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Shahed Alam, head of corporate and regulatory affairs of Robi, hands over a donation of around Tk 25 lakh to Md Iftekharul Islam, director for administration and HR at the Ahsania Mission Cancer & General Hospital, at the former's corporate office in Dhaka. Robi customers made the donation for the hospital while topping up their mobile phones during Ramadan last year.

Japan's Abe says vigilant to global economic risks clouding recovery

REUTERS, Tokyo

Japan's government will keep a close eye on looming risks to a global economic recovery as it guides policy, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said in an interview aired by public broadcaster NHK on Sunday.

Signs of slowing global demand and recent sharp rises in the yen currency have clouded the outlook for the export-reliant economy, prompting verbal warnings from Tokyo policymakers over the adverse impact of volatile market moves on growth.



REUTERS/FILE
Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe waves his hand during a customary New Year's visit to Ise shrine in central Japan.

"While the global economy is recovering gradually, there are various risks to the outlook," Abe said in the interview, recorded on Friday. "Japan's economic fundamentals are sound, but we'd like to guide policy with a close eye on the various risks." Japan will also seek to mend Sino-US trade frictions by promoting global coordination as it chairs this year's meeting of the Group of 20 major economies, Abe said.

"As G20 chair, Japan hopes to play a leading role to foster global cooperation ... to achieve stable, sustainable growth," he said, adding that both the United States and China must abide by World Trade Organization (WTO) rules on trade.

Any further signs of weakness in Japan's economy could heighten market speculation that Abe might again delay a scheduled sales tax hike to 10 percent from 8 percent in October. The increase has been postponed twice already, after a hike to 8 percent in 2014 pushed the economy into recession.

Abe said revenues from the scheduled tax hike are key to ensuring Japan's social welfare system is sustainable, and the government would take sufficient steps to mitigate the hit to growth from the higher levy.

"There's no change to our stance of raising the sales tax as scheduled, unless Japan is hit by a shock to the scale of the (collapse of) Lehman Brothers," Abe said.

Kuwait reiterates request to Dubai to release \$496m frozen funds

REUTERS, Dubai

Kuwait reiterated its request to Dubai to release \$496 million in frozen funds held for over a year and belonging to Port Fund, part of a Kuwaiti private equity, Port Fund said on Sunday.

The funds are at the heart of a money-laundering probe which is straining relations between the two Gulf allies.

The \$496 million have been frozen at Dubai's state-owned Noor Bank since late 2017, when the emirate's public prosecutor, in collaboration with Kuwaiti prosecutors, started probing the lawfulness of their transfer to Dubai from the Philippines.

Kuwait's Attorney General asked his counterpart in Dubai to help release the funds in October, according to a letter seen by Reuters.

Port Fund said in a statement on Sunday that Kuwait's Attorney General reiterated, in a letter dated December 30, his request to his counterpart in Dubai "to remove the hold [on the funds].. and enable the account holder company to transfer and distribute the mentioned amount."

Tesla urges tariff exemption for Chinese-made car computer 'brain'

REUTERS, Washington

Tesla Inc has asked the Trump administration to exempt the Chinese-made car computer "brain" of its new Model 3 sedan from 25 percent tariffs imposed in August, saying they threaten the electric carmaker's bottom line.

"Increased tariffs on this particular part cause economic harm to Tesla, through the increase of costs and impact to profitability," the company said in a previously unreported request for tariff relief from the government.

Led by tech billionaire Elon Musk, Tesla is among a host of companies, including No. 1 US automaker General Motors Co, to warn of growing costs related to the tariff war between the world's two largest economies.

The Chinese-made computer, used by Tesla in the car assembled in Fremont, California, was among \$16 billion in imports that were hit with 25 percent tariffs by the United States Trade Representative's Office in 2018.

In a redacted request posted on a

government website by the USTR on Dec. 17, Tesla did not identify the supplier of the computer. But it said it had been unable to find another manufacturer "with the required specifications, at the volume requested and under the timelines necessary for Tesla's continued growth."

Tesla, which called the Model 3's computer "the brain of the vehicle," added that "choosing any other supplier would have delayed the (Model 3) program by 18 months with clean room setup, line validation, and staff training."

Using a new supplier "substantially increases the risk of poor part quality that could lead overall vehicle quality issues that would impact the safety of our vehicles and the consumer acceptance of the final product," Tesla added in its request for tariff relief.

Tesla declined to comment on the tariff matter on Friday. But it has been aggressively cutting costs as it works to meet production goals for the Model 3, which has become a top-selling luxury sedan on the US market alongside the larger Model S.

Other automakers have sought similar exemptions but have not yet received an answer.

GM in late July sought an exemption to a 25 percent US tariff on its Chinese-made Buick Envision sport utility vehicle. The Envision accounted for nearly 15 percent of US Buick sales last year, even as sales fell by 27 percent.

In October, GM also sought exclusions for about two dozen parts including push button ignition switches and transmission bearings. Nissan Motor Co and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV have also filed exclusion requests for parts, while Uber Technologies Inc asked for an exclusion for electric bikes rented through the Uber app.

The Trump administration has imposed 25 percent tariffs on a total of \$50 billion in annual Chinese exports and 10 percent tariffs on an additional \$200 billion in Chinese exports. The tariffs were in response to what the Trump administration calls China's unfair trade practices.



PUBALI BANK
Md Abdul Halim Chowdhury, managing director of Pubali Bank, and Niranjan Chandra Gope, principal of Pubali Bank Training Institute, pose with participants of an "Orientation training programme for senior officer (audit officers)" recently.

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Memo No: CPI/Gov/e-GP/Tender/Store/35

Date: 05/01/2019

e-Tender Notice

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Package No.	Tender name	Tender ID No.	Tender document selling/downloading date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
CPI/Package-EGP-01	Supply of Books & Journals of different Technologies (3211127)	267238	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-02	Supply of Computer Accessories (3255101)	267275	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-03	Supply of Office Stationery Goods (3255105)	267278	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-04	Supply of Raw Materials & Spare Parts of Civil, Mechanical & Power Technology (3256105)	267282	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-05	Supply of Raw Materials & Spare Parts of Electrical, Electronics, Computer & Non Tech Department (3256105)	267285	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-06	Supply of 4th Class Employees Dress (3256106)	267286	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-07	Supply of Sports Goods (3256107)	267289	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-08	Supply of Civil & Electrical Fittings & Fixtures (3258127)	267298	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-09	Supply of Engineering Machineries & Equipments (4112304)	267301	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-10	Supply of Office Equipments, Machineries & others (4112310)	267304	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-11	Supply of Learning Equipments & others (4112312)	267302	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30
CPI/Package-EGP-12	Supply of Furnitures (4112314)	267296	06 Jan-2019, 10:00	21 Jan-2019, 10:30	21 Jan-2019, 10:30

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

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Invitation for Re-Tenders (OTM)

01.	Ministry/division	:	Ministry of Home Affairs/Securities Services Division.						
02.	Agency	:	Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence (FSCD).						
03.	Procuring entity	:	Project Director, Modernization of Fire Service & Civil Defence Project of FSCD.						
04.	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka, Bangladesh.						
05.	Invitation for	:	Supply of Fire Fighting & Rescue Equipment.						
06.	Invitation Ref No.	:	58.03.0000.017.07.062.18.67						
07.	Date	:	03/01/2019						
KEY INFORMATION									
08.	Procuring method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM).						
FUNDING INFORMATION									
:				GOB					
PARTICULAR INFORMATION									
09.	Tender package No.	:	03 (three).						
10.	Tender lot No.	:	03 (three).						
11.	Tender publication date	:	07/01/2019.						
12.	Tender documents selling date	:	08/01/2019 to 30/01/2019 up to office hours.						
13.	Date and time of submission tenders	:	31/01/2019 from 9.00am to 12.00 noon.						
14.	Date and time of opening tender documents	:	31/01/2019 at 12.15pm.						
15.	Name & address of the selling tender documents	:	Foreign Procurement Section (Room # 214) (1 st floor), Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence, 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.						
16.	Receiving tender documents	:	In the tender box to be kept in front of the Conference Room (1 st Floor), Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence, 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.						
17.	Opening tender documents	:	Conference Room, Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence (1 st Floor), 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.						
INFORMATION OF TENDERER									
18.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	a) The tenderer shall have a minimum of five [5] years of overall experience in the supply of similar goods (Fire fighting & rescue equipment). b) The tenderer should have specific experience and liquid asset or working capital as mentioned in the tender schedule of the concerned packages.						
19.	Brief description of supply goods	:	As stated at Sl. 20.						
20.	Package No.	Lot No.	Tender No.	Name of the item	Quantity	Cost of tender documents (Tk.) (non-refundable)	Tender security (Tk.)	Completion time (maximum)	
	GD-32	01	FS&CD/Modem/001/1-8-19	Back Pack Water Mist	60 sets.	2,000/-	13,40,000/-	120 days	
	GD-36	01	FS&CD/Modem/003/1-8-19	Towing Vehicle (Pick-up type)	50 Nos.	3,000/-	44,60,000/-	120 days	
	GD-38	01	FS&CD/Modem/004/1-8-19	Fire & Rescue Tender (1800 Liters Water, 100 Liters Foam & Rescue Tools)	25 Nos.	5,000/-	92,00,000/-	120 days	
21.	Designation of official inviting tender								Project Director, Modernization of Fire Service & Civil Defence Project.
22.	Address of official inviting tender								Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence, 38-46, Kazi Alauddin Road, Dhaka.
23.	Contact details of official inviting tender								Telephone: 9556759 Fax # 9565657, E-mail: pdmodem@fireservice.gov.bd
24.	Special instruction:								i) Interested tenderer may participate in any package or any lot/all packages or all Lots. ii) Tenders should be dropped in the tender box kept in front of the conference room of the Department of Fire Service & Civil Defence in the date and time fixed. Tenders will be opened by the Tender Opening Committee (TOC) in presence of the tenderers' or their representatives (if any one present). iii) Quantity of equipment may be increased or decreased or dropped without showing any reason. iv) If submitted documents (brochure, catalogue, certificates etc.) are found fake/manipulated/fabricated etc, action will be taken against the tenderer as per law including blacklisting. v) All technical specifications submitted by the tenderer (in their offer) must be available in the manufacturer's website. The website address of the quoted manufacturers must be submitted along with the technical order. vi) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.
25.	Tender notice will also be published in the website: www.cptu.gov.bd , www.ssd.gov.bd & www.fireservice.gov.bd								

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