

China's exports fall ahead of crucial trade talks

AFP, Beijing

China's exports fell more than expected in April while imports rose, official data showed Wednesday ahead of high-stakes talks aimed at resolving a trade war with the United States.

The world's two leading economies face a possible make-or-break moment when top negotiators meet in Washington this week following months of fraught talks.

US President Donald Trump has upped the ante with plans to more than double tariffs on \$200 billion in Chinese goods on Friday, the last

day of a two-day visit by President Xi Jinping's point man Vice Premier Liu He.

The trade war has battered shipments between the economic giants.

In April China's exports across the Pacific fell 13.2 percent from a year earlier, while imports from the US fell 25.7 percent, according to the data from China's customs administration.

The politically sensitive trade surplus with the US remained large, widening to \$21 billion last month from \$20.5 billion in March. Last year it hit a record \$323.3 billion.

Global markets have taken a beating this week

as investors grow increasingly concerned that the China-US trade deal, which last week appeared all but ready to sign, could fall through.

US negotiators accused Beijing of renegeing on commitments made during months of talks focusing on clamping down on theft of US technology and reducing China's massive subsidies.

"If Trump's threat becomes reality, it will be a game changer for the global economy," said Steve Cochrane, chief APAC economist at Moody's Analytics, adding the worst-case scenario would result in a US recession and a rapid reduction of growth in China.

Turkey's economic rebound will be 'gradual'

REUTERS, London

Turkey's troubled economy will contract one percent this year before a "gradual" rebound, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development forecast Wednesday.

"Turkey's recovery from an expected 1.0 percent economic contraction in 2019 is likely to be gradual," the London-based EBRD said in a report at the opening of its annual conference in Sarajevo.

"The lira's depreciation and (Turkey's) high interest rates will continue to dampen consumption and investment, although net exports should make a positive contribution to growth," said the bank founded in 1991 to help former Soviet bloc countries switch to free-market economies.

"Growth of around 2.5 percent is expected in 2020" for Turkey, added the EBRD, which now invests also in countries including Turkey, Jordan and Morocco.

The EBRD added that economic growth across all of its regions "of investment is broadly expected to track the global economy lower in 2019, before a likely upturn in 2020, when Turkey should return to positive territory".

The bank's latest economic outlook revised down predictions for 2019 -- the EBRD now expecting average growth of 2.3 percent from a November forecast of 2.6-percent expansion.

The "downward revision to overall growth forecasts primarily reflects the expected slowdown in Turkey" it said, adding that overall growth across EBRD regions of investment should recover to 2.6 percent in 2020.

Turkey slipped into recession for the first time in a decade last year following a sharp currency crisis that sent inflation soaring into double digits and hit Turkish households hard.



IPDC FINANCE

Srabanti Datta, a director of ABC Real Estates, and Mominul Islam, CEO of IPDC Finance, exchange documents after signing a deal at the latter's head office in Dhaka recently facilitating home loan privileges for ABC's customers.



CIMA

Bhaskar Ranjan Das, associate director at the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (Cima); Ajay Lalwani, country head for India, Nepal and Bangladesh; Kabir Yaqub, a Pubali Bank director, and Mohammad Zahid Hossain, a director of the Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company, celebrate Cima's 100th anniversary in Dhaka recently.

Eyeing IPO riches, Uber drivers go on strike in UK

REUTERS, London/ New York

Uber drivers in Britain started a day of transatlantic strikes on Wednesday to protest at the disparity between gig-economy conditions and the sums investors are likely to make in Friday's blockbuster stock market debut.

Drivers and regulators around the world have long criticized the business tactics of Uber Technologies, and the expected \$90 billion valuation in an IPO on Friday is proving to be the latest flashpoint.

Unions in Britain said they were seeing good support for the strike, with drivers staying at home and passengers using the #UberShutDown hashtag to pledge solidarity on social media. The Uber app said fares were higher in London during a rainy morning rush hour, due to increased demand.

"Stand with these workers on strike today, across the UK and the world," said Jeremy Corbyn, the leader of Britain's opposition Labour Party.

Drivers in London and the cities of Birmingham, Nottingham and Glasgow were due to log off the app between 0700 and 1600, before counterparts in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago and several other major cities joined in. Uber has 3 million drivers globally, and it is not clear if the action can significantly slow service, although organizers have received widespread publicity.

Chief Executive Dara Khosrowshahi, hired to help move the company past a series of scandals and manage the IPO, has promised to treat drivers better. Uber is paying more than a million drivers about \$300 million in one-time bonuses for instance, and has changed policies such as allowing riders to tip.

Greek PM announces tax cuts ahead of triple polls challenge

AFP, Athens

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras on Tuesday announced a swathe of tax cuts and benefits in a bid to boost his party's ratings ahead of a triple electoral challenge starting this month.

Ahead of European and local elections on May 26, and national elections late in the year, Tsipras announced tax cuts on food and energy "so that Greeks will feel, as fast as possible,...the recovery of the economy".

In a hastily called press conference, Tsipras said savings and a better-than-expected economic performance would also enable Greece to buy back 3.6 billion euros (\$4.03 billion) in "costly" IMF loans.

Another 1.14 billion euros in fiscal overperformance this year will permit a food tax to be cut to 13 percent from 24 percent currently, and an energy tax to be halved from 13 percent to six percent, the prime minister said.

Tsipras is battling to catch up with the main opposition New Democracy conservative party which holds a steady lead in opinion polls.

On Tuesday he said the benefits package should be rewarded with a "confidence vote" at European and local elections later this month.

Tsipras faces an actual confidence vote in parliament on Friday which his party is expected to narrowly win.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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"The Public Procurement Act-2006" & "The Public Procurement Regulations-2008" এবং এর তদীয় সংশোধিত বিধি মোতাবেক ২০১৯-২০ অর্থ সালের ১ম কোয়ার্টার (জুলাই/২০১৯ হতে সেপ্টেম্বর/২০১৯খ্রিঃ) এর জন্য এন্টি টেররিজম ইউনিট, ঢাকায় নিম্নোক্ত ছকে বর্ণিত রেশন সামগ্রী/আইটেম সমূহ ক্রয়/সরবরাহ প্রাপ্তির নিমিত্তে বাংলাদেশী প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/ঠিকাদার/সরবরাহকারী ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে পৃথক পৃথক আইটেম ভিত্তিক সীলমোহরকৃত খামে উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ।
২.	এজেন্সি	এন্টি টেররিজম ইউনিট, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, ঢাকা।
৩.	সংগ্রাহক সত্তার নাম	পুলিশ সুপার (প্রশাসন), পক্ষে- অ্যাডিশনাল আইজি, এন্টি টেররিজম ইউনিট, বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, ঢাকা।
৪.	দরপত্রের বিষয় (কাজের নাম)	১৬নং ক্রমিকে বর্ণিত।
৫.	দরপত্র আহবানের সূত্র	৪৪.০১.০০০০.৯৮৫.০৬.০৪৫.১৯/১৭৫ তাং- ০৭/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
৬.	দরপত্র আহবানের তারিখ	০৭/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
৭.	দরপত্র পদ্ধতি	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি।
৮.	বাজেট ও অর্থের উৎস	পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স হতে বরাদ্দকৃত অর্থ।
৯.	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ	০৭/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ।
১০.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের তারিখ হতে ২৬/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতিটি কার্যদিবসে অফিস চলাকালীন সময়।
১১.	দরপত্র দাখিলের তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১২.	টিউসি কর্তৃক দরপত্র বাস্তব খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	২৭/০৫/২০১৯খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।
১৩.	দরপত্র সিডিউল বিক্রয়কারী অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	এন্টি টেররিজম ইউনিট কার্যালয়, বারিধারা, ঢাকা।
১৪.	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	এন্টি টেররিজম ইউনিট কার্যালয়, বারিধারা, ঢাকা।
১৫.	ঠিকাদারের যোগ্যতা ও দরপত্রের সাথে দাখিলযোগ্য কাগজপত্রের বিবরণ	দরদাতাকে নিম্নোক্ত কাগজপত্রাদির ছায়াছবি ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা দ্বারা সত্যায়িত করে দাখিল করতে হবেঃ- ক) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, খ) নাগরিকত্ব সনদপত্র, গ) আয়কর ও ভ্যাট সনদপত্র, ঘ) ব্যাংক কর্তৃক প্রদেয় আর্থিক স্বাচ্ছন্দতা সনদ (লেনদেন বিবরণীসহ), ঙ) ফার্ম/প্রতিষ্ঠানের মালিকানা সনদপত্র, চ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র। এছাড়া অন্যান্য শর্তাবলী সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে।

১৬.	লট নং	কাজের নাম/আইটেম	সরবরাহের পরিমাণ	দরপত্র সিডিউলের মূল্য (অফেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্র জামানত (ফেরতযোগ্য)	কাজের সময়সীমা
	১।	মস্তর ডাল সরবরাহ	সিডিউল মোতাবেক	৭৫০/-	৪০,০০০/-	২০১৯-২০ অর্থ সালের ১ম কোয়ার্টার (জুলাই/১৯ হতে সেপ্টেম্বর/১৯)
	২।	ভোজ্য সয়াবিন তেল সরবরাহ	ঐ	৭৫০/-	৩৫,০০০/-	
	৩।	পোলাও'র চাল সরবরাহ	ঐ	৫০০/-	৬০০০/-	
	৪।	জ্বালানি কাঠ সরবরাহ	ঐ	৫০০/-	৩০০০/-	
	৫।	গম পিষাই	ঐ	৫০০/-	৬০০০/-	
	৬।	কুলি কাজ (লোড-আনলোড)	ঐ	৫০০/-	৩০০০/-	

১৭.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	মোঃ ওয়ালিদ হোসেন।
১৮.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	পুলিশ সুপার (প্রশাসন), পক্ষে- অ্যাডিশনাল আইজি, এন্টি টেররিজম ইউনিট, ঢাকা।
১৯.	দরপত্র আহবানকারী কর্মকর্তার ঠিকানা	বাড়ি নং-৩৫, সোহরাওয়ার্দী এভিনিউ, ব্লক-কে, বারিধারা, ঢাকা-১২১২।
২০.	দরপত্র আহবানকারীর ফোন নং	০২-৪৮৮১০৭৪৩

২১.	বিশেষ শর্তাবলীঃ ক) দরপত্রের সকল কার্যক্রম "The Public Procurement Act-2006" & "The Public Procurement Regulations-2008" এবং এর তদীয় সংশোধিত বিধি মোতাবেক পরিচালিত হবে। খ) নির্ধারিত সময়ের পরে আর কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না। গ) কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারী যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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পুলিশ সুপার (প্রশাসন)

পক্ষে- অ্যাডিশনাল আইজি, এন্টি টেররিজম ইউনিট

বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ, ঢাকা

জিডি-৮৫১

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Local Government Division (LGD) Income Support Program for the Poorest (ISPP) –JAWTNO Project Level 8, DPHE Bhaban 14 Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Sarani Kakrail, Dhaka 1000		
Re-Request for Expression of Interest for 2 different positions		
1	Ministry / Division	Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives
2	Agency	Local Government Division
3	Name of Procuring Entity	Income Support Program for the Poorest (ISPP)-JAWTNO Project
4	Title of Service	(i) Procurement Specialist and (ii) Finance Associate
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Expression of Interest for Selection of	Individual Consultant- Time based
7	EOI Ref. No.	ISPP/PMU-154/Individual Consultant/2018/
8	Date	07 May, 2019
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Sub-Method	Selection of Individual Consultants (SIC)
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of funds	Development Budget – Aid grants/Credit
11	Development Partner	IDA/World Bank
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/Program Code	224041200
13	Project/Program Name	Income Support Program for the Poorest (ISPP)-JAWTNO Project
14	EOI Closing Date and time	28 May, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.
INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
15	Brief Description of the Assignments	(i) Procurement Specialist: Provide advice on procurement policies and procedures ensure consistency with World Bank's Guidelines and Government's Public Procurement Act and Public Procurement Rules. Prepare and update Procurement Plans and schedules on a periodic basis. Prepare invitation for bids, request for expression of interest, bidding documents, request for proposals, terms of reference, evaluation reports, contracts and all other procurement documents. Monitor procurement processes, identify slippages and take risk mitigation actions. Prepare periodic reports required by LGD or IDA, and ensure proper follow up of necessary actions. Prepare and update the procurement plan and the procurement transactions through the World Bank's Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement (STEP) system. Upload/ update documents including bidding documents, procurement notices, request for proposals, bid/proposal evaluation report, contracts etc. for all applicable packages in the Systematic Tracking of Exchanges in Procurement system in a timely manner. e-GP for national procurement of goods. (ii) Finance Associate: Check and verify bills for procurement of goods, works and services for the project as per applicable rules and forwarding to the Project Director for payment approval. Assist in addressing and process payment related grievance and case Management. Work closely with field-level offices to ensure smooth implementation process is in place at all times, including facilitation of information flow to and from the field. Assist in providing comprehensive technical assistance in implementing a payment system through the Payment service provider. Assist in monitor implementation of payment system with account reconciliation. Assist in payment and MIS relate activities with other PMU personnel. Assist in Preparation of budget, annual and quarterly forecast for cash transfer to beneficiary, fess for payment service provider and implementation plan. Maintain register, books and other records in appropriate order to meet statutory and reporting requirements of IDA and GOB and to facilitate classification and analysis of financial information including file maintenance in orderly and easily retrievable manners. Assist both external and internal auditors in carrying out audit by providing necessary financial information and respond to the audit queries. Ensure deduction and payment of local Taxes (Income Tax & VAT) on invoices as per the income Tax Ordinance and VAT Act.
16	Qualification, Experience, Resources & Delivery Capacity Required	(i) Procurement Specialist: At least a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering; or a Master's Degree in Business Administration, Commerce, Finance, Law or Procurement. Professional qualifications in procurement, purchasing, and/or supply chain management will be given preference. At least eight (8) years of work experience in procurement in government/semi-government institutions, or with international donors, implementing development projects; or having other responsibilities with a substantial procurement content i.e., preparation of bidding documents and requests for proposals; use of internationally accepted contract documents; understanding of principles underlying procurement practices; analytical capability in indentifying and resolving procurement issues; etc. Extensive knowledge of Government's Public Procurement Act and Public Procurement Rules. Extensive knowledge of IDA's Procurement /Consultant Guidelines. Excellent spoken and written Bangla and English skills. Candidate having experience in e - GP will be given preference. (ii) Finance Associate: Masters in Commerce, Finance, Accounting, Business, MBA (Finance/Accounting) with at least five (5) years of experience in GOB and IDA supported Project. Operational experience in payment systems through MIS. Understanding and experience in public sector and/ or non-government sector and/or financial sector reporting systems. Experience in accounts management of donor-assisted projects, including sound knowledge of GOB rules and procedures and World Bank Disbursement Guidelines, exposure to Social Safety Net program and familiar with the MIS database. Strong communication skills and proficiency in computer applications. Typing skills both in Bangla and English is a must.
17	Indicative starting and completion date (Duration of service)	June 2019 to June 2020.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
18	Name of the Official Inviting EOI	Shaikh Md. Kabeedul Islam
19	Designation of the Official Inviting EOI	Project Director (Additional Secretary)
20	Address of the Official Inviting EOI	Level -8, DPHE Bhaban 14 Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Sarani Kakrail, Dhaka 1000
21	Contact Details of the Official Inviting EOI	Level 8, DPHE Bhaban 14 Shaheed Captain Mansur Ali Sarani Kakrail, Dhaka-1000 Phone:88-02-55130514 E-mail: pd.ispp.lgd@gmail.com
22	Two copies of Expression of Interest / application along with copies of certificates of all academic/professional qualifications, copies of experience certificates and 2(Two) passport size photograph of the applicants in a sealed envelope shall be submitted to the office of the Project Director at the address given above within the closing date and time specified above. On the top of the sealed envelope the applicant shall write the name of the post. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs without assigning any cause or reason.	
GD- 871		Shaikh Md. Kabeedul Islam Project Director (Additional Secretary) Income Support Program for the Poorest (ISPP)-JAWTNO Project