# Job creation failing to keep pace with economic progress: analysts

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The country's employment is not rising in line with its steadily increasing gross domestic product, analysts said yesterday.

The employment issue should be clearly outlined in the budget. Otherwise, the unemployment will keep rising, said Rashed Khan Menon, social welfare minister.

He came up with the observation at the "People's Budget Assembly 2018" at the senate building of the Dhaka University on Sunday, said a press release.

The Democratic Budget Movement, the Parliamentary Caucus on National Planning and Budget, and the Centre on Budget and Policy of the university jointly organised the fourth edition of the event.

Menon said the national budget should reflect the Dalit, indigenous, differently-abled and backward communities. "The attitude towards them should also change."

Fazle Hossain Badsha, vice president for the parliamentary caucus on national planning and budget; Md Abdul Wadud, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on the food ministry: Zahid Ahsan Russel, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on youth president of the Bangladesh Economic Movement, also spoke.



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Rashed Khan Menon, social welfare minister, attends People's Budget Assembly 2018 at the senate building of the University of Dhaka on Sunday.

and sports ministry; Farah Kabir, country direc- Association; and Rashid-E-Mahbub, chairman tor of ActionAid Bangladesh; Abul Barkat, of the national committee of Health Right's

## IATA welcomes Bangladesh for showing interest in aviation treaty

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The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has welcomed Bangladesh, as the country has showed positive response to ratify the Montreal Convention 1999 (MC99).

The MC99—a multilateral aviation treaty—gives passengers travelling internationally better protection and compensation when a flight is delayed, their luggage lost, delayed or damaged, or in the very

rare occasion when there is an accident causing injury or loss of life, IATA said. As many as 131 parties have ratified MC99 so far.

"Over the last two days, we have had very productive meetings with various government officials regarding the aviation environment in Bangladesh," said Conrad Clifford, the association's regional vice president for Asia Pacific.

"Specifically, we welcome the positive messages from the minister of civil aviation and tourism on the government's commitment to ratify MC99."

Clifford spoke during his twoday visit to Bangladesh last week, IATA said in a statement yesterday.

Bangladesh is among the remaining states in Asia, including Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Vietnam, which have not ratified the convention, the association said in a statement.

The Montreal Convention 1999 will also help to boost trade, Clifford said.

"Bangladesh is missing out on a huge opportunity to modernise its aviation policies and maximise the economic benefits that aviation can bring."

The aviation sector currently creates 1.3 million jobs in Bangladesh and \$3.3 billion in economic activity, he said.

The sector has the potential to create to 3.3 million jobs and \$8 billion in economic activity by 2035, he said. "But to do so, the right policies need to be in place."

## In concession, Trump will help China's ZTE 'get back into business'

REUTERS, Washington/Beijing

..... US President Donald Trump pledged on Sunday to help ZTE Corp "get back into business, fast" after a US ban crippled the Chinese technology company, offering a jobsaving concession to Beijing ahead of highstakes trade talks this week.

Trump's unexpected announcement was a stunning reversal, given Washington's tough stance on Chinese trade practices that have put the world's two largest economies on course for a possible trade war.

Sources briefed on the matter said Beijing had demanded the ZTE issue be resolved as a prerequisite for broader trade negotiations.

"Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!" Trump wrote on Twitter, saying he and Chinese President Xi Jinping were working together on a solution for ZTE.

The US Commerce Department last month banned American companies from selling to the firm for seven years as punishment for ZTE breaking a 2017 agreement after it was caught illegally shipping US goods to Iran and North Korea, an

The penalty cut off ZTE's access to key components such as semiconductors, prompting China's second-largest maker of telecommunications equipment to say last week that it had suspended its main operations.

During trade talks in Beijing earlier this month, Chinese Vice Premier Liu He told US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin that China would not continue talks on broader bilateral trade disputes unless Washington agreed to ease the crushing sanctions on ZTE, two people briefed on those meetings said.

"The message was, 'we have to deal with ZTE before we continue talks'," one of the Walters said. people said.

fied given the sensitivity of the matter, said China was willing in principle to import more US agriculture products in return for

Washington smoothing out penalties against ZTE, but they did not offer details.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told a regularly scheduled news briefing on Monday that China "greatly appreciates

the positive US position on the ZTE issue". He said that Liu would travel to Washington from Tuesday to Saturday to continue trade talks.

Within the Commerce Department, and in US business circles, the US penalty against ZTE was widely seen as based on clear evidence of a company knowingly flouting US regulations separate from the highly politicized trade row, the sources said.

But Trump's reversal surprised and frustrated many US officials, who had viewed the penalty on ZTE as final and not open to appeal, the sources said.

"Everyone has been explicitly saying this is not part of the trade conflict. And now the President has overtly linked it to the trade dispute for better or worse, and that is not good if you're trying to maintain credibility," the second source told Reuters.

ZTE, whose shares remain suspended, did not have immediate comment.

The US Commerce Department and investigation dating to the Obama admin- China's Ministry of Commerce did not have immediate comment.

> White House spokeswoman Lindsay Walters confirmed that US officials were in contact with Beijing about ZTE. She said Trump's tweet underscored the importance of "free, fair, balanced and mutually beneficial" relations between the United States and China on issues involving the economy, trade and investment.

> Trump expects Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross "to exercise his independent judgment, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to resolve the regulatory action involving ZTE based on its facts,"

Washington and Beijing have proposed Both sources, who declined to be identi- tens of billions of dollars in tariffs in recent weeks, fanning worries of a full-blown trade war that could hurt global supply chains and dent business investment plans.



Muhammad A Rumee Ali, chairman of Dorpon, an e-commerce marketplace of handicrafts, and Firoz Ahmed Khan, CEO, attend the launch of Dorpon at a programme. The site www.mydorpon.com allows entrepreneurs to display, promote, sell and deliver products.

#### India moves to oust bank officials as accused named in PNB fraud case

REUTERS, Mumbai/New Delhi 

India is taking steps to oust three bank executives, its banking secretary said on Monday, after police issued a list of people accused in the country's largest-ever bank fraud case. Banking secretary Rajiv Kumar told media

that a government nominee on the board of state-run Allahabad Bank would call a meeting to seek the removal of the lender's chief executive Usha Ananthasubramanian, who previously headed fraud-hit Punjab National Bank (PNB).

He also said state-run PNB had begun the process of removing two executive directors, without naming the execu- of the charge sheet.

tives or saying why the three were being ousted.

Separately, two sources familiar with the matter said the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had named Ananthasubramanian, diamond jeweller Nirav Modi, and more than 20 others in a charge sheet filed at a Mumbai court on Monday One of the sources said K.V. Brahmaji

Rao and Sanjiv Sharan, both executive directors at PNB, were also named, marking the first batch of formal charges to be filed in the \$2 billion fraud case.

The CBI charge sheet named 25 accused, including three firms, the source added.

PNB declined to comment on the filing

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#### Inauguration of the Exhibition of 1st Porcelanosa Design Competition

Alejandra Lopez-Garcia, Deputy Chief of Missions of Spanish Embassy was the chief guest at the inauguration ceremony of Porcelanosa Design Competition Exhibition on Wednesday, 30th April 2018, at the Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), Agargaon. The exhibition displayed all the designs submitted by the participants of this competition and was opened to all on the same day. The inauguration ceremony was followed by a lecture by Ar. Jesus Aparicio, practicing architect, educator and accomplished architectural author from Madrid, Spain. Ar. Jesus was visiting Dhaka to join the jury panel of the mentioned design competition organized by Porcelanosa Associate, Nupami BD Ltd., in collaboration with IAB. He was a juror alongside notable architects- Mustafa Ameen, Marina Tabassum, Ramir Gil Peris and renowned industrial designer, A.M. Saadullah (Tutu). Nupami BD Ltd. was founded in 2013 by partners from Bangladesh and Spain to become the sole associate of PorcelanosaGrupo in the country.

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### China approves \$1b loan for Sri Lanka expressway

AFP, Colombo

China has approved a \$1 billion loan to revive a longdelayed expressway in central Sri Lanka, the island's government said Monday. Construction of the first phase of the road linking the

capital Colombo with the hill resort of Kandy had been delayed for more than two years due to a lack of foreign funding, according to local media reports.

#### Sreemangal finally gets its tea auction centre

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced the foundation of the auction house in 2012. Finance Minister AMA Muhith inaugurated the auction house on Dec 9, 2017.

Currently, Bangladesh produces tea on 64,886 hectres of land in the districts like Moulvibazar, Sylhet, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon, Lalmonirhat and Dinajpur, according to the commerce ministry.

A total of 1.33 lakh workers are employed in the tea garden, while 76.58 million kilograms of tea was auctioned in the April-March period of the fiscal year.

Bangladesh exported 2.56 million kgs of tea in 2017.

#### Employers face dearth of qualified manpower: **MCCI**

FROM PAGE B1 Syed Nasim Manzur, managing director of Apex Footwear Ltd, encouraged the youth to bear the vision to become future lead-

ers.

Laila Rahman Kabir, a former president of the MCCI; M Anis Ud Dowla, chairman of ACI Group; Prof Imran Rahman, vicechancellor of the University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh; and Syed Gousul Alam Shaon, managing partner of Grey Bangladesh, were present at the programme.

#### Safety net outlay to rise by Tk 11,000cr

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The small and medium enterprises face difficulty in getting loans and the high interest rate increases the burden on them, she added. Muhammad Abdul Mazid, a former chairman of the

National Board of Revenue, called for separating the task of fiscal policymaking from tax collectors.

"Taxmen should not frame policy," he said. Kamrul Abedin, a former president of the ICAB, sug-

gested retaining the subsidy for treatment of diseases, particularly cancer and kidney. Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief executive of the

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association, demanded investment in water transport to reduce the pressure on roads. Citing traffic congestion in the capital, she said: "It is still not possible to attend two meetings in two parts of

the city on the same day." Prothom Alo Associate Editor Abdul Qayyum demanded reduction of import duty on newsprint to help the newspaper industry tide over the challenging

times. Muhammed Farhad Hussain and Parveen Mahmud, both past presidents of the ICAB, and Md Shahadat Hossain, council member of the association, also spoke at the discussion moderated by another ICAB former president Md Humayun Kabir.

## Aggrieved members of Baira seek polls on time

However members of Baira, a trade body of 1,400 agencies engaged in overseas labour recruitment, sent another letter to the ministry demanding the election on the stipulated date. The letter, signed by Shafiqul Alam, proprietor of recruiting agency Zahrat Associate, and addressed to the ministry's director (trade organisation), stated that there were 100 signatory Baira members along with general members backing the demand.

It said Ahmed sought the deferral to maintain his influence in favour of 10 recruiting agents, who are the sole ones the government authorised for sending manpower to Malaysia. The monopoly was leading to each worker having to pay Tk 4 lakh although the government fixed the migration cost at Tk 36,000, it said.

The letter, dated May 13, said the extension was illegal and the Baira members would seek legal action if the ministry order was not withdrawn in three days.



Ihsanul Aziz, additional managing director of Social Islami Bank, opens the bank's 71st agent banking unit at Sonapur in Noakhali on May 12.

#### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার সমাজসেবা অধিদফতর জেলা সমাজসেবা কার্যালয়

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দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি ঃ সমাজকল্যাণ মন্ত্রণালয়

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٥٥.	দরপত্র দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময়	8	৩১.০৫.২০১৮খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর- ১২.০০টা।
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ভ্যাট প্রদান সনদ এর অধিকারী হতে হবে। দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য ট্রেজারী চালান এর মাধ্যমে কোড- ১-২৯৩১-০০০০-২৩৬৬ তে (অফেরতযোগ্য) জমা দিতে হবে টেভার সিকিউরিটির সংক্ষিপ্ত বিবরণ সরকারি শিশু পরিবার বালক/বালিকা, সরকারি (00/-আশ্রয় কেন্দ্র, ধলা, ত্রিশাল, ময়মনসিংহ। (অপচনশীল ও পচনশীল)

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(১) বৈধ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের সত্যায়িত ছবি।

সিডিউল ক্রয়ের ট্রেজারী চালানের মূলকপি, পূর্বে অনুরূপ কাজ করার অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র, হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, ব্যাংক সচ্ছলতার সনদ, আয়কর সনদ এবং

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