



Standard Bank Managing Director and CEO Khondoker Rashed Maqsood and Bangladesh Bank General Manager Khandaker Morshed Millat hand over signed documents of a deal for the disbursement of a Tk 1,000 crore loan from a "Technological Development Fund" at the BB head office recently. Bangladesh Bank Deputy Governor Abu Farah Md Naser, Executive Director Nurun Nahar, Deputy General Manager Chowdhury Liakot Ali along with Standard Bank Additional Managing Director Md Touhidul Alam Khan and Vice-President of Investment Division Tapas Kumar Mandal were also present.

France cuts economic growth forecast to 5pc amid lockdown

REUTERS, Paris

The French economy will expand by 5 per cent in 2021, Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire said in a newspaper interview, as a third lockdown to tackle the coronavirus pandemic has prompted a downward revision in the previous government forecast for 6 per cent growth.

The new forecast was prudent, Le Maire said in comments published on Sunday in Le Journal Du Dimanche (JDD).

"Our fundamentals are sound; we will be able to bounce back," Le Maire said.

French schools and non-essential stores such as clothing chains will now be shut for four weeks, after COVID-19 cases surged in recent weeks, edging up the number of patients in intensive care units.



French Economy and Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire

Bars and restaurants have already been closed for months, while tourist travel is at a standstill, although unlike when France entered its first national lockdown a year ago, construction work and manufacturing are among business areas still ticking over.

Like many countries in Europe, France has ploughed billions of

euro into propping up struggling companies with state-backed loans, help with rents and partial unemployment schemes.

The latest restrictions will force some 150,000 businesses to temporarily close, and aid measures in April will cost 11 billion euros, the finance ministry has said.

Le Maire has repeatedly called for the European Union to accelerate the ratification and implementation of its 750 billion-euro economic stimulus plan.

He told the JDD that France was now unlikely to get the 5 billion euro disbursement from that scheme in July as planned, due to delays.

France has its own 100 billion-euro economic reboot programme, and plans to spend roughly half of that budget by the end of the year, Le Maire said.

Coronavirus resurgence a bigger worry than inflation: White House adviser

REUTERS, Washington

The United States is not at risk of a dangerous spell of inflation after a banner month of gains for workers, a top Biden economic official said on Friday, but the fast pace of business reopenings could cause a coronavirus resurgence.

"We must contain the virus in order to get the economy up and running, and people are seeing a lot more confidence," said Heather Boushey, a member of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, after the administration ramped up vaccines and signed a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill.

"The question is are we moving too fast, too soon." A Labor Department report earlier on Friday showed the U.S. economy creating the most jobs in seven months in March, a report that could mark the start of the strongest economic performance this year in decades.

President Joe Biden's administration aggressively pushed a \$1.9 trillion stimulus bill through Congress in his first weeks in office and is working towards a goal to have enough vaccine in stock to cover all of the country's adults by May.

A new plan from the administration released Wednesday



Heather Boushey, member of the US Council of Economic Advisers

would add more than \$2 trillion in additional spending on infrastructure and other jobs over the coming 8 years.

Boushey said the administration has not yet produced its own estimate on how many jobs that effort would create because "it really does depend on how some

of the details work out" as the administration negotiates with Congress. But she said a projection of the jobs that will be created will come "in the not-too-distant future." Biden said Friday some studies show it could create 19 million jobs.

There is little sign that

administration policies are leading to the economy overheating, she said.

"We start to be concerned about inflation overheating if we have too many dollars chasing not enough stuff, and right now we still have an unemployment rate of 6 per cent," she said.

"There's a lot of slack in the labor market still. We're 8.4 million jobs fewer than where we were pre-pandemic." The administration remains cautious on whether states should be reopening as aggressively as they have been, warning governors that a spike in Covid-19 cases could ultimately derail the economy and the response to a pandemic that has killed more than half a million Americans.

Nonfarm payrolls surged by 916,000 jobs last month, the biggest gain since last August, with data for prior months revised higher than initial reports.

As of Tuesday morning, the United States had administered 147.6 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines in the country, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and most households were receiving \$1,400 checks as a result of the stimulus bill Biden made his top priority on taking office in January.

ByteDance says India's freeze on bank accounts is harassment

REUTERS, Mumbai

China's ByteDance has told an Indian court that a government freeze on its bank accounts in a probe of possible tax evasion amounts to harassment and was done illegally, according to a filing seen by Reuters.

ByteDance in January reduced its Indian workforce after New Delhi maintained a ban on its popular video app TikTok, imposed last year after a border clash between India and China. Beijing has repeatedly criticised India over that ban and those of other Chinese apps.

An Indian tax intelligence unit in mid-March ordered HSBC and Citibank

in Mumbai to freeze bank accounts of ByteDance India as it probed some of the unit's financial dealings. ByteDance has challenged the freeze on the four accounts in a Mumbai court.

None of ByteDance India's employees have been paid their March salaries due to the account freeze, said two people familiar with the matter. The company told the court it has a workforce of 1,335, including outsourced personnel.

In the 209-page court filing lodged on March 25, ByteDance told the High Court in Mumbai the authorities acted against the company without any material evidence and gave no prior notice, as required by Indian law, before such "drastic action".

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Invitation for e-Tender Notice

| Sl. No. | Ministry/Division | Local Government Division. |
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| 1 | Implementing agency | Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE). |
| 2 | Project name | 23 Pourashava (GOB-IDB)/NSP (Phase-III)/VWS/Revenue Budget. |
| 3 | e-Tender ID | Description of work |
| 4 | 561344 | Construction of Pourashava Water Office at Muladi Pourashava in Barishal District under Urban Water Supply and Sanitation in 23 Pourashava in Bangladesh (GOB-IDB). |
| 5 | 561340 | Construction of 01 No. Community Toilet in Barishal District under National Sanitation Project (Phase-III). |
| 6 | 561339 | Construction of 03 Nos. Pond Sand Filter (PSF) at Different upazila in Barishal District under Village Water Supply Project. |
| 7 | 561342 | Installation of 50 Nos. Deep Tube Well with No. 6 Hand Pump at Different upazilla in Barishal District under Revenue Budget. |
| 8 | Name & designation of official inviting tender | Md. Moinul Hasan, Executive Engineer, DPHE, Barishal Division, Barishal-8200. |
| 9 | Contact details of official inviting tender | Tel. No. 0431-2174346/Fax No.-0431-2174384 e-mail: ee.barisal@dphe.gov.bd |
| 10 | This is online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd . | |

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Total to continue gas production in coup-hit Myanmar

AFP, Yangon

French energy giant Total will not halt gas production in coup-hit Myanmar, its chief said Sunday, despite growing calls for foreign companies to sever ties with the junta as it escalates a brutal crackdown on dissent.

Chief executive Patrick Pouyanne said Total had a duty to stay the course because gas it produces supplies electricity to millions in Yangon as well as western Thailand.

"Can a company like Total decide to cut off the electricity supply to millions of people -- and in so doing, disrupt the operation of hospitals, businesses?" he said in an interview with the Journal du Dimanche.

Pouyanne said he was "outraged by the repression" in Myanmar but would refuse to "act to the detriment of our local employees and the Burmese population who are already suffering so much."

"Hundreds have been killed in demonstrations since the military ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi on February 1, prompting widespread calls for foreign companies to halt operations that benefit the junta."

Italy's Benetton and Sweden's H&M have suspended all new orders from the country and French energy giant EDF suspended its activities, including a \$1.5-billion project to build a hydroelectric dam.

Demonstrations against the coup -- supported by a widespread strike by civil servants -- have crippled Myanmar's economy, leaving gas exports as one of the junta's main sources of revenue.

THE SECURITY PRINTING CORPORATION (BANGLADESH) LTD. (SPCBL)
GAZIPUR.

Amendment of E-tenders.

This is for information of all concerned that the following e-tenders of the Security Printing Corporation (Bangladesh) Ltd. (SPCBL), Gazipur are hereby amended as follows:

| Sl. No. | Names of the items | E-tender No. | Extended last date and time for submission of e-tender. | Extended last date & time for opening of e-tender. |
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| 01. | Supply of 500 reams CBS-1 Paper for printing MICR Cheque. | International re-e-tender No. 21/2020-2021 | Date : 05.05.2021 Time : up to 11.00 AM | Date : 05.05.2021 Time : at 11.15 AM |
| 02. | Repair and Renovation works of Security Fencing around Press Building at the SPCBL. | Local-e-tender No. 72/2020 | Date : 28.04.2021 Time : up to 11.00 AM | Date : 28.04.2021 Time : at 11.15 AM |

This is to mention here that the aforesaid e-tenders were postponed due to technical problem of the related e-tender system which has been solved and has been brought in live. In this situation, the intended tenderers are hereby requested to browse the website (<https://spcbletender.bb.org.bd>) of the SPCBL to participate in the related e-tender.

This Amendment will be treated as an integral part of the aforesaid e-tender schedule.

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ফেরিঘাট ইজারা কোটেশন আহবান বিজ্ঞপ্তি
(৯ম আহবান)

সড়ক ও জনপথ অধিদপ্তরের তালিকাভুক্ত ঠিকাদার/ঠিকাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং ইজারাদার/ইজারাদারী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে স্ব-স্ব লাইসেন্স-এর ক্ষমতা/অভিজ্ঞতা অনুযায়ী সীলমোহরকৃত খামে বাংলাদেশ ফরম নং-২৯১১-তে কোটেশন আহবান করা যাচ্ছে।

০১। ইজারা কোটেশন নং : ০২/বাসবি/২০২০-২০২১ (৯ম আহবান)।
০২। ইজারার বিবরণ : ২০২১-২০২২, ২০২২-২০২৩ ও ২০২৩-২০২৪ আর্থিক বৎসর (০১-০৭-২০২১ হতে ৩০/০৬/২০২৪খ্রিঃ তারিখ পর্যন্ত)-এর জন্য সড়ক বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট-এর অধীন খুলনা-মোলা জাতীয় মহাসড়কের দ্বিগরাজ হতে মোংলা বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের সড়কের শেষ প্রান্তে অর্থাৎ খুলনা-মোংলা (এন-৭) জাতীয় মহাসড়কের ৪২তম কিঃমিঃ-এ মোংলা ফেরিঘাট-এর ইজারাদার নিয়োগ।

০৩। ইজারা চুক্তির মেয়াদ : ৩ (তিন) অর্থ বৎসর (১০৯৬ দিন)।
০৪। ইজারা কোটেশনের সিডিউল : টাকা ৫০০০.০০ (পাঁচ হাজার টাকা) মাত্র।
মূল্য : উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (শতকরা দশ ভাগ) ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার আকারে।
০৫। ইজারা কোটেশন বিক্রয়ের : ১৮/০৪/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ বিকাল ৫.০০ পর্যন্ত।
০৬। মুখবন্দ অবস্থায় ইজারা : ১৯/০৪/২০২১খ্রিঃ তারিখ দুপুর ১২:৩০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত।
০৭। ইজারা ডাকে অংশগ্রহণের : ভ্যাট ও আয়কর সনদধারী প্রতিষ্ঠান/নাগরিক, সরকারি/বেসরকারি/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত সকল প্রতিষ্ঠানের ঠিকাদার।
০৮। যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা : বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, খুলনা বিভাগ, খুলনা/তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা সড়ক সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা/তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা ফেরি সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা/জেলা প্রশাসক, বাগেরহাট/পুলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, খুলনা/সাতক্ষীরা/বাগেরহাট/ফেরি বিভাগ, শিরোমনি, খুলনা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ প্রানিং বিভাগ-১, সড়ক ভবন, তেজগাঁও, ঢাকা/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ-১/২/বাগেরহাট/সহকারী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, ১ম সারি কারখানা উপ-বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট।
০৯। যে সকল কার্যালয়ে ইজারা : (ক) তত্ত্বাবধায়ক প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, খুলনা সড়ক সার্কেল, সড়ক ভবন, বয়রা, খুলনা। (খ) জেলা প্রশাসক, বাগেরহাট। (গ) পুলিশ সুপার, বাগেরহাট। (ঘ) নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, সওজ, সড়ক বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট।
১০। ইজারা কোটেশন খোলার স্থান, : স্থানঃ নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলীর কার্যালয়, সওজ, তারিখ ও সময় : সড়ক বিভাগ, বাগেরহাট। তারিখঃ ১৯/০৪/২০২১খ্রিঃ। সময়ঃ বেলা ০৩:৩০ ঘটিকা।
১১। ইজারা কোটেশন আহবানকারী যে কোন সময় কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন কোটেশন/সকল কোটেশন বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।
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