



Putin to miss Gorbachev's funeral

AFP, Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin will not attend the funeral of the last Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev due to scheduling issues, his spokesman said yesterday.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Putin had paid his last respects to Gorbachev at the hospital where he died on Tuesday, aged 91.

Gorbachev's funeral ceremony will be held tomorrow in the Moscow Hall of Columns, historically used for funeral services of high officials, including Joseph Stalin in 1953. The same day, Gorbachev will be buried at the Novodevichy cemetery in Moscow.

Gorbachev changed the course of history by triggering the demise of the Soviet Union. Gorbachev's death triggered an outpouring of tributes from the West but reaction was muted in Russia, where many blamed him for the loss of the country's status as a global superpower.

IMF agrees to \$2.9b bailout for Lanka

AFP, Colombo

Bankrupt Sri Lanka yesterday agreed a conditional \$2.9 billion bailout with International Monetary Fund negotiators, as the island nation seeks to overcome a bruising economic crisis that saw its president flee the country.

Months of acute food, fuel and medicine shortages, extended blackouts and runaway inflation have plagued the country after it ran out of dollars to finance even the most essential imports.

Sri Lanka has defaulted on its \$51 billion foreign debt and in July angry protesters stormed the home of then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, with the leader subsequently fleeing the island and issuing his resignation from Singapore.

"This is an important step in the history of our country," said successor President Ranil Wickremesinghe of the IMF deal.

"The beginning will be difficult. But we know as we go on, we can make more progress. It is our commitment that matters now."

The IMF board will need to ratify yesterday's staff agreement, which is conditional on the Sri Lankan government striking a deal with creditors to restructure its borrowings.

China -- Sri Lanka's biggest bilateral lender accounting for more than 10 percent of borrowings -- has so far not publicly shifted from its offer of issuing more

loans instead of taking a cut on outstanding loans.

The IMF's announcement of the \$2.9 billion package, spread over four years, is short of the \$3.4 billion sought by Sri Lanka.

The government welcomed the announcement but warned the public that painful economic reforms were still necessary.

"We will have to make major sacrifices," Prime Minister Dinesh



Gunawardena told parliament.

Financial analyst WA Wijewardena, a former central bank deputy governor, said the government would need to implement more painful reforms to secure funding.

He added that raising government revenue, currently one of the world's lowest, would be a serious challenge given the current state of the economy.

The central bank expects

a record eight percent GDP contraction this year, slightly below the IMF's forecast of 8.7 percent.

The IMF said Sri Lanka had agreed to increase revenues, remove subsidies, ensure a flexible exchange rate and rebuild its foreign reserves, which had hit rock bottom.

President Wickremesinghe, who took office after his predecessor fled, announced further tax hikes and sweeping reforms this week as

part of efforts to bring debt under control.

His government had already raised prices on fuel and electricity more than threefold and removed energy subsidies, a key precondition for the IMF bailout.

The coronavirus pandemic was a hammer blow to the island's tourism industry and dried up remittances from Sri Lankans working abroad -- both key foreign exchange earners.

Borrell hopeful on Iran nuclear deal in 'days'

AFP, Prague

The EU's foreign policy chief has voiced hope at reviving the Iran nuclear deal within days as Israel's leader, a strong opponent, made his case with US President Joe Biden.

The Biden administration is eager to restore the deal trashed by former president Donald Trump and says that Iran has backed down on some demands.

"I am hoping that in the coming days we are not going to lose this momentum and we can close the deal," top EU diplomat Josep Borrell said after an informal meeting of the bloc's foreign ministers in Prague.

In Washington, National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said the United States was also "cautiously optimistic," but declined to put a timeframe.

Iran's arch-rival Israel has stepped up pressure on Western nations to block the deal and is suspected in a shadowy campaign of sabotage and assassinations within Iran to set back the nuclear programme.

Prime Minister Yair Lapid spoke by telephone with Biden after visits to Washington both by Israel's defence minister and national security adviser, with its spy chief due next week.

Taiwan shoots down 'civilian' drone over tiny islet off China

AFP, Taipei

Taiwanese soldiers on a tiny islet just off China's mainland yesterday shot down an unidentified commercial drone as a local tycoon vowed to train millions of "civilian warriors" to defend the island. It is the first time Taiwanese forces have downed a drone, and it comes at a time when tensions between the two neighbours are at their highest in decades following a visit to Taipei last month by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Taiwan's 23 million people live under constant threat of invasion by China, which claims the self-ruled democratic island as part of its territory to be taken one day -- by force if necessary. Beijing staged unprecedented military drills last month in response to Pelosi's trip.

Greenhouse gas, sea levels hit new highs in 2021

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Earth's concentration of greenhouse gases and sea levels hit new highs in 2021, a US government report said Wednesday, showing that climate change keeps surging ahead despite renewed efforts to curb emissions. The US agency said that the concentration of greenhouse gas in the atmosphere stood at 414.7 parts per million in 2021, 2.3 parts higher than in 2020. The planet's sea levels rose for the 10th straight year, reaching a new record of 3.8 inches (97 millimeters) above the average in 1993 when satellite measurements began.



Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Project Director (ACE), RHD
Construction of Shitalakhya Bridge Project
(3rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project at Bandar Upazila, Narayanganj)
Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208
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Memo No. 35.01.2690.050.10.089.22-3594
Date: 01 September, 2022

RE-INVITATION FOR TENDER
for
Selection of Non Consulting Firm (National) for Inauguration Program management including all necessary preparation of 3rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project at Bandar Upazilla, Narayanganj

01.	Ministry / Division	:	Ministry of Roads Transport and Bridges/ Road Transport & Highways Division
02.	Agency	:	Roads and Highways Department
03.	Procuring Entity Name	:	Project Director (ACE), RHD
04.	Procuring Entity District	:	Dhaka
05.	Invitation for	:	Inauguration Program management including all necessary preparation of 3rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project at Bandar Upazilla, Narayanganj
06.	Invitation Ref No.	:	35.01.2690.050.10.089.22-3594
07.	Date	:	01 September, 2022
08.	Procurement Method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
09.	Budget and Source of Fund	:	Development Budget of GoB
10.	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	:	3 rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project at Bandar Upazilla, Narayanganj
11.	Tender Package No	:	SP-02/2022-23
12.	Tender Package Name	:	Inauguration Program management including all necessary preparation of 3rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project at Bandar Upazilla, Narayanganj
13.	Tender Publication Date	:	02 September, 2022
14.	Tender Last Selling Date	:	12 September, 2022, 03:00 pm (During Office Hours)
15.	Tender Submission Date & Time	:	13 September, 2022, 12:00 pm
16.	Tender Opening Date and Time	:	13 September, 12:30 pm
17.	- Name and Address of the office(s)	:	
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	:	Deputy Project Director (EE), RHD, 3 rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project, Part-A, Room # 202, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	:	Executive Engineer, RHD, Documentation and Procurement Division/ Planning Division-1, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
	- Receiving Tender Document	:	Deputy Project Director (EE), RHD, 3 rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project, Part-A, Room # 202, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
	- Opening Tender Document	:	Deputy Project Director (EE), RHD, 3 rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project, Part-A, Room # 202, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
18.	Eligibility of the Tenderer	:	a) The minimum number of years of general experience of the Tenderer in contracting industries in public sector as Prime Contractor/Sub Contractor/Management Contractor shall be 03 (three) years (years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper). b) The minimum specific experience as a Prime Contractor in providing non-Consultant Service of at least One Contract of similar nature, complexity and methods/technology (The tenderer must have the experience of accomplishing at least one government inauguration/any ceremony, inaugurated by Honourable Prime Minister of Bangladesh) completed over a period of three 03 (three) years (year counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper) with a value of at least Tk. 20 Lac shall be required. Specific experience in service providing under public sector of similar nature and size as stated above, substantiated by Completion Certificate (s) issued by the relevant Procuring Entity(s) shall be required. c) The required Average Annual Turnover of the Tenderer i.e. total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed under public sector for a period over the last three years (years counting backward from the date of publication of IFT in the newspaper) shall be at least of the amount of Tk. 55 Lac. d) Availability of minimum liquid assets i.e. working capital or credit line(s) from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh, net of other contractual commitments, shall be Tk. 35 Lac.
19.	Brief Description of Related Services	:	Inauguration Program management including all necessary preparation of 3rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project at Bandar Upazilla, Narayanganj
20.	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	:	2,000/- (Taka Two Thousand Only) (Non Refundable)
21.	Lot No.	:	Identification of Lot
	SP-02/2022-23	:	Inauguration Program management including all necessary preparation of 3rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project at Bandar Upazilla, Narayanganj
		:	Location
		:	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
		:	Completion Time in weeks/Months
		:	
22.	Name of the official inviting Tender	:	Shoab Ahmed
23.	Designation of the official inviting Tender	:	Project Director (ACE), RHD
24.	Address of official inviting Tender	:	3 rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project, Part-A, Room # 201, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka.
25.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	:	3 rd Shitalakhya Bridge Construction Project, Part-A, Room # 201, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka. Mob : 01730-782888
26.	(a) The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders and the whole process. (b) This Tender Notice is also Available in the Website of Roads and Highways Department (www.rhd.gov.bd)	:	

01.09.2022
(Shoab Ahmed)
ID No. 000423
Project Director (ACE), RHD

EDCL ESSENTIAL DRUGS COMPANY LIMITED
395-397, Tejgaon Industrial Area
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EDCL invites Two Envelope System International Tender for Supply of Pharmaceutical Raw & Packing Material on C&F© Dhaka By Air and Chittagong by Sea Basis:-

S.L No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Items	Cost of Tender Schedule	Last date of Closing & Opening
1	IMP/RM/SEM/13/2022-2023 dated 01/09/2022	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. White Bee's Wax BP 02. Cefradine (Sterile Micronised) USP 03. Omeprazole Enteric Coated Pellets (Assay 22.5%) USP 04. Benzyl Benzoate BP 05. Diclofenac Sodium (Injectable Grade) BP 06. Enteric Coating Material Pink Opadry 91S54902 Ph. Gr. or equivalent	Tk. 1,600.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 17.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 22/09/2022 At 11:00 AM Opening : 22/09/2022 at 11.15 AM
2	IMP/RM/SEM/14/2022-2023 dated 01/09/2022	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Sodium Saccharin BP 02. Microcrystalline Cellulose & Carboxymethyl Cellulose Sodium USNF (Avicel RC 591) BP 03. Fluconazole USP 04. Maize Starch BP	Tk. 1800.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 19.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 25/09/2022 At 11:00 AM Opening : 25/09/2022 at 11:15 AM
3	IMP/RM/SEM/15/2022-2023 dated 01/09/2022	Pharmaceutical Raw Materials: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. Magnesium Stearate BP 02. Sodium Starch Glycolate BP 03. Sodium Benzoate BP 04. Ciprofloxacin Lactate INN/BP 05. Cofradine Micronised BP 06. Montelukast Sodium USP	Tk. 1650.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 17.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 27/09/2022 At 11:00 AM Opening : 27/09/2022 at 11.15 AM
4	IMP/PM/SEM/16/2022-2023 dated 01/09/2022	Pharmaceutical Packing Material: (specification as per tender schedule): 01. 100 ml Round Amber Glass Bottle (Neck Size : 25mm) 02. 70 ml Round Amber Glass Bottle (Neck Size: 25mm) 03. 26 ml Round Amber Glass Bottle (Neck Size: 22mm)	Tk. 2300.00/set Equivalent to US\$ 24.00 Non-refundable	Closing : 28/09/2022 At 11.00 AM Opening : 28/09/2022 at 11:15 AM

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays), No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender. The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money in the form of Bank Draft/Pay Order/Bank Guarantee from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Co. Ltd." without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive. EDCL authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

N.B: This Information is also available at our Website : www.edcl.gov.bd

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Procurement
For : Managing Director.