



A handout picture released by the Egyptian Presidency's official Facebook yesterday shows Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi (3rd R) riding a bicycle on the sidelines of the COP27 climate conference, in Egypt's Red Sea resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh. PHOTO: AFP

Renewables help climate, security

Experts tell COP27 summit as Russia's war in Ukraine forces short-term scramble for fossil fuels

AFP, Sharm el Sheikh

Russia's war in Ukraine has forced a short-term scramble for fossil fuels but the rise of solar, wind and other clean energies is "unstoppable", the head of International Renewable Energy Agency told AFP.

Speaking at the UN COP27 climate summit in Egypt, Francesco La Camera said market forces now all but ensure renewables will keep growing fast - but also warned that the pace will need to double to prevent a climate catastrophe.

The Ukraine war has led to a serious energy supply crunch and oil and gas price spikes that have forced especially European countries to quickly search for new suppliers as they head into winter.

"In the short term, this will have an impact," said La Camera, director general of IRENA.

"But in the medium and long term, there is no other way than to accelerate decarbonisation. Because ultimately renewables are not only good for the climate, jobs, GDP, but are a real way to ensure energy independence."

Nato chief Jens Stoltenberg also highlighted the strategic aspect of a shift away from dependency on Russia and other oil and gas suppliers to clean and safe renewables.

Russia's "use of energy as a weapon", he said, "is a stark reminder of the need to transition from dependence on fossil fuels to renewables, because that will make us less dependent on Russian gas and Russian oil".

Helping Nato allies and countries everywhere shift to green power will

not just help mitigate global warming, he said, but will also "be good for our security".

As delegates meet in Egypt, US President Joe Biden was assessing the likely election loss of the House of Representatives to the Republicans, many of whom are hostile to his climate policies.

But La Camera said he saw no danger of the United States backsliding in Biden's push to expand clean energies.

"The market is the engine," he said. "The market is already saying clearly that we are moving toward a system based on renewables and complemented by hydrogen, mainly



green. No one can stop this progress."

Even under ex-president Donald Trump, "coal-fired power plants were already closing in the United States," said La Camera.

"The question is not where we are going but how fast and at what scale."

IRENA calculated in a report published for COP27 that the energy transition is not yet on track to meet the Paris Agreement goals of keeping global warming well below two degrees Celsius and preferable at 1.5 degrees compared to the pre-industrial era.

Surge of fossil fuel lobbyists at COP27

Say watchdogs

AFP, Sharm el Sheikh

Fossil fuel lobbyists have flooded UN climate talks in Egypt, a report by watchdog groups said yesterday, as calls grow at the summit for a windfall tax on oil majors' bumper profits.

More than 600 lobbyists from some of the world's biggest polluters have registered to the climate talks in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, up 25 percent from last year, the analysis by groups including Global Witness and Corporate Accountability found.

They said that is more than the number of lobbyists from the 10 most climate-affected countries combined.

"There's been a lot of lip service paid to this being the so-called African COP, but how are you going to address the dire climate impacts on the continent when the fossil fuel delegation is larger than that of any African country?" said Phillip Jakpor of Corporate Accountability.

The groups scoured the official list of registered participants looking for those either directly affiliated with oil and gas companies, or people who are attending as part of delegations that "act on behalf of the fossil fuel industry".

Last year at the UN climate meeting in Glasgow, they counted 503 fossil fuel lobbyists registered.

GOP closes in on US House majority

Senate still up for grabs

REUTERS, Washington

Republicans edged closer yesterday to securing a majority in the US House of Representatives while control of the Senate hinged on a few tight races, two days after Democrats staved off an anticipated "red wave" of Republican gains in midterm elections.

Republicans have captured at least 210 House seats, Edison Research projected, eight short of the 218 needed to wrest the House away from Democrats and effectively halt President Joe Biden's legislative agenda.

While Republicans remain favored, there were 33 House contests yet to be decided - including 21 of the 53 most competitive races, based on a Reuters analysis of the leading nonpartisan forecasters - likely ensuring the final outcome will not be determined for some time.

The fate of the Senate was far less certain. Either party could seize control by winning too-close-to-call races in Nevada and Arizona, where officials are tallying thousands of uncounted ballots.

The party in power historically suffers heavy casualties in a president's first midterm election and Tuesday's results suggested voters were punishing Biden for the steepest inflation in 40 years.

But Democrats were able to avoid the major defeat that Republicans had anticipated and were holding on in the close Senate battles in Nevada and Arizona.

A split in the Senate vote would mean the majority would come down to a runoff election in Georgia for the second time in two years.



RIISING COST OF LIVING IN UK

1 lakh civil servants vote to join strikes


AFP, London

Some 100,000 UK civil servants yesterday voted to strike, in the latest industrial action to hit a country wracked by a cost-of-living crisis. More than half of members of the Public and Commercial Services (PCS) union working in 126 employer areas including in the Home Office, Department for Transport and Department for Work and Pensions voted to strike, exceeding the 50 percent threshold needed to trigger a walkout. "The government must look at the huge vote for strike action across swathes of the civil service and realise it can no longer treat its workers with contempt," said PCS General Secretary Serwotka.

Taliban ban women from parks in Kabul

AFP, Kabul

The Taliban have banned Afghan women from entering the capital's public parks and fountains, just months after ordering access to be segregated by gender. The new rule, introduced this week, further squeezes women out of an ever-shrinking public space that already sees them banned from traveling without a male escort and forced to wear a hijab or burqa whenever out of the home. "For the past 15 months, we tried our best to arrange and sort it out - and even specified the days," said Akif Sadeq Mohajir, spokesman for Ministry for the Prevention of Vice and Promotion of Virtue.



Bangladesh Bank

Expenditure Management Department-2
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Invitation for e-Tender Through Web

Tender No. EMD-2(DST):15/2/2022-001 Date: 09/11/2022

Tenders through electronic media (e-Tenders) are invited from the bonafide Contractors/Firm/Authorized Suppliers for their Local Agent/Distributors/reputed Manufacture's for supply of 3000 Packets (500 sheets in each Packet) of Local Offset Paper (80 GSM) A4 Size and 1500 Packets (500 sheets in each Packet) of Local Offset Paper (80 GSM) Legal Size for Bangladesh Bank Head Office, Dhaka.


Necessary information are given below:

01	Procuring entity	:	Expenditure Management Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka-1000.
02	Source of fund	:	Bangladesh Bank's own fund.
03	Tender No.	:	EMD-2(DST):15/2/2022-001 Dated: 09/11/2022
04	Method of procurement	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM), e-Tendering
05	Bidders eligibility	:	This tender is open to all eligible manufacturers of Bangladesh who have: i) Business experience of 05 (five) years of specific on Supply of Local offset Paper (80 GSM) (Work completion certificate must be submitted). ii) Work completion certificate is needed for minimum Taka 15.00 (fifteen) lac in a single contract by supplying Offset Paper (80 GSM) in any bank/financial institute/govt./semi-govt. office of Bangladesh during the last 5 (five) years. The tenderers have to furnish certificate in this respect from officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer of equivalent. iii) Minimum liquid assets/credit facilities shall be Taka 18.00 (eighteen) lac only. In case of credit facilities Bank ensures that the above mentioned credit limits will be given if the said work is awarded to the manufacturers. Tenderers shall have to fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet & other terms and conditions of the Tender Documents.
06	Website address	:	www.bangladesh-bank.org (e-Tender)
07	Name and address of the office receiving tender security and other documentary evidence	:	Director (EMD-2), Expenditure Management Department-2 (7th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka.
08	Last date and time for submission of tender document through web	:	27/11/2022 up to 2:45pm.
09	Last date and time for receiving original tender security & tender submission letter	:	27/11/2022 within 3:00pm
10	Date, time and place for tender opening	:	All tenders will be opened at Expenditure Management Department-2 (7th floor of 30-storied Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka on 27/11/2022 at 03:30pm (Intending tenderers or their authorized representatives are allowed to attend the tender opening with authorization letter).
11	Specification of the local offset paper	:	Type: Legal Size (80gms) & A-4 Size (80 gms) Local Brand. White, Flossy & Standard Size, Produce in Bangladesh.
12	Brief description of works/supply of specification	:	Supply of 3000 Packets (500 sheets in each Packet) of Local offset Paper (80 GSM) A4 Size and 1500 Packets (500 sheets in each Packet) of Local Offset Paper (80 GSM) Legal Size for Bangladesh Bank Head Office, Dhaka.
13	Country of origin	:	Bangladesh
14	Time for completion of the works	:	Maximum 20 (twenty) days from the date of issue of a single Work Order.
15	Tender security	:	Taka 55,000.00 (Taka fifty-five thousand) only in the form of PO/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee in favor of Director (EMD-2), Expenditure Management Department-2, Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka, scanned copy of Tender Security document should be submitted with the tender through web.
16	Special instructions	:	i) The tenderer should submit up-to-date trade license, income tax certificate (e-TIN with tax clearance certificate-2019-20), VAT registration certificate, bank solvency certificate & experience certificate etc. ii) The tenderer should submit tender and scanned copy of documentary evidence through Bangladesh Bank website (e-Tendering) & must have valid e-mail address for participation through e-Tendering. iii) If the tender is not submitted through online or incomplete, defective or without tender security will not be considered. iv) Original PO/Bank Guarantee as Tender Security must be reached at Director, Expenditure Management Department-2, as per stipulated date and time of TDS. v) Tenderer should submitted attested documentary evidence etc. (attested or original whichever necessary) when requested, failing which the Tender may be considered as non-responsive. vi) Tenderer shall duly fill in the Form G-1 (Tender Submission Letter) and Form G-4 (Tenderer Information) as per format given in Tender Document. vii) G-1 Form should be completed and signed by the Authorized Signatory on the Letterhead Pad, attached by scanning during submitting tender and original will send with signed Tender & attached documentary evidence to Expenditure Management Department-2 at scheduled time as per TDS. viii) Collect Sample from Expenditure Management Department-2, Dead Stock & Stationery Section (7th floor of 2nd Annex Building), Bangladesh Bank, Head Office, Dhaka. ix) Submission of Tender after the specified time shall not be acceptable under any circumstances. x) Bangladesh Bank authority is not bound to accept the lowest Tender. xi) All sort of security & safety measures must be carried out by the Manufacturers during execution of the work. xii) Minimum 01(one) Packet of A4 size and 01 (one) Packet of legal size paper have to submit as sample to this Department (EMD-2) before Tender. xiii) Furnishing of any false, misleading documents may result in rejection of tender and may lead to action under Reg. 127 of PPR-2008. xiv) Bangladesh Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever. No claims will be entertained in this regard. xv) Supply of Product can be received partially in separate work order if necessary & bill also be paid as per supply.

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Tender for Goods (Single Lot)

Ref. No: 17.00.0000.057.70.006.22-276 Dated: 10/11/2022

1	Procurement Method/ Document	Open Tendering Method under Framework, National		
2	Source of Funds	Revenue Budget (Government)		
3	Tender Package No.	ICT GR5		
4	Tender Package Name	Maintenance of ICT Equipment under Framework Agreement		
5	Tender Publication Date	10/11/2022		
6	Tender Last Selling Date	27/11/2022		
7	Tender Closing Date and Time	28/11/2022 at 02:00 PM		
8	Tender Opening Date and Time	28/11/2022 at 02:30 PM		
9	Pre Tender Meeting	17/11/2022 at 12:00 PM		
9	Place for Pre Tender Meeting	Conference Room (Room-520), Nirbachan Bhaban, Agargaon		
10	Name and Address of the Office(s)	Selling Tender Document: Maintenance Engineer, Room- 607, Election Commission Secretariat, Nirbachan Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka Receiving Tender Document & Opening Tender Document: System Manager, Room- 601, Election Commission Secretariat, Nirbachan Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka		
11	Eligibility of Tender	Tenderer Fulfilling the conditions lying in the tender document.		
12	Brief Description of Goods and Related Service	Lot 1: Desktop, UPS, Projector, Laptop, Scanner, Printer Maintenance Lot 2: Queue Management System Maintenance		
13	Tender Document Price	Taka 1000/- (One thousand only)		
14	Lot No	Identification	Location	Tender Security
	1	Desktop, UPS, Projector, Laptop, Scanner, Printer Maintenance	Dhaka	40,000.00 (Forty thousand) only
	2	Queue Management System Maintenance	Dhaka	4,000.00 (Four thousand) only
				1 (one) week from the call of order
15	Name of Official Inviting Tender and Designation	Md. Iqbal Zavid Maintenance Engineer		
16	Address of Official Inviting Tender with Contact Details	Room- 607, Election Commission Secretariat, Nirbachan Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka, Tel. 55007603, E-mail: ikbal@ecs.gov.bd		
17	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings			

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