হওয়া সত্ত্বেও আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে এবং ঐ প্রার্থীর বিরুদ্ধে আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।
- ০২-৪-২০১৮খ্রিঃ তারিখে সাধারণ চাকুরী প্রার্থীদের বয়স অনূর্ধ্ব ৩০ বছর, তবে মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র-কন্যার ক্ষেত্রে বয়স অনূর্ধ্ব ৩২ বছর এবং বিত্তীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে বয়স অনূর্ধ্ব ৩৫ বছর হতে হবে।
- আবেদনপত্র পদের নাম বাবরে উপরে বাম দিকের কোনাে স্পষ্টাক্ষরে লিখতে হবে।
- প্রার্থীর পত্র যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা ও ডাকটিংস্টাইল ৯.৫x৪.৫ সাইজের ১টি ফোল্ডে নাম আবেদনপত্রের সাথে আবশ্যিকভাবে সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- প্রাপ্ত সকল আবেদনপত্র যাচাই-বাছাই করে কেবলমাত্র উপযুক্ত প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে লিখিত, ব্যবহারিক (প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার জন্য প্রবেশপত্র ইস্যু করা হবে। লিখিত, ব্যবহারিক (প্রযোজ্য ক্ষেত্রে) ও মৌখিক পরীক্ষার ভিত্তিতে নিয়োগ প্রদান করা হবে। লিখিত পরীক্ষা/ব্যবহারিক পরীক্ষা/সাক্ষাৎকারের জন্য কোন প্রকার ভ্রমণ বা দৈনিক ভাতা (টিএ/ডিএ) প্রদান করা হবে না।
- নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে বিদ্যমান বিধি বিধান এবং কোটা পদ্ধতি অনুসরণ করে নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়া সম্পন্ন করা হবে।
- সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি সংস্থায় চাকরিতে নিয়োজিত প্রার্থীগণ যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে। এ ক্ষেত্রে কোন অগ্রিম আবেদন গ্রহণযোগ্য হবে না।
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে অসম্পূর্ণ আবেদনপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা কর্তৃপক্ষ সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- কর্তৃপক্ষ কোনরূপ কাগজ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন সময়ে নিয়োগ প্রক্রিয়া স্থগিত/বাতিল করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করবে।

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