

Govt asked to help boost solar energy use

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

A parliamentary body has asked the government to offer tax- and duty-free benefits to all solar accessories in the next budget to encourage faster expansion of green energy, its chairman said at a discussion in Dhaka yesterday.

"Our existing energy sources will deplete in the years to come. So, we will have to go for solar energy," said Subid Ali Bhuiyan, chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on ministry of power, energy and mineral resources.

"It will be a sustainable solution in the long run even though it requires big investment," he said at the discussion at Cirdap auditorium.

Bhuiyan made the recommendation ahead of the upcoming budget,

which is expected to give priority to the power sector.

He said more than five lakh solar home systems (SHS) have been installed in the country since 2003. These units are generating over 35MW of electricity, he added.

"Solar energy is the solution although we can't do many things with it," he said. "A building should also be run by such energy."

Centre for Development Research, Bangladesh (CDRB) and a real estate magazine, Abashan, co-organised the programme focusing on the need for installing SHS in high-rise buildings.

CDRB Chairman Mizanur Rahman Shelley chaired the event.

The discussants said Bangladesh enjoys advantage in receiving solar energy over such countries as Germany

and England. By utilising such energy, the country can meet part of its demand for electricity.

They said solar energy can be used for meeting the electricity demand of the buildings and for other purposes -- security and emergency lighting, water pumping and heating and street lighting.

The government should encourage the use of solar energy and can charge the solar energy users lower electricity tariff, said Asma Huque, managing director of Prokaushali Sangsad Ltd, a real estate consultancy firm.

"Initial investment for installing solar energy system is very high. We should look at cost effectiveness," said MS Shekil Chowdhury, director of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Toyota to recall Lexus models

ANN/THE YOMIURI SHIMBUN

Toyota Motor Corp. is preparing to recall four models of its high-end Lexus brand sold in Japan due to safety problems in its electronic steering control system, The Yomiuri Shimbun has learned.

According to sources, flaws in the computerized system can prevent the steering wheel from returning to the original position for a few seconds after the vehicle has turned a corner.

The land, infrastructure, transport and tourism ministry has received 12 complaints from Toyota customers concerning malfunctions with the electronic steering system since March.

The recall comes just six months after the vehicles were rolled out, and likely will reignite concerns over the safety of Toyota vehicles following massive global recalls in recent months.

The system, called the Variable Gear-Ratio Steering system, automatically modifies how much the steering wheel turns and the reaction of the wheels, depending on vehicle speed and other conditions. For example, when a vehicle travels at about 20 kph, the system can change the direction of the wheels with only a slight turn of the steering wheel. The faster the vehicle travels, the less the wheels change direction.

Boutiques demand easy tax rules

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Top boutiques that grouped together as Fashion Entrepreneurs Association of Bangladesh yesterday demanded the government take steps to safeguard the local fashion industry.

They urged the government to withdraw VAT (value added tax) on house rents to help them cope with the competitive market.

The boutiques pay 1.5 percent VAT on sales. On top of that, the government imposed a 15 percent VAT on the rents of commercial spaces, which increased the costs of business, said Monira Emdad, convener of the association and owner of Tangail Sari Kutir.

"This erodes our competitiveness against imported products, as we have to struggle to keep prices reasonable."

Monira was speaking at a press meet at the Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium to introduce the new association.

Monira also urged the government to tax and VAT rules for this sector that has been promoting local handlooms by employing rural craftsmen for years.

Boutiques have matured to cater to

the styling needs of people by making corporate formals to casuals to bridal collections.

The top boutique entrepreneurs formed a 19-member committee on April 10, said Azharul Haque Azad, member secretary of the association and owner of boutique Sadakalo.

Sector leaders such as Kay Kraft, Bibiana, Onnomela, Nipun, Sadakalo, Deshal, Anjans, Rang and Banglar Mela are on the committee. The association has 150 members.

In a written statement, Azad said: "The objective of our association is to create a business-friendly environment for boutiques and ensure betterment of the community involved with this industry, including entrepreneurs, weavers, and relevant organisations."

Nearly 50 lakh people are directly involved in the local fashion industry, where around 5,000 boutiques operate. The market size of the industry stands at nearly Tk 5,000 crore a year.

Ashrafur Rahman, managing director of Nipun Ltd, and Alauddin Ahmed, president of Silk Manufacturers and Exporters Association of Bangladesh, also spoke.



Sabbir Hossain, second from right, chief executive officer of MALA's, an Indian jam manufacturer, launches the company's products at a programme at Basundhara City in Dhaka on Friday.

Importers seek change in handset import duty

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Mobile importers yesterday urged the government to fix import duty on each handset at Tk 100, saying the existing tax structure encourages traders to dodge import taxes.

In line with the current budget, handset importers have to pay 12 percent duty on the value of a handset.

The appeal for a change in the duty structure came from a roundtable co-organised by Bangladesh Mobile Phone Importers Association (BMPIA) and Dhanshiri Communications at Spectra Convention Centre in Dhaka.

The fast-growing mobile market requires 7.5 lakh mobile sets a month, of which, 5.6 lakh are imported through legal channels, according to BMPIA.

As of March, the six mobile phone operators added 54.7 million customers to their networks. The mobile penetration rate is around 34 percent.

Hasanul Haq Inu, chairman of the

parliamentary standing committee on posts and telecommunication ministry, said: "The government is losing revenues due to the present tax structure."

The current budget does not reflect anything special in favour of the information and communication industry by which the government can achieve its goal to make Digital Bangladesh by 2021, he said.

The import of mobile handsets through illegal channels, such as in travel luggage, is a common practice in Bangladesh.

Inu said it was a "conspiracy" by the National Board of Revenue and some other government agencies to slap huge taxes on technology.

He suggested that the government cut taxes on technology down to tolerable level.

Also, Inu recommended a complete waiver of taxes on mobile sets and SIMs (subscriber identity modules).

But AB Mirza Azizul Islam, former caretaker government adviser, differed with Inu and said taxes on mobile handsets and SIMs should be reduced, but "not be waived completely".

In the current budget, the government has taken some steps to develop the ICT sector, which should continue through the next fiscal year, he added.

Mostofa Rafiqul Islam, acting president of BMPIA, said: "Duty on the value of a handset allows importers to dodge government revenues."

"Handset prices fluctuate on the global market. So, it is difficult to fix the duty based on prices," he said.

With the current tax structure in place, the number of imported mobiles was 44 lakh in the first eight months of the current fiscal year. In 2008-09, traders imported 64 lakh handsets.

Shomi Kaisar, managing director of Dhanshiri Communications, moderated the roundtable.

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সূত্র সং-বাস-স্থাপক (সংস্করণ)/১১০ মেগাওয়াট সিআইবি/২৪/২০১০/২০১০
তারিখ- ১০/০৫/২০১০ইং

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১।	বিভাগ / মালিকানা	১।	বিদ্যুৎ বিদ্যুৎ, বিদ্যুৎ স্থাপনা ও বিনিয়োগ সম্পন্ন মন্ত্রণালয়।
২।	প্রকল্প / প্রকল্প	১।	ইলেকট্রিসিটি কোম্পানি লিমিটেড এবং বাংলাদেশ সিআইবি
৩।	সম্প্রদায়িক স্থান	১।	সিআইবি ২১০ মেগাওয়াট তাপ বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র, ইলেকট্রিসিটি সিআইবি, নারায়ণগঞ্জ-১৪০০।
৪।	সম্প্রদায়িক স্থান	১।	নারায়ণগঞ্জ।
৫।	ইলেকট্রিসিটি সিস্টেম	১।	২১০ মেগাওয়াট সিআইবি এবং বাস-স্থাপক (সংস্করণ) দপ্তরে কাজকর্ম পরিচালনা পোশাক, ছুতা ও ছাত্র সরঞ্জাম করা।
৬।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির সূত্র নং	১।	সং-বাস-স্থাপক (সংস্করণ)/১১০ মেগাওয়াট সিআইবি/২৪/২০১০/২০১০
৭।	তারিখ	১।	১০/০৫/২০১০ইং।

KEY INFORMATION:

৮।	সম্প্রদায়িক পদ্ধতি	১।	উন্মুক্ত পদ্ধতি (OTM)
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FUNDING INFORMATION:

৯।	বাজেট ও অর্থ উৎস	১।	ইলেকট্রিসিটি এবং বিদ্যুৎ উৎস।
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION:

১০।	পাওয়ার লাইন	১।	২১০ মেগাওয়াট সিআইবি এবং বাস-স্থাপক (সংস্করণ) দপ্তরে কাজকর্ম পরিচালনা পোশাক, ছুতা ও ছাত্র সরঞ্জাম করা।
১১।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির প্রস্তুতি তারিখ	১।	১০/০৫/২০১০ইং
১২।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির শেষ তারিখ	১।	০৬/০৬/২০১০ইং (অন্তিম দায়িত্বের সময়)
১৩।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির প্রস্তুতি ও সময়	১।	০৬/০৬/২০১০ইং (কুঠি ১২-০০ টি পর্যন্ত)
১৪।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির প্রস্তুতি ও সময়	১।	০৬/০৬/২০১০ইং, দুপুর ১২-০০ ঘটিকা উপরিতল মন্ত্রণালয়ের সম্মুখে (যদি কেউ উপস্থিত থাকেন)।
১৫।	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	১।	সিআইবি
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INFORMATION FOR TENDERER:

১৯।	প্রিন্সিপাল অফিস	১।	প্রকল্প পরিচালনার পরিচালক/সহকারী।
২০।	অফিসের নাম ও ঠিকানা	১।	ইলেকট্রিসিটি এবং বিদ্যুৎ উৎস।
২১।	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির সূত্র (টাকা)	১।	৫০০/- (পাঁচ শত) টাকা মাত্র। অফিসে দরপত্র বাজার হলে বাজার টেন্ডারিং-বর্তী (অফিসের) অফিসে উপ-পরিচালক (হিসাব), অফিস, সিআইবি, নারায়ণগঞ্জ এবং অনুলিপি প্রেরণ।

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Islami Bank re-elects chairman



Abu Nasser Muhammad Abdus Zaher

STAR BUSINESS DESK

Abu Nasser Muhammad Abdus Zaher has been re-elected as chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, the bank said in a statement yesterday.

The election took place at the bank's Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday where Yousif Abdullah Al-Rajhi and Mustafa Anwar had been elected as vice chairmen.

New chairman for National Bank



Zainul Haque Sikder

STAR BUSINESS DESK

National Bank Ltd elected Zainul Haque Sikder as its chairman at the bank's 313th board meeting yesterday.

A sponsor director of the bank, Sikder is the founder chairman of ZH Sikder Women's Medical College and Hospital (Pvt) Ltd.

He established many charitable institutions in Shariatpur, his home district, and Dhaka.

ঢাকা পাওয়ার ডিস্ট্রিবিউশন কোম্পানী লিমিটেড
DHAKA POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LTD
(An Enterprise of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh)

Memo No : PD-2/M-1/DPDC/2010/1064 Date : 17/05/2010

Invitation for Local Tender

1	Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd. (DPDC)		
2	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director-2, DPDC, 1 Abdul Gani Road, (2 nd Floor), Dhaka-1000.		
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka.		
4	Invitation for	A) Laying of U/G Double Circuit cable from New Ramna 33/11KV S/S to Ramna 11KV Sw/S under NOCS Segunbagicha B) Construction of 11KV U/G cable line form Road-15 O/H feeder to Asad Gate 11KV Sw/S to feed alternative source for Ganobhaban under NOCS Division, Sherebanglanagar. C) Installation of 11KV U/G cable lines from Sarulia 33/11KV Sub-station to Karim Jute Mill and Latif Bawani Jute Mill under NOCS, Demra.		
5	Invitation Ref. No	PD-2/M-1/DPDC/2010/1064		
6	Date	Date : 17-05-2010		

Key Information :

7	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
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Funding Information

8	Source of Funds	Revenue Budget, DPDC.		
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Particular Information

9	Tender Name	A) Laying of U/G Double Circuit cable from New Ramna 33/11KV S/S to Ramna 11KV Sw/S under NOCS Segunbagicha B) Construction of 11KV U/G cable line form Road-15 O/H feeder to Asad Gate 11KV Sw/S to feed alternative source for Ganobhaban under NOCS Division, Sherebanglanagar. C) Installation of 11KV U/G cable lines from Sarulia 33/11KV Sub-station to Karim Jute Mill and Latif Bawani Jute Mill under NOCS, Demra.														
10	Last Selling Date of Tender with Bid submission and Bid Opening Date, Time	Last Selling Date 21-06-2010	Bid Submission and Bid Opening Date 22-06-2010	Bid Submission Deadline 12:00 Noon												
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Information for Tenderer :

12	Eligibility of Tenderer	<p>a. The tenderers can participate in single group of tender or both group of tender separately.</p> <p>b. Before purchasing the Tender documents/schedule prior permission shall have to be taken from the under-signed/concern Head of the office.</p> <p>c. No Tender Schedule will be sold on the day of Opening of the Tender.</p> <p>d. No Tender Schedule will be sold or received by Courier or by Mail.</p> <p>e. The Tenderer shall have to apply to the concerned head of the office mentioning the name of work in original letter head pad (Photocopy not allowed) of the Tenderer for purchasing the tender document.</p> <p>f. The Contractor shall have to submit the experience certificate who have completed the same nature of work in a single work order amounting for (i) Group A not less than TK.7.00 (Seven) Lac, (ii) Group B not less than TK. 1.5 (One lac fifty thousand) Lac & (iii) Group C not less than TK. 6.00 (Six) Lac only within the last 3(Three) years.</p> <p>g. Item wise rate and total amount must be quoted by the bidder in figure & words in the Tender Schedule.</p> <p>h. Before issuing work-order the successful Tenderer must submit 10% (Ten percent) Performance Bond on quoted amount/work order amount in favour of the Project Director-2, DPDC, Dhaka.</p> <p>i. Tender document shall have to be submitted along with necessary Earnest Money & attested copies of all other necessary documents in a sealed Envelope.</p> <p>j. All other Terms & Conditions will be available in the Tender schedule.</p> <p>k. The Tenderer shall have to submit along with the tender document attested photocopies of up to date renewal ABC supervisory License, Managerial efficiency, Experience in related work, Goodwill certificate, manpower availability, professional and technical qualification for completing the contractual agreement, financial support, equipment, documentary evidence of Infrastructural support. Otherwise the tender will be considered as rejected.</p> <p>l. Group A : (i) The tenderer must have the experience of minimum 2.5Km of 11KV Under Ground Cable laying work in single contract. (ii) The organization/firm that has been warned or punished in cable laying work of DPDC will not be eligible for the tender. Group B : (i) The tenderer must have the experience of minimum 400 meter of 11KV Under Ground Cable laying work in single contract. (ii) The organization/firm that has been warned or punished in cable laying work of DPDC will not be eligible for the tender. Group C : (i) The tenderer must have the experience of minimum 1.5 Km of 11KV Under Ground Cable laying work in single contract. (ii) The organization/firm that has been warned or punished in cable laying work of DPDC will not be eligible for the tender. m. All Activities will be followed according to DPDC Financial Rule.</p>		
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13	Price of Tender Document (Taka)	Tender document will be obtained on payment (Non-refundable) for Group A Tk. 750.00, Group B Tk. 300.00 & Group C Tk. 750.00 only per set in the form of Bank draft/Pay-order from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of the Project Director-2, DPDC, Dhaka.		
14	Tender Security Amount (Taka)	Group A Tk. 35,000/- (Thirty five thousand) only. Group B Tk. 8000/- (Eight thousand) only & Group C Tk. 30,000/- (Thirty thousand) only.		
15	Contract Period	120 (One hundred twenty) Days		

Procuring Entity Details

16	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Amanul Haque.		
17	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director-2, DPDC		
18	Address of Official Inviting Tender	1 Abdul Gani Road, (2 nd Floor), Dhaka-1000.		
19	Contract Details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone : 9513820	Fax : 9513821	E-mail : dgmtp2@dpdc.org
20	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.			

(Md. Amanul Haque)
Project Director-2
Dhaka Power Distribution Company Ltd.