

Most lungi makers merry over Eid sales

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Manufacturers of lungi, a traditional men's garment, are witnessing a boom in Eid-ul-Fitr sales, despite a hike in the price of the product because of a significant rise in yarn prices.
They expect around four to five crore pieces of low-cost lungis to be sold this season, mainly for Zakat purposes. The price of each lungi ranges between Tk 130 and Tk 300 and total sales turnover may reach Tk 1,000 crore.
"Around five crore pieces of lungis may be sold during this year's Eid season," said Shamsuzzaman Shamim, director of MSB Peerless, based on the trends he has seen so far. It produces lungi under the brand Apon. Although Shamim set up the factory for export only, he has produced the garment for the local markets seeing the huge demand.
Eid-ul-Fitr is the best season for the lungi business, as affluent and middleclass people give Zakat to the poor men.

Zakat is due on every adult Muslim who possesses food in excess of his needs and those of his family. If the person is a provider for others, Zakat is also due on him on behalf of his dependents (wife, children, servants, or other dependent relatives).
Politicians and businesspeople are the main Zakat payers in Bangladesh.
Manufacturers and sellers are optimistic this year because of the changed political situation. An army-backed caretaker government had ruled the country in 2007-08, when many politicians and businessmen were in hiding.
"We are witnessing booming sales this time, despite a price hike of around 25 percent per piece," said Qamrul Hasan, manager of a showroom in Islampur that sells Anushandhan-brand lungis. Old Dhaka's Islampur is the main hub of lungi sellers.
Arshad Ali, manager of a showroom in Islampur that sells Mala-brand lungis, also agreed. Ali said their main cus-

tomers were the affluent groups who bought the product to give out as Zakat.
There are other known brands of lungis in the market, such as ATM, Smart, Standard, Decent and Crescent. Baburhat in Narsingdhi, Shahjadpur and Enayetpur in Sitajganj and Pabna and Kumarkhali in Kushtia are the main lungi producing hubs.
Shamsuzzaman Shamim, a young entrepreneur, hopes his sales will also double this season than last season.
Shamim said even the price hike of nearly 25 percent could not reduce demand for the item.
Manufacturers attribute the price hike on the increase in yarn prices. A bundle (10 pounds) of yarn is being sold at Tk 1,500-1,600 now from Tk 900-950 last year.
The lungi is common attire for Bangladeshi men. Although it is not normally worn at formal occasions, most men wear it on a daily basis.



A weaver works at his factory at Dogasi in Pabna. The government is yet to take any regulatory steps even after protests against rising yarn prices.

Eid gloomy for Pabna weavers

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna
The yarn price spiral in the last five months has negatively affected the marginal weavers in Dogasi village of Pabna.
Almost 80 percent of the 10,000 handlooms are now closed in the area.
Pabna Weavers Association President Akmal Hossain Munshi said almost 8,000 handlooms of marginal weavers remained closed this year due to production cuts following the yarn price hike.
At present, each pound of 80-count yarn is selling at Tk 195 to Tk 200, while it was Tk 160-Tk 170 last year. Also, each pound of 60-count yarn is now selling at Tk 150-Tk 160 while it was Tk 80-Tk 90 last year, said Munshi.
Month-long protests flared against the rising yarn prices, but the government did not take any regulatory steps and yarn prices are still going up by the week, he added.
Weavers claimed their production decreased with the yarn price hike because of their inability to cover the increased production costs.

"Last year, I manufactured up to 45 pieces of lungi everyday. But I can barely produce 20 to 25 pieces now with the expensive yarn," said Hazi Shamsul Alam, a marginal weaver in Dogasi.
"I already took a huge amount of yarn on credit from the Mahajans and it's not possible to take any more loan. So I had to close two of the six handlooms at my factory because it's difficult to produce clothes for this Eid season with such high prices of yarn," he said.
Pabna Weavers Association Secretary Shamrat Shajahan said, "The marginal weavers do not have enough money to run their factories at full capacity. Most of them are manufacturing clothes by borrowing money from the mahajans."
Badsha Miah, owner of Hamida Twisting Mill at Dogasi, said a few syndicate firms from the 360 spinning mills in the country are responsible for the hike.
The syndicates are charging higher prices to cover the costs to combat the electricity and gas crisis at the mills, he added.
Bangladesh Textile Mills Associa-

tion (BTMA) President Abdul Hai Sarkar said cotton prices in international markets have almost doubled, and this is the main reason behind the hike.
He also said the syndicate firms have no role in the hike, but agreed that factory expenses have gone up to combat the power crisis lately.
"We are planning to sit with the government after Eid to discuss what can be done to deal with the hike in cotton and yarn prices, Sarkar said.
Md Ishaque Ali, a marginal weaver of the village, said it costs Tk 175 -Tk 180 now to make a lungi, which was only Tk 140-Tk 150 last year. Production costs are so high now that they sometimes do not get a chance to make profits, he said.
"Clothes are high in demand during Eid. But this Eid, most marginal weavers could not reach their expected business targets and they may have to face losses for the whole year," Ali said.
"The marginal weavers are just trying to keep their professional heritage alive, but the reward is too poor for our needs."



Ilias Kanchan, director of Walton, inaugurates a showroom of the company at Asia Electronics in Chadpur recently.

Dhaka Ice Cream unveils Fresco

STAR BUSINESS DESK
Dhaka Ice Cream Ltd, the makers of Polar-brand ice cream in Bangladesh, has unveiled its latest product "Fresco" Ice Cream, the company said in a statement yesterday.
Taifiq Rahman, chief operating officer of the company, launched the product at a ceremony organised at the company's factory premises in the capital on Monday.
The new product is a cardamom flavoured ice cream with mixed fruit "Casatas" toppings.

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation
(An Inland Shipping Organization)
5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000

নিরাপদ নৌ-চলাচল ও উন্নত যাত্রীবাসেবা
প্রদানে বিআইডব্লিউটিসি অংশীকারাবদ্ধ

Invitation for Tenders for Construction & Delivery of 2 (two) Units Water Bus of 50 Passenger Capacity each

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Shipping.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer (Marine Construction Cell), BIWTC, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Construction & Delivery of 2 (two) Units Water Bus of 50 Pass. Capacity each.
7	Invitation Ref No.	BIWTC/NC/Water Bus/575/2010.
8	Date	31/08/2010.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Notational open tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	BIWTC's own fund.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	1 (one).
15	Tender package name	Construction & Delivery of 2 (two) Units Water Bus.
16	Tender publication date	06/09/2010.
17	Tender last selling date	28/09/2010.
18	Tender closing date and time	30/09/2010 12:00hrs.
19	Tender opening date and time	30/09/2010 14:30hrs.
20	Name and address of the office(s)	Address Date and time
Selling tender document (principal)		
Selling tender document (others)		
Receiving tender document		
Opening tender document		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	Office of Technical (Director), BIWTC 5th Floor, 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	1. Experience of building similar vessel or water taxi/water bus. 2. Tenderer should have own shipyard or JVCA. 3. Docking capacity min. 200 tons. 4. ISO-9001:2000 certified. 5. Valid trade license. 6. Valid TIN certificate. 7. The dockyard should have at least 2 (two) graduate Naval Architect of minimum 5 (five) years experience and one graduate Mechanical Engineer/Marine Engineer of minimum 2 (two) years experience on their regular pay roll.
23	Brief description of goods/supply	Construction & delivery of 2 (two) units water bus of capacity 50 passengers and minimum service speed 10.00 knots each, design of the vessel (as per ISO-2001), approval of design by BIWTC and DOS, keel laying of the vessel, lofting, hull & superstructure fabrication, engines & machineries installation, accommodation, outfitting, painting, finishing, supervision, inclining test, final booklet, survey, preliminary test & trial, final test & trial and delivery the vessel at BIWTC.
24	Brief description of related services	Construction, supervision and survey by DOS surveyor, panel member DOS and owners surveyor.
25	Price of tender document	5,000.00 (Tk. five thousand) only.
26	Lot No. Identification of lot	Location Tender security amount (Tk) Completion time in months
27	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Ziaul Islam.
28	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer, Marine Construction Cell.
29	Address of official inviting tender	BIWTC, 5th Floor, 5, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.
30	Contact details of official inviting tender	Tel- 02-955033, 02-9552355 Fax No.-9563653 E-mail- ziatcna@gmail.com
31	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd.
(A Company of Petrobangla)
Head Office, Birashar Brahmanbaria-3400 Bangladesh

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International Tender Notice

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
2.	Procuring entity	Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd. (A Company of Petrobangla).
3.	Procuring entity district	Brahmanbaria.
4.	Invitation Ref No.	Tender No. BGFC/LMATS/FP/123 Dated September 05, 2010
5.	Invitation for	Procurement of Silica Gel (Sorbead H, Sorbead WS) & Ceramic Balls.
6.	Procurement method	Open tendering.
7.	Budget & source of fund	Own resources of BGFC.
8.	Tender selling schedule	
a) Date & time		
Tender documents will be available between 0900 hrs & 1400 hrs (BST) on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) from September 15, 2010 to October 27, 2010. BGFC's Liaison Office at Road # 6, House # 75, Old DOHS, Banani, Dhaka-1213.		
b) Place		
Tender documents will be sold on payment of BTK. 2,000.00 (non-refundable).		
9.	Tender receiving and opening	
a) Date & time		
Tenders will be received up to 1100 hrs (BST) on October 28, 2010 and will be opened on the same day at 1130 hrs (BST) in presence of the tenderers' representatives (if any). BGFC's Liaison Office at Road # 6, House # 75, Old DOHS, Banani, Dhaka-1213.		
b) Place		
If it is not possible to receive/open the tender on the scheduled date for any unavoidable circumstances the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time and same place.		
10.	Eligibility of tenderer	Reputed firms, manufacturers and suppliers from all countries except Israel with experience in supplying similar materials are eligible to participate in the tendering.
11.	Description of materials	Tender security amount Delivery time
Silica Gel (Sorbead H, Sorbead WS) & Ceramic Balls.		
BDT 1,00,000.00 or USD 1,450.00 120 days after opening of L/C		
12.	Name of official inviting tender	Md Nurul Absar.
13.	Designation of official inviting tender	General Manager (Technical Services).
14.	Address of official inviting tender	Bangladesh Gas Fields Co. Ltd. (BGFC) Head Office Birashar, Brahmanbaria-3400 Bangladesh Telephone No. 0851-58603 Fax. 0851-58758/58429.
15.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.	

101.08.03.009/53(FP) GD-3858 **Md Nurul Absar** General Manager (Technical Services)

BPDB's International Tender Notice

বিদ্যুৎ সাশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resource/Power Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Power Development Board.
3	Procuring entity name	Director, Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
4	Procuring entity code	Not used at present.
5	Procuring entity district	Khulna.
6	Invitation for	Supply, Fabrication, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of 132KV SF6 & 33KV Vacuum Circuit Breaker for Khulna Power Plant on turnkey basis.
7	Invitation for tenders Ref. No.	Pur-415/2010.
8	Date	05/09/2010.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Open tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	BPDB's Revenue Budget.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
13	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Not applicable.
14	Tender package No.	05 (FY 2010-2011).
15	Tender package name	Supply, Fabrication, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of 132KV SF6 & 33KV Vacuum Circuit Breaker for Khulna Power Plant on turnkey basis.
16	Tender publication date	05/09/2010.
17	Tender selling date	06/09/2010 to 26/10/2010.
18	Tender closing date and time	27/10/2010 at 11.00am.
19	Tender opening date and time	27/10/2010 at 11.30am.
20	Name & address of the office	Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
-Selling tender document (principal)		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
-Selling tender document (other)		
Not applicable.		
-Receiving tender document		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
-Opening tender document		
Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.		
21	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	N/A.
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender documents.
23	Brief description of goods or works	Supply, Fabrication, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of 132KV SF6 & 33KV Vacuum Circuit Breaker for Khulna Power Plant on turnkey basis.
24	Brief description of related services	N/A.
25	Price of tender document (BDT.)	BDT. 5,000/- (five thousand) as a Pay-Order (non-refundable) of any schedule bank of Bangladesh in favour of Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
26	Lot Identification of lot Location Tender security amount in USD or BDT. Completion time of works	
Supply, Fabrication, Installation, Testing, Commissioning of 132KV SF6 & 33KV Vacuum Circuit Breaker		
Khulna Power Station, BPDB, Khulna.		
USD. 2,500.00 or BDT. 1,75,000.00 (one lac seventy-five thousand) only 180 days from the date of opening of L/C		
27	Validity of tender and tender security	120 (one hundred twenty) days and 148 (one hundred forty-eight) days respectively from the date of opening of tender.
28	Name of official inviting tender	Abu Reza Md. Salahuddin.
29	Designation of official inviting tender	Director, Director of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
30	Address of official inviting tender	WAPDA Building (9th Floor), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka.
31	Contact details of official inviting	Tel: +88 02 9550532, Fax: +88 02 7126151.
32	Special instructions	Any tender received by the purchaser after the deadline for submission of tenders shall be declared late, will be rejected, and returned unopened to the tenderer. The purchaser reserves the right to accept any tender, to annul the tender process, or to reject any or all tenders, at any time prior to contract award. Tender document can be downloaded from BPDB's Website (www.bpdb.gov.bd)

Abu Reza Md. Salahuddin
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Directorate of Purchase
BPDB, Dhaka

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