



Md Arfan Ali, president and managing director of Bank Asia; Cuan Opperman, chief of party of the USAID's Feed the Future Rice and Diversified Crops (RDC) Activity, and Zunaed Rabbani, CEO of Agricultural Inputs Retail Network, attend a tri-party agreement signing ceremony on digital financial inclusion of smallholder farmers, at the corporate office of the bank in Dhaka recently.

US-China trade tensions to hammer air cargo: industry body

AFP, Singapore

Trade tensions between the US and China will hammer air cargo this year, an industry body warned Tuesday, the latest sign the tariff slugfest is damaging the global outlook.

The world's top two economies have been locked in a trade war since last year, swapping tit-for-tat duties on hundreds of billions of dollars worth of goods and sending markets into a tailspin.

The fallout has gone far beyond their shores, with manufacturing in many export-dependent Asian economies taking a hit.

In the latest sign of the dispute's effects, the International Air Transport Association (IATA) sharply cut its forecast for air cargo growth this year, citing US-China tensions as a major factor.

It said air cargo volumes are expected to

grow 2.0 percent this year, nearly halving its projection made in December for 3.7 percent.

Air freight traffic contracted 1.8 percent in January alone, IATA director general and chief executive Alexandre de Juniac told a conference in Singapore.

"We are facing a problem with world trade... Cross-border trade is weakening very sharply and that's the thing that's damaging our business in the cargo world," IATA chief economist Brian Pearce said.

The group said uncertainty over Brexit and general protectionism was also hitting air cargo growth.

US and Chinese officials have said they are making progress toward a resolution of the trade dispute but conflicting messages out of Washington and Beijing mean it is still not clear when a deal may finally be sealed.

Ctrl-Alt-Stall: India's engineers struggle for work as jobs crisis worsens

REUTERS, Chinchwad, India

Santosh Gurav gained a bachelor's degree in technology from a mid-tier college in western India last year, specializing in electrical engineering and hoping to land a job in industrial automation.

Six months on, the 27-year-old repairs mixer-grinders, table fans and other household appliances at a cramped shop in the western city of Pune.

On better days, he picks up broken LED lights from scrap dealers, fixes them, then sells them. He earns about \$50 a month, just enough to cover the rent for the room he shares with two others as his home.

"I haven't even started repaying my education loan," said Gurav, referring to the nearly \$4,000 he'd borrowed for his undergraduate study.

He is one of hundreds of thousands of engineers - studying everything from computer code to civil engineering - that India's education system churns out each year, many with large loans and little prospect of finding a

job in their field.

They highlight Prime Minister Narendra Modi's difficulty in fulfilling a promise he made weeks after coming to power in 2014: creating millions of jobs by boosting manufacturing under a flagship 'Make in India' project launched with much fanfare.

"Come, Make in India, we will say to the world, from electrical to electronics," Modi said in his maiden Independence Day speech as prime minister, pledging to create up to 100 million new jobs by 2022.

Four years on, the program's impact on job creation is unclear and growth in the manufacturing sector has been sluggish, partly due to a lack of land and labor reform.

India's unemployment rate rose to 7.2 percent last month, up from 5.9 percent in February 2018, according to data compiled by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) think tank. The figures are more recent than government data and many economists regard them as more credible.

The data, which is an estimate

based on household surveys, shows 31.2 million people were actively looking for jobs in February this year, said Mahesh Vyas, the CMIE managing director. It did not have a breakup for engineering or technology graduates.

With more than half of India's population under 25 years of age, critics say the votes of jobless youth could hurt Modi's chances of securing a second term in the upcoming general election to be held in April-May.

The increasing use of automation in industry, the massive number of young Indians coming onto the job market, and the regulatory hurdles that companies still face if they want to set up shop in India, are all big issues for those without work.

The manufacturing boom that helped China in the past 40 years will not wash up on India's shores. Companies can no longer afford to just rely on cheap labor: they need skilled labor and better infrastructure to drive technological innovations and increase productivity.



Brig Gen (retd) Md Shahid Sarwar, managing director of Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd (Desco), and Mohammed Monirul Molla, additional managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd (IBBL), attend a deal signing ceremony at a hotel in Dhaka on Monday facilitating Desco electricity bill payments through the IBBL.

Seed Certification Agency

Gazipur-1701

Under "Program on Variety Testing for De-notification of Low Yielding Varieties" Program

Memo No: 335

Date: 10/03/2019

e-GP: Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited in the e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following goods. Details are given below:

Serial No.	Reference No.	Tender ID No.	Description of procurement	Tender documents last selling (date & time)	Tender closing & opening date & time
1.	IRNSCA/PVTDLYV/T/005/18/2	294566	Procurement of Cooling Room with Compact Cooler Walking Type	31-Mar-2019 17:00	01-Apr-2019 11:30

The interested persons/firms may visit the website www.eprocure.gov.bd to get the details of the tender.

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal is required.

Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP Help Desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Local Government Engineering Department

Need Based Infrastructure Development of Newly Nationalized Government Primary Schools (1st Phase) Project
Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207

RFA Ref No: 46.02.0000.888.11.23.19.1755

Date: 11.03.2019

Request for Application (RFA) for Selection of Individual National Consultant

The Local Government Engineering Department has been allocated public funds from the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) towards the cost of the Need Based Infrastructure Development of Newly Nationalized Government Primary Schools (1st Phase) Projects and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of these funds to payments under the contract for the provision of consultancy services as stated below.

The services include and the qualification and experience required for the assignment are as follows:

No.	Position	Post	Qualification	Experience
1.	Senior Structural Engineer	01	B.Sc. in Civil Engineering or equivalent degree from any recognized university/institution.	The candidate must have minimum 15 years' experience in structural design works of civil engineering structure with particular experience of building related works.
2.	Training Specialist	01	Bachelor degree in Engineering, Social Science, Management or equivalent degree from any recognized university/institution.	The candidate must have minimum 15 years' experience in planning and implementation of training programs.
3.	Electrical Engineer	01	B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering or equivalent degree from any recognized university/institution.	The candidate must have 10 years' experience on electrical engineering related works of building.
4.	Junior Architect	02	B.Sc. in Architectural or equivalent degree from any recognized university/institution.	The candidate must have minimum 05 years' experience in architectural design works of civil engineering structure with particular experience of building related works.
5.	Database Management Coordinator	01	Bachelor degree in Engineering, Social Science, Management or equivalent degree from any recognized university/institution.	The candidate must have 05 years' experience on related fields.

The Additional Chief Engineer (Implementation), LGED now invites application from the eligible Applicants for the positions. Applicants are invited to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV with other details as required in the TOR). Consultants will be selected using the selection of individual consultant sub-method in accordance with the Public Procurement Rules 2008. It is expected that the services will be commenced from 1st May/2019 at Primary Education Infrastructure Management Unit (PEIMU), LGED and shall be completed on 30 April/2020.

Interested consultants are required to submit their Application in accordance with the standard Application Forms which may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during normal office hours or available in the website: www.lged.gov.bd.

Application shall be submitted by 28 May within 3.00pm, in sealed envelope delivered to Additional Chief Engineer (Implementation), LGED. Applicants who are already in employment shall have to send their application through proper channel, otherwise their applications will not be considered.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the RFA without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Additional Chief Engineer
LGED Bhaban (Level-8)
Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar,
Dhaka-1207

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Inspector General
Bangladesh Police
Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

Invitation for International Re-Tender

Memo No-44.01.0000.058.14.001.18/ 616 Date: 12 /03/2019.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/suppliers/Local agents in their official pad for supply of Anti Riot Helmet & Gas Mask as required by Bangladesh Police in FY 2018-2019.

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Agency	Bangladesh Police.
3. Procuring Entity Name	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police.
4. Invitation for	To Purchase Anti Riot Helmet & Gas Mask for Bangladesh Police.
5. Invitation Ref. No.	44.01.0000.058.14.001.18/24(2018-2019)
6. Date	12/03/2019

Key Information

7. Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope (International)
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Funding Information

8. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)
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Particular Information

9. Tender Publication date	13 March 2019
10. Tender last selling date	08 April 2019
11. Tender closing date and time	09 April 2019 at 14:00 hrs
12. Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	09 April 2019 at 14:30 hrs

Name & address of the office

13. Name & address of the office	Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, 6 Phoenix Road, Fulbaria, Dhaka.
Selling tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
Receiving tender document	AIG (Arms & Ammunition), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
Opening tender document	NCCOM Building (5 th Floor), Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
14. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	20 March 2019, at 14:00 hrs. NCCOM Building (5 th Floor) Bangladesh Police, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15. Eligibility of Tenderer	1) Up to date Export license 2) Written confirmation authorizing the signatory of the tender in accordance with the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Principal 3) Affidavit confirming the legal capacity and financial capability 4) Original full Brochure of products of the Principal 5) Other requirements described in the standard tender document (PG 5A).
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SL No.	Description of Good	Quantity	Price of tender document (Non refundable)	Tender security in (USD)	Completion time
1.	Anti Riot Helmet	20,000 Pcs	2,000/-	47,500.00 USD	120 days from the date of opening of L/C
2.	Gas Mask	1,000 Pcs	2,000/-	7,000.00 USD	120 days from the date of opening of L/C

Procuring Entity Details

17. Name of official inviting tender	M. A. Jalil
18. Designation of the official inviting tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition).
19. Address of official inviting tender	Assistant Inspector General (Arms & Ammunition), Room No-508 (4th Floor) 6 Phoenix Road, Police Headquarters, Dhaka.
20. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 02-47120270 FAX: 02-9585304. E-mail: aiga_a@police.gov.bd

The tenderers shall submit their Technical and Financial offer in separate sealed envelope. Furthermore both envelopes shall be covered by an outer envelope which is sealed.

Special instructions

22. a) No tender will be received after the deadline of submission time & date. b) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender process without assigning any reason. c) The Procuring entity also reserves the right to omit, increase and/or decrease the quantity of any item(s) from the tender. d) If not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstance, the same will be received/opened on the next working date at the same time & same venue. e) Evaluation will be on item by item basis. f) Date of financial offer opening will be duly informed to the Technically Responsive Tenderers and their local agents. g) The Tenderer must comply with all requirements as per the tender data sheet provided with the tender schedule. h) The Tender Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable bank guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh. i) The Procurement will be performed according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and Public Procurement Regulation 2008.

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