



Clockwise from top left, Eastern Bank Director Mir Nasir Hossain; Brac Bank Director Shih Narayan Kairy; Al-Arafah Islami Bank Chairman Abdul Samad and Vice Chairman Abdul Salam; IFIC Bank Managing Director Shah A Sarwar; NRB Bank Chairman Mohammed Mahtabur Rahman and Shahjalal Islami Bank's Executive Committee Chairman Anwer Hossain Khan are seen handing over funds to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for the Prime Minister's Relief Fund, as part of the banks' corporate social responsibility at a programme at Gono Bhaban in Dhaka on Friday.

UK economy wins wages boost, unemployment dips

AFP, London

Britain's economy has won a lift with wage growth outpacing inflation for the first time in a year and the unemployment rate remaining at a 43-year low, data showed Tuesday. The official jobless rate stood at 4.2 percent in the three months to the end of February, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in a statement.

That was slightly down from 4.3 percent in the quarter through to the end of January.

"Latest estimates... show that the number of unemployed people in the UK fell by 16,000, leading to a fall of the unemployment rate by 0.1 percentage points," the ONS said.

Analysts said Tuesday's data, showing also that average wages grew by 2.8 percent in the report-

ing period, increased the likelihood of an interest rate hike by the Bank of England next month.

"Wages are now rising ever so slightly faster than inflation - which on the face of it, implies that the household squeeze has come to an end," noted ING economist James Smith. He cautioned however that a further rate hike in late 2018 remained uncertain owing to uncertainty surrounding Brexit talks.

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Invitation for Tender

Memo No. PECU/C-62/Swandinata Stambha/2018/2206

Date: 15/04/2018

1	Tender name	Construction of Swandinata Stambha at Suhrawardy Udyan, Dhaka (3rd Phase) (Sub-head: Construction of Car Parking with Ancillary Works).			
2	Source of funds	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).			
3	Tender No.	02/2017-2018.			
4	Eligibility of tenderers	This invitation for tenders is open to all eligible tenderers as mentioned in Instructions to Tenderers and Tender Data Sheet (TDS).			
5	Tenderers qualification	This invitation for tenders is open to all qualified tenderers as mentioned below: (a) Reputed contractors/construction firms who have minimum 10 (ten) years of general experience in building construction works. (b) Having minimum specific experience in successful completion of at least 1 (one) number of building work with basement including civil, sanitary and electrical works of Tk 7500.00 (seven thousand and five hundred) lac in a single contract in government/semi-government/autonomous organisation of Bangladesh during last 10 (ten) years. The work certificate for successful completion of a building work shall have to be issued by the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent of concerned Department/Organization duly verified by the concerned Executive Engineer of PWD of that area/district under whose jurisdiction the work has been done. Prescribed format for "work certificate" for this purpose will be available in all offices mentioned in Clause No. 7. (c) The tenderers shall have a minimum average annual construction turnover during last 5 (five) years of Tk 15000.00 (fifteen thousand) lac. (d) The tenderers shall have a minimum amount of working capital or free funds (liquid assets) not less than Tk. 4000.00 (four thousand) lac. (e) The tenderers shall have minimum amount of tender capacity not less than Tk 10000.00 (ten thousand) lac. (f) Other required eligibility and conditions of the tenderer are shown in Tender Data Sheet of tender documents.			
6	Price of tender document	: Tk 5000.00 (five thousand) only.			
7	Name and address of the office(s) selling tender document	: PWD City Division/Dhaka PWD Division-I/Medical College PWD Division/Motijheel PWD Division/Azimpur PWD Division/Sher-e-Bangla Nagar PWD Division-I/Savar PWD Division/Mohakhali PWD Division/Mirpur PWD Division/PWD Resource Division/Maintenance PWD Division. : PWD Chittagong Division-I, Chittagong, PWD Khulna Division-I, Khulna, PWD Rajshahi Division-I, Rajshahi, PWD Sylhet Division, Sylhet, Rangpur Division, Rangpur and PWD Barisal Division, Barisal. : Office of the Sub-Divisional Engineer, PWD Sub-Division No. V under PWD Division No. IV, Purta Bhaban, Dhaka.			
8	Name and address of the office(s) receiving tenders	: Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD PECU Circle, Dhaka. : Office of the Divisional Commissioner, Dhaka. : Office of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Dhaka. : Office of the Executive Engineer, Dhaka PWD Division-I, Dhaka. : Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD City Division, Dhaka.			
9	Name and address of the office opening tenders	: Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD PECU Circle, Dhaka.			
10	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security	Completion time
	1	Construction of Swandinata Stambha at Suhrawardy Udyan, Dhaka (3rd Phase) (Sub-head: Construction of Car Parking with Ancillary Works)	Dhaka	300.00 (three hundred lac only)	12 (twelve) months
11	Last date and time for selling tender document	: During office hours up to 23-05-2018.			
12	Tender closing date and time	: Up to 12.00 Noon of 24-05-2018.			
13	Date and time for opening of tenders	Tender will be opened on 24-05-2018 at 3.00pm in the office of the undersigned. Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives may remain present during opening of tenders.			
14	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone No. 88-02-9554851	Fax No. 88-02-9554851	e-mail: se_pecu@pwd.gov.bd	
15	Special instructions	(a) The competent authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tender without assigning any reason whatsoever. (b) This tender notice is brief and the details of the tender can be seen from the office of the undersigned during office hours.			

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Custom House, Chittagong

Tender Notice

Tender No. 13/2017-18

Date: 17-04-2018

1	Ministry/Division	Internal Resources Division (IRD), Ministry of Finance (MOF).		
2	Agency	Custom House, Chittagong.		
3	Procuring entity name	Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chittagong.		
4	Procuring entity code	N/A		
5	Procuring entity district	Chittagong		
6	Invitation for	Tender		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	নম্বি নং: S-4/98/Admin/GL(Prouc.)/2017-18		
8	Date	17-04-2018		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement method	NCT OTM		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and source of funds	Revenue budget Government.		
11	Development partners (if applicable)	NA		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	N/A		
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)			
14	Tender package No.	নম্বি নং: S-4/98/Admin/GL(Prouc.)/2017-18		
15	Tender package name	Lot No. 1: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Single Cabin Pickup. Lot No. 2: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Double Cabin Pickup. Lot No. 3: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 12 Units Microbus. All vehicles will be latest model, international standard good quality, brand new, fitted with modern amenities and detail specification (supported by original brochure) as per schedule. Date		
16	Tender publication date	20-04-2018		
17	Tender last selling date	03-05-2018		
	Date	Time	Name of tender	
18	Tender dropping date and time	06/05/2018	9.00am to 12.00 noon	Lot No. 1: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Single Cabin Pickup. Lot No. 2: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Double Cabin Pickup.
19	Tender opening date and time	06/05/2018	12.30pm	Lot No. 3: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 12 Units Microbus (as per schedule).
20	Name & address of the office(s) - Selling tender document (principal)	Address i. Price of tender documents (non-refundable) will be deposited on Misc. Code-1-1131-0010-0421 at Sonali Bank, Custom House Branch, Chittagong in favour of Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Custom House, Chittagong and it must be submitted with tender schedule. কোনো দাবীপত্রের ক্ষেত্রে প্রাপ্য পদাশ্রয় ছাড়াই সরাসরি ব্যক্তিগত পণ্য হবে। এই বিধিতে কোন গুণ-আপত্তি গৃহীত হইবে না। সিডিউল ক্রয়কালে নিজ প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্টোরেতে প্যাকেজ আবেদন করতে হবে। ii. The amount of tender security for the item shall be in the form of DDP/Pay Order from any scheduled bank of Bangladesh in favour of Commissioner of Customs, Custom House, Chittagong-এর ইজেকুটর্বে ব্যবহৃত কোন ডিডি/পে-অর্ডার গৃহীত হবে না। iii. All other terms and conditions as stated in "The Public Procurement Rules-2008" will remain valid. If the tender is not received within the mentioned date and time, it will be directly rejected and shall be returned to the tenderer as unopened. Due to unavoidable circumstances, if the tender cannot be received and opened in the scheduled date and time, the same will be received and opened on the next working day respectively at the same place and time. iv. কোন কারণে দরপত্র কার্যক্রম বাতিল/বিলম্বিত হলে দরপত্র অংশগ্রহণের জন্য মরাদ্দ/মরাদ্দভাণ্ডার কোনরূপ ক্ষতিপূরণ দাবী করতে পারবেন না। v. নির্ধারিত সময়ে মালামাল সরবরাহে ব্যর্থ হলে পিপিআর-২০০৮-এর সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ বিধি মোতাবেক ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে। vi. নির্ধারিত সেকেন্ডারি সরবরাহকারী নিজ ব্যক্তিগত পণ্য নিশ্চিত স্থানে পৌঁছে দিবেন এবং নির্দিষ্ট স্থানে ছাপান কার্যক্রম সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। দরপত্রের সাথে ভাট, টিআইএন, ট্রেড লাইসেন্স ও ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি জমা দিতে হবে। এ (পাঁচ) কসরেবের অফিসের সন্দপত্র এবং একই কসরেবের ৪০ লক্ষ টাকার কার্যক্রম জমা দিতে হবে। vii. Any corrigendum (if any) will also be part of the tender and it will be binding upon the tenderer. viii. Any condition beyond the offer will be treated as non-responsive.		
	- Selling tender document (others)	N/A		
	-Receiving tender document	Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Custom House, Chittagong.		
	-Opening tender document	Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Custom House, Chittagong.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
21	Eligibility of tenderer	Well-reputed and financially solvent tenderer having skilled manpower for logistic support and experience of supply and installation of similar goods. Details are given in the tender document (TDS).		
22	Brief description of goods or works	Procurement for supply of vehicle: Lot No. 1: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Single Cabin Pickup. Lot No. 2: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Double Cabin Pickup. Lot No. 3: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 12 Units Microbus (as per schedule).		
23	Brief description of related service of the goods or works			
24	Price of tender document (Tk)	Lot No. 1: Tk 750/- (non-refundable). Lot No. 2: Tk 1100/- (non-refundable). Lot No. 3: Tk 12,000 (non-refundable).		
25	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time in days
	Procurement for supply of vehicle: Lot No. 1: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Single Cabin Pickup. Lot No. 2: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 01 Unit Double Cabin Pickup. Lot No. 3: Procurement for supply of vehicle: 12 Units Microbus.	Custom House, Chittagong	Lot No. 1: Tk 65,000/- Lot No. 2: Tk 1,15,000/- Lot No. 3: Tk 12,50,000/-	As per schedule
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
26	Name of official inviting tender	Dr A K M Nuruzzaman.		
27	Designation of official inviting tender	Commissioner of Customs.		
28	Address of official inviting tender	Custom House, Chittagong.		
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			

German investor confidence hits 5-year low

AFP, Frankfurt

Investor confidence in Germany tumbled to its lowest level since 2012 in April, a key survey showed Tuesday, as geopolitical concerns and trade tensions weighed on Europe's top economy.

The ZEW economic institute's monthly barometer tumbled to -8.2 points, a steep decline from last month's 5.1 points, adding to concerns that Germany's robust economy could be headed for a slowdown.

"The reasons for this downturn in expectations can mainly be found in the international trade conflict with the United States and the current situation in the Syrian war," ZEW chief Achim Wambach said in a statement. The drop in investor morale was worse than expected, with analysts polled by Factset predicting a reading of -1.5 points.

A breakdown of the monthly ZEW poll, which surveyed some 200 analysts and investors, showed their assessment both of the current economic situation in Germany and the outlook for the coming months declined.

The last time confidence among financial players fell into the red was in July 2016, shortly after Britain's shock vote to quit the European Union. April's reading is also the worst since the eurozone debt crisis sent the ZEW index plunging to -15.7 points in November 2012.

It comes after US President Donald Trump fanned fears of a trade war between the world's top two economies after threatening punitive duties on billions of dollars worth of Chinese imports, prompting vows from Beijing to respond in kind.

Capital Economics analyst Jessica Hinds said "the escalation in protectionist rhetoric" had worried Germany's export-oriented firms.

But she said a slew of "disappointing official data" out of Germany was also to blame for the bleaker mood, suggesting that Europe's powerhouse lost some momentum at the start of the year.

EU complains to WTO over US tariffs

AFP, Geneva

The European Union on Monday followed China in complaining to the World Trade Organization (WTO) over US tariffs on steel and aluminium imports.

"Having a substantial interest as an exporter in this case, the European Union requests consultations with the United States," the EU said in a statement published on the world trade body's website.

US President Donald Trump sparked fears of a trade war in March when he decided to impose steep tariffs on steel and aluminium imports, primarily to target China, but also EU countries.

Brussels said in the document the aim of the discussions would be to "exchange views and seek clarification regarding the proposed measures" and to reach "an understanding on ways to achieve" protection, as set out in the WTO's Agreement on Safeguards.

The EU said it wanted to hold the consultations "as soon as possible".

A European Commission source told AFP: "The discussions between the EU and the US are currently ongoing. Contacts continue at several levels, notably on the issue of global overcapacity in the steel and aluminium sectors.

"In these discussions, the European Commission is insisting on getting a full and unconditional exemption from the announced steel and aluminium tariffs." On April 5 China also filed a complaint with the WTO, but Beijing went through its Dispute Settlement Body.

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