

Fortnightly Summary

Important Trade and Economic News Published on Various Newspapers during 27 June – 17 July 2022

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01	<p><u>LDC trade preference under WTO</u> <u>BD hopeful about getting extension after graduation</u> <u>Commerce secretary tells post-MC12 press briefing</u></p> <p>Bangladesh is expecting to get an extension of the preferences it enjoys in international trade after the country's graduation from the least developed country (LDC) status. Commerce Secretary Tapan Kanti Ghosh on Sunday expressed the hope based on the declaration of the 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) that concluded in Geneva, Switzerland recently.</p> <p>The MC12 declaration just acknowledged the challenges that graduation presents for the countries that are leaving the LDC category, but no decision was taken at the conference in response to the graduating LDCs' demand for continuing the duty-free trade facilities. Addressing a press conference on the outcome of the meeting at the commerce ministry, the secretary, however, said that an immense opportunity has been created for Bangladesh to get an extension of the facilities even after its graduation to developing country status in 2026. He expected that the extension of the trade preferences might come in the next ministerial conference, he added. Bangladesh as also other LDCs have been lobbying for more than the last two years to extend the trade facilities by six or nine years after graduation.</p>	27 June 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/latest-page/bd-hopeful-about-getting-extension-after-graduation-1656268116</p>	
02	<p><u>Bangladesh Bank updates environmental, social risk management guideline</u></p> <p>The Bangladesh Bank yesterday published the updated version of its guideline on environmental and social risk management (ESRM) for banks and financial institutions to help the country attain development goals and address the sustainability agenda in the financial sector. The central bank released the ESRM guideline in 2017.</p>	27 June 2022	<p>The Daily Star https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-updates-environmental-social-risk-management-guideline-3057461</p>	
03	<p><u>Budget deficit financing</u> <u>Country turns again to IMF after a decade</u></p> <p>After the lapse of a decade, Bangladesh is likely to borrow funds from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to narrow its budget deficit, seen as a bit high in current context. Ministry of Finance (MoF) officials said Monday they had opened negotiations with the Washington-based lender on the potential budgetary support. "We had a meeting with IMF Dhaka office on Monday. The IMF has offered us the budgetary credit support to help minimise the budget deficit," a senior MoF official said.</p> <p>The IMF recently offered the policy-support credit meant for financing the deficit of the total Tk 6.78-trillion budget in the upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2022-23. The multilateral funding agency had last confirmed \$987 million worth of budget support, titled Extended Credit Facility (ECF), in April 2012 to help restore macroeconomic stability, strengthen the external position, and engender higher, more inclusive growth.</p>	28 June 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/country-turns-again-to-imf-after-a-decade-1656353284?date=28-06-2022</p>	

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07	<p><u>Check waste, make dev works public money's worth</u> <u>Economists censure cost escalation of projects for flaws</u></p> <p>Economists at a meet censure cost escalation of development works in Bangladesh for flaws all through and say good value for the public money ought to be ensured in executing infrastructure projects. Their critical reviews came as faulty project feasibility study, weak planning and absence of post-implementation accountability were listed at the CPD discussion Wednesday, against the backdrop of a slew of megaprojects being executed with such alleged flaws. Besides, corruption in project implementations and absence of project directors (PDs) from project sites also were mentioned as major obstacles to reaping quality results of the development works. Such drawbacks undermine desired outcome of many development projects, ultimately resulting in "misuse of public funds", the speakers note.</p> <p>The dialogue on 'Implementation of Public Infrastructure Projects in Bangladesh: Ensuring Good Value for Money' was organized by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) in Dhaka, incidentally a day before public accounts of spending for the outgoing fiscal closes today and new budget gets through parliament.</p> <p>Attending the dialogue from government side, Planning Minister MA Mannan mentioned the absence of PDs from project sites as a big headache for the government now.</p>	30 June 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/check-waste-make-dev-works-public-moneys-worth-1656525455</p>	
08	<p><u>Parliament passes Finance Bill</u> <u>Some new fiscal measures include amnesty for 'black money', Tk 3.6mn cap on corporate cash transaction</u></p> <p>Parliament passed Wednesday the Finance Bill 2022, with some much-debated provisions, to grant legal cover to a new national budget which critics say should have been more welfare-oriented in the crisis time than growth centric. The new fiscal measures included amnesty for whitening offshore movable assets and a cap of Tk 3.6 million as allowable limit for cash transaction for corporate taxpayers. In the upcoming fiscal year 2022-23, corporate taxpayers will be able to enjoy a 2.5-percent cut in tax rates if they limit cash transaction within the threshold.</p> <p>Finance Minister brought 17 amendments to the proposed budget, setting off flurries on its different provisions.</p>	30 June 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/parliament-passes-finance-bill-1656525662</p>	
09	<p><u>BD among top 10 labour rights violators</u></p> <p>Bangladesh, for the sixth consecutive year since 2017, ranks among top 10 worst countries in the world where labour rights are not guaranteed, according to a global survey. The Global Rights Index-2022, launched by International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) on Tuesday, pointed out regressive laws, obstacles to unionism and police violence for the worst situation in Bangladesh. Bangladesh's peers in the list are Belarus, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Eswatini, Guatemala, Myanmar, the Philippines and Turkey.</p> <p>In Bangladesh's garment industry, which employs more than 4.5-million workers, attempts at forming unions were relentlessly obstructed, according to the study. Even strikes were met with extreme brutality by industrial police who fired live rounds and used batons and tear gas to disperse workers, it says. Workers were also exposed to mass dismissals and criminal prosecution for exercising their right to peaceful protest, it says, adding that Bangladesh also frustrated establishment of unions with an extremely burdensome registration process.</p>	30 June 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/bd-among-top-10-labour-rights-violators-1656522600</p>	

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10	<p><u>Comply with EDF loan settlement instructions</u> <u>Bangladesh Bank asks authorised dealers</u></p> <p>The central bank on Wednesday advised the authorised dealers (ADs) to comply with the instructions in settlement of Export Development Fund (EDF) loans. Bangladesh Bank (BB) also, in a circular, asked ADs to refrain from forwarding applications of EDF loans, irrespective of nature of imports, for customers whose liabilities have been settled through funded facilities in the immediate past 180 days.</p> <p>The circular was issued as loans given from the foreign exchange reserve have been found to be misused by some exporters, turning those into huge forced loans due to failure in payment to the lenders on the due date.</p>	30 June 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/comply-with-edf-loan-settlement-instructions-1656525894)	
11	<p><u>Bangladesh gets \$753m for trade, connectivity</u></p> <p>The World Bank yesterday approved a \$1.03 billion financing to help improve regional trade in Bangladesh and Nepal by reducing trade and transport costs and transit time along the regional corridors. The Accelerating Transport and Trade Connectivity in Eastern South Asia (ACCESS) Programme Phase-1 will help the governments address the key barriers to regional trade -- manual and paper-based trade processes, inadequate transport and trade infrastructure, and restrictive trade and transport regulations and processes.</p>	30 June 2022	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-gets-753m-trade-connectivity-3060036)	
12	<p><u>JS passes growth-centric budget with high deficit</u></p> <p>Parliament passed Thursday a growth-centric hugely deficit national budget which critics say should have been more welfare-oriented to protect people from woes in the crisis time. The Tk 6.78-trillion budget for the fiscal year 2022-23, beginning today, was passed by voice vote through adoption of the Appropriations Bill 2022 that empowers the government to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Fund of Bangladesh for meeting the expenditure during the year. Earlier on Thursday, the Jatiya Sangsad passed the much-debated Finance Bill 2022 to grant legal cover to the fiscal measures in the new budget.</p> <p>The eighteenth session of the 11th JS resumed on the day with Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury in the chair. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina attended the session. The Prime Minister elaborated on the Padma bridge expenditure saying that the first feasibility study had missed technical issues, including additional river training and dollar rates. She said it is now a multipurpose bridge with four-lane roads and main bridge has actually spent over Tk 110 billion. "It is very low by any measure." She mentioned that the government has taken adequate measures against the inflationary pressures, including regular market monitoring.</p>	01 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/js-passes-growth-centric-budget-with-high-deficit-1656613059?date=01-07-2022)	
13	<p><u>BB tightens monetary policy stance</u> <u>Cooling inflation, containing reserve erosion main objective</u></p> <p>The central bank unveils its monetary policy that, according to its outgoing governor, is cautious in stance and has a tightening bias. It, however, is hopeful about maintaining support to economic recovery process and ensuring necessary flow of funds to economy's productive and employment generating activities. Under the policy announced Thursday, Bangladesh Bank (BB) increased its key policy rate - repurchase agreement (repo) rate - further by 50 basis points to 5.50 per cent aiming to curb inflationary pressure on the economy.</p> <p>Earlier on May 29, the central bank had raised such interest rate for the first time in a decade to contain inflation.</p>	01 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-tightens-monetary-policy-stance-1656613250?date=01-07-2022)	

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14	<p><u>Exports go past \$50b mark in FY'22</u> Earnings from merchandise shipments rise over 34pc to \$52.08b</p> <p>Bangladesh booked record goods export earnings at US\$52.08 billion in the past financial year in a quantum leap by over 34 per cent as rebounded apparel shipments provided the prop. Overall export earnings also surpassed the set target by 19.73 per cent in FY 2021-22, despite headwinds blowing from global crunch, according to Export Promotion Bureau data.</p> <p>Exports fetched the country \$38.75 billion during the July-June period of the previous fiscal year 2020-21, according to provisional trade data available with the EPB. Of the total \$52.08 billion worth of export income during the July-June period of the just-past fiscal, readymade garments (RMG) contributed the lion's share of \$42.62 billion or about 82 per cent, the official count shows. Leather and leather products crossed billion-dollar mark last fiscal while jute and jute goods, despite its negative growth, agricultural products and home textiles maintained their billion-dollar-earning benchmark.</p> <p>Besides, the single-month export earnings in June last increased 37.29 per cent to \$4.908 billion, after December high that amounted to almost the same amount at \$4.907 billion.</p>	04 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/exports-go-past-50b-mark-in-fy22-1656871158)	
15	<p><u>Remittance inflow falls over 15pc</u></p> <p>Inward remittances into the country dropped over 15 per cent in the fiscal year (FY) 2021-22 over the previous fiscal, despite providing higher incentives. Bangladeshis staying abroad sent home over \$21.03 billion in the just-concluded fiscal compared to more than \$24.77 billion in the FY 2020-21, according Bangladesh Bank data.</p> <p>The remittance inflow declined by around 5.0 per cent in June alone compared to that of the previous month (May). Expatriate Bangladeshis remitted nearly \$1.84 billion in June 2022 while the amount was about \$1.94 billion in May, the central bank figures revealed.</p>	04 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/remittance-inflow-falls-over-15pc-1656871199)	
16	<p><u>Bangladesh exceeds labour exports target in FY22</u></p> <p>Bangladesh has surpassed its manpower export target for the 2021-22 fiscal year as countries across the globe lifted pandemic restrictions and reopened businesses. Around 9.88 lakh workers secured overseas employment in the immediate past fiscal, which is a whopping 253% growth compared to the previous fiscal year, according to data provided by the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment.</p>	04 July 2022	The Business Standard (TBS) (https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/migration/bangladesh-exceeds-labour-exports-target-fy22-452962)	
17	<p><u>No new tariff regime for Bangladesh even after LDC graduation: Australian high commissioner</u></p> <p>Bangladesh will not face a changed tariff or duty regime in Australia even after graduating to a middle income country. In a visit to The Business Standard offices on Monday, Australian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Jeremy Bruer confirmed that there were no plans to change the zero-duty structure Bangladesh currently enjoys even after graduation, but said it was up to Bangladesh to remain competitive by ensuring its capacity to do so. Terming the bilateral relationship between the two countries good, he said there was potential for it to grow even further.</p>	04 July 2022	The Business Standard (TBS) (https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/no-new-tariff-regime-bangladesh-even-after-ldc-graduation-australian-high-commissioner)	


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18	<p><u>IFC, BRAC Bank to issue first housing bond</u></p> <p>The International Finance Corporation (IFC) joined hands with BRAC Bank Limited to issue housing bond worth US\$50 million for the first time in the country to help provide affordable housing loans to low- and middle-income urban and rural families. "Thousands of low- and middle-income urban and rural families in Bangladesh, often underserved by commercial banks, are expected to take affordable housing loans through the IFC's investment in the country's first housing bond, to be issued by BRAC Bank," said a joint statement on Monday.</p> <p>The IFC will make a subscription of up to \$50 million-equivalent Bangladeshi Taka (BDT) denominated, five-year senior bond of BRAC Bank to fund and expand its affordable housing finance programme. Through this initiative, the IFC and BRAC Bank jointly aim to demonstrate a commercially viable lending product that caters to the housing finance needs of the households belonging to low- and middle-income groups, promote inclusive development, and create thousands of new jobs, the statement said.</p> <p>It is estimated that about 80 per cent of people in Bangladesh's cities live in rented properties all their lives, mostly due to lack of mortgage finance. Home mortgages only account for three per cent of the loan market in Bangladesh, below the average of 4.9 per cent in South Asia and 8.9 per cent in the emerging markets. Most financial institutions focus on providing housing finance to the higher-income people, while access to formal housing loans for low- and middle-income segments is very limited. This causes a surplus in premium housing and a shortage of both housing finance and housing units for low- and middle-income people, it noted.</p>	05 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/ifc-brac-bank-to-issue-first-housing-bond-1656957026)	
19	<p><u>BEZA to expedite development of planned EZs in SW region</u></p> <p>Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) is expecting to expedite development of the planned industrial parks in the country's south-western (SW) region as investors are showing increased interest in the areas, thanks to enhanced connectivity established after opening of the Padma Bridge, officials said. The stakeholders believe the EZs-currently at different stages of development from planning to construction - will give an impetus to the economic activities there through industrialisation and employment generation.</p> <p>As per data available, 17 EZs will be established across the whole region, while implementation of Mongla EZ (MEZ) has already marked a significant progress with the construction works. The MEZ is being developed on 205 acres of land in Bagerhat, near the Mongla port. Three companies have already inked land lease agreements to set up their plants there.</p> <p>Close to the MEZ, another EZ will be established on 105 acres of land dedicated for Indian investors on government-to-government (G2G) basis.</p> <p>The EZs will be established in Gopalganj, Khulna, Madaripur, Satkhira and Kushtia in phases, which altogether will play a pivotal role for overall development of the region.</p> <p>The BEZA has also planned to establish a tourism park on 1,546 acres of land near the Sundarbans in Bagerhat.</p>	05 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/beza-to-expedite-development-of-planned-ezs-in-sw-region-1656956671)	

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20	<p><u>Bangladesh 7th saddest, most stressed nation</u> Bangladesh has ranked seventh among the world's saddest and most-stressed nations, according to a new global report released on Monday. According to the 'Gallup 2022 Global Emotions Report', Bangladesh has secured the seventh position in the list with a score of 45 while Afghanistan wsecured the first position with a score of 59. Apart from Afghanistan and Bangladesh, the other countries in the top 10 saddest countries are Lebanon (score 58), Iraq (score 51), Sierra Leone (score 50), Jordan (score 48), Turkey (score 46), Ecuador (score 45), Guinea (score 45) and Benin (score 44).</p>	05 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/beza-to-expedite-development-of-planned-ezs-in-sw-region-1656956671)	
21	<p><u>Trade deficit hits historic high</u> Bangladesh's trade deficit hit a historic high of \$30.81 billion in the first 11 months of the 2021-22 fiscal year, intensifying the pressure on the macroeconomic zone. The country has been facing the higher trade deficit in recent months due to the escalation of imports against lower exports. Trade deficit in the first 11 months of FY21 stood at \$20.70 billion, according to data from the Bangladesh Bank. This has already created a tremendous pressure on the foreign exchange reserves, prompting a foreign exchange crisis in the banking sector.</p>	05 July 2022	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/trade-deficit-hits-historic-high-3064141)	
22	<p><u>Bangladesh-Bhutan PTA gives duty-free market access to more products</u> The preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) between Bangladesh and Bhutan that will give duty-free market access to more products from both the countries came into effect on 1 July. The agreement will provide duty-free access to 10 products from Bangladesh in addition to the already 90 existing products. Meanwhile, 16 more Bhutanese products would enjoy duty-free export to Bangladesh along with the existing 18.</p>	05 July 2022	The Business Standard (TBS) (https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bhutan-pta-gives-duty-free-market-access-more-products-453026)	
23	<p><u>BD commercial debts swell to nearly \$25b</u> <u>Total external debts at \$93.23 billion until March</u> Commercial borrowings under the private sector increased significantly by \$6.3 billion to nearly \$25.0 billion during the nine- month period of the immediate-past fiscal year. Of the commercial borrowings, buyer's credit has increased rapidly, to \$9.6 billion, up by nearly \$4.0 billion, to March. This is followed by foreign back-to-back letter of credit amounting to over \$1.2 billion or up by \$263 million during the nine months ending June last. However, Bangladesh's total external debts rose by \$8.5 billion in nine months to March to a total of \$93.23 billion in a continuous rise that casts unwelcome effects on its foreign-exchange reserves. Such a picture came up in a publication of the central bank which compiles the data from SoEs, private enterprises, nationalized commercial banks, and the economic relations division. Foreign debt is money borrowed by government, corporation or private households from another country's government or private lenders. The total external debt-to-GDP ratio now stood at nearly 27 per cent at the end of March 2022. However, general government borrowings remained in a safe zone as most of the debts are long- term ones. General government borrowing in March stood at \$68.25 billion, up by \$ 5.37 billion since June last. Of the total government borrowings, more than 83 per cent spawned from long-term concessional debts.</p>	06 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-commercial-debts-swell-to-nearly-25b-1657045486)	

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28	<p>এনবিআরের আদায় তিন লাখ কোটি টাকা ছুঁই ছুঁই</p> <p>বিদায়ী অর্থবছরে শুল্ক-কর আদায় ১৪ শতাংশের বেশি প্রবৃদ্ধি হয়েছে। শুল্ক-কর আদায়ের পরিমাণ তিন লাখ কোটি টাকা ছুঁই ছুঁই। জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড (এনবিআর) সূত্রে জানা গেছে, ২০২১-২২ অর্থবছরে সব মিলিয়ে ২ লাখ ৯৬ হাজার কোটি টাকার শুল্ক-কর আদায় করেছেন কর কর্মকর্তারা। এটি সাময়িক হিসাব। চলতি মাসের দ্বিতীয়ার্ধে চূড়ান্ত হিসাব পাওয়া যাবে।</p> <p>বিদায়ী অর্থবছরে এনবিআরকে আয়কর, ভ্যাট ও শুল্ক—এই তিন খাত মিলিয়ে ৩ লাখ ৩০ হাজার কোটি টাকার রাজস্ব আদায়ের লক্ষ্যমাত্রা দেওয়া হয়েছে। এবার এই লক্ষ্য সংশোধন করা হয়নি। সে হিসাবে সাময়িক রাজস্ব আদায়ে ঘাটতি প্রায় ৩৪ হাজার কোটি টাকা।</p> <p>২০২০-২১ অর্থবছরে ২ লাখ ৫৯ হাজার ৯২০ কোটি টাকার শুল্ক-কর আদায় করেছিলেন এনবিআরের কর্মকর্তারা। বিদায়ী বছরে আগেরবারের চেয়ে প্রায় ৩৬ হাজার কোটি টাকা বেশি কর আদায় হয়েছে।</p>	07 July 2022	<p>Prothom Alo https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/%E0%A6%8F%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%8B%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9f%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%9f%E0%A6%9f%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9f%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9f%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%81%E0%A6%87</p>	
29	<p>Outages affect output, create concerns about exports May dent Bangladesh competitiveness, hike cost of doing business</p> <p>Power outage is taking its heavy toll on trade, business and economy through squeezing industrial production, say businesses and economists who also appear concerned about Bangladesh's trade competitiveness being dented. Businesses said Thursday the on-again, off-again power supply cut production in a range between 30 and 60 per cent that seriously concerned them about maintaining the shipment time for global trade.</p> <p>As there is no immediate respite from the electricity load shedding, it would affect the country's competitiveness by escalating cost of doing business, too, they fear and call upon the policymakers to resolve the ongoing power crisis. Policymakers and officials engaged in power generation and distribution blame sudden shortage of primary energy, especially gas, for the deficit between electricity demand and generation.</p>	08 July 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/outages-affect-output-create-concerns-about-exports-1657219772?date=08-07-2022</p>	
30	<p>তৈরি পোশাক রপ্তানি যুক্তরাষ্ট্রে রেকর্ড প্রবৃদ্ধি ৫১ শতাংশ, ইউতে ৩৩</p> <p>প্রচলিত বাজারগুলোর পাশাপাশি নতুন বাজারেও খারাপ করেননি বাংলাদেশের উদ্যোক্তারা। সেখানে প্রবৃদ্ধি ২৫ শতাংশ যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের বাজারে তৈরি পোশাক রপ্তানিতে নতুন মাইলফলকে পৌঁছেছে বাংলাদেশ। বিদায়ী ২০২১-২২ অর্থবছর দেশটিতে রপ্তানি হয়েছে ৯০১ কোটি ডলারের তৈরি পোশাক, যা দেশীয় মুদ্রায় ৮৪ হাজার ১৯৮ কোটি টাকা। এই রপ্তানি গত ২০২০-২১ অর্থবছরের তুলনায় ৫১ দশমিক ৫৭ শতাংশ বেশি। ওই অর্থবছরে যুক্তরাষ্ট্রে রপ্তানি হয়েছিল ৫৯৪ কোটি ডলারের পোশাক।</p> <p>যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের বাজারে ভালো প্রবৃদ্ধি হওয়ায় বিদায়ী ২০২১-২২ অর্থবছর শেষে সব মিলিয়ে ৪ হাজার ২৬১ কোটি ডলারের তৈরি পোশাক রপ্তানি হয়েছে। এ ক্ষেত্রে প্রবৃদ্ধি হয়েছে ৩৫ দশমিক ৪৭ শতাংশ। ২০২০-২১ অর্থবছরে ৩ হাজার ১৪৫ কোটি ডলারের পোশাক রপ্তানি হয়েছিল। তার মানে, এক বছরের ব্যবধানে পোশাক রপ্তানি বেড়েছে ১ হাজার ১১৬ কোটি ডলারের।</p> <p>দেশ অনুযায়ী পোশাক রপ্তানির এই চিত্র গতকাল বৃহস্পতিবার প্রকাশ করেছে তৈরি পোশাকশিল্প মালিকদের সংগঠন বিজিএমইএ। শুধু যে যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের বাজারে পোশাক রপ্তানি বেড়েছে তা নয়, ইউরোপীয় ইউনিয়ন (ইইউ), কানাডা ও যুক্তরাজ্যের বাজারেও ভালো করেছে দেশের শীর্ষ রপ্তানি আয়ের এই খাত।</p>	08 July 2022	<p>Prothom Alo https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B7%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9f%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A7%83%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%AB%E0%A7%A7%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%87%E0%A6%89%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%87%E0%A7%A9%E0%A7%A9</p>	

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31	<p>বিদ্যুৎ ব্যবহারে সশ্রয়ী হওয়ার আহ্বান সরকারের</p> <p>সেপ্টেম্বরের আগে কাটছে না লোডশেডিং</p> <p>শিগগিরই দেশের বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ ব্যবস্থায় লোডশেডিং পরিস্থিতির উন্নতি হওয়ার সম্ভাবনা নেই। সেক্ষেত্রে অন্তত আগামী সেপ্টেম্বর পর্যন্ত এ পরিস্থিতি বহাল থাকতে পারে বলে জানিয়েছেন প্রধানমন্ত্রীর বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদবিষয়ক উপদেষ্টা ড. তৌফিক-ই-ইলাহী চৌধুরী বীর বিক্রম। প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়ে গতকাল গ্যাস ও বিদ্যুতের বিদ্যমান পরিস্থিতি নিয়ে এক পর্যালোচনা সভা শেষে তিনি বলেন, দেশে বিদ্যুৎ নিয়ে এখন যে পরিস্থিতি তৈরি হয়েছে তাতে নিয়ন্ত্রিত লোডশেডিংয়ের মাধ্যমে বিদ্যুতের চাহিদা কমাতে চায় সরকার।</p> <p>প্রধানমন্ত্রীর কার্যালয়ে গতকাল বিদ্যুৎ ও গ্যাস খাতের উৎপাদন ও বিতরণ সংস্থার উর্ধ্বতন কর্মকর্তাদের নিয়ে এ জরুরি পর্যালোচনা সভার আয়োজন করা হয়। প্রধানমন্ত্রীর বিদ্যুৎ, জ্বালানি ও খনিজ সম্পদবিষয়ক উপদেষ্টা এতে সভাপতিত্ব করেন। সভা শেষে এক প্রেস ব্রিফিংয়ে সাংবাদিকদের মুখোমুখি হন তিনি।</p> <p>এ সময় তৌফিক-ই-ইলাহী চৌধুরী বলেন, বর্তমান পরিস্থিতি একটা যুদ্ধের মতো। এ যুদ্ধ মোকাবেলায় সবাইকে সহযোগিতা করতে হবে। সবাই মিলে যদি চেষ্টা করি, তাহলে পরিস্থিতি কাটিয়ে উঠতে পারব। আগামী সেপ্টেম্বরের দিকে ভারত থেকে আদানির বিদ্যুৎ আসবে। একই সঙ্গে রামপালে ১ হাজার ৩২০ মেগাওয়াট বিদ্যুৎকেন্দ্র উৎপাদনে যাওয়ার সম্ভাবনা রয়েছে। পায়রা তাপবিদ্যুৎকেন্দ্র থেকেও ৭০০ মেগাওয়াট বিদ্যুৎ পাওয়া যাবে। এছাড়া চট্টগ্রামের এস আলমের একটি বিদ্যুৎকেন্দ্র এ সময় উৎপাদনে আসবে। ফলে তখন পরিস্থিতির উন্নতি হবে।</p>	08 July 2022	<p>Bonik Barta https://bonikbarta.net/home/news_description/305898/%E0%A6%B8%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%9F%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%86%E0%A6%97%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%B6%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%82</p>	
32	<p>রাশিয়া-ইউক্রেন</p> <p>যুদ্ধের কারণে নতুন দরিদ্র ৭ কোটি ১০ লাখ মানুষ</p> <p>নতুন দরিদ্রদের মধ্যে ৫ দশমিক ১৬ কোটি মানুষের দৈনিক খরচের ক্ষমতা এখন ১ দশমিক ৯০ ডলার বা তার কম। চলতি বছরের ফেব্রুয়ারি মাসে শুরু হওয়া রাশিয়া-ইউক্রেন যুদ্ধ পাঁচ মাসে পড়েছে। এর জেরে সারা বিশ্বে বেড়েছে খাদ্য ও জ্বালানির দাম। বাস্তবতা হলো মূল্যস্ফীতির সূচক দেশে দেশে রেকর্ড উচ্চতায় উঠেছে। ফলে যুদ্ধের প্রথম তিন মাসেই বিশ্বের বিভিন্ন দেশে সব মিলিয়ে মোট ৭ কোটি ১০ লাখ মানুষ নতুন করে দারিদ্র্যসীমার নিচে চলে গেছে।</p> <p>গত বৃহস্পতিবার প্রকাশিত ইউনাইটেড নেশনস ডেভেলপমেন্ট প্রোগ্রামের (ইউএনডিপি) এক প্রতিবেদনে এ তথ্য প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। বলা হয়েছে, নতুন দরিদ্রদের মধ্যে ৫ দশমিক ১৬ কোটি মানুষের দৈনিক খরচের ক্ষমতা এখন ১ দশমিক ৯০ ডলার বা তার কম। আরও দুই কোটি মানুষের ক্ষেত্রে তা ৩ দশমিক ২০ ডলার। সব মিলিয়ে পৃথিবীর জনসংখ্যার প্রায় ৯ শতাংশের বসবাস এখন দারিদ্র্যের বৃত্তে।</p>	09 July 2022	<p>Prothom Alo https://www.prothomalo.com/business/world-business/%E0%A6%AE%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%A7%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A3%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A8-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A6%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A7%AD-%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF-%E0%A7%A7%E0%A7%A6-%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96-%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%A8%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%B7</p>	
33	<p>Rawhide sale faring better than last year: Traders</p> <p>Rawhide was not being bought and sold at prices fixed by the government, but the market situation was fairly good compared to last year. Traders said there is a demand for rawhide in the markets. There were no such incidents of dumping rawhides into rivers or anywhere in the country over less price.</p> <p>Aftab Khan, president of the Bangladesh Hide and Skin Merchants' Association, told The Daily Star that the market for rawhide this Eid was better than last year. He said a 30sqft cowhide was being bought for Tk 900, and a 20-22 sqft hide was being bought for Tk 600. Apart from this, goat hide is being bought and sold at Tk 10-20 per piece, he said. "From what we can see so far, this year the market will fare better than last year," he said.</p>	10 July 2022	<p>The Daily Star https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rawhide-sale-faring-better-last-year-traders-3068086</p>	

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34	<p><u>India to surpass China as most populous country in 2023: UN report</u></p> <p>India is set to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023, with each counting more than 1.4 billion residents this year, a United Nations report said on Monday, warning that high fertility would challenge economic growth. The world's population, estimated to reach 8 billion by Nov. 15 this year, could grow to 8.5 billion in 2030, and 10.4 billion in 2100, as the pace of mortality slows, said the report released on World Population Day.</p> <p>India's population was 1.21 billion in 2011, according to the domestic census, which is conducted once a decade. The government had deferred the 2021 census due to the Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p>The world's population was growing at its slowest pace since 1950, having fallen below 1% in 2020, UN estimates showed. In 2021, the average fertility of the world's population stood at 2.3 births per woman over a lifetime, having fallen from about 5 births in 1950. Global fertility is projected to decline further to 2.1 births per woman by 2050.</p> <p>The United Nations said more than half of the projected increase in the global population up to 2050 will be concentrated in eight countries - Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and the United Republic of Tanzania.</p>	12 July 2022	<p>The Business Standard (TBS)</p> <p>https://www.tbsnews.net/world/india-surpass-china-most-populous-country-2023-un-report-456810</p>	
35	<p><u>New BB governor sets priorities in turbulent time Battling inflation, stabilising forex market come first</u></p> <p>Top finance official Abdur Rouf Talukder opens his stint as Governor of Bangladesh Bank with first priority attached to curbing inflation, as people struggle to pay high prices. Next urgent do the new governor of the central bank sets in his priorities is taming the heated foreign-exchange market that also adds up to the inflationary pressure on the economy.</p> <p>"It will be possible to contain inflation through the central bank working jointly with the finance ministry of the government," the new central bank chief said Tuesday to a query at his maiden press conference after his switch from the finance ministry.</p>	13 July 2022	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/battling-inflation-stabilising-forex-market-come-first-1657645573</p>	
36	<p><u>S Korea unlikely to provide DFQF facility for BD goods Post-LDC era</u></p> <p>South Korea is unlikely to provide duty-free and quota-free (DFQF) market access to products from Bangladesh unilaterally after its graduation from the least developed country (LDC) status in 2026. The East Asian country has already informed the Bangladesh embassy in Seoul informally that it is reluctant to give DFQF access one-sidedly in favour of Bangladeshi goods, according to a letter of the embassy.</p> <p>The Korean republic is also likely to come under pressure from the countries who signed free trade/preferential trade agreements with the developed country if the facility is given independently to Bangladesh even after its graduation from the LDC club, the letter hinted.</p> <p>To overcome possible export shocks from the developed market, the embassy has suggested that the government should fix its position and devise next course of action to this effect through conducting a feasibility study.</p>	13 July 2022	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/s-korea-unlikely-to-provide-dfqf-facility-for-bd-goods-1657642296</p>	

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37	<p>কভিডে কর্মচ্যুত ৬৯ শতাংশ কাজে ফিরেছে</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>কাজে ফেরা কর্মচ্যুত %</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>দেশ</th> <th>কাজে ফেরা কর্মচ্যুত %</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>বাংলাদেশ</td> <td>৬৯</td> </tr> <tr> <td>নেপাল</td> <td>৫৬</td> </tr> <tr> <td>শ্রীলংকা</td> <td>৫৫</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ভারত</td> <td>৮৬</td> </tr> <tr> <td>পাকিস্তান</td> <td>৮৫</td> </tr> <tr> <td>আফগানিস্তান</td> <td>৮২</td> </tr> <tr> <td>মালদ্বীপ</td> <td>৮০</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ভুটান</td> <td>১৮</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>কভিড-১৯ মহামারীর প্রাদুর্ভাবের শুরু ২০১৯ সালের শেষে। এরপর কেটে গেছে আড়াই বছরেরও বেশি সময়। এখনো নির্মূল না হলেও মূলত ২০২০ সালজুড়েই কভিডের নানামুখী অভিঘাত মোকাবেলা করতে হয়েছে বিশ্বের প্রায় সব দেশকে। অর্থনৈতিক স্থবিরতায় কর্মসংস্থান হারিয়েছে বিপুল পরিমাণ মানুষ। বিশ্বব্যাপক বলছে, কভিডের অভিঘাতে কর্মচ্যুত মানুষদের অনেকে কাজে ফিরেছে। বাংলাদেশে এমন মানুষের হার ৬৯ শতাংশ।</p> <p>দক্ষিণ এশিয়ার শ্রমবাজারে কভিডের প্রভাব ও পুনরুদ্ধার পরিস্থিতি মূল্যায়নে জরিপ চালিয়েছে বিশ্বব্যাংক। সেই জরিপের ওপর ভিত্তি করে 'কভিড-১৯ ইন সাউথ এশিয়া: অ্যান আনইকুয়াল শক, অ্যান আনসার্টেইন রিকভারি' শীর্ষক একটি প্রতিবেদন প্রকাশ করেছে সংস্থাটি। চলতি বছরের এপ্রিলে প্রকাশ পাওয়া প্রতিবেদনটিতে বাংলাদেশসহ দক্ষিণ এশিয়ার বেশকিছু দেশের শ্রমবাজারে কভিডের প্রভাব এবং পুনরুদ্ধার পরিস্থিতি বিশ্লেষণ করেছে বিশ্বব্যাংক।</p>	দেশ	কাজে ফেরা কর্মচ্যুত %	বাংলাদেশ	৬৯	নেপাল	৫৬	শ্রীলংকা	৫৫	ভারত	৮৬	পাকিস্তান	৮৫	আফগানিস্তান	৮২	মালদ্বীপ	৮০	ভুটান	১৮	13 July 2022	<p>Bonik Barta https://bonikbarta.net/home/news_description/306170/%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AD%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A1%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%9A%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%A4-%E0%A7%AC%E0%A7%AF-%E0%A6%B6%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%B6-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%AB%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87</p>	
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38	<p>Buttressing taka against tumbles LCs under watch for regulating imports BDT further depreciates by Tk 0.50 against USD</p> <p>The central bank begins monitoring LCs daily to bar unnecessary imports in a major bid to ease pressure of import-payment obligations and thus buttress Bangladesh's falling reserves, officials say. Under the latest regulatory move-incidentally amid declining foreign-exchange reserves and depreciation of the local currency--the Bangladesh Bank (BB) started monitoring letters of credit worth US\$5.0 million and above initially from Wednesday using its dashboard to discourage 'unnecessary' imports.</p> <p>Top finance-bureaucrat Abdur Rouf Talukder took over as Bangladesh Bank Governor Tuesday with two cardinal goals among his priorities: taming wayward inflation that afflicts people with price spiral and cooling the overheated foreign-exchange market.</p> <p>Earlier on February12, 2013, the central bank launched an electronic system, generally known as 'dashboard'. The dashboard provides information on different modes of foreign-exchange transactions, including on summary of exports, imports and inland back-to-back LCs separately.</p>	14 July 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/lcs-under-watch-for-regulating-imports-1657732758</p>																			

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39	<p><u>Manpower export hits new high</u> Bangladesh's manpower export hit a new high in the past fiscal on post-pandemic rebound of overseas job market as nearly a million found employments abroad following good demand for Bangladeshi workers. Sources painted such a sound picture of the country's wage-earner sector-a main source of its foreign-exchange reserves-as data available with the Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) showed a total of 988,112 workers having gone abroad in the fiscal year (FY) 2021-22. This happens to be the highest number of annual overseas jobs in the last seven years.</p> <div> <p>Nearly million get overseas jobs in FY22, labour outflow to rise this fiscal on KL deal</p> <table border="1"> <caption>MANPOWER EXPORT</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Fiscal Year</th> <th>Number of Workers</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>FY 15-16</td> <td>672,721</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FY 16-17</td> <td>893,736</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FY 17-18</td> <td>866,417</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FY 18-19</td> <td>659,044</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FY 19-20</td> <td>498,983</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FY 20-21</td> <td>271,445</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FY 21-22</td> <td>988,112</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Source: BMET</p> </div>	Fiscal Year	Number of Workers	FY 15-16	672,721	FY 16-17	893,736	FY 17-18	866,417	FY 18-19	659,044	FY 19-20	498,983	FY 20-21	271,445	FY 21-22	988,112	14 July 2022	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/manpower-export-hits-new-high-1657732992	
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40	<p><u>Guarantees to foreign lenders</u> <u>BB defines private borrowers' scope</u> The private-sector borrowers can extend guarantees like corporate guarantee, personal guarantee, third-party guarantee, etc. to the foreign lenders as per the foreign-loan agreement. However, the guarantee can be extended provided the loan concerned has been approved by the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA). The Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Wednesday issued a circular on repayment guarantees by importers against short-term import finance under buyer's credit. It said that the issuance of repayment commitments by the authorised dealers (ADs) is subject to approval from Bangladesh Bank as per the foreign exchange regulations. The short term import finance under the buyer's credit against admissible imports on sight letters of credit is accessible in accordance with guidelines for foreign exchange transactions-2018. The external lenders including offshore banking operations extend buyer's credit against usance import bills duly accepted by the ADs.</p>	14 July 2022	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-defines-private-borrowers-scope-1657733040																	

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41	<p>হাজারীবাগের ‘রেড জোন’ প্রত্যাহার চান ট্যানারিমালিকেরা ব্যাংকঋণ পরিশোধ, পুঁজিসংকট কাটানো ও বিনিয়োগ বাড়াতে হাজারীবাগের জমির ওপর থাকা ‘নিষেধাজ্ঞা’ প্রত্যাহারের দাবি জানিয়েছেন ট্যানারিমালিকেরা। তাঁরা জানান, রাজধানী উন্নয়ন কর্তৃপক্ষ (রাজউক) কয়েক বছর ধরে হাজারীবাগের ট্যানারি এলাকার জায়গা লাল অঞ্চল হিসেবে ঘোষণা করে রেখেছে। ফলে ট্যানারিমালিকেরা তা ব্যবহার করে ঋণ নেওয়া বা অন্য কোনো কাজে লাগাতে পারছেন না। আজ বুধবার রাজধানীর সোবহানবাগের মেট্রো শপিং মলে অবস্থিত ধানমন্ডি ক্লাবে আয়োজিত এক সংবাদ সম্মেলনে এসব কথা বলেন বাংলাদেশ ট্যানার্স অ্যাসোসিয়েশনের (বিটিএ) নেতারা। সংবাদ সম্মেলনে লিখিত বক্তব্য পাঠ করেন বিটিএর চেয়ারম্যান মো. শাহীন আহমেদ।</p>	14 July 2022	Prothom Alo (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/industry/urb9gpoqlh)	
42	<p><u>Rice costly despite duty cut</u> Duty cut could hardly impact the overheated rice market as strings binding the fiscal intervention delay import of the main staple in Bangladesh, worsening consumer woes. Such conditions -- from LC opening to bringing rice within a time limit, introducing 'permit' system for limited importers -- might lead to insufficient import like that of last year, insiders say. Last year over four hundred traders got permit to bring 1.79 million tonnes of rice but they could import only 0.305 million tonnes though the duty was only 15 per cent then. The food ministry till July 13 had permitted 329 traders to import 0.906 million tonnes of rice at 25 per cent duty. Of the imports, parboiled rice is 0.77 million and white (Atap) 0.12 million tonnes, according to the food ministry.</p> <hr/> <p>› Prices continue rising: common finer rice hits Tk 96, coarse Tk 54 a kg</p> <hr/> <p>› Some 15 to 25% price hike witnessed in last six months</p> <hr/> <p>› Concern grows as paddy production this Aman season uncertain in many dists for early flooding in northern, northeastern regions</p>	15 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rice-costly-despite-duty-cut-1657819981?date=15-07-2022)	
43	<p><u>Bangladesh tops South Asia ranking on gender gap index</u> The gender gap in Bangladesh is the lowest among the countries in South Asia, according to a study conducted by the World Economic Forum (WEF), reports bdnews24.com. Bangladesh ranked 71st out of 146 countries on the Global Gender Gap Index 2022 with a score of 0.714, the WEF said on Thursday. Globally, Iceland topped the list on gender equality with a score of 0.908 while Afghanistan, where the Taliban have taken power once again, came in at the bottom with 0.435. The study breaks down the overall gender parity of a country into four sub-indexes--economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival and political empowerment.</p>	15 July 2022	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/bangladesh-tops-south-asia-ranking-on-gender-gap-index-1657818123?date=15-07-2022)	

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44	<p><u>BB asks dealers to report 24 hrs before LC opening</u> Bangladesh Bank on Thursday instructed authorized dealers (ADs) to report all types of their foreign exchange transactions including offshore banking operations to the web portals of BB on a regular basis, reports UNB. The central bank is tightening policy on spending of foreign exchange by curbing unnecessary imports and trade-based money laundering. As part of import monitoring, ADs have been instructed to submit import information to the central bank's online import monitoring system (OIMS) 24 hours prior to opening letters of credit (LCs).</p>	15 July 2022	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/bb-asks-dealers-to-report-24-hrs-before-lc-opening-1657821176?date=15-07-2022	
45	<p>কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংকের চার সিদ্ধান্ত এবার ডলার ধারণের সীমা কমল নতুন সিদ্ধান্তের ফলে ১০০ কোটি ডলার বাজারে আসবে বলে আশা করছে কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংক।</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ব্যাংকগুলোকে রেগুলেটরি ক্যাপিটালের ২০ শতাংশের পরিবর্তে ১৫ শতাংশ বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা সংরক্ষণ করতে হবে। • ইআরকিউ হিসাবের ধারণকৃত ডলারের ৫০ শতাংশ নগদায়নের নির্দেশ। সীমাও কমে অর্ধেক। <p>দেশে ডলার-সংকট নিরসনে নতুন চার সিদ্ধান্ত নিয়েছে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক। সিদ্ধান্তগুলো হচ্ছে ব্যাংকের ডলার ধারণের সীমা (এনওপি) হ্রাস, রপ্তানিকারকের প্রত্যাশন কোটায় (ইআরকিউ) ধারণকৃত ডলারের ৫০ শতাংশ নগদায়ন, ইআরকিউ হিসাবে জমা রাখার সীমা কমিয়ে অর্ধেকে নামিয়ে আনা এবং অফশোর ব্যাংকিং ইউনিটের বৈদেশিক মুদ্রার তহবিল অভ্যন্তরীণ ব্যাংকিং ইউনিটে স্থানান্তর। ব্যাংক ও রপ্তানিকারকদের ডলার ধারণের সীমা কমানোসহ নতুন সিদ্ধান্তগুলোর ফলে ডলার নিয়ে চলমান সংকট কমবে বলে আশা করছে কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংক।</p> <p>এসব নিয়ে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক গতকাল বৃহস্পতিবার তিনটি পৃথক প্রজ্ঞাপন জারি করেছে। ডলার ধারণের সীমা কমিয়ে আনার বিষয়টি আগামী রোববার ব্যাংকগুলোকে চিঠি দিয়ে জানানো হবে। প্রজ্ঞাপন অনুযায়ী ৫০ লাখ ডলারের বেশি মূল্যের বেসরকারি যেকোনো আমদানি ঋণপত্র (এলসি) খোলার ২৪ ঘণ্টা আগে কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংককে জানাতে হবে।</p>	15 July 2022	Prothom Alo https://www.prothomalo.com/business/bank/of124msavp	
46	<p>Incentive waiver thru LDC graduation Finance frames export strategy Lifting conditions regarding local value addition and gradual cut in HS Headings on apparel items are among measures envisaged as export booster after Bangladesh's LDC graduation that will banish cash incentives. Sources say such substitutes are being mulled as businesses fear phasing out existing cash incentives through LDC graduation might dent the country's export-competitiveness on the global market. Besides, they say, the country's initiatives to boost export and diversify product baskets might also face headwinds in the event of such benefits being waived.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance has expressed such worries in its recommendations made for placing before the 'National Committee on Export'.</p> <p>To cope with the challenges in the offing, the ministry has recommended some prudent steps to help sustain the export growth even in post-graduation era. Among the possible steps are removal of the existing conditions regarding local value addition for the recipients of such benefit and gradual cut in the HS Headings enjoyed by some readymade garment (RMG) items, reads the recommend document. The finance authority also recommends taking alternative measures as Bangladesh has an obligation to withdraw cash incentives/subsidy facility after its graduation from least-developed countries (LDCs) club in 2026.</p>	16 July 2022	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/finance-frames-export-strategy-1657907764	

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47	<p><u>Direct jute export shipping to Europe, UAE planned</u> <u>Transshipment to take exports to EU, US markets</u></p> <p>Direct shipping service to Europe and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from Bangladesh's Chittagong seaport is planned to facilitate export of jute and jute goods to overseas market. Officials say the government also wants to enhance supply of required containers to facilitate the carrying of the traditional natural fibre to the aforesaid destinations en route to global markets. The ministry of shipping has convened an inter-ministerial meeting for July 21 to discuss the measures that can be taken to this end.</p> <p>The officials say Bangladesh is eager to start direct shipping service with the UAE. On a recent visit there the foreign minister expressed Bangladesh's willingness to start the service as soon as possible to transship goods from there to Europe and America. "Since then, the ministry of shipping has been working on it with utmost importance," says one official.</p> <p>Bangladesh usually exports goods using transshipment ports in Singapore, Colombo, Port Klang and Tanjung Pelepas in Malaysia.</p>	16 July 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/direct-jute-export-shipping-to-europe-uae-planned-1657907856</p>	
48	<p><u>NBR to punish errant return filers</u></p> <p>Taxmen would cut investment rebate facility for individual taxpayers by 50 per cent from this year in case of delay in submission of tax returns without prior application to the tax authorities. In case of delay in submission of tax returns within stipulated deadline, tax rebate facility on investment would be cut to 7.5 per cent.</p> <p>The revenue board has determined a uniform tax rebate rate at 15 per cent on rebateable amount of taxable income of a taxpayer in the current FY budget. Until FY 22, tax rebate facility on investment was fixed on the basis income slabs. Also, taxpayers will be able to enjoy a maximum 20 per cent tax rebate on their taxable income in the current FY which was 25 per cent until FY 22.</p> <p>An Income Tax Nirdeshika-2022, published last Thursday, clarified the new fiscal measures incorporated in the Finance Act-2022.</p>	17 July 2022	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-to-punish-errant-return-filers-1657993250</p>	
49	<p><u>Bangladesh, 41st largest economy in the world now</u></p> <p>Bangladesh is now the 41st largest economy in the world, according to new data from the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Bangladesh and India were the only two South Asian countries considered to be part of the 50 largest economies of the world. Although India remained the sixth largest global economy, the same as last year, Bangladesh moved up a notch from 42nd in 2021 to 41st position this year. However, Bangladesh's gross domestic product (GDP) of \$397 billion this year, which amounted to 0.4% of the global GDP, was lower than last year's \$400 billion figure.</p> <p>Among other South Asian countries, only Bhutan was ranked 163rd with a GDP of \$3 billion, as one of the lowest global GDP contributors.</p> <p>According to the latest projections, the IMF expects the global economy to reach nearly \$104 trillion in nominal value by the end of 2022. The United States was still the economic leader worldwide, with a GDP of \$25.3 trillion—making up nearly one quarter of the global economy. China followed close behind at \$19.9 trillion.</p>	17 July 2022	<p>Dhaka Tribune https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2022/07/16/bangladesh-41st-largest-economy-in-the-world-now</p>	