

## Fortnightly Summary

### Important Trade and Economic News Published on Various Newspapers during 13 - 27 April 2022

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01	<p><b>Classification of other assets</b>  <b><u>BB orders uniform provisioning policy</u></b></p> <p>The central bank asks all the scheduled banks to follow a uniform policy for maintaining provision against classification of other assets for ensuring discipline in the country's banking system. The banks have been instructed to submit report on provisioning of other assets to the Department of Offsite Supervision (DOS) of the central bank on a quarterly basis, according to a notification issued Tuesday by the Bangladesh Bank. The report will have to be submitted to the DOS on the basis of prescribed formats within 15 days of April, July, October and January each year. The latest BB move comes as different banks have followed different procedures for accumulating various items for classification and provisioning of other assets.</p> <p>Actually, other assets mean a grouping of accounts that is listed as a separate line item in the assets section of the balance sheet. The central bank fixed criteria for classification and provisioning of other assets divided into 12 items, including legal expenses, accrued income, accrued interest on loans and advances, accrued interest on investment and other accrued income.</p>	13 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-orders-uniform-provisioning-policy-1649785447">https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-orders-uniform-provisioning-policy-1649785447</a> )	
02	<p><b><u>Fertiliser subsidy rises four times</u></b>  <b><u>Subsidy was Tk 77b last fiscal year against Tk 300b in FY 2022</u></b></p> <p>Government's expenditure on fertiliser subsidy has increased four times to Tk 300 billion in the ongoing financial year (FY '22) amid a volatile global market. Agriculture Minister Dr Muhammad Abdur Razzaque disclosed this on Tuesday at a press briefing, organised by the agriculture ministry at its office in the city to inform the media about the demand and supply conditions of fertiliser in the country.</p> <p>The minister said the government had kept the prices of fertiliser static even though its import costs soared three to four times in the global market. A total of 6.3 million tonnes of fertiliser, including 2.6 million tonnes of urea, 1.5 million tonnes of DAP, 0.7 million tonnes of TSP, 0.75 million tonnes of MOP, and 0.55 million tonnes of Gypsum, will be needed in the upcoming fiscal year, said Dr Razzaque. Despite such pressure of high expenditure, the government has kept the retail prices of fertilisers unchanged in a bid to maintain a sound growth of crop production, the minister told the press. He claimed the country had enough stocks to meet the demand for now.</p> <p>The government's incentive for fertilisers this fiscal is Tk 300 billion, which was Tk 77 billion last year, said Dr Razzaque.</p>	13 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/fertiliser-subsidy-rises-four-times-1649785885">https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/fertiliser-subsidy-rises-four-times-1649785885</a> )	

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03	<p><b><a href="#">Hi-tech park in Keraniganj to create jobs for 15,000</a></b></p> <p><b>Foundation stone laid Tuesday</b></p> <p>A hi-tech park in Keraniganj is expected to generate employment for around 15,000 people and create an enabling environment for locals to contribute to the country's IT sector. The hi-tech park will be established on over 3.2 acres of land at a cost of around Tk 2.0 billion. State Minister for the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MoPEMR) Nasrul Hamid and State Minister for ICT Division Zunaid Ahmed Palak laid the foundation stone of the park at a ceremony held in Jhilmil area of Keraniganj on Tuesday.</p> <p>Speaking on the occasion, Nasrul Hamid said the development of IT park is set to create a new horizon for the people of Keraniganj to contribute to the country's information, communication and technology (ICT) sector.</p> <p>"Earlier, many people criticised the government's vision to develop a digital Bangladesh, which has become a reality now," he said.</p> <p>The hi-tech park in Keraniganj is a part of 12 IT parks development in Bangladesh's 12 regions with the credit facility from the Indian government. The statement also said 190 companies have got plots and space allocation in hi-tech parks across the country, while 151 startups got work spaces there free of cost.</p>	13 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/hi-tech-park-in-keraniganj-to-create-jobs-for-15000-1649785801">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/hi-tech-park-in-keraniganj-to-create-jobs-for-15000-1649785801</a></p>	
04	<p><b><a href="#">Bangladesh's poverty declines to 11.9%: World Bank</a></b></p> <p>The estimated poverty in Bangladesh has declined by 0.6 percent in the 2021 fiscal year, riding on the strong economic recovery amid the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the latest report of the World Bank. The global lender today revealed the report titled "Bangladesh Development Update – Recovery and Resilience Amid Global Uncertainty".</p>	13 April 2022	<p>The Daily Star  <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-poverty-declines-119-wb-3004236">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-poverty-declines-119-wb-3004236</a></p>	
05	<p><b><a href="#">Businesses say 4hr gas rationing in industries a disaster</a></b></p> <p>The country's industry owners on Tuesday started implementing the government decision of gas rationing for four hours daily till April 26 despite fear of losing business. Expressing disappointment at the government decision, businesses said that the gas rationing would hamper the recovery of business from the shock of the Covid-19 pandemic. Apparel and textile makers said that the decision to stop using gas from 5:00pm to 9:00pm daily for 15 days would hamper production and the sector would face huge losses due to shipment delays.</p> <p>Following a meeting between state minister for power, energy and mineral resources Nasrul Hamid and factory owners, state-owned Petrobangla on Monday issued a notification asking industry owners not to use gas from 5:00pm to 9:00pm daily for 15 days. The decision on industrial gas rationing comes amid reports of the return of hours-long load-shedding in residential areas outside cities and towns.</p>	13 April 2022	<p>New Age  <a href="https://www.newagebd.net/article/167984/businesses-say-4hr-gas-rationing-in-industries-a-disaster">https://www.newagebd.net/article/167984/businesses-say-4hr-gas-rationing-in-industries-a-disaster</a></p>	

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06	<p>রিজার্ভের অর্থ চুরি  <b>আরসিবিসি-বলুমবেরির বিরুদ্ধে করা বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের মামলা খারিজ</b></p> <p>বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের রিজার্ভ চুরির ঘটনায় ফিলিপাইনের রিজাল কমার্শিয়াল ব্যাংকিং করপোরেশন (আরসিবিসি) ও বুলমবেরি রিসোর্টস করপোরেশনের বিরুদ্ধে করা মামলা খারিজ করে দিয়েছেন নিউইয়র্কের সর্বোচ্চ আদালত। ২০১৬ সালে ফেডারেল রিজার্ভ ব্যাংক অব নিউইয়র্ক (নিউইয়র্ক ফেড) গচ্ছিত রিজার্ভের চুরি যাওয়া অর্থ সরাতে সহযোগিতার অভিযোগে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক এ মামলা করেছিল। এখতিয়ারবহুভূত হওয়ার যুক্তি দেখিয়ে মামলাটি খারিজ করে দিয়েছেন সুপ্রিম কোর্ট অব নিউইয়র্ক। ২০১৬ সালের ফেব্রুয়ারিতে সুইফট সিস্টেম ব্যবহার করে ৩৫টি ভূয়া বার্তা পাঠিয়ে নিউইয়র্ক ফেডে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের হিসাব থেকে ১০০ কোটি ডলার চুরির চেষ্টা চালায় দুষ্ক্ষতকারীরা। ১০ কোটি ১০ লাখ ডলার হাতিয়ে নিতে সক্ষম হয় তারা। এর মধ্যে শ্রীলংকায় যাওয়া ২ কোটি ডলার তাত্ক্ষণিকভাবেই উদ্ধার করতে সক্ষম হয় বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক। বাকি ৮ কোটি ১০ লাখ ডলারের ঠাঁই হয় ফিলিপাইনের বিভিন্ন ক্যাসিনোয়। চুরি যাওয়া অর্থের মধ্যে এখন পর্যন্ত সব মিলিয়ে ৩ কোটি ৪৬ লাখ ডলার উদ্ধার হয়েছে। পাওয়া যায়নি বাকি ৬ কোটি ৬৪ লাখ ডলার। এ ঘটনায় প্রতারণা ও অর্থ লোপাটে সহযোগিতার অভিযোগে আরসিবিসি ও বলুমবেরিসহ বেশ কয়েকটি প্রতিষ্ঠান ও ব্যক্তির বিরুদ্ধে ২০২০ সালে মামলাটি করেছিল বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক।</p> <p>বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের মামলা খারিজ হয়ে যাওয়ার তথ্যটি গতকাল প্রথম ফিলিপাইনের সংবাদমাধ্যম ইনকোয়ারারে প্রকাশ পায়। ইনকোয়ারার জানায়, ফিলিপাইন স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ (পিএসই) সোমবার মামলা খারিজ হওয়ার তথ্যটি অবহিত করেছে বলুমবেরি। মামলার বিষয়বস্তুকে সংশ্লিষ্ট আদালতের 'এখতিয়ারবহুভূত' উল্লেখ করে মামলাটি খারিজ করার প্রস্তাব করেছিল বিবাদীরা। নিউইয়র্ক সুপ্রিম কোর্ট ৮ এপ্রিল আবেদনটি মণ্ডজুর করেন।</p> <p>২০ ব্যক্তি ও প্রতিষ্ঠানকে আসামি করে মামলাটি করেছিল বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক। তাদের বিরুদ্ধে অর্থ কৃপাত্তর, চুরি, আত্মসাং, এ ধরনের কর্মকাণ্ডে সহায়তা/প্রোচনা, জালিয়াতি (আরসিবিসির বিরুদ্ধে), জালিয়াতিতে সহায়তা/প্রোচনাসহ বেশিকিছু অভিযোগ আনা হয়। এর আগে ২০২০ সালের মার্চে আরেকটি মামলায় হেরে গিয়েছিল বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক। পরে ইউএস কোর্ট অব আপিলসে বিষয়টি নিয়ে আপিল করা হয়। ২০২১ সালের বার্ষিক প্রতিবেদনে বলুমবেরি জানায়, ওই আপিল আবেদনটি পরে প্রত্যাহার করে নেয়া হয়।</p>	13 April 2022	Bonik Barta ( <a )<="" href="https://bonikbarta.net/home/news_description/296693/%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%80%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%80%81%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%80%80%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%80%81%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%80%87%E0%A6%80%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%80%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%82%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%80%80%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%80%80%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A6%96%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%80%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%9C" td=""><td></td></a>	
07	<p><b>WB bills BD safe from debt crisis</b></p> <p><b>Cautions about headwinds facing economic rebound, inflation upturn</b></p> <p>Bangladesh won't face a crisis like Sri Lanka's at this moment for its current level of comfortable foreign debt-GDP ratio, the World Bank says on review of the country's latest economic condition. "Bangladesh is not in the position like Sri Lanka's. Its debt-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio is still very low at 17 per cent. But Bangladesh can learn lesson from its neighbour and shall ensure best use of the external loans," says WB Chief Economist for South Asia Hans Timmer. Meanwhile, the World Bank Wednesday forecast Bangladesh's economic growth at 6.4 per cent in the current fiscal year (FY) 2021-22, leveraged by its strong export growth. Mr Timmer was briefing South Asian journalists on the day from the WB headquarters in Washington after unveiling the 'South Asia Economic Focus (SAEF)' report simultaneously across the South Asian nations.</p> <p>World Bank's Dhaka office also rolled out the 'Bangladesh Development Update-Recovery and Resilience Amid Global Uncertainty' on the day, specifying scales of its post-pandemic economic rebound and challenges ahead. The development update says public debt remains sustainable, and the March 2022 joint World Bank-IMF Debt Sustainability Analysis assessed that Bangladesh remained at low risk of external-and public- debt distress.</p>	14 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-bills-bd-safe-from-debt-crisis-1649872839?date=14-04-2022">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-bills-bd-safe-from-debt-crisis-1649872839?date=14-04-2022</a> )	

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08	<p><b><u>Govt releases Tk 23b cash incentives for exporters</u></b></p> <p>The government released Tk 23 billion for the payment of cash incentives to local exporters on their export earnings. It is the 4th installment of cash incentives for the April-June period of the current fiscal year (FY) 2021-2022.</p> <p>Export-oriented sectors including readymade garment (RMG), frozen shrimp, fish, leather, jute and jute products and others will enjoy the incentives, according to a circular of the Finance Division, issued on Tuesday. Of the amount, Tk 3.0 billion will be distributed for the jute sector while Tk 20 billion for other sectors.</p>	14 April 2022	<p><b>The Financial Express</b>  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-releases-tk-23b-cash-incentives-for-exporters-1649867678?date=14-04-2022">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-releases-tk-23b-cash-incentives-for-exporters-1649867678?date=14-04-2022</a></p>	
09	<p><b><u>ডলারের দাম বাড়িয়েই চলেছে ব্যাংকগুলো, কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংকের দরের সঙ্গে বড় ফারাক</u></b></p> <p>করোনার শুরু থেকেই টাকার বিপরিতে ডলারের দাম বাড়তে শুরু করে। মাঝে মাঝে সামান্য কমলে বাড়ে তার চেয়ে বেশি। দীর্ঘদিন ধরে ৮০ থেকে ৮২ টাকায় বিক্রি হচ্ছিল ডলার। এরপর ধারাবাহিকভাবে দাম বাড়তে শুরু করে। তবে অবাক করার বিষয় হলো, কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংক যে রেটে বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংকগুলোর কাছে ডলার বিক্রি করে, তার চেয়ে অনেক বেশি দামে বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংকগুলো গ্রাহকের কাছে বিক্রি করে। এর পার্থক্য প্রায় ছয় টাকার কাছাকাছি। কিন্তু নিয়ম অনুসারে এই পার্থক্য এক থেকে দেড় টাকার বেশি হওয়ার কথা নয়। অর্থাৎ ব্যাংকগুলো গ্রাহককে ঠিকিয়ে বেশি মুনাফা করছে। গতকাল বিভিন্ন ব্যাংকের রেট বিশ্লেষণ করে এসব তথ্য পাওয়া গেছে।</p> <p>গতকাল রাষ্ট্রায়ন্ত সোনালী ব্যাংকে ১ ডলার বিক্রি হয়েছে ৯২ টাকায়। জনতা ব্যাংক ডলার বিক্রি করেছে ৯১ টাকা ৫০ পয়সায়, অগ্রণী ব্যাংকে কিনতে দিতে হয়েছে ৯১ টাকা ৬০ পয়সা। বেসরকারি ইষ্টার্ন ব্যাংক বিক্রি করেছে ৯১ টাকায়। সোনালী ব্যাংক এক দিনের ব্যবধানেই ডলারের দর ৫০ পয়সা বাড়িয়ে দিয়েছে। গত সোমবার বিক্রি করেছিল ৯১ টাকা ৫০ পয়সায়, গত মঙ্গলবার বিক্রি করেছে ৯২ টাকায়। আর খোলাবাজারে ৯২ থেকে ৯৩ টাকায় বিক্রি হচ্ছে।</p> <p>আন্তব্যাংক মুদ্রাবাজারে মাস খানেক ধরে ৮৬ টাকা ২০ পয়সায় বিক্রি হচ্ছে ডলার।</p>	14 April 2022	<p><b>The Sangbad</b>  <a href="https://print.sangbad.net.bd/2022-04-14/news/business/115829">https://print.sangbad.net.bd/2022-04-14/news/business/115829</a></p>	
10	<p><b><u>Bangladesh's journey towards FTAs</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Neighbouring nations, blocs with trade potential get priority</u></b></p> <p>Next-door neighbours and blocs having trade potential, good connectivity, bilateral cooperation and strategic partnership will get priority in Bangladesh's journey towards free-trade agreements (FTAs), the government decides. A draft of the Regional Trade Agreement (RTA) policy also puts on priority list the countries which can be gateway for market access to other nations and countries to which Bangladesh may lose preferential trading facility shortly. The RTAs should be beyond conventional trade pacts, covering all the trade aspects like trade in goods and services and investment, intellectual property and labour issues, the draft reads.</p> <p>The ministry of commerce has drafted the policy, which is now nearly at the final stage with recently held inter-ministerial and stakeholder consultations. Trade officials say after graduation from the least-developed country (LDC) group in 2026, Bangladesh will lose preferential access to some of the global markets. Thus, they say, Bangladesh needs to brace itself for navigating all obstacles on its way to access to global and regional markets for a smooth and sustainable LDC graduation into next trajectory of growth.</p>	16 April 2022	<p><b>The Financial Express</b>  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/neighbouring-nations-blocs-with-trade-potential-get-priority-1650045638">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/neighbouring-nations-blocs-with-trade-potential-get-priority-1650045638</a></p>	

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11	<p><b><a href="#">Japanese companies in BD top export ratio list: JETRO</a></b></p> <p>Export ratio of Japanese companies operating in Bangladesh is a top among the Asia and Oceania countries as the ratio of exports to total sales by Japanese companies has stood at 65.4 percent, said Country Representative of the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) Yuji Ando, reports BSS. Talking to BSS, Ando said most of the Japanese companies operating in Bangladesh have expansion plans for 2022 and 2023. The companies reported complexities in rules and regulations as well as in loan processing, taxation, wage compliance, and getting skilled manpower, he added. He said, "Bangladesh has the most competitive wage among the Asia and Oceania countries. This is the time for Japanese companies to expand in Bangladesh and procure from local sources."</p> <p>Referring to a survey titled '2021 Jetro Survey on Business Condition of Japanese companies operating in Asia and Oceania with focus on Bangladesh,' Yuji Ando informed that around 65 per cent Japanese companies operating in Bangladesh think that they would be able to make a profit in 2022 as the coronavirus pandemic situation has improved. This contrasts to 43.2 per cent of the companies that were profitable last year, he added. He mentioned that Bangladesh was ranked fourth in terms of business confidence for 2022, up five notches from 2021. Bangladesh is forecast to come third in terms of profit growth among all countries and regions, he added.</p>	16 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/japanese-companies-in-bd-top-export-ratio-list-jetro-1650043950">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/japanese-companies-in-bd-top-export-ratio-list-jetro-1650043950</a></p>	
12	<p><b><a href="#">Govt publishes gazette on trade org act</a></b></p> <p>The gazette on the trade organisation act was published on Wednesday last. The government has prepared the act after around 61 years keeping a provision of increasing the volume of fine ten times in the event of violating the law.</p> <p>The Trade Organisation Bill, 2022, was passed in the parliament this month allowing foreign traders to form joint trade bodies in Bangladesh. Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi placed the bill in the House that was unanimously passed by voice vote. The act replaced the Trade Organisations Ordinance, 1961.</p> <p>According to the ordinance, the Director Trade Organization (DTO) under the commerce ministry would issue licenses to the country's chambers, associations and owners' associations. There were 23 sections in the ordinance, while the new act has 32 sections, said a high official of the commerce ministry. The act will ensure discipline among different types of trade organisations and also ensure proper representation of people from various trading organisations and the government, the official added.</p>	17 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-publishes-gazette-on-trade-org-act-1650130065">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-publishes-gazette-on-trade-org-act-1650130065</a></p>	
13	<p><b><a href="#">End of duty-free access may cost \$5b in EU market: study</a></b></p> <p>Bangladesh is likely to lose \$5.28 billion worth of businesses annually in the European Union in the post-LDC era because of the erosion of preferential trade benefits following the country's graduation from the group of the least-developed countries, according to a new study. Currently, Bangladesh enjoys tariff benefits in 38 countries as an LDC. But the duty-free trade benefit will not exist mostly once the country graduates to become a developing country in 2026 unless deals are signed to retain the support.</p>	17 April 2022	<p>The Daily Star  <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/duty-erosion-may-cost-5b-eu-market-study-3006066">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/duty-erosion-may-cost-5b-eu-market-study-3006066</a></p>	

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14	<p><b><u>No major progress in post-LDC preparation</u></b></p> <p>Bangladesh is yet to make any significant progress in its preparation to retain duty preference set to be withdrawn once it graduates from the group of the least-developed countries (LDCs). Riding on steady economic growth and social sector gains, the country is on its course to becoming a developing country in 2026. With this, Bangladesh will lose its duty-free access in major markets and other benefits it enjoyed since its inclusion to the group in 1975.</p>	17 April 2022	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/no-major-progress-post-ldc-preparation-3006081">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/no-major-progress-post-ldc-preparation-3006081</a> )	
15	<p><b><u>FRC drafts financial reporting standards for all govt bodies</u></b></p> <p>The Financial Reporting Council has drafted a financial reporting framework for the government enterprises and statutory public authorities to improve transparency within the organizations. The FRC-developed standards would also be imposed on all regulatory bodies, public universities, state-owned corporations, councils, trusts, boards and financial institutions. The FRC drafted the accounting standard for the government agencies and sought public opinion by April 28. Once the FRF is enforced after finalisation, the agencies have to appoint chartered accountant as an external auditor to ensure the implementation of the framework.</p> <p>At present, different government companies and agencies are using different formats and different basis of accounting for the preparation of their annual financial statements.</p>	17 April 2022	New Age ( <a href="https://www.newagebd.net/article/168271/frc-drafts-financial-reporting-standards-for-all-govt-bodies">https://www.newagebd.net/article/168271/frc-drafts-financial-reporting-standards-for-all-govt-bodies</a> )	
16	<p><b><u>LDC graduation may result in 26pc export erosion: experts</u></b></p> <p>Bangladesh may lose export orders worth \$6.38 billion in a year in the European Union and five other export destinations after its graduation to a developing country from least developed one, according to a study presented at an event in Dhaka on Saturday. The report presented in a seminar titled 'export challenges of Bangladesh after graduation from LDC status: options for private sector' organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries identified the loss of dutyfree market-access would be a big challenge for the export sector as 72 per cent of the country's total exports get duty benefit.</p> <p>The report, prepared by former Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission member Mostafa Abid Khan, identified loss of flexibility to provide export subsidy and loss of flexibility under the agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights would be the challenges for the private sector in Bangladesh after graduation.</p>	17 April 2022	New Age ( <a href="https://www.newagebd.net/article/168270/ldc-graduation-may-result-in-26pc-export-erosion-experts">https://www.newagebd.net/article/168270/ldc-graduation-may-result-in-26pc-export-erosion-experts</a> )	
17	<p><b><u>Govt looks to \$58b export next fiscal</u></b></p> <p><b>Exporters upbeat about post-pandemic trade resurgence</b></p> <p>The government looks up to a nearly 15-percent higher export at US\$ 58 billion in the next fiscal year (FY), officials say, as exporters appear optimistic about a robust post-pandemic trade rebound. It has projected merchandise export at U\$ 50.0 billion for FY 2022-23, around 14.94-percent or 6.5 billion higher than that of the current FY's target of U\$ 43.50 billion. About US\$ 8.5 billion in earnings from services export is being expected, on the back of a 13.33-percent growth over the estimated US\$ 7.5 billion set for the current fiscal.</p> <p>The government set an export target of US\$ 51 billion for the current FY 2021-22, according to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB). The projections were sent by commerce ministry to the ministry of finance for placing at a coordination council meeting held Sunday with the finance minister in the chair.</p>	18 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-looks-to-58b-export-next-fiscal-1650219518">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-looks-to-58b-export-next-fiscal-1650219518</a> )	

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18	<p><b>Tk 6.77t budget, 7.5pc GDP growth estimated for FY'23</b></p> <p><b>Be pennywise in forex spending</b></p> <p><b>Custodian council on exchequer advises at review meet</b></p> <p>A high-powered meeting Sunday on Bangladesh's macroeconomic situation suggested cautionary measures in spending foreign currencies in view of higher import trend and the cascading Russia-Ukraine war fallout. With a pen-picture of the national economy and new budget outline on the table, the planners categorically discussed the necessity of carefulness in opening letters of credit (LC) so as to avoid unnecessary imports to save foreign-currency reserves as one of the potential thrift measures, sources said. The prolonged Sri Lankan economic crises that forced the island nation to declare itself defaulter on foreign-loan repayment also figured high during discussion at the meeting.</p> <p>Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal presided over the virtually held meeting of the coordination council on fiscal, monetary, and currency exchange. Top officials of the Ministry of Finance, the National Board of Revenue, Economic Relations Division, and the central bank were present.</p> <p>High subsidies on electricity, gas and fertiliser prices also came into focus at the meeting-and the participants viewed that unless their prices are adjusted upward immediately, the spending as subsidy will shoot up significantly. And the government identifies this factor as a big challenge for the economy. Unless the prices are adjusted, an allocation of Tk 180 billion will be needed as power- sector subsidy in fiscal year 2022-23, the meeting was told. Also, the requirement of subsidy for LNG import and interest subsidy on incentives package is estimated at Tk 173 billion, agro-subsidy Tk 150 billion, and food subsidy at Tk 67.45 billion.</p> <p>An outline of the budget for next fiscal year was placed in the meeting with estimated total outlay of Tk 6.77 trillion and total revenue earning Tk 4.33 trillion inclusive of Tk 3.7 trillion to be realised by the NBR in taxes. The size of gross domestic product (GDP) is estimated at Tk 44.12 trillion, GDP growth targeted at 7.5 per cent, budget deficit 5.5 per cent of the GDP, and inflation at 5.5 per cent.</p>	18 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/be-pennywise-in-forex-spending-1650219155">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/be-pennywise-in-forex-spending-1650219155</a></p>	
19	<p><b>BD trade costs highest in South Asia</b></p> <p><b>Potential border fraud, graft leave transportation costs extremely high: Survey</b></p> <p>Trade cost as a share of trade revenue in Bangladesh remained highest in South Asia on the back of higher total transport expenses, according to a research focused on shift to paperless trading. The study, styled Quantitative Analysis of the Move to Paperless Trade, conducted by the Commonwealth Secretariat, shows that the trade cost in the country was over 80 per cent of trade revenues in the year 2020. This is just 80 per cent in Pakistan and more than 60 per cent in India and Sri Lanka. This is less than 20 per cent in the UK and over 20 per cent in Singapore, Canada and New Zealand.</p> <p>The survey was conducted on the 54 Commonwealth economies having more than \$5.0-trillion trade (imports and exports). This exorbitant cost may be reduced to less than 20 per cent once the overall digitization is adopted by 2026, its report says. But, the report notes, "public sentiment across emerging Asia, particularly Bangladesh and Malaysia, was seen as a potential obstacle to rapid adoption or reforms in reducing the trade costs".</p>	18 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-trade-costs-highest-in-south-asia-1650219349">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-trade-costs-highest-in-south-asia-1650219349</a></p>	

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20	<p><b><u>Foreign loan use rises 57% in July-March</u></b></p> <p>Bangladesh's use of foreign loans rose 57 per cent year-on-year to \$6.8 billion in first nine months till March in the current fiscal year. Different ministries used \$4.38 billion in the same period last fiscal year. The government still does not have that expertise to implement projects in time and properly utilise foreign funds, an official of the finance ministry said. But the amount of foreign loan use and commitment experienced a rise thanks to the increased flow of budgetary support to fight the Covid-19 pandemic, the official added.</p>	18 April 2022	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/foreign-loan-use-rises-57-jul-mar-3007171">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/foreign-loan-use-rises-57-jul-mar-3007171</a> )	
21	<p><b><u>LDC GRADUATION CHALLENGES</u></b></p> <p><b>Govt eyes FTAs with seven countries, two blocs</b></p> <p>The government is considering seven countries and two regional blocs as potential partners for signing free trade agreements to retain duty-free market access of Bangladeshi products after the graduation from the least developed country to a developing one in 2026. The commerce ministry on Sunday announced a time-bound action plan on preferential market access and trade agreement to face the challenges of LDC graduation.</p> <p>In the action plan, the government listed China, India, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Canada and Malaysia as the potential FTA partners for Bangladesh. It also sees prospects in joining the Eurasian Customs Union and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, a free trade agreement among the Asia-Pacific nations.</p> <p>In a national workshop on proposed time-bound action plan of the two LDC graduation related sub-committees held at Parjatan Bhaban in the city, experts said that to retain the existing preferential market access, Bangladesh would have to go for FTA and PTA with its major trading partners as the country would lose its duty-free benefits after the LDC graduation.</p> <p>They discussed that after graduation in 2026, Bangladesh would get duty-free market access in the Europe Union and the United Kingdom until 2029 but the country would lose the facility in other countries in 2026.</p>	18 April 2022	New Age ( <a href="https://www.newagebd.net/article/168346/govt-eyes-ftas-with-seven-countries-two-blocs">https://www.newagebd.net/article/168346/govt-eyes-ftas-with-seven-countries-two-blocs</a> )	
22	<p><b><u>Businesses lobby Commerce to stop gas rationing</u></b></p> <p>At a time when all factories are steaming towards pre-pandemic levels in terms of production and marketing, the government's decision to ration gas supply to all industries for four hours a day will put a spoke in the wheel of businesses, industrial groups and trade bodies express concerns. They have already reached out to the commerce ministry, seeking its intervention to this end. From food to glass to ceramics, all industries will take a hit from gas rationing, which might lead to a supply crisis in the local market as well as a decline in exports, businesses fear. Against all these backdrops, they have requested the ministry to take steps to ensure uninterrupted gas supply 24 hours a day. In a circular issued on 11 April, Petrobangla asked factories to stop using gas from 5pm to 9pm daily for 15 days amid a crisis in Ramadan.</p>	18 April 2022	The Business Standard (TBS) ( <a href="https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/businesses-lobby-commerce-stop-gas-rationing-405466">https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/businesses-lobby-commerce-stop-gas-rationing-405466</a> )	

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23	<p><b><u>BB fixes interest rates for NBFIs</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Deposit 7.0pc, lending 11.0pc</u></b></p> <p>Bangladesh Bank has fixed the interest rate at minimum 7.0 per cent on deposits and maximum 11.0 per cent in lending for non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), like banks, reports UNB. The central bank issued a notification on Monday in this regard and sent to the top executives of all the NBFIs asking them to effect the instruction from July 1, 2022.</p> <p>The BB notification stated that some NBFIs are providing higher interest rates on deposits along with charging higher interest rates on lending, which is not investment friendly at all. "To bring an unified system for NBFIS in deposit collection and lending the central bank set a rational interest system to minimize the cost of fund as well investment,' the BB notification said.</p>	19 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-fixes-interest-rates-for-nbfis-1650303759">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-fixes-interest-rates-for-nbfis-1650303759</a> )	
24	<p><b><u>New gas pipeline ushers in hope for businesses in north</u></b></p> <p>Around 102 factories in greater Rangpur, including 28 at the Uttara EPZ in Nilphamari, will likely get gas connections by December 2023 as the "Construction of Bogura-Rangpur-Saidpur Gas Transmission Pipeline Project" should be complete by then. The project, which aims to supply gas to 11 districts in the country's northern region, was initially supposed to be implemented by between October 2018 and June 2021. However, construction delays due to the advent of Covid-19 and complexities in land acquisition pushed the deadline back by two years at first while it was eventually set at December 2023 after the second revision.</p>	19 April 2022	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/new-gas-pipeline-ushers-hope-businesses-north-3007491">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/new-gas-pipeline-ushers-hope-businesses-north-3007491</a> )	
25	<p><b><u>WB to provide \$250m loan as budget support</u></b></p> <p>A loan agreement was signed between the government of Bangladesh and the World Bank (WB) under which the lending agency will provide US\$ 250 million as budget support for the 'Bangladesh-First Recovery and Resilience Development Policy Credit (DPC1)'. Economic Relations Division (ERD) secretary Fatima Yasmin and World Bank acting country director Mohammad Anis signed the loan agreement on behalf of their respective sides.</p> <p>In response to the adverse effects of Covid-19, the government has provided stimulus incentives to economically affected industries, agriculture sector and export-oriented industries and to ensuring food security, the government extended the social safety net programmes and employment creation, said a press release.</p> <p>The release said that the World Bank has agreed to provide US\$ 250 million as budget support titled 'Bangladesh-First Recovery and Resilience Development Policy Credit (DPC1)', which would play a key role in sustaining the post Covid-19 economic recovery and development momentum.</p>	19 April 2022	New Age ( <a href="https://www.newagebd.net/article/168412/wb-to-provide-250m-loan-as-budget-support">https://www.newagebd.net/article/168412/wb-to-provide-250m-loan-as-budget-support</a> )	
26	<p><b><u>Jica to assist Beza to bring in fresh investment</u></b></p> <p>The Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) will help the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) to bring in foreign and local investment. The two organisations launched a new project to this end on Tuesday, whereby they will work on making the investment process easier and set up one stop service (OSS) centres at the regional level. The project for capacity building of Beza on EZ management and investment promotion was launched with a ceremony in Beza's conference room on the day. The project will be active till 2027.</p>	19 April 2022	The Business Standard (TBS) ( <a href="https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/jica-will-assist-beza-bring-fresh-investment-406022">https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/jica-will-assist-beza-bring-fresh-investment-406022</a> )	

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27	<p><b>পাঁচ বছরে বেসরকারি খাতে বিদেশী খণ্ডিগুণ হয়েছে</b></p> <p>পাঁচ বছর আগেও দেশের বেসরকারি খাতে বিদেশী খণ্ডের পরিমাণ ছিল ১২ বিলিয়ন বা ১ হাজার ২০০ কোটি ডলার। তবে ২০২১ সাল শেষে বেসরকারি খাতে বিদেশী খণ্ড ২৩ বিলিয়ন ডলার ছাড়িয়েছে। বাংলাদেশী মুদ্রায় এর পরিমাণ প্রায় ২ লাখ কোটি টাকা। করোনা মহামারীর দুই বছরেই বেসরকারি খাতে বিদেশী খণ্ড প্রায় ১০ বিলিয়ন ডলার বেড়েছে। আর সর্বশেষ পাঁচ বছরের হিসাবে এ খণ্ড দ্বিগুণ হয়েছে।</p> <p>দেশের বেসরকারি খাতে ব্যাংকখণ্ডের প্রবৃদ্ধি আটকে আছে ১০ শতাংশের ঘরে। লাখ কোটি টাকার প্রণোদনা প্যাকেজ বাস্তবায়ন করেও তা বাড়ানো যায়নি। কিন্তু করোনাকালের দুই বছরে বেসরকারি খাতে বিদেশী খণ্ডের প্রবৃদ্ধি হয়েছে ৫০ শতাংশেরও বেশি। ব্যাংকের অফশোর ইউনিটের মাধ্যমে বিতরণকৃত অন্ন সুদের এ খণ্ড ব্যবসায়ীদের জন্য আশীর্বাদ হলেও দেশের জন্য বিপদের কারণ হয়ে উঠেছে বলে মনে করছেন বিশেষজ্ঞরা। তারা বলছেন, দেশের বেসরকারি খাতের উদ্যোগস্থদের পাশাপাশি সরকারও বিদেশী বিভিন্ন উৎস থেকে খণ্ড নিচ্ছে। গত ডিসেম্বর শেষেই সরকারি-বেসরকারি মিলিয়ে দেশের বৈদেশিক খণ্ডের পরিমাণ ৯০ বিলিয়ন ডলার ছাড়িয়ে গেছে। আগামীতে দুটি খাতেই বিদেশী খণ্ড আরো বাড়বে। এ অবস্থায় খণ্ড পরিশোধের জন্য পর্যাপ্ত ডলারের সংস্থান করা দেশের জন্য বড় চ্যালেঞ্জ হয়ে দাঁড়াবে।</p>	19 April 2022	Bonik Barta ( <a )<="" href="https://bonikbarta.net/home/news_description/29732%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%9A-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%9B%E0%A6%80%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%88%E0%A6%80%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%80%A6%96%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C-%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%87%87%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%80-%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%83-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A3-%E0%A6%89%E0%A7%9F%E0%A7%87%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87" td=""><td></td></a>	
28	<p><b>Skill gap, no payment gateway Freelancing faces twin blows</b></p> <p><b>PM okays project for rearing female freelancers</b></p> <p>Expected growth in IT freelancing that has the potential to outshine RMG sector is stymied by inadequate government policy support and complications confronting foreign-currency transactions, insiders say. Bangladesh, having over 60,000 freelancers, now earns around 500 million US dollars through this information technology-enabled sector—one of the fastest-growing economic fields in the present-day world. The government has set a target to jack up this earning to USD5.0 billion per annum in next four years.</p> <p>Talking to the FE Tuesday, State Minister for ICT Zunaid Ahmed Palak said IT incubation centres are being established in 64 districts of the country as one of the growth propellers. "We are also setting up training centres in almost all the upazilas for skill development of freelancers. "And, today, a project aimed at developing 10 thousand women freelancers is being approved by the honourable Prime Minister."</p> <p>However, many freelancers say, though the government announced some steps to facilitate the growth of the freelancing sector, in reality most of them cannot avail those for procedural bottlenecks. "For getting any facility we need to present so many documents, and to collect those documents we have to face hazardous situation," says Raqib Amin, a top-rated freelancer. Raquib, once a graphics designer of a national daily, quit his job and left the city for his hometown Nilphamari to start full-time freelancing in 2017. The switch pays off. His annual income is around USD 25,000 now. But he is sure it can be much more if the obstacles are not there.</p> <p>The government recently announced 4.0-percent cash incentives for IT freelancers and 10 per cent for a freelancing company.</p>	20 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/freelancing-faces-twin-blows-1650390023">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/freelancing-faces-twin-blows-1650390023</a> )	

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30	<p><b><u>RADP execution reaches 45.56pc in July-March</u></b></p> <p><b><u>It was 41.92pc after Q3 of FY 21</u></b></p> <p>The country's development programme implementation scenario has shown a sign of recovery in the third quarter (Q3) of the current fiscal year (FY), 2021-22, as the execution rate during the July-March period was recorded at 45.56 per cent, official data showed. During the first three quarters, the ministries and agencies spent Tk 989.35 billion, which is 45.56 per cent of the Tk 2.17-trillion revised annual development programme (RADP), the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) data showed. In the same period of FY 2021, the project implementation rate was 41.92 per cent.</p> <p>Although the project implementation rate in this fiscal is a bit higher than the Covid-ridden last fiscal, the public agencies still fail to touch their performance levels of two years ago (pre-pandemic level), insiders said. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, the project implementation rate was 47.22 per cent.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the government cut the development programme outlay to Tk 2.17 trillion from the original ADP of Tk 2.36 trillion for the current FY.</p>	20 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/radp-execution-reaches-4556pc-in-july-march-1650390350">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/radp-execution-reaches-4556pc-in-july-march-1650390350</a></p>	

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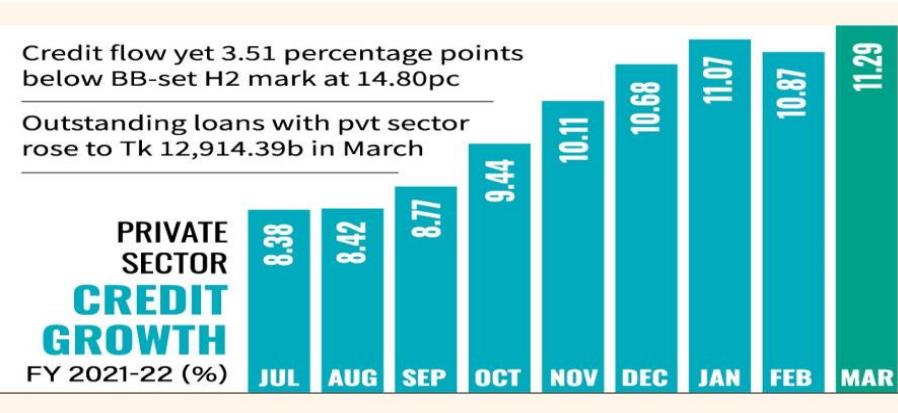
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34	<p><b>\$81.74b siphoned off between 2006 and 2016</b></p> <p><b><u>Export shipment tracking ordered</u></b></p> <p><b>BB smells a rat about trade-based money laundering</b></p> <p>The central bank of Bangladesh asks the authorised dealers to track export shipments as it smells a rat about trade-based money laundering to the tune of billions of dollars. Currently, banks are tracking vessels through software especially in case of having cash-incentive facility for shipments. But banks view that they cannot track all vessels as it involves technical hands and investment. And Bangladesh has a lacking in professional vessel-tracking company. Many suggest that such a situation could be risky-when suspicions are rife about over-invoicing and over-invoicing.</p> <p>The Bangladesh Bank, in its directive issued Wednesday, said to ensure safeguards of export transactions, "ADs shall conduct the tracking of shipments in all cases through the tracking system". The central bank will, however, allow lenders to remit foreign currency for tracking or hiring fleet trackers headquartered in foreign nations.</p>	21 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/export-shipment-tracking-ordered-1650477226?date=21-04-2022">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/export-shipment-tracking-ordered-1650477226?date=21-04-2022</a> )	
35	<p><b>Duty-taxes on dev projects</b></p> <p><b><u>Revenue concern forces NBR to lift exemptions</u></b></p> <p><b>Board chief writes to govt agencies to include duty, taxes in project costs</b></p> <p>The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has asked the government agencies to add duty and taxes to the cost of their development projects that have been enjoying exemptions so far. "All government ministries, departments and wings are requested to obtain allocations from the finance division through estimating duty-taxes rather than seeking tax exemptions," it says in a formal communication. In a bid to increase the lowly tax-GDP ratio, the National Board of Revenue has taken the stance on discouraging government entities from seeking tax waiver on development projects. In a letter to some 281 government entities, including ministries, departments, institutes, bureaus, commissions, boards, authorities, academies, NBR chairman Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Muneem made the request for cooperation in achieving the tax-revenue-collection target set in the budget. He urged the entities to take necessary administrative measures to pay tax from government-allocated funds.</p> <p>Following a directive of Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal, the NBR sent the request for adopting the strategy for the sake of boosting country's revenue earning. Tax exemptions on the different megaprojects and other development projects account for a huge amount of revenue although there are no compiled data to quantify, tax officials say. Import of capital machinery and raw materials, remuneration of technical experts and several other areas of development projects are enjoying tax waiver.</p> <p>Three wings of the NBR-income tax, VAT and customs duty-offered tax exemption on development projects through separate SROs. Tax exemption in different development projects is a major barrier to increasing country's tax-GDP ratio, the NBR chairman wrote in the letter.</p>	22 April 2022	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/radp-execution-reaches-4556pc-in-july-march-1650390350">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/radp-execution-reaches-4556pc-in-july-march-1650390350</a> )	

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36	<p><b>Banking sector</b></p> <p><b><u>BB issues guideline on interest waiver</u></b></p> <p>Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued a circular on interest waiver on Thursday, tightening the existing policy to bring disciplines in the banking sector. The central bank has observed that many banks are involved in giving interest exemption to their clients bypassing the existing policy. Usually, banks waive the interest at a time when a natural disaster or other force majeure - unforeseeable circumstances that prevent someone from fulfilling a contract - happened. They also face difficulties to recover their loans if borrowers die and river erosion takes place. The latest policy has stated in detail who will get the waiver facility and how the whole process will work. As per the new policy, banks will not waive the principal amount of the loans under any circumstances. The financial institutions will also not allow any waiver to the loans created by wilful defaulters.</p>	22 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>(<a href="https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-issues-guideline-on-interest-waiver-1650563244?date=22-04-2022">https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-issues-guideline-on-interest-waiver-1650563244?date=22-04-2022</a>)</p>	
37	<p><b><u>Govt lifts four-hour gas rationing for industries</u></b></p> <p>The government has finally lifted its decision to ration gas supply to all industries, including textile and readymade garment industries, for four hours a day. The latest decision will come into effect from today (April 22, 2022). The Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) issued a press statement about withdrawal of the decision on Thursday. Earlier on April 12, the government ordered gas rationing for industrial clients across the country, requesting them to cease consuming natural gas for four hours daily from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm for 15 days. The decision of gas rationing was to stave off an acute gas crisis that had been affecting household and industrial consumers in the ongoing month of Ramadan when the use of gas in households normally goes up significantly. However, the supply mismatch has been somewhat alleviated with new imports and also an increase in extracted gas from local gas fields, said sources.</p> <p>The decision comes following hue and cry from various quarters, including trade bodies, especially the apparel apex body Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), which protested against the move and demanded immediate withdrawal of rationing gas to factories for the sake of smooth production in the manufacturing sector.</p>	22 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>(<a href="https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-lifts-four-hour-gas-rationing-for-industries-1650563295?date=22-04-2022">https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-lifts-four-hour-gas-rationing-for-industries-1650563295?date=22-04-2022</a>)</p>	
38	<p><b><u>পর পর তিন বছর মুনাফা করলে খণের সুদ মওকুফ নয়</u></b></p> <p>খণ মওকুফের ক্ষেত্রে বিদ্যমান আইনে শিথিলতার সুযোগকে অনেকেই অপব্যবহার করেন। এ অপব্যবহার বল্কি খণ মওকুফের ক্ষেত্রে নতুন শর্ত আরোপ করেছে কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংক। নতুন নির্দেশনা অনুযায়ী, কোন খণগ্রহীতার ধারাবাহিক তিন বছরের আর্থিক বিবরণীতে নিট মুনাফা ইতিবাচক হলে তার নেয়া খণের সুদ মওকুফ করা যাবে না। সম্প্রতি বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের প্রবিধি ও নীতি বিভাগ-বিআরপিডি থেকে এ সংক্রান্ত একটি প্রজ্ঞাপন জ্ঞারি করা হয়েছে।</p> <p>দেশের সব ব্যাংকের প্রধান নির্বাহী বরাবর পাঠানো নির্দেশনায় বলা হয়েছে, কোন ব্যাংক খণের আসল বা মূলধন মওকুফ করা যাবে না। কোন জাল-জালিয়াতির মাধ্যমে সৃষ্টি খণ ও ইচ্ছাকৃত খেলাপি খণের সুদ মওকুফ করা যাবে না। এছাড়া ব্যাংকের আয় খাতে ক্ষতি করেও সুদ মওকুফ করা যাবে না। একই সঙ্গে কোন খণের সুদ মওকুফ করতে ব্যাংকের পরিচালনা পর্ষদের অনুমোদন লাগবে। আবার পর্ষদও ১০ লাখ টাকার অধিক খণের সুদ মওকুফ করতে পারবে না।</p>	22 April 2022	<p>The Sangbad</p> <p>(<a href="https://sangbad.net.bd/news/business/64061/">https://sangbad.net.bd/news/business/64061/</a>)</p>	

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39	<p><b><a href="#">Iran seeks to buy BD ro-ro ships, hire cruiser</a></b></p> <p>An Iranian company eagerly seeks to purchase six roll-on roll-off (ro-ro) ships and hire a cruiser from Bangladesh. TT Tejarar Gostaresh Kish, a member of Kish Merchant Association, has recently shown its purchasing interest to Bangladesh mission in Iran. The Bangladesh embassy has requested the authorities concerned to take prompt steps in this connection.</p> <p>It draws attention of Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry, foreign ministry, commerce ministry Bangladesh Ship Builders Association, Association of Export-oriented Shipbuilding Industries of Bangladesh, and Western Marine Shipyard Ltd. Currently, Bangladesh has more than 200 shipbuilding companies, mostly concentrated in Dhaka, Chittagong, Narayanganj, Barisal and Khulna.</p> <p>According to the mission's letter, the Iranian company is keen to buy six ro-ro ships and hire a cruise ship from Bangladesh. The firm intends to hire from any Bangladesh supplier a cruiser with a capacity of 300-500 passengers for use duration with the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.</p> <p>Shipbuilding is a growing industry in Bangladesh with great potential. It has a long history of shipbuilding dating back to the early modern era. However, shipbuilding has turned out to be a promising sunrise industry in recent years with fetching orders from abroad for the locally made ships.</p>	23 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/radp-execution-reaches-4556pc-in-july-march-1650390350">https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/first-page/radp-execution-reaches-4556pc-in-july-march-1650390350</a></p>	
40	<p><b><a href="#">BGMEA seeks policy support for backward linkage industries</a></b></p> <p>The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Saturday urged the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to provide facilities to the backward linkage industries and sub-contractors to help the growth of the RMG industry. BGMEA President Faruque Hassan made the requests during his meeting with Zakia Sultana, a member (VAT and Policy) of the NBR, at her office in Dhaka. Faruque Hassan requested the NBR to waive value-added tax on sub-contract manufacturing, as it puts subcontracting factories in financial distress. He also urged the NBR to allow factories that do not have bonded warehouse licences to open back-to-back letters of credit for sourcing raw materials from the local market.</p>	23 April 2022	<p>The Business Standard (TBS)  <a href="https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bgmea-wants-nbr-support-backward-linkage-industries-sub-contractors-408354">https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bgmea-wants-nbr-support-backward-linkage-industries-sub-contractors-408354</a></p>	
41	<p><b><a href="#">BD gas reserve to be depleted in less than five years: Report</a></b></p> <p>Bangladesh's proven natural gas reserves might be depleted in less than five years if production continues at its current rate, said a new report. According to the report, titled 'Bangladesh at an Energy Crossroads', the current rising trend of consumption is predicted to continue with domestic gas supplies expected to fall 25 per cent by 2025. Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), a US based independent, non-partisan, nonprofit organisation, released the report on Saturday.</p> <p>Bangladesh is Asia's eighth-largest natural gas producer; gas is currently the dominant source of energy supply in Bangladesh; however, future reliance on gas comes with critical climate, environmental, health, and economic costs, said the report.</p> <p>The report comes at a time when the country and its population are experiencing devastating and disproportionate climate impacts and have expressed their desire to support the Global Methane Pledge - in which signing countries have committed to reducing the super-potent greenhouse gas by 30 per cent by 2030.</p>	24 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express  <a href="https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/metro-news/bd-gas-reserve-to-be-depleted-in-less-than-five-years-report-1650732031">https://today.thefinalexpress.com.bd/metro-news/bd-gas-reserve-to-be-depleted-in-less-than-five-years-report-1650732031</a></p>	



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46	<p><b>New policy curbs ministry control on imports</b></p> <p>Local manufacturing industries will also enjoy duty-free facility through the bonded-warehouse window under new import policy the government issued Monday to ease controls on the trade. The duty-free import facility under the bonded-warehouse mechanism used to be enjoyed by export industries, especially in the export-processing zones. Local industries can now import raw materials against partial export order through 100-percent bank guarantee. The Import Policy Order 2021-24, effective from Sunday, also allows import of cruise ship through lifting bars. Import of motorcycle up to 5000 CC also gets the go-ahead. The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) issued the order through gazette notification under the Imports and Exports (control) Act 1950. It would be valid until June 30, 2024.</p> <p>The newly issued policy eases regulatory authority of the commerce ministry (MoC) on office of the Chief Controller of Import Export to expedite clearance process of export-import documents. Government authorities hope the latest import-policy order would facilitate local industries to manufacture products in a simplified way. Currently, local manufacturing industries are required to obtain drawback of the paid duty taxes against the partial import, which pressurized their capital.</p>	26 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>(<a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-policy-curbs-ministry-control-on-imports-1650908750">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-policy-curbs-ministry-control-on-imports-1650908750</a>)</p>	
47	<p><b>BB relaxes transaction limits of MFS</b></p> <p>The central bank re-fixed maximum limits for mobile financial service (MFS) transactions to facilitate flow of money ahead of Eid, according to a circular issued Monday. The Bangladesh Bank withdrew the number of daily transaction times and re-fixed the daily cash-out limit at Tk 25,000 from agent point. Monthly-transaction limit is Tk 150,000. For cash-in, the limit is raised to Tk 30,000 with the monthly limit set at Tk 200,000. The person-to-person (p2p) cash-transfer limit has been set at Tk 25,000 daily and Tk 200,000 monthly. "An MFS account can now keep a maximum balance of Tk 300,000," the BB circular says.</p> <p>Besides, bank account-to-mobile financial service daily money-transfer limit has been set at Tk 50,000 while monthly cap is Tk 300,000.</p>	26 April 2022	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>(<a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-relaxes-transaction-limits-of-mfs-1650908842">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-relaxes-transaction-limits-of-mfs-1650908842</a>)</p>	
48	<p><b>চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর থেকে স্পেন ও নেদারল্যান্ডসে পণ্য পরিবহন</b></p> <p><b>চালু হচ্ছে সরাসরি জাহাজ চলাচল সেবা</b></p> <p>দেশের প্রধান সমুদ্রবন্দর চট্টগ্রাম থেকে স্পেন ও নেদারল্যান্ডসে চালু হতে যাচ্ছে সরাসরি পণ্য পরিবহনসেবা। নতুন এ সেবা চালু করতে এগিয়ে এসেছে সুইজারল্যান্ডের সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান কমোডিটি সাপ্লাইস এজি। শুরুতে তিনটি জাহাজ দিয়ে সরাসরি পণ্য পরিবহন হবে স্পেনের বার্সেলোনা ও নেদারল্যান্ডসের রটারডাম বন্দরে।</p> <p>চট্টগ্রাম বন্দরের তথ্যমতে, দেশের বন্দরে বড় জাহাজ চলাচল করতে না পারায় বর্তমানে ট্রান্সশিপমেন্ট বন্দর হয়ে যেমন—সিঙ্গাপুর, মালয়েশিয়ার পোর্ট কেলাং, শ্রীলংকার কলম্বো পোর্ট হয়ে ইউরোপ পৌঁছাতে সময় লেগে যায় এক মাস থেকে ৪০ দিন পর্যন্ত। নতুন এ উদ্যোগে সময় লাগবে মাত্র ২০ দিন। এছাড়া ট্রান্সশিপমেন্ট বন্দর হয়ে যেখানে ভাড়া লাগছে ১৪ হাজার ডলারের বেশি, এক্ষেত্রে লাগবে ১০ থেকে ১২ হাজার ডলার।</p> <p>চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের চেয়ারম্যান রিয়ার অ্যাডমিরাল এম শাহজাহান এ প্রসঙ্গে বণিক বার্তাকে বলেন, চট্টগ্রাম থেকে স্পেন ও নেদারল্যান্ডসে শিগগিরই কনটেইনার জাহাজ চলাচল শুরু হচ্ছে। এজন্য অনুমতি দেয়াসহ প্রয়োজনীয় সব পদক্ষেপই নেয়া হয়েছে। ইউরোপের দেশে সরাসরি পণ্য পরিবহন সেবায় প্রতি কনটেইনারে পাঁচ হাজার ডলার সামগ্র্য হচ্ছে। বাংলাদেশ থেকে পণ্য নিতে জাহাজকে খালিও আসতে হচ্ছে না। ইউরোপের সঙ্গে সরাসরি জাহাজসেবা যাতে টেকসই হয়, সেজন্য সব ধরনের উদ্যোগ নিচ্ছ। এ উদ্যোগ সমুদ্র বাণিজ্যে খরচ কমিয়ে বাংলাদেশকে প্রতিযোগিতামূলক বাজারে শক্তিশালী অবস্থান নিশ্চিত করবে।</p>	26 April 2022	<p>Bonik Barta</p> <p>(<a )<="" href="https://bonikbarta.net/home/news_description/29798%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%81-%E0%A6%9B%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%9A%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%80%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%80%E0%A6%A6%BF-%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%9A-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%9C-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%9C-%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%82-%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%80%E0%A6%9A%E0%A6%82-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE" p=""> </a></p>	

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50	<p><b>Electricity: Export to Nepal in winter, import in summer</b></p> <p>Bangladesh has offered to export its electricity to Nepal during winter while importing it during the summer, reports UNB. The proposal was placed during the bilateral meeting between the two countries at the conference room of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources on Tuesday. State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid made this offer in the meeting.</p> <p>He said, "We can import surplus electricity from Nepal during the summer and monsoon seasons and both of them will benefit if they take electricity from our country when their power generation decreases in the winter season." A nine-member delegation led by Nepal's Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation Pampa Vusal took part in the meeting while Nasrul Hamid led an eight-member Bangladesh delegation, said a ministry release.</p> <p>The meeting discussed issues of mutual interest. It may be mentioned that Nepal has a potential to generate 43,000 MW of electricity during the summer-monsoon season. Bangladesh has been importing electricity from neighbouring India while the process for import of hydropower from Nepal is in its final stage.</p>	27 April 2022	The Financial Express <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/electricity-export-to-nepal-in-winter-import-in-summer-1650993198">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/electricity-export-to-nepal-in-winter-import-in-summer-1650993198</a>																					

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52	<p><b>৯ মাসে ৬৮ দশমিক ৩৬ বিলিয়ন ডলারের এলসি খুলেছেন ব্যবসায়ীরা</b></p> <p>টিকা কার্যক্রম দ্রুত গতিতে এগিয়ে চলায় দেশের ব্যবসা-বাণিজ্য ঘুরে দাঁড়াচ্ছে। উদ্যোক্তারা আবারও পুরো দমে উৎপাদনে ফিরছে। এতে আমদানি কার্যক্রম বেড়েছে। তাই দেশে পণ্য আমদানির ঝণপত্র বা এলসি খোলার পরিমাণ অঙ্গভাবিকভাবে বাড়ছে। চলতি অর্থবছরের প্রথম ৯ মাসে (জুলাই-মার্চ) ৬ হাজার ৮৩৬ কোটি ১৮ লাখ (৬৮ দশমিক ৩৬ বিলিয়ন) ডলারের এলসি খুলেছেন ব্যবসায়ী-উদ্যোক্তারা যা গত অর্থবছরের পুরো সময়ের (২০২১ সালের জুলাই থেকে ২০২২ সালের জুন) চেয়েও ২ শতাংশ বেশি। আর একই সময়ের চেয়ে বেশি ৪৬ দশমিক শৃন্য ৪ শতাংশ। বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের পরিসংখ্যান থেকে এসব তথ্য জানা গেছে।</p> <p>বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের গত সোমবারের পরিসংখ্যানে দেখা যায়, চলতি অর্থবছরের জুলাই-মার্চ সময়ে ৫ লাখ ৮৯ হাজার ২৬৩ কোটি টাকার এলসি খুলেছেন ব্যবসায়ী-উদ্যোক্তারা। এই অঞ্চল চলতি অর্থবছরের জাতীয় বাজেটের প্রায় সমান। ২০২১-২২ অর্থবছরের বাজেটের আকার হচ্ছে ৬ লাখ ৩ হাজার ৬৮১ কোটি টাকা। এই ৯ মাসে গড়ে ৭ দশমিক ৬ বিলিয়ন ডলারের এলসি খোলা হয়েছে। বাংলাদেশের ইতিহাসে এর আগে কখনই পণ্য আমদানির এলসি খুলতে এমন উল্লম্ফন দেখা যায়নি।</p> <p>করোনাভাইরাস মহামারির মধ্যেও গত ২০২০-২১ অর্থবছরে পণ্য আমদানির জন্য ৬ হাজার ৭০৮ কোটি (৬৭.০৮ বিলিয়ন) ডলারের এলসি খুলেছিলেন ব্যবসায়ী-উদ্যোক্তারা। ওই অঞ্চল আগের অর্থবছরের চেয়ে ১৯ দশমিক ৫০ শতাংশ বেশি।</p>	27 April 2022	The Sangbad ( <a href="https://print.sangbad.net.bd/2022-04-27/news/business/116339">https://print.sangbad.net.bd/2022-04-27/news/business/116339</a> )	