

# Saif Powertec signs MoU with Kolkata port

Will facilitate movement of cargo to north-eastern Indian states

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chattogram

Saif Powertec Limited, a local provider of logistics and container supply chain management services, has agreed to facilitate the transport of goods from mainland India to remote north-eastern states of the neighbouring nation.

Saif Powertec yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to this end with Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, a statutory body of the Indian government responsible for operating Kolkata port.

The move comes in a bid to reduce the time and cost of transporting cargo from mainland India to north-eastern states of the country by cutting through Bangladesh mainly using Chattogram port.

In addition, the MoU aims to promote bilateral trade by providing a one-stop solution using multimodal transport via land, sea and river routes, according to a press release.

Tarafder Md Ruhul Amin,

managing director of Saif Powertec, said they would deploy two ships in February next year to transport cargo from Kolkata to seaports in Bangladesh.

“We will then transport the cargo under our supervision to the north-eastern part of India,” Amin added after signing the contract in Kolkata.

India is eager to begin regular cargo transits using seaports in Bangladesh as the land route between Kolkata and key cities in northeast states is more than 1,200 kilometres.

As such, using the Chattogram and Mongla ports for transiting goods will cut the distance to a great extent while also reducing costs, Amin said.

Bangladesh and India had previously signed an “Agreement on the use of Chattogram and Mongla Ports for Movement of Goods to and from India” in 2018.

Meanwhile, a Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for implementing

the agreement was later signed on October 5 the following year.

As per the SoP, goods that reach Chattogram and Mongla would be carried by four road, rail, and water routes to the Indian land ports in Tripura, Meghalaya and Assam.

So far, five trial runs for transiting Indian goods between Kolkata, Assam and Meghalaya using the Chattogram and Mongla seaports have been completed.

In April this year, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) issued a standing order regarding the transshipment of Indian goods under the agreement.

Amin said Saif Powertec plans to set up an office in Kolkata to facilitate the transit of cargo from the supplier's door to consignee's end through ports of Kolkata, Chattogram and Mongla.

“This will save time and cost, benefiting people of India's northeast. Bangladesh will also get revenue from the multimodal transport,” he added.



PHOTO: AB BANK

Talukder Abdul Khaleque, mayor of Khulna City Corporation, attends an agricultural loan distribution programme organised by AB Bank at Tiger Garden International Hotel, Khulna recently. The bank disbursed agricultural loans to over 1,500 small and marginal farmers through smart cards. Tarique Afzal, managing director of the bank, presided over the programme where SM Hasan Reza, executive director of Bangladesh Bank Khulna office, and Mohan Kumar Ghosh, additional director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Khulna, were present.



Shafiuddin Ahmed, deputy managing director of Union Bank, cuts a ribbon to virtually inaugurate the Noboday sub-branch of the bank at Adabor in Dhaka from its head office in Gulshan yesterday. Md Golam Mostafa, senior executive vice-president of the bank, Alauddin Al Azad, president of Noboday Multipurpose Co-operative Samiti, and Shafiqul Islam, managing director of Momen Touch Properties, were present.

PHOTO: UNION BANK

## Tk 60,000cr contracts awarded

FROM PAGE B1  
was one-third for Cumilla and Narayanganj.

The Chattogram City Corporation topped the list with approximately 62.70 percent of contracts being awarded through the single bid procurement, followed by Dhaka South City Corporation at 55.21 percent.

The TIB recommended that all

high-value contracts be expeditiously included in the e-tendering process.

The present practice of price caps in OTM and LTM should be abandoned to ensure transparency and optimal value for money, it said, calling for rigorous scrutiny for procuring entities with a high incidence of single bidding.

“All procuring entities as well as the Central Procurement Technical

Unit should place high priority on adopting and enforcing specific procedural measures to enhance competition.”

It said the opportunity created by e-GP to promote a transparent, accountable, fair, competitive, and corruption-free procurement system should be regularly monitored and upgraded by implementing data-driven analysis for decision-making.

raises the price of products.”

Fixing the forward forex rate is a good initiative because banks will not be able to impose different rates for forward forex trading, said a senior official of a business group based in Chattogram.

Industry insiders say that the central bank fixed the forward rate because almost all banks are now trading US dollars on a forward basis despite the BAFEDA and the ABB

fixing the rate of American greenback every month since last year.

On Sunday, the Bangladesh Foreign Exchange Dealers Association (BAFEDA) and the Association of Bankers, Bangladesh (ABB) decided to buy the US dollar at Tk 110 and sell them at Tk 110.50.

The new rates came into effect yesterday. But most of the banks are not following the rate due to a shortage of the currency.

## BB fixes forward forex rate

FROM PAGE B1  
“It has been happening for a long time as banks do not have adequate US dollars,” he said.

BSM Group Chairman Abul Bashir Chowdhury, however, thinks banks should impose the US dollar rate in a compliant way.

“When different banks impose different rates, there is a chance to create unhealthy competition among businesspeople, which ultimately

Bangladesh's economy fared better compared to others, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal told the event.

The GDP and investment to GDP ratio are rising and inflation had been contained up until the start of the Russia-Ukraine war. However, remittance earnings are falling although more and more peoples are going abroad every year, he said.

“We have failed to keep the momentum of remittance earnings so the expected earnings have not come,” he said.


Kamal requested identifying



reforms to raise remittance earnings, saying solely this could solve the country's problems over foreign exchange and eventually other macroeconomic problems.


Strong PFM systems ensure effective and efficient service delivery and good governance, said Abdoulaye Seck, the World Bank's country director for Bangladesh and Bhutan.

He spoke of six dimensions needed in PFM – transparency and accountability, inclusivity, sustainability, innovation and technology, capacity building, and global partnership.

stay updated with

  
@  
www.thedailystar.net

  /dailystarnews



**Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at INMAS Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron Facilities at INMP, Savar**  
Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission  
4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000

**Invitation for International Tender Notice**

Phone: 88-02-22365012  
Fax: 88-02-58617946  
Web: www.baec.gov.bd

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH						
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science and Technology				
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC)				
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS) Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron Facilities at Institute of Nuclear Medical Physics (INMP), Savar – Project, BAEC				
4.	Procuring Entity Code	131005700				
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka				
6.	Invitation for	Goods				
7.	Invitation Ref No.	39.01.2672.278.07.042.23-1016				
8.	Date	24.09.2023				
KEY INFORMATION						
9.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)	Multiple Packages			
FUNDING INFORMATION						
10.	Budget and Source of Funds	GOB (Development)				
11.	Development Partners	None				
PARTICULAR INFORMATION						
12.	Project / Programme Code	224237700				
13.	Project / Programme Name	Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at INMAS Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron Facilities at INMP, Savar – Project				
14.	Tender Package No.	Package 01, Package 02, Package 03				
15.	Tender Package Name	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of Reagent for running cyclotron [1 Unit => O-18 (Enriched water) for Irradiation of Cyclotron (1 Unit = 20 container)] and FDG Kit (1 Unit = 100 vial); HIS, RIS & Client Server IT Technology for PET-CT image transfer and manipulation in Nuclear Medical Physics with provision of expanding into the campus and Cancer Cell Research Lab Setup (CCRL).				
16.	Tender Publication Date	26.09.2023				
17.	Tender Last Selling Date	07.11.2023				
18.	Tender Closing Date and Time	08.11.2023, 01.00 p.m.				
19.	Tender Opening Date and Time	08.11.2023, 01.30 p.m.				
20.	Name & Address of the office(s)	Office of the Project Director, Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at INMAS Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron Facilities at INMP, Savar, BAEC, 4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.				
Selling Tender Document		Chief Accounts Officer (Project) Atomic Energy Centre, 4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.				
Receiving Tender Document		Committee Room, Atomic Energy Centre, 4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.				
Opening Tender Document		Committee Room, Atomic Energy Centre, 4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.				
21.	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	N/A				
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER						
22.	Eligibility of Tenderer	(i) Current year trade license (ii) Up-to-date income tax clearing certificate (iii) Up-to-date IRC & ERC license (iv) Up-to-date VAT registration certificate (v) Manufacturers authorization certificate and (vi) Experience in supplying of HIS, RIS & Client Server IT Technology for PET-CT image transfer and manipulation in Nuclear Medical Physics with provision of expanding into the campus (for package 02) in Govt. hospital over the last 10 years.				
23.	Brief Description of Goods	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of Reagent for running cyclotron [1 Unit => O-18 (Enriched water) for Irradiation of Cyclotron (1 Unit = 20 container)] and FDG Kit (1 Unit = 100 vial); HIS, RIS & Client Server IT Technology for PET-CT image transfer and manipulation in Nuclear Medical Physics with provision of expanding into the campus and Cancer Cell Research Lab Setup (CCRL).				
24.	Brief Description of Related Services	Necessary Civil and Electrical related works if required				
25.	Price of Tender Document	Tk. 4000/- (Taka four thousand) only per set (Non refundable)				
26.	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender Security Amount		
	01	Supply and Testing of Reagent for running cyclotron [1 Unit => O-18 (Enriched water) for Irradiation of Cyclotron (1 Unit = 20 container)] and FDG Kit (1 Unit = 100 vial)	INMAS Mymensingh BAEC & INMAS Chattogram BAEC & INMP Savar BAEC	BDT 18,00,000/- (Taka eighteen lac only) or equivalent USD/EURO  In the form of Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee in favor of "Project Director, Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at INMAS, Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron facilities at INMP, Savar".		
	02	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of HIS, RIS & Client Server IT Technology for PET-CT image transfer and manipulation in Nuclear Medical Physics with provision of expanding into the campus with associate accessories at INMP, Savar.	INMP Savar BAEC	BDT 16,00,000/- (Taka sixteen lac only) or equivalent USD/EURO  In the form of Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee in favor of "Project Director, Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at INMAS, Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron facilities at INMP, Savar".		
	03	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Testing of Cancer Cell Research Lab Setup (CCRL) at INMP, Savar.	INMP Savar BAEC	BDT 28,00,000/- (Taka twenty eight lac only) or equivalent USD/EURO  In the form of Pay Order/ Bank Guarantee in favor of "Project Director, Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at INMAS, Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron facilities at INMP, Savar".		
				Completion Time in Months		
				06 (six) months from the date of LC opening		
				06 (six) months from the date of LC opening		
				06 (six) months from the date of LC opening		
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS						
27.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Dr. M Monjur Ahasan				
28.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director				
29.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Establishment of Cyclotron & PET-CT at INMAS Mymensingh & Chattogram and Cyclotron Facilities at INMP, Savar- Project, 4 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbag, Dhaka-1000.				
30.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel. No.	Fax No.	e-mail		
		88-02-22365012	88-02-58617946	monjur_ahasan@yahoo.co.uk		
31.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. This tender shall be governed by "The Public Procurement Act 2006 and The Public Procurement Regulations 2008".					
Project Director						

Project Director