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## RMG exporters fear losses for airport drawbacks

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Bangladeshi suppliers have been facing the flight shortages for the past two months, alarmingly in this peak season for garment business following the reopening of economies, said Kutub Uddin Ahmed, chairman of Envoy Group, a leading garment exporter.

Almost all airlines are now prioritising China and many have even been suspending flights from Dhaka recently as they are getting three to four times higher payments from Chinese suppliers, said Ahmed, also an air freight operator.

Demand has soared for the Christmas season while urgent flights are being opted for centring shipment backlogs resulting from garment factory closures in August for the Eid vacation and lockdown, he said.

Another complexity has arisen for new rules introduced last week, stipulating that exports can enter the airport 30 hours prior to the flight.

Many a time, there were long queues of trucks sometimes going as far as to Myemensingh and waiting for as long as two to three days to enter the airport, said Nurul Amin.

Trucks, even if they are carrying exports scheduled to fly within hours, are unable to jump the queue, leading to loading deadlines being missed and for which many flights have taken off leaving behind their cargo, he added.

In such a time of crisis with the influx of cargo, four out of the airport's eight loading bays have been left inoperative, he said.

"We need bigger scanning machines, capable of scanning whole containers in one go, to timely complete scanning," said an airline official asking not to be named.

The people tasked with operating the scanners need to be professional, as exporters

and airline officials very often complain that whenever there is urgency and pressure of work orders, these operators can be bribed to cut into bookings lists, he said.

The air freight operators have also doubled charges against the influx of exports, he said.

Even two months ago, sending one kilogramme of goods from Dhaka to any European city had cost between \$3.20 and \$3.50. Now it is between \$5.50 and \$6, said the official.

That being sent to the US is costing between \$10 and \$12 whereas previously it was \$5 and \$5.50, he said.

...the schools in the US have been reopened for which demand for garment items has increased significantly in the Western world," he said.

Some of the scanners have been out of service since September 17, said Kabir Ahmed, president of Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association, in a letter to the chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (Caab) that very day.

"With such a crucial circumstance and a massive peak, it's quite tragic that Caab (Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh) and Biman (Bangladesh Airlines) are unable to manage cargo operations efficiently," he said.

"Despite my numerous requests on a variety of concerns, Caab failed to take action on time. I have grounds to believe that Caab paid no heed to our requests," he added.

Installation work of new scanners is going very slowly while two new explosives scanners provided by Japan International Cooperation Agency are presently awaiting European Union validation following a 15-month delay, he said.

"I believe that the entire export process and the management at HSIA is on the verge of

collapsing," read the letter.

Talking to The Daily Star, HSIA Executive Director AHM Touhid-Ul Ahsan said an explosive detection scanner (EDS) had been out of order since May, and they were trying to fix it.

He also said two EDSs would be installed at the airport to improve the handling of cargo goods at the cargo village.

According to Ahsan, the out-of-order EDS has created no major problem at the cargo operation as dual view x-ray machines are there to carry out the scanning.

Earlier, Biman Bangladesh Airlines was the custodian of the airport's warehouse. The airport authority only looked after security and facility issues while Biman Bangladesh Airlines and freight forwarders together worked on moving the cargo.

But currently the warehouse has become overloaded with cargo.

With complaints coming in, the airport authority has started working on the issue and became aware of several malpractices.

This includes exporters bringing in their goods two to three days ahead of the flights, said Ahsan. There are some who even store their goods in the airport's warehouse without any prior booking, as if it was their personal space, he claimed.

Shahidullah Azim, vice president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, said now was the time for Bangladesh's garment sector to recoup losses incurred last year and take a U-turn as work orders were soaring.

"We need operation of the airport to be done very smartly so that we can reach goods to our buyers timely," he told The Daily Star over the phone.

## Pabna's sugarcane farmers decry closure of nearby mill

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A total of 49,908 acres have been brought under sugarcane cultivation in the catchment areas of 15 sugar mills in the current fiscal year, with an expected production target of 6.57 lakh tonnes.

Due to the closure of the six state-owned sugar mills, sugarcane production has fallen drastically this year, the annual report said.

The report blamed negative media coverage about the closure of the mills that discouraged farmers from cultivating sugarcane this year.

The industries ministry issued a statement on December 2, 2020, ordering the closure of the six mills as they had sustained prolonged losses. The mills are Pabna Sugar Mill, Setabganj Sugar Mills, Kushtia Sugar Mills, Pancharag Sugar Mills Ltd, Shyampur Sugar Mill, and Rangpur Sugar Mills.

However, the decision to shut them down right before the crushing season left farmers disappointed. Now, farmers are demanding the reopening of the mills for the sake of their livelihoods.

"Sugar mills are the only agro-based state-owned industry for the farmers, but the government stopped production at six sugar mills without considering the farmers' interests," said Shahjahan Ali Badsha, president of the farmers' association at the Pabna Sugar Mill.

With these mills lying idle, the machines

they once used have been left abandoned.

During a visit to Pabna Sugar Mill last week, this correspondent found that much of the factory's facilities are wasting away due to a lack of maintenance.


Humid conditions lead to condensation on the machines, which then turn to rust. Since they have not been maintained over the years, most of them will become permanently damaged if the mills are not reopened soon, according to Modon Sarkar, the factory manager.

More than 200 trolleys, 40 tractors, and other vehicles are used to carry sugarcane. Now processed sugar is sitting idle in the mill's yard with parasites growing on them, he said. Md Saif Uddin, managing director of Pabna Sugar Mill, said these vehicles would soon be sent to other running factories.

A total of 269 of 589 employees of the mill have been transferred to other mills within a year of its closure, while the rest will be transferred soon.

"Due to a lack of manpower for the maintenance work of the huge properties, progress has been hampered," Saif Uddin said. Set up in 1992 at the cost of about Tk 79 crore, Pabna Sugar Mill went into production with a yearly production target of 15,000 tonnes of sugar by crushing 1.5 lakh tonnes of sugarcane.

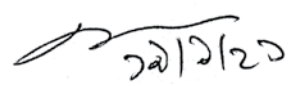
However, the mill never reached its full production capacity, incurring around Tk 400 crore in losses since its establishment.



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### দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১.	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	ঃ	স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়/বাংলাদেশ পুলিশ		
২.	এজেন্সি	ঃ	ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ।		
৩.	সংগ্রাহক স্বস্তার নাম	ঃ	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (পরিবহন), ডিএমপি, ঢাকা।		
৪.	সংগ্রাহক স্বস্তার কোড নং	ঃ	৩২১১১০৭।		
৫.	সংগ্রাহক স্বস্তার জেলা	ঃ	ঢাকা।		
৬.	কি জন্য আহ্বান	ঃ	ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা'র অপারেশনাল কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য নৌকা ভাড়া সরবরাহের লক্ষ্যে।		
৭.	দরপত্র সূত্র নং ও তারিখ	ঃ	স্মারক নং-ডিএমপি/ডিসি(পরিবহন)/এইচএম/নৌকাভাড়া/৬৭৯, তারিখঃ ১৯/০৯/২০২১খ্রিঃ।		
৮.	সংগ্রহ পদ্ধতি	ঃ	উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র পদ্ধতি		
৯.	বাজেট ও তহবিলের উৎস	ঃ	জিওবি		
১০.	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং	ঃ	০১/২০২১-২০২২		
১১.	দরপত্রের নাম	ঃ	ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা'র অপারেশনাল কাজে ব্যবহারের জন্য দৈনন্দিন/মাসিক চাহিদা ভিত্তিক নৌকা সার্বজনিকভাবে ভাড়া করণ।		
১২.	দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ	ঃ	২০/০৯/২০২১খ্রিঃ।		
১৩.	দরপত্র বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ	ঃ	০৪/১০/২০২১ খ্রিঃ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন সময় পর্যন্ত। (ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত)		
১৪.	দরপত্র গ্রহণের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৫/১০/২০২১ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।		
১৫.	দরপত্র খোলার তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	০৫/১০/২০২১ খ্রিঃ তারিখ বেলা ১২.৩০ ঘটিকা।		
১৬.	দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়কারী, সংস্থা ও খোলা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নাম ও ঠিকানা	ঃ	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (পরিবহন) এর কার্যালয়, রাজারবাগ পুলিশ লাইনস, ঢাকা মেট্রোপলিটন পুলিশ, ঢাকা।		
১৭.	দরপত্র দাতার যোগ্যতা	ঃ	স্বাধীন কাজে ০২ (দুই) বছরের অভিজ্ঞতা সহ একাধিক নৌকা এর স্বত্বাধিকারী, নাগরিকত্ব সনদ এবং অন্যান্য যোগ্যতা যা টেন্ডার ডকুমেন্ট/সিডিউলে উল্লেখ আছে স্বচ্ছলতা থাকতে হবে।		
১৮.	দরপত্রের সাথে যে সমস্ত কাগজ পত্রাদি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে	ঃ	(ক) সিডিউল ক্রয়ের মূল রশিদ, (খ) হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স কাগজপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি, (গ) অভিজ্ঞতার সনদপত্র (ঘ) দরদাতা ব্যক্তি/প্রতিষ্ঠানের হালনাগাদ ট্রেড লাইসেন্স, (ঙ) ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সনদ, ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সনদ, হালনাগাদ আয়কর সনদ এর সত্যায়িত কপি।		
১৯.	কাজের বিস্তারিত বিবরণ ও শর্তাবলী	ঃ	দরপত্র দলিলে বর্ণিত আছে।		
২০.	কাজের বিবরণ	ঃ			
২১.	লট নং	বিবরণ	সিডিউলের মূল্য (অক্ষেরতযোগ্য)	দরপত্রের সঙ্গে জামানত ফেরতযোগ্য)	কাজের সময়সীমা
	০১	চাহিদা মোতাবেক	১,০০০ (এক হাজার)	১,০০,০০০ (এক লক্ষ)	কার্যদেশ মোতাবেক
	০২	চাহিদা মোতাবেক	টাকা	টাকা	৩০ জুন/২০২২ খ্রিঃ পর্যন্ত
	০৩	হার্যারি চার্জ (অর্থনৈতিক কোড নং-৩২১১১০৭)			
২২.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার নাম	ঃ	মোঃ জোবায়ের রহমান পিপিএম-সেবা		
২৩.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তার পদবী	ঃ	উপ-পুলিশ কমিশনার (পরিবহন), ডিএমপি, ঢাকা		
২৪.	দরপত্র আহ্বানকারীর সহিত যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা	ঃ	ফোন-৮৩০১০৩৫, ফ্যাক্স-৮৩০১৬১২, E-mail:dcmt@dmp.gov.bd		
২৫.	দরপত্র গ্রহণ/মূল্যায়ন	ঃ	দরপত্র দলিলে বর্ণিত শর্তাবলী ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট আইন, ২০০৬ ও পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্ট বিধিমালা, ২০০৮ অনুসারে করা হবে।		
২৬.	অন্যান্য শর্তাদি	ঃ	(ক) দরপত্র সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত তথ্যাবলী দরপত্র সিডিউলে বর্ণিত আছে। (খ) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ অথবা বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।		



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## Oil falls

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Oil prices fell on Friday as energy companies in the US Gulf of Mexico restarted production after back-to-back hurricanes in the region shut output.

Both Brent and US crude benchmarks were on track for weekly gains of 3.2 per cent and 3.3 per cent, respectively, owing to the recent supply tightness due to the hurricane outages.

Brent crude futures fell 42 cents to US\$75.25 a barrel by 12.48pm EDT (1648 GMT). US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures fell 60 cents to US\$72.01 a barrel. Friday's slump came after five straight sessions of rises for Brent. On Wednesday, Brent hit its highest since late July, and US crude hit its highest since early August.

"The reason oil prices reached such highs in the last few days was clearly supply disruptions and drawdowns in inventories, so now that US oil production is returning, oil as expected trades lower," said Nishant Bhusan, Rystad Energy's oil markets analyst.


## Stocks fall as mutual funds bleed

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Bangladesh Autocars topped the gainers' list, rising 9.94 per cent, followed by Aziz Pipes, Aamra Technologies, Unique Hotels, and Rupali Insurance. Popular Life First Mutual Fund shed the most, dropping 10 per cent, followed by AB Bank First Mutual Fund, PHP First Mutual Fund, Trust Bank First Mutual Fund, and First Janata Bank Mutual Fund.

At the DSE, 106 stocks rose, 244 declined and 26 remained unchanged.

Stocks of Beximco Limited traded the most, worth Tk 132 crore, followed by LankaBangla Finance, Beximco Pharmaceuticals, SAIF Powertec and IPDC. The Chattogram Stock Exchange (CSE) also fell yesterday as the CASPI, the general index of the port city bourse, edged down 158 points, or 0.74 per cent, to 20,982. Among 316 traded stocks, 88 advanced, 213 fell and 15 remained unchanged.



**LP GAS LIMITED**  
(A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation)  
North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh

Ref No. 28.27.0000.001.07.001.21-159 (Cyl-21)(Re-tender) Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

### Invitation for International/Local re-tender notice for supply of 30,000 (Thirty Thousand) new LPG Cylinders with Valves.

LP Gas Limited (LGPL) hereby invites offer from reputed manufacturers/suppliers for supply of 30,000 (Thirty Thousand) new LPG cylinders with valves accordance with the terms and conditions set out hereinafter:

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Energy & Mineral Resources Division			
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC)			
3	Purchaser name	LP Gas Limited (LGPL), A Subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.			
4	Purchaser district	Chattogram, Bangladesh.			
5	Invitation for	Supply of 30,000 (thirty thousand) new LPG cylinders for domestic users.			
6	Invitation ref. no. & date	28.27.0000.001.07.001.21-159 (Cyl-21)(Re-tender), 20/09/2021			
7	Delivery schedule and place	Delivery must be completed within 16 weeks from the date of signing of contract and cylinders have to be delivered to the yard of LP Gas Limited Plant, North Patenga, Chattogram.			
<b>Key Information</b>					
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method			
<b>Funding Information</b>					
9	Budget & source of fund	LP Gas Limited (own fund)			
<b>Particular Information</b>					
10	Tender package no.	Cyl-21			
11	Tender package name	International/Local tender for Supply of new LPG cylinders with valves.			
12	Tender publication date	20/09/2021			
13	Tender last selling date	31/10/2021			
14	Tender closing date & time	01/11/2021, Time- 14:30 hrs (BST)			
15	Tender opening date & time	01/11/2021, Time- 14:35 hrs (BST)			
16	Name & address of the office(s)	Address			
	-Selling place of tender documents	i) LP Gas Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh ii) Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation, 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor, BTMC Bhaban, 2, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.			
	-Receiving tender documents	LP Gas Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh			
	-Opening tender documents	-Do-			
17	Offer validity time	90 (Ninety) days from the date of tender opening.			
18	Place/date/time of Pre-tender meeting (Optional)	Place: LP Gas Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh Date: 06/10/2021 Time: 11:00 hrs (BST)			
<b>Information for Tenderer</b>					
19	Eligibility of tenderer	As per tender document.			
20	Brief description of goods & works	Supply of 30,000 new LPG cylinders of 26.6 Liter water capacity fitted with valve (22 mm version) and protection cap.			
21	Brief description of related services	Related services are as per tender document.			
22	Price of tender documents	BDT 10,000 or US\$ 120 (Non-refundable) per set			
23	Lot	Identification of lot	LP Gas Limited	Tender security amount	Completion time in weeks
	1	N/A (Single Lot)	LP Gas Limited	BDT 17 (Seventeen) lac or US\$ 20 (twenty) thousand	16 (sixteen) weeks
<b>Purchaser details</b>					
24	Name of official inviting tender	Engr. Md. Siddique Hossain			
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Deputy General Manager			
26	Address of official inviting tender	LP Gas Limited, North Patenga, Chattogram-4204, Bangladesh			
27	Contract details of official inviting tender	Tel: +88-02333301586, Mobile: +88-01715694093 E-mail: sidd_hossain@yahoo.com			
28	Bidder(s) must submit the original money receipt for tender document along with their offer and Seal & Sign in every pages of tender documents.				
29	This tender notice/document will be available at LGPL website: <a href="http://www.lpgsql.gov.bd">www.lpgsql.gov.bd</a> and BPC website: <a href="http://www.bpc.gov.bd">www.bpc.gov.bd</a>				
30	The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers in part or in full or annul the tender proceedings without assigning any reason.				

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