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Anis A Khan, CEO of Mutual Trust Bank Limited (MTB), and Sayeeful Islam, managing director of Software Shop Limited (SSL), exchange signed documents of an agreement at MTB Centre in Dhaka recently facilitating payment of Indian visa processing fees through the MTB's internet banking service.

US economists less optimistic, see slower growth: survey

AFP, Washington

US economists are less optimistic about the outlook and sharply lowered their growth forecasts for this year, amid slowing global growth and continued trade frictions, according to a survey published Monday.

And while the odds of a recession by 2020 remain low, they are rising, the National Association for Business Economics said in their quarterly report.

The panel of 55 economists now believe "the US economy has reached an inflection point," said NABE President Kevin Swift.

The consensus forecast for real GDP growth was cut by three tenths from the December survey, to 2.4 percent after 2.9 percent expansion in 2018.

The economy is expected to slow further in 2020, with growth of just 2 percent, the report said.

Three-quarters of respondents cut their GDP forecasts and believe the risks of the economy are weighted to the downside.

"A majority of panelists sees external headwinds from trade policy and slower global growth as the primary downside risks to growth," NABE survey chair Gregory Daco said in a statement.

"Nonetheless, recession risks are still perceived to be low in the near term."

Panelists put the odds of a recession starting in 2019 at around 20 percent, and for 2020 at 35 percent, slightly higher than in December.

Daco said that "reflects the Federal Reserve's dovish policy U-turn in January" when the central bank said it would keep interest rates where they are for the foreseeable future, a message reinforced this week.

After four rate increases last year, Daco said a "near-majority of panelists anticipates only one more interest rate hike in this cycle compared to the three hikes forecasted in the December survey."

Panelists see wage growth as the biggest upside risk to the economy, despite expected increase of just 3 percent this year, as inflation holds right around the Fed's 2 percent target.

Meanwhile, amid President Donald Trump's aggressive tariff policies, the panel projects the trade deficit will rise to a record \$978 billion this year, beating last year's record \$914 billion.

In an interesting twist in the survey, only 20 percent said they expected to see the dreaded "inverted yield curve" - when the interest rate on the 10-year Treasury note falls below the 3-month bill - this year.

In fact, the yield curve inverted on Friday for the first time since 2007.



REUTERS/FILE
Cargo containers are seen at the Port of Los Angeles in California.

বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ
Bangladesh Land Port Authority
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বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের কার নং-ঢাকা মেট্রো-খ-১১-৯৫১৪ এবং মাইক্রোবাস নং ঢাকা মেট্রো-চ-৫১-৪১৬৪ গাড়ি পুনঃ নিলাম বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দরপত্রের মূল্য	১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা অফেরতযোগ্য।
দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের সর্বশেষ তারিখ	২৯/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত।
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ক্রমিক নং

- কার নং- ঢাকা মেট্রো-খ-১১-৯৫১৪, মডেল-২০০৩, সিসি-১৩০০, প্রস্তুতকারক নিশান, জাপান।
- মাইক্রোবাস নং- ঢাকা মেট্রো-চ-৫১-৪১৬৪, মডেল-২০০৩, সিসি-২৪০০, প্রস্তুতকারক নিশান, জাপান।
- পরিচালক (প্রশাসন), বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ, প্রধান কার্যালয়, ঢাকা-এর বরাবর সীলমোহরকৃত খামে দরপত্র আগামী ৩০/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ ১২.০০ ঘটিকার মধ্যে সংরক্ষিত টেন্ডার বক্সে সরাসরি অথবা ডাকযোগে অথবা কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের মাধ্যমে দরপত্র দাখিল করা যাবে;
- আগামী ২৯/০৪/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে গাড়ি সরেজমিন পরিদর্শন করা যাবে;
- দরপত্র আগামী ৩০/০৪/২০১৯ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত গ্রহণ করা হবে এবং একই দিন বিকাল ২.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্রসমূহ দরদাতা বা তাদের প্রতিনিধি'র সম্মুখে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) খোলা হবে;
- নিরাপত্তা জামানত হিসেবে মোট উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের শতকরা ২০% (বিশ শতাংশ) হারে সেরাম্যান, বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুকূলে তফসিলভুক্ত যে কোন বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক হতে ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার (ফেরতযোগ্য) আকারে দরপত্রের সাথে অবশ্যই দাখিল করতে হবে। অন্যথায় দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে;
- প্রতিষ্ঠানের জন্য বৈধ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স এবং সর্বশেষ আয়কর সনদ জমাদানের সমন্বিত ডকুমেন্ট দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে। ব্যক্তির ক্ষেত্রে টিআইএন সনদ দাখিল করতে হবে;
- চূড়ান্ত সিদ্ধান্তের পর অকৃতকার্য দরদাতাগণের দাখিলকৃত ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার ফেরত দেয়া হবে;
- সিডিউল ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিল করতে হবে এবং দরপত্রদাতা/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম, ঠিকানা দরপত্রে যথাযথভাবে উল্লেখ না থাকলে দাখিলকৃত দরপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে। দরদাতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের ক্ষেত্রে নিজস্ব লেটারপ্যাডে আবেদন দাখিল করতে হবে এবং তাতে জামানতের অর্ধের পরিমাণ সুস্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ থাকতে হবে;
- বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রাপ্ত দরপত্রসমূহ কমিটি কর্তৃক মূল্যায়নের পর যে ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের দরপত্র চূড়ান্তভাবে গৃহীত হবে সেই ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের ছাড়পত্র গ্রহণপূর্বক সংশ্লিষ্ট গাড়ির কার্যক্রম প্রাপ্তির ০৩ দিনের মধ্যে মূল্য বাবদ উদ্ধৃত টাকা এবং বিধি মেতাবেক সরকারি ভাটি/আয়কর পরিশোধপূর্বক চালানসহ নগদ অর্থ/পে-অর্ডারের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করে বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের গ্যারেজ হতে গাড়িটি যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে সে অবস্থায় ডেলিভারী গ্রহণ করবেন;
- বাংলাদেশ স্থলবন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার পূর্ণ অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করে।

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German business mood shows signs of improving

AFP, Berlin

Confidence among Germany's business leaders rose in March for the first time after six months of decline, according to the Ifo barometer released Monday.

The Munich-based Ifo institute's business confidence index was up 0.9 points this month, standing at 99.6, compared to 98.7 in February, which was its lowest level in four years.

"This is the first increase after six consecutive (months) of decline," Ifo president Clemens Fuest said in a statement. "The companies are a little happier with their current business situation."

"They are also noticeably more optimistic about the coming six months."

Indeed, a sub-index measuring companies' view of the present business situation, one of the components of the Ifo barometer, increased to 103.8 points, compared to 103.6 points in February.

This statistic, based on a survey of around 9,000 companies, comes as Germany has seen a mixed set of indicators in recent months, linked to a mix of temporary factors and more lasting fears.

Oil prices steady

REUTERS, London

Oil prices were steady on Monday, with concerns of a sharp economic slowdown competing with support from tighter supply due to Opec's production cutbacks and US sanctions on Iran and Venezuela.

Brent crude oil futures were down 7 cents, or 0.1 percent, at \$66.96 per barrel at 0955 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures were unchanged at \$59.04 per barrel.

Both crude oil price benchmarks closed down on the week since briefly hitting their highest since November 2018.

Concerns about a potential US recession emerged Friday after cautious remarks by the US Federal Reserve caused 10-year treasury yields to slip below the three-month rate for the first time since 2007.

Historically, an inverted yield curve - where long-term rates fall below short-term - has signaled an upcoming recession.

"Oil prices are under pressure due to a combination of recession fears and gloomy market sentiment," Commerzbank said.

Boeing sets briefing on 737 MAX as Ethiopian carrier expresses confidence

REUTERS, Addis Ababa/Singapore

Boeing Co will brief more than 200 global airline pilots, technical leaders and regulators this week on software and training updates for its 737 MAX aircraft, as Ethiopian Airlines expressed confidence in the planemaker despite a recent crash.

The carrier will work with Boeing and other airlines to make air travel safer, its chief executive, Tewolde Gebremariam, said, after regulators this month grounded the worldwide fleet of the aircraft following a crash that killed 157 people.

"Despite the tragedy, Boeing and Ethiopian Airlines will continue to be linked well into the future," he said in a statement on Monday. "Ethiopian Airlines believes in Boeing. They have been a partner of ours for many years."

However, many questions on the 737 MAX "remain without answers", Tewolde added, and a spokesman for the carrier said it had no "immediate plans" to attend the Boeing session, without giving further details.

Wednesday's meeting is a sign that Boeing is nearing completion on a planned software patch required to return the grounded fleet to commercial service, though it will still need approval from regulators.

The session in Renton, Washington is part of an effort to reach all current, and many future, 737 MAX operators and their

home regulators to discuss software and training updates to the jet, Boeing said in a statement.

The 737 MAX is Boeing's best-selling plane, with orders worth more than \$500 billion at list prices.

Garuda Indonesia was invited to the briefing, Chief Executive Ari Askhara told Reuters on Monday. Last week, Indonesian national carrier said it planned to cancel its order for 49 737 MAX jets, citing a loss of passenger trust.

"We were informed on Friday, but because it is short notice we can't send a pilot," Askhara said, adding that the airline had requested a webinar with Boeing, only to be rejected.

A Boeing spokeswoman said the meeting formed part of a series of in-person information sessions.

"We have been scheduling, and will continue to arrange, additional meetings to communicate with all current, and many future, MAX customers and operators," she said.

Garuda, which has only one 737 MAX, had been reconsidering its order before the Ethiopian crash, as had fellow Indonesian carrier Lion Air, which suffered a crash in October that killed all 189 aboard.

Boeing had informed the airline of the meeting but it might not attend, said Lion Air Managing Director Daniel Putu, who declined further comment.



PADMA BANK
Chowdhury Nafeez Sarafat, chairman of Padma Bank, formerly known as Farmers Bank, presides over the bank's first board meeting in Dhaka on Sunday. Md Ehsan Khasru, managing director, was present.

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-44.01.0000.058.14.001.18/743 Date: 25/03/2019.

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the Manufacturers/suppliers/Local agents in their official pad for supply of Poly Carbonate Riot Shield 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 Poly Carbonate Riot Shield for Bangladesh Police.				
5. Invitation Ref. No.	44.01.0000.058.14.001.18/26(2018-2019)				
6. Date	25/03/2019				
Key Information					
7. Procurement Method	One Stage Two Envelope (International)				
Funding Information					
8. Budget and source of funds	Revenue Budget (GOB)				
Particular Information					
9. Tender Publication date	26 March 2019				
10. Tender last selling date	22 April 2019				
11. Tender closing date and time	23 April 2019 at 14:00 hrs				
12. Tender opening date and time (Technical offer only)	23 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)	02 April 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).				
16. Brief description of goods.					
Sl. No.	Description of Good	Quantity	Price of tender document (Non refundable)	Tender security in (USD)	Completion time
1.	Poly Carbonate Riot Shield	15,000 Pcs	2,000/-	12,500.00 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 the tender	Phone: 02-47120270 FAX: 02-9585304. E-mail: aiga_a@police.gov.bd				
21. 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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