



MEGHNA GROUP OF INDUSTRIES

National cricketer Tamim Iqbal, brand ambassador of Fresh, a consumer brand of Meghna Group of Industries, launches "Fresh-Agora New Year Carnival 2019", at the Gulshan outlet of Rahimafrooz Superstores in the capital on Sunday. Special discounts will be offered on Fresh and No. 1 branded products of Meghna at Agora outlets. Asif Iqbal, an executive director of the group, and Farhad F Ahmad, CEO of Rahimafrooz Superstores, were present.

IMF cuts global growth outlook

Cites trade war and weak Europe

REUTERS, Davos, Switzerland

The International Monetary Fund on Monday cut its world economic growth forecasts for 2019 and 2020, due to weakness in Europe and some emerging markets, and said failure to resolve trade tensions could further destabilise a slowing global economy. In its second downgrade in three months, the global lender also cited a bigger-than-expected slowdown in China's economy and a possible "No Deal" Brexit as risks to its outlook, saying these could worsen market turbulence in financial markets.

The IMF predicted the global economy to grow at 3.5 percent in 2019 and 3.6 percent in 2020, down 0.2 and 0.1 percentage point respectively from last October's forecasts.

The new forecasts, released ahead of this week's gathering of world leaders and business executives in the Swiss ski resort of Davos, show that policymakers may need to come up with plans to deal with an end to years of solid global growth. "Risks to global growth tilt to the downside. An escalation of trade tensions beyond those already incorporated in the forecast remains a key source of risk to the outlook," the IMF said in an update to its World Economic Outlook report.

"Higher trade policy uncertainty and concerns over escalation and retaliation would lower business investment, disrupt supply chains and slow productivity growth. The resulting depressed outlook for corporate profitability could dent finan-



REUTERS

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde attends a news conference ahead of inauguration of World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on Monday.

cial market sentiment and further dampen growth." The downgrades reflected signs of weakness in Europe, with its export powerhouse Germany hurt by new fuel emission standards for cars and with Italy under market pressure due to Rome's recent budget standoff with the European Union.

Growth in the euro zone is set to moderate from 1.8 percent in 2018 to 1.6 percent in 2019, 0.3 percentage point lower than projected three months ago, the IMF said.

The IMF also cut its 2019 growth forecast for developing countries to 4.5 percent, down 0.2 percentage point from the previous projection and a slowdown from 4.7 percent in 2018.

"Emerging market and developing economies have been tested by difficult external conditions over the past few months amid trade tensions, rising U.S. interest rates, dollar appreciation, capital outflows, and volatile oil prices," the IMF said. The IMF maintained its U.S. growth projections of 2.5 percent this year and 1.8 percent in 2020, pointing to continued strength in domestic demand.

It also kept its China growth forecast at 6.2 percent in both 2019 and 2020, but said economic activity could miss expectations if trade tensions persist, even with state efforts to spur growth by boosting fiscal spending and bank lending.

Mercedes-Benz will produce electric batteries in Poland

REUTERS, Warsaw

Daimler-owned Mercedes-Benz Cars will start producing electric batteries in Poland, the Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said on Tuesday, as the company looks to ramp up its investments into electric batteries in the coming decade.

"We are very happy that an investor that has been with us for a few years has entrusted us again and in the same place in Jawor," Morawiecki said at a press conference, according to public news channel TVP.

Daimler is already building a plant to produce engines in Jawor.

Mercedes-Benz Cars board member Markus Schafer told the conference that the new investment would create 300 jobs and that investments would total over 200 million euros.

Daimler will buy battery cells worth more than 20 billion euros (\$23 billion) by 2030 as it readies mass production of hybrid and electric vehicles, the company said in December.

The company is one of a number of German automakers expanding in electric vehicles as European regulators clamp down on toxic diesel emissions.

The auto industry currently has a range of different battery recipes competing for use in battery cathodes. One is NCA, or lithium nickel cobalt aluminum oxide, produced by Panasonic and used by Tesla.



KSRM GROUP

Wing Commander ABM Sarwar-E-Zaman, manager of Shah Amanat International Airport opens a passenger shed built by KSRM Group at the airport in Chattogram on Sunday.

UK jobless rate dips to 44-year low

AFP, London

Britain's unemployment rate has fallen to the lowest level in 44 years, official data showed Tuesday, as the labour market shrugged off Brexit uncertainty.

The jobless rate -- the proportion of the workforce that is unemployed -- stood at 4.0 percent in the three months to November, the lowest level since 1975, the Office for National Statistics said.

That marked a decline from 4.1 percent in the three months to October, the ONS added in a statement, while expectations had been for no change.

Wages meanwhile grew at the fastest pace

for a decade, in upbeat data published two months before Britain exits the European Union.

Average earnings including bonuses grew by 3.4 percent in the three months to November from a year earlier, outstripping British inflation.

"The labour market is currently robust, holding up extremely well in the face of recent slower UK economic activity and heightened Brexit uncertainties," said EY economist Howard Archer.

Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but markets remain fearful of the potential economic impact of a disorderly "no-deal" Brexit.



SIBL

Md Sirajul Haque, deputy managing director of Social Islami Bank Limited (SIBL), opens an agent banking outlet at Joshai Mor Bazar in Dinajpur on Monday.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

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Invitation for Tenders (Goods)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Expatriates Welfare & Overseas Employment.
2	Agency	Bureau of Manpower Employment & Training.
3	Procuring entity name	Principal, Barishal Mohila Technical Training Center, Barishal.
4	Procuring entity district	Barishal.
5	Invitation for	Tender, Goods.
6	Invitation Ref. No.	49.01.0600.007.16.002.19.2888
7	Date	20-01-2019
KEY INFORMATION		
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)/ National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
FUNDING INFORMATION		
9	Budget and source of funds	International Development Association (IDA).
10	Development partners	IDA (World Bank).
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
11	Project/program code	5-2551-5030
12	Project/program name	Skills and Training Enhancement Project (STEP), DTE.
13	Tender Package No.	a) BMTTC/AF/GD-01 b) BMTTC/AF/GD-02 c) BMTTC/AF/GD-03
14	Tender package name	a) BMTTC/AF/GD-1: Supply and installation of computer, IT goods and accessories. b) BMTTC/AF/GD-2: Supply and installation of training materials, and equipment's accessories, for different trade. c) BMTTC/AF/GD-2: Supply and installation, furniture for different trade.
15	Tender last selling date and time	12-02-2019, up to 04:00pm.
16	Tender closing deadline	13-02-2019, 11:00am.
17	Tender opening date and time	13-02-2019, 11:30am.
18	Name & address of the office(s) Selling tender document Receiving tender document Opening tender document	Agrani Bank Ltd, Battala Branch, Barishal. Office of the Principal, Barishal Mohila Technical Training Center, C & B Road, Barishal. Office of the Principal, Barishal Mohila Technical Training Center, C & B Road, Barishal.
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Place: Office of the Principal, Barishal Mohila Technical Training Center, C & B Road, Barishal, Date: 04-02-2019, Time: 11:00am.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
20	Eligibility of tenderer (detail stated in TDS)	(a) Shall have a minimum of 5 (five) years of overall and 3 (three) years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services. (b) The tenderer must have successfully completed minimum one (1) number supply contract of BDT 20.00 (twenty) lac for Package No. BMTTC/AF/GD-01, BDT 15.00 (fifteen) lac for Package No. BMTTC/AF/GD-02 and BDT 5.00 (five) lac for Package No. BMTTC/AF/GD-03 in similar goods and related services within last 3 (three) years i.e. years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper. (c) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility is BDT 20.00 (twenty) lac for Package No. BMTTC/AF/GD-01, BDT 15.00 (fifteen) lac for Package No. BMTTC/AF/GD-02 and BDT 5.00 (five) lac for Package No. BMTTC/AF/GD-03. (4) Others as mentioned in the TDS.
21	Brief description of goods	Mentioned in tender document.
22	Brief description of related services	N/A.
23	Price of tender document	BDT 1000.00 (one thousand) only per package (non-refundable).
24	Package No.	Identification of package Location Tender security amount (BDT) Completion time after contract signing (weeks)
	BMTTC/AF/GD-01	Supply and installation of computer, IT goods and accessories Office of the Principal, Barishal Mohila TTC, C & B Road, Barishal 60,000/- 08 (eight)
	BMTTC/AF/GD-02	Supply and Installation of training materials, and equipment for different trade 50,000/-
	BMTTC/AF/GD-03	Supply and fitting of furniture items 15,000/-
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
25-28	Name, designation, address and contact details of official inviting tender	Engr. Mohammed Sazzad Hossain Bhuiyan, Principal, BMTTC, Barishal, Phone: 0431-61476, E-mail: mttcbarisal@gmail.com
29	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

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Invitation for Tender

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1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Posts & Telecommunication and Information Technology.		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Post Office.		
3	Procuring entity name and district	Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka.	Dhaka	
4	Invitation for	Tender of Goods		
5	Invitation Ref. No. and date	Dhaka Metro/PSD/Poshak-1/2018-19 20/01/2019.		
KEY INFORMATION				
6	Procurement method	Open tender method (OTM) for G-1-G-4 framework contract system will be followed.		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
7	Budget and source of funds	Revenue 2018-19 (GOB).		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
8	Tender package No.	Package 1 to 4.		
9	Tender package name	Supply of 1. Cloth for the Uniform 2. Bata Oxford Black Shoes 3. Umbrella 4. Socks.		
10	Tender publication date	22/01/2019.		
11	Tender last selling date	07/02/2019.		
12	Tender closing date and time	10/02/2019 up to	12:30pm	
13	Tender opening date and time	10/02/2019 at	15:00pm	
14	Selling tender document (address)	1. Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka. 2. Senior Postmaster, Dhaka GPO. 3. DPMG North Division, Dhaka. 4. PM Sadar.		
15	Receiving tender document (address)	By tender box kept in the room of Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka or by post (must reach before closing time).		
16	Opening tender document (address)	Deputy Postmaster General, Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka in presence (if any) of the tenderer.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
17	Eligibility of tenderer	Tenderer must provide the attested copy of the following documents: 1. Trade licence valid up to 30/06/2019, 2. VAT registration certificate (11 digits), 3. Income tax clearance certificate 2018-19, 4. Bank solvency certificate showing the bank balance or credit limit owned by the tenderer in favour of liquid assets during the period between tender publication date and tender submission date, 5. National ID, 6. Similar work of minimum amount Tk 5 lakh as per TDS, GCC & PCC.		
18	Brief description of goods	TMS, Liquid assets, Completion time etc.		
19	Group	Location	Tender security amount (Tk) in the form of referable UCR	Liquid assets (Tk) Completion time in days
	G-1. Cloth for the Uniform	Dhaka	17,000/-	3,39,600/- 30 days
	G-2. Bata Black Oxford Shoes	Dhaka	42,000/-	8,31,450/- 30 days
	G-3. Umbrellas	Dhaka	10,000/-	1,90,400/- 30 days
	G-4. Socks	Dhaka	9,000/-	1,64,400/- 30 days
20	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tk 2,000/- (two thousand) for G-1, Tk 4,000/- (four thousand) for G-2, Tk 1,000/- (one thousand) for G-3 to G-4 (non-refundable) payable to the unclassified head (UCR) of any post office for each package separately.		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
21	Name of official inviting tender	Mst. Mansura Rahman Chowdhury.		
22	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy Postmaster General.		
23	Address of official inviting tender	Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka.		
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	02-9553327.		
25	Other conditions as mentioned in tender document.			
26	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.			

Deputy Postmaster General
Metropolitan Circle, Dhaka