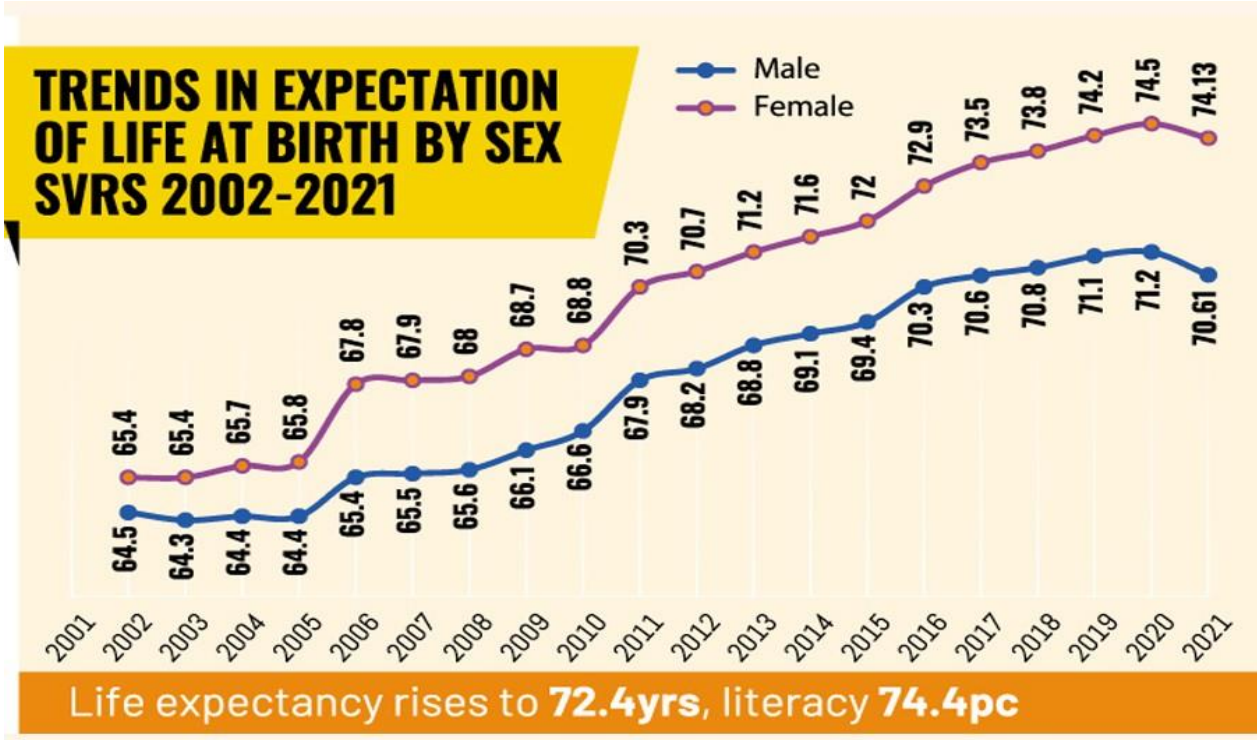


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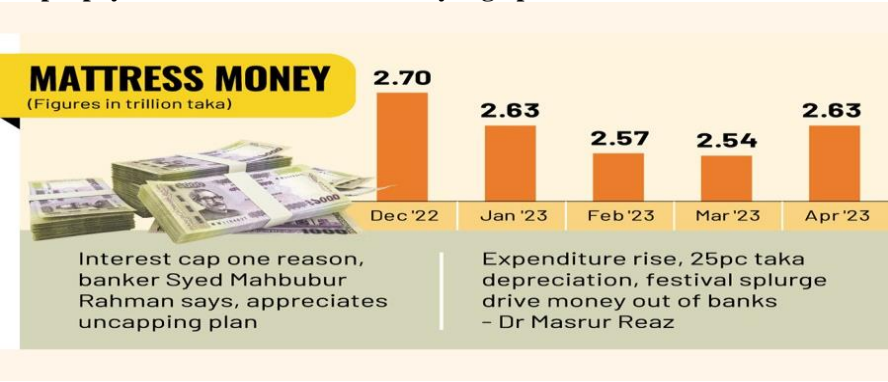
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01	<p><u>Dhaka to host Commonwealth Trade Forum in Sept</u> The event will help local entrepreneurs connect with businesses from 53 member countries: Salman F Rahman The Commonwealth Trade & Investment Forum, which will be held for the first time in Dhaka on 13-14 September, will pave the way for Bangladesh businesses to display their capacity to absorb technology, said Salman F Rahman, Private Industry and Investment Adviser to the Prime Minister. Addressing the curtain-raiser press event, Mr Rahman highlighted the country's advancement in digitalisation and said that the trade forum will be an ideal place for the local entrepreneurs to initiate collaboration with businesses from 53 member countries of the Commonwealth. The forum will be organised by Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) in partnership with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and ZI Foundation.</p>	12 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/dhaka-to-host-commonwealth-trade-forum-in-sept-1686503512?date=12-06-2023</p>	
02	<p><u>Responsible Business Hub starts journey</u> Responsible Business Hub, set up by the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association with support of GIZ, has started its journey on Sunday with an aim to strengthen human rights and environmental due diligence in the readymade garments industry of Bangladesh. The RBH will serve as an information centre, raising awareness and providing guidance to manufacturing companies on the standards and requirements of Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence.</p>	12 June 2023	<p>New Age https://www.newagebd.net/article/203976/responsible-business-hub-starts-journey</p>	
03	<p>ব্যবসায়ী ও বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের টাস্কফোর্সের পর্যবেক্ষণ ডলার সংকট ও বাজারগত তরুটির কারণে দাম কমছে না নিত্যপণ্যের আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে নিত্যপ্রয়োজনীয় পণ্যের দাম কমলেও দেশের বাজারে ভোক্তারা এর সুফল পাচ্ছে না। ভোজ্যতেল, আটা, ময়দা, পেঁয়াজ ও রসুনের মতো নিত্যপণ্যের ক্ষেত্রে আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে ১৬-৬৩ শতাংশ দাম কমছে, সে তুলনায় স্থানীয় বাজারে তার প্রতিফলন নেই বলে স্বীকার করেছে বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের দ্রব্যমূল্য ও বাজার পরিস্থিতি পর্যালোচনা সংক্রান্ত টাস্কফোর্স। ব্যবসায়ীরা বলছেন, ডলার সংকট, সময়মতো এলসি (ঋণপত্র) খুলতে না পারা এবং পণ্য খালাসে বিলম্বের কারণে দেশে আমদানির পর পণ্যের মূল্য আগের চেয়ে বেশি পড়ছে। সেজন্য ভোক্তারা এর সুফল পাচ্ছে না। তবে বাজার ব্যবস্থাপনায় দুর্বল মনিটরিং ও সিন্ডিকেশন কার্যক্রমকে দায়ী করছেন অর্থনীতিবিদরা। বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের টাস্কফোর্স সভার পর্যবেক্ষণে বলা হয়, গত অর্থবছরের তুলনায় চলতি অর্থবছরের ১১ মাসে আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে প্রতি টন গমের দাম ৩৫ শতাংশ কমছে। সেখানে দেশের বাজারে প্রতি কেজি আটার দাম বেড়েছে সর্বোচ্চ ২৫ শতাংশ। চিনির দাম আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে প্রতি টনে ৩৩ শতাংশ বাড়লেও দেশের বাজারে প্রতি কেজিতে দাম বাড়ে ৫৮ শতাংশ। সয়াবিন তেলের দাম আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে প্রতি টনে ৪৪ শতাংশ কমছে, সেখানে দেশের বাজারে প্রতি লিটারে কমছে মাত্র ২ শতাংশ। পাম অয়েলের আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে দাম টনপ্রতি ৪৯ শতাংশ কমে এর বিপরীতে দেশের বাজারে কমে লিটারপ্রতি ২০ শতাংশ। পেঁয়াজের দাম আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে টনপ্রতি ৬৩ শতাংশ কমে সেখানে দেশের বাজারে প্রতি কেজিতে বাড়ে ৯৩ শতাংশের বেশি। রসুনের দাম বিশ্ববাজারে টনপ্রতি ১৬ শতাংশ কমলেও দেশের বাজারে প্রতি কেজিতে বেড়েছে ৯৩ শতাংশ। একইভাবে আদার দাম আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে প্রতি টনে ১৭২ শতাংশ বৃদ্ধি পায়, আর দেশে প্রতি কেজিতে বেড়েছে সর্বোচ্চ ২৪৫ শতাংশ।</p>	12 June 2023	<p>Bonik Barta https://bonikbarta.net/home/news_description/343829%E0%A6%A1%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%82%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%9F-%E0%A6%93-%E0%A6%AC%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%97%E0%A6%A4%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%B0%E0%A7%81%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%B0%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A6%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AE-%E0%A6%95%E0%A6%AE%E0%A6%9B%E0%A7%87-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A6%A8%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%A4%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%AA%E0%A6%A3%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A7%87%E0%A6%B0</p>	

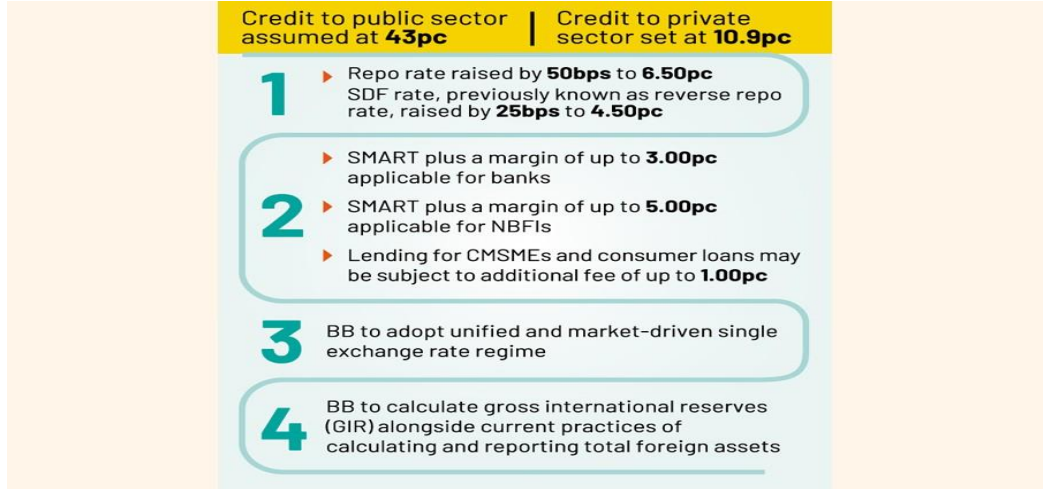
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04	<p>A king's ransom in revenue wrap-up <u>NBR has to realise Tk 900b in June</u></p> <p>An uphill task it looks as the revenue authority has to realise nearly Tk 900 billion in revenue in June to reach the target for this fiscal year, passing through financial austerity. Its track record shows the National Board of Revenue (NBR) is left to go cracking on sources in the final month of the fiscal as it collects Tk 250 to Tk 300 billion in tax revenue a month. Until May 2023, the revenue board had collected Tk 2.80 trillion in tax revenue—mainly from domestic VAT, according to provisional data available with the NBR. The government set Tk 3.70 trillion as tax revenue-collection target for FY 2022-23. However, revenue collection until May had come close to the volume of taxes collected in the entire FY 2021-22 worth Tk 2.87 trillion.</p> <p>The VAT wing of the NBR collected Tk 1.08 trillion followed by Income Tax wing Tk 889.60 billion and customs duty Tk 836.85 billion in the July-May period. Target for income tax has been set at Tk 1.22 trillion while it is Tk 1.36 trillion for VAT and import taxes Tk 1.11 trillion in FY 23.</p>	13 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-has-to-realise-tk-900b-in-june-1686593555</p>	
05	<p><u>BD eyes FTAs with 23 countries</u> Commerce minister tells JS</p> <p>The government has completed feasibility studies on signing free trade agreements (FTAs) or preferential trade agreements (PTAs) with 23 countries, Commerce Minister Tipu Munshi told the Jatiya Sangsad on Monday. Primarily, steps have been taken to initiate negotiations on signing FTA with 10 countries and three regional blocs on priority basis, he said, responding to a question of Kazim Uddin, lawmaker from Mymensingh 11 constituency. The countries are: India, Nepal, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Japan, Singapore, USA, Canada, China and Malaysia.</p> <p>To maintain the trade growth during the post-graduation period, the government is working on getting concessional market access to potential countries, the minister told the house. He informed that the feasibility study was completed for signing the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with India, and as per the recommendations of the study, both sides have decided to start negotiations on signing the CEPA. The government also signed a MoU with China to conduct a joint feasibility study. China has granted duty-free market access for 98 per cent products or 8,930 items of Bangladesh with effect from September 1, the minister mentioned.</p>	13 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bd-eyes-ftas-with-23-countries-1686591503</p>	
06	<p><u>Govt signs \$800m loan agreement with ADB, AIIB</u></p> <p>The government signed an \$800 million budget support loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on Wednesday. These two lending agencies will each contribute \$400 million under the Sustainable Economic Recovery Programme (Subprogramme-2). Sharifa Khan, secretary of the Economic Relations Division (ERD), signed the loan agreements on behalf of Bangladesh with the ADB and AIIB.</p>	14 June 2023	<p>The Business Standard (TBS) https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-signs-400-million-loan-agreement-aiib-649734</p>	
07	<p><u>NBFIs asked to have a clear HR policy</u></p> <p>The Bangladesh Bank yesterday instructed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) to put in place a clear human resources policy to ensure hiring of honest and efficient persons in transparent manner and establish good governance in the sector.</p>	14 June 2023	<p>The Daily Star https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nbfis-asked-have-clear-hr-policy-3345521</p>	

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09	<p>বিশ্বের ১১৫টি দেশের ২১ হাজার বিদেশি বাংলাদেশে কাজ করছে শীর্ষে রয়েছে চীন</p> <p>বিশ্বের ১১৫টি দেশের প্রায় ২১ হাজারের মতো নাগরিক বাংলাদেশে নানা কাজে যুক্ত রয়েছেন। এদের মধ্যে সবচেয়ে বেশি চীনের নাগরিক, তারপরের অবস্থানে রয়েছে ভারতীয়রা।</p> <p>গতকাল সংসদে স্বরাষ্ট্রমন্ত্রী আসাদুজ্জামান খান কামাল এই তথ্য জানিয়েছেন। নোয়াখালী-৩ আসনের সংসদ সদস্য মামুনুর রশীদ কিরনের প্রশ্নের জবাবে। প্রশ্নোত্তর টেবিলে উত্থাপিত হয়। স্বরাষ্ট্রমন্ত্রী জানান, ওয়ার্ক পারমিট নিয়ে বিশ্বের প্রায় ১১৫টি দেশের ২০ হাজার ৯৮৮ জন বিদেশি নাগরিক বাংলাদেশে কর্মরত রয়েছেন। এই বিদেশিরা নানা উন্নয়ন প্রকল্প, শিল্পকারখানা, এনজিওসহ বিভিন্ন সংস্থায় কাজ করছেন।</p> <p>বাংলাদেশে কর্মরত বিদেশি নাগরিকদের মধ্যে সর্বাধিক ৬ হাজার ৭৫ জন চীনের। ভারতের নাগরিক রয়েছেন ৫ হাজার ৮৭৬ জন। এছাড়া রাশিয়ার দুই হাজার ৪৬৮ জন, শ্রীলঙ্কার এক হাজার ২৪৬ জন, দক্ষিণ কোরিয়ার ৯২৪ জন, জাপানের ৫৫৭ জন, পাকিস্তানের ৪১৬ জন, ফিলিপাইনের ৪৬০ জন, থাইল্যান্ডের ৩৯৯ জন, বেলারুশের ৩৭৮ জন, কাজাখস্থানের ২৬৯ জন, যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের ১৬৮ জন, মালয়েশিয়ার ১২৩ জন, ইন্দোনেশিয়ার ১০৮ জন বাংলাদেশে কর্মরত।</p>	14 June 2023	Sangbad (https://print.sangbad.net.bd/2023-06-14/news/lastpage/135892)	
10	<p>Tech entrepreneurs demand their share of ownerships</p> <p>Digital bank emerging for virtual banking</p> <p>Now digital bank is emerging in Bangladesh for virtual banking with trade-and-project financing as no-go areas under central bank-set modus operandi, creating scrambles among technology entrepreneurs for booking ownerships. The Bangladesh Bank (BB) Wednesday approved digital bank guidelines for introducing the virtual banking aimed at accelerating “financial inclusion”, officials said. The BB board of directors at its 428th meeting put the seal of approval on the guidelines.</p> <p>As the move gets going, country’s tech-industry entrepreneurs demanded reservation of at least one-third ownership of digital banks for ICT businesses.</p> <p>Citing the approved guidelines, the BB spokesman said the digital or virtual bank can finance areas excepting trade financing and term loan to medium and large industries. Entrepreneurs will have to secure digital-bank licence from the central bank under section 31 of the Bank Company Act 1991 and have to follow instructions of the Bangladesh Payment and Settlement System Regulation 2014 to operate its payment service.</p> <p>A digital bank shall commence with the paid-up capital of minimum Tk 1.25 billion or as determined by the BB under section 13 of the Bank Company Act 1991. The paid-up capital shall only comprise ordinary shares.</p>	15 June 2023	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/digital-bank-emerging-for-virtual-banking-1686766036)	
11	<p>BB hikes capital requirement for new banks</p> <p>New commercial bank will have to ensure Tk 500 crore as paid-up capital instead of the existing Tk 400 crore, Bangladesh Bank said in a circular today. The new rule will be applicable to the banks, which will apply for licences for opening new bank companies, a central bank official told The Daily Star.</p>	15 June 2023	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-hikes-capital-requirement-new-banks-3347266)	

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12	<p>বাংলাদেশে সোয়া ৮০০ কোটি টাকা বিনিয়োগ করবে চীনা কোম্পানি</p> <p>বাংলাদেশে কারখানা স্থাপন করে বিভিন্ন ধরনের কৃত্রিম ফেব্রিকস ও প্যাকেজিং সামগ্রী তৈরি করবে চীনা প্রতিষ্ঠান মিংডা (বাংলাদেশ) নিউ ম্যাটেরিয়াল কোম্পানি লিমিটেড। এরপর তা রপ্তানি করবে বিভিন্ন দেশে। মিরসরাইয়ে অবস্থিত বেপজা অর্থনৈতিক অঞ্চলে স্থাপন করা হবে কৃত্রিম তন্তুর কাপড় তৈরির এ কারখানা।</p> <p>কারখানা স্থাপনে মিংডা (বাংলাদেশ) নিউ ম্যাটেরিয়াল কোম্পানি ৭ কোটি ৬৪ লাখ মার্কিন ডলার বা প্রায় ৮২৫ কোটি টাকা (প্রতি ডলার ১০৮ টাকা ধরে) বিনিয়োগ করবে। আর এখানে কর্মসংস্থান হবে প্রায় ২ হাজার ৮৩০ জন বাংলাদেশি নাগরিকের। এ লক্ষ্যে আজ বৃহস্পতিবার রাজধানীর গ্রিন রোডে বাংলাদেশ রপ্তানি প্রক্রিয়াকরণ এলাকা কর্তৃপক্ষের (বেপজা) দপ্তরে একটি চুক্তি স্বাক্ষরিত হয়।</p>	15 June 2023	Prothom Alo https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/frjphogs3s	
13	<p>কোরবানিযোগ্য পশুর ৩৬ শতাংশই রাজশাহী বিভাগের সম্ভাব্য চাহিদা ১ কোটি ৩ লাখ ৯৪ হাজার ৭৩৯টি</p> <p>ঈদুল আজহায় এ বছর কোরবানির পশুর সম্ভাব্য চাহিদা ১ কোটি ৩ লাখ ৯৪ হাজার ৭৩৯টি। এর বিপরীতে ১ কোটি ২৫ লাখ ৩৬ হাজার ৩৩৩টি পশু রয়েছে। সে হিসাবে উদ্ভূত থাকবে ২১ লাখ ৪১ হাজার ৫৯৪টি পশু। এর মধ্যে ৪৮ লাখ ৪৩ হাজার ৭৫২টি গরু-মহিষ, ৭৬ লাখ ৯০ হাজার ছাগল-ভেড়া ও ২ হাজার ৫৮১টি অন্যান্য প্রজাতির গবাদিপশু। সবচেয়ে বেশি কোরবানিযোগ্য পশু রয়েছে রাজশাহী বিভাগে।</p> <p>গতকাল সচিবালয়ে ঈদুল আজহা উপলক্ষে কোরবানির পশুর চাহিদা নিরূপণ, সরবরাহ ও দেশের প্রত্যন্ত অঞ্চলে কোরবানির পশুর অবাধ চলাচল ও পরিবহন নিশ্চিতকরণ সংক্রান্ত আন্তঃমন্ত্রণালয় সভা শেষে সাংবাদিকদের ব্রিফিংকালে মৎস্য ও প্রাণিসম্পদমন্ত্রী শ ম রেজাউল করিম এসব তথ্য জানান।</p>	15 June 2023	Bonik Barta https://bonikbarta.net/home/news_description/344195%E0%A6%B8%E0%A6%A1%E0%A7%8D%E0%A7%AD%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%AA%E0%A7%8D%E0%A6%AF%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BF%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE-%E0%A7%A7%E0%A6%95%E0%A7%8B%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF%E0%A7%A7%E0%A6%B2%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%96%E0%A7%AF%E0%A7%AA%E0%A6%B9%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%9C%E0%A6%BE%E0%A6%BE%E0%A7%AD%E0%A7%A9%E0%A7%AF%E0%A6%9F%E0%A6%BF	
14	<p>Present gas reserves can last next 10 years</p> <p>Considering the daily production rate of 2290mmcf per day, the country's present gas reserves can be used for the next 10 years, State Minister for Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Nasrul Hamid Bipu told parliament Thursday. Responding to a question of lawmaker Kazim Uddin Ahmed, he said to meet the deficit the government is importing LNG and at present 3000mmcf gas is being supplied across the country.</p> <p>He said that the total gas reserves of the country are 40.43 trillion cubic meter of which 28.76 trillion cubic meter can be extracted. Responding to a question of lawmaker Mohammad Ebadul Karim, the state minister said that the country produces 2200mmcf gas daily on average against 2750mmcf capacity.</p>	16 June 2023	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/present-gas-reserves-can-last-next-10-years-1686852664?date=16-06-2023	
15	<p>Bay survey completes one-third, gas reserves rollout awaited</p> <p>Probable gas to be as expensive as imported LNG under draft new exploration contract</p> <p>A multi-client survey in over one-third of Bangladesh's total sea area has just completed to delineate hydrocarbon reserves and outcome rollout is awaited while an acute primary-fuel crunch cripples the economy. And the probable new gas may be as expensive as imported LNG if the draft new exploration contract gets through with higher bids for international explorers, sources said. "We have completed 2D (two-dimensional) seismic survey in around 13,000 line-kilometer (LKM) area of our sea territory," Petrobangla chairman Zanendra Nath Sarker told the FE. Results of the survey in the Bay of Bengal waters will be available by August, he said.</p> <p>The contractor, Tomlinson Geophysical Services Inc (TGS)-Schlumberger, a Norway-US joint venture (JV), is contractually bound to carry out survey in 32,000-LKM area. The JV company will carry out seismic survey in the remaining 19,000-LKM area from February 2024, said Mr Sarker.</p>	16 June 2023	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bay-survey-completes-one-third-gas-reserves-rollout-awaited-1686852556?date=16-06-2023	


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16	<p>Floating money in private purses balloons over Tk 2.63t Money outside bank vaults fuels inflation People pay thru the nose for stubbornly high prices</p>  <p>MATTRESS MONEY (Figures in trillion taka)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Month</th> <th>Value (trillion taka)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Dec '22</td> <td>2.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan '23</td> <td>2.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb '23</td> <td>2.57</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mar '23</td> <td>2.54</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Apr '23</td> <td>2.63</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Interest cap one reason, banker Syed Mahbubur Rahman says, appreciates uncapping plan</p> <p>Expenditure rise, 25pc taka depreciation, festival splurge drive money out of banks - Dr Masrur Reaz</p> <p>Money amassed outside Bangladesh's banking system, ballooning over Tk 2.63 trillion by now, fuels inflation and people pay through the nose when global consumer-price indices tumble, experts say. The volume of currency outside the bank vaults rose again in April 2023 after three months of downturn, officials and bankers said. People familiar with the developments on the financial market told the FE that this rise is due to the uncertainty both in local and global markets as they believe people hold cash at a time when uncertainty arises. The uncertainty among people mounts further because of the upward trend in the rate of inflation, which, in fact, forced depositors to drive away the money from the banking system to meet growing living costs, according to them. In economic jargons, currency outside the banking system is defined as legal tender in the hands of members of the public, which has ballooned in volume in Bangladesh in recent months, as figured out from the currencies in circulation. According to latest statistics of Bangladesh Bank (BB), the volume of money stashed outside the banking system rose by over 11 per cent year on year in April 2023 to reach Tk 2.63 trillion.</p>	Month	Value (trillion taka)	Dec '22	2.70	Jan '23	2.63	Feb '23	2.57	Mar '23	2.54	Apr '23	2.63	17 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/money-outside-bank-vaults-fuels-inflation-1686937214?date=17-06-2023</p>	
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17	<p>11th Intex Bangladesh trade show begins June 22</p> <p>The 11th edition of Intex Bangladesh trade show 2023 will be held at International Convention City Bashundhara (ICCB) in Dhaka in June 22--24, said a press release. It said that the previous editions of the show connected over 40,000 trade buyers from more than 35 countries to more than 1,500 textile suppliers.</p> <p>Arti Bhagat, executive director of Worldex India and the organiser of Intex Bangladesh said, 'Intex Bangladesh plays a key role in providing a platform for both large-scale and MSMEs to bridge the gap in international sourcing for the apparel industry. The presence of quality suppliers from all over the world will provide the Bangladeshi industry the impetus in moving towards more valued-added production, grow international ties as well as strengthen intra-regional trade to ultimately boost manufacturing and exports for the industry as a whole.'</p>	18 June 2023	<p>New Age https://www.newagebd.net/article/204481/11th-intex-bangladesh-trade-show-begins-june-22</p>													

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18	<p>Bangladesh formally applies for BRICS membership Bangladesh has formally requested to join the BRICS coalition, consisting of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. The request was put forward following a meeting between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and South African President Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa in Geneva last Wednesday. A source disclosed that during the discussion with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the South African president positively addressed the issue.</p>	18 June 2023	Dhaka Tribune https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/2023/06/18/bangladesh-formally-applies-for-brics-membership	
19	<p>MPS targets tight money supply to combat inflation Easing exchange-rate pressures, stemming forex depletion second cardinal MPS goal BB unveils for H1 of FY24</p>  <p>Policy rates are rising to check cheap fund availability and aggregate consumer demand will be reduced alongside maintaining supply-side interventions as tools to defuse inflation under a new monetary policy Bangladesh now pursues. Bangladesh Bank (BB), the country's central bank, Sunday rolled out the "contractionary" monetary-policy stance for July-December 2023 period in order to contain the inflation which stood at a nearly double-digit high in May.</p> <p>Bangladesh Bank Governor Abdur Rouf Talukder explained the reasons for the tight money supply in the economy while unveiling the half-yearly or H1 monetary policy statement or MPS at a press meet held at its headquarters, highlighting some key challenges facing the economy - the fastest depleting foreign-exchange reserves and exchange-rate volatility. The Governor said the rising inflation and sustained exchange-rate pressures continue to pose significant challenges for Bangladesh's economy.</p> <p>Terming the nature of the MPS different than others, he said the central bank has brought four major structural changes in the policy, meant for confronting the challenges the economy is facing.</p>	19 June 2023	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/mps-targets-tight-money-supply-to-combat-inflation-1687110973	

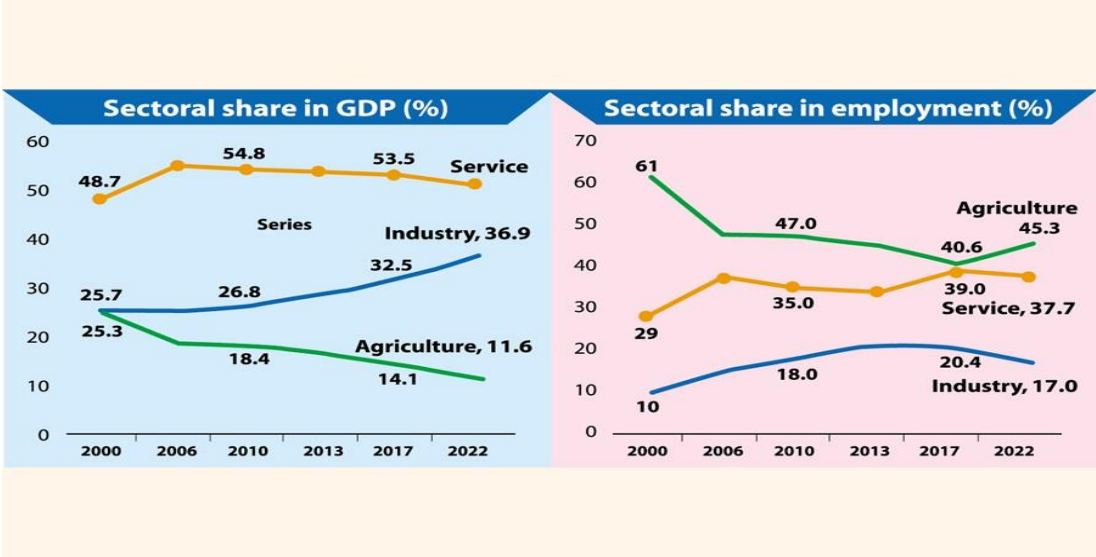
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20	<p><u>New Monetary policy: Interest rate cap lifted, policy interest rate up to tackle inflation</u></p> <p>To tame the ongoing inflationary pressure, Bangladesh Bank lifted the lending interest rate cap on Sunday while raising the policy interest rate. It also decided not to sell the US dollars below the market price. Although the central bank had decided to follow the IMF's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6) for calculating the Gross International Reserve (GIR), it doesn't want to disclose the Net International Reserve (NIR) publicly.</p>	19 June 2023	<p>Dhaka Tribune https://www.dhakatribune.com/banks/2023/06/18/bb-unveils-new-monetary-policy-for-h1fy24-to-tackle-inflation</p>	
21	<p><u>PM to open Motijheel part of metro rail in Oct</u></p> <p>Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Agargaon-Motijheel part of the mass rapid transit (MRT or metro rail) line-6 in October, Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader said on Sunday. "Honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the Agargaon-Motijheel part of the MRT-6 in October. Everyone has been waiting to hear the good news," said the minister.</p> <p>Responding to the queries, the minister also said it would take lesser time for the Agargaon-Motijheel part trial run than that of the Uttara-Agargaon part. "We are now experienced, which will help us to complete the unfinished work soon."</p>	19 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/pm-to-open-motijheel-part-of-metro-rail-in-oct-1687110857</p>	
22	<p><u>IFC organises Africa-Asia roadshow in Bangladesh</u></p> <p>International Finance Corporation has spearheaded an initiative to promote south-south cooperation, peer-learning, and joint ventures in the textile, apparel, and footwear sectors through an Africa-Asia roadshow. With developing countries contributing the largest share in this rapidly growing segment, which is projected to reach \$4.4 trillion by 2030 from \$2.2 trillion in 2018, the roadshow aimed to facilitate meaningful cross-regional engagement, encourage low-carbon development, share know-how and technology, and uplift communities.</p> <p>Under the initiative, a delegation of 25 chief executive officers (CEOs) and founders from major African and central Asian textile, apparel, and footwear companies, accompanied by representatives from prominent global brands, visited Bangladesh from June 18 to 19, said a press release.</p> <p>Over 28 local garment manufacturers hosted them during their visit. Bangladesh is a leading garment production hub in the world which, before the Covid pandemic, directly employed more than 4 million people, contributed about 8 percent to the country's gross domestic product (GDP), and accounted for more than 80 percent of its export earnings. IFC aims to assist countries and industries in becoming more diversified and competitive to leverage the emerging opportunities.</p> <p>The roadshow provided a unique platform for African and Central Asian entrepreneurs to foster partnerships. By connecting CEOs and founders from different regions, the event encouraged the exchange of ideas and best practices, driving innovation and growth within the industry.</p>	20 June 2023	<p>New Age https://www.newagebd.net/article/204674/ifc-organises-africa-asia-roadshow-in-bangladesh</p>	


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23	<p>Funds to become costlier Banks going to enjoy uncapped lending as BB issues rules To operate under revolving reference rate</p> <p>Interest caps on banks' lending are lifted from next month as Bangladesh Bank Monday issued guidelines deregulating the crisis-time banking regime. However, the new lending-rate mechanism is based on benchmark reference rate effective from July 2023.</p> <p>Under the new lending regime, the central bank will fix a reference rate based on the moving average of 182-day treasury bill that will be called by SMART (Six-month Moving Average Rate of Treasury Bill). With the issuance of the circular on modus operandi, the much-cherished demand of the banks to remove the existing cap on lending that made a strong bite on their profitability is going to be met. And BB's Debt Management Department will release the SMART Index on the first working day of each month in BB website, says the circular.</p>	20 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-going-to-enjoy-uncapped-lending-as-bb-issues-rules-1687198619</p>	
24	<p>BB eases provisions for loan classification Borrowers given until June 30 to pay half of installment</p> <p>Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Tuesday relaxed loan-classification provisions requiring the borrowers to pay at least half of their payable installments by June 30 to avoid being classified. The Banking Regulation and Policy Department (BRPD) of the central bank issued a circular regarding this on the day.</p> <p>It said businesses that were branded as 'unclassified' from April to June this year would not be classified as defaulters, if they repay only 50 per cent of their installment. Simultaneously, short-term agriculture credit and micro-loans will also be eligible for these benefits, according to the circular.</p> <p>The central bank said the instructions were given to keep all businesses running, including the manufacturing and services sectors, in order to maintain the momentum of economic activity.</p>	21 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-eases-provisions-for-loan-classification-1687283868</p>	
25	<p>Food security in South Asia SAARC Food Bank in focus</p> <p>The SAARC Food Bank should be activated as a regional approach to deal with the crisis relating to food security in South Asia (SA). Apart from the SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation), another regional entity, named BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economical Cooperation), could also take initiatives by introducing a virtual bank involving its partner nations.</p> <p>The observations came at the concluding session of a regional event, titled 'IFPRI Global Food Policy Report 2023 South Asia Launch: Rethinking Food Crisis Responses', held at a hotel in Kathmandu, Nepal.</p>	21 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/saarc-food-bank-in-focus-1687283313</p>	
26	<p>Bill placed to define movable assets as collateral</p> <p>The Secure Transactions of (Moveable Assets) Bill 2023 was placed in parliament yesterday aiming to bring movable property under the definition of collateral for bank loans. Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal placed the bill which was sent to the parliamentary standing committee on the finance ministry for further scrutiny. The parliamentary watchdog was asked to submit its report before the House within 15 working days.</p>	21 June 2023	<p>The Daily Star https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bill-placed-define-movable-assets-collateral-3351596</p>	

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27	<p><u>BB relaxes LC margin on imports of particular products</u></p> <p>Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed the cash margin rate against the opening of import letters of credit (LCs) for 10 categories of products, in a bid to help ease the import of the goods. The central bank issued a circular in this regard on Tuesday.</p> <p>The products are industrial and industry-related spare parts, textile raw materials, chemical and ancillary products, plastic and packaging items and raw materials, treatment-related equipment, ancillary and reagent, UPS/IPS pieces of machinery and ancillary products, and security-related products. Earlier, importers had to pay a 75 per cent LC margin on imports of those goods.</p> <p>In the circular, the central bank directed all commercial banks to fix with immediate effect the opening margin rate based on the banker-customer relationship. However, LC margins of 100 per cent and 75 per cent will be applicable for other imports.</p>	21 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/latest-page/bb-relaxes-lc-margin-on-imports-of-particular-products-1687284280</p>	
28	<p><u>UK's new scheme to let BD retains duty-free access for 98pc exports</u></p> <p>UK's landmark Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS) has come into effect that simplifies trading rules and cuts tariffs on products entering the UK from 65 developing countries, including Bangladesh, reports UNB. The DCTS will help grow trade, boost jobs, and drive sustained economic growth. This new scheme demonstrates the UK's commitment to a modern and mutually beneficial partnership with Bangladesh. Bangladesh is due to graduate from Least Developed Country status in 2026.</p> <p>Changes made to the DCTS mean Bangladesh will retain duty-free access for 98 per cent of exports, including readymade garments, said the British High Commission in Dhaka on Monday. It is more generous than the European Union's scheme the UK was previously a member of, said the High Commission.</p>	21 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/uks-new-scheme-to-let-bd-retains-duty-free-access-for-98pc-exports-1687277345</p>	
29	<p><u>Forex reserves past \$30b: BB</u></p> <p>The country's foreign-currency reserves crossed \$30-billion mark on Wednesday, according to the central bank data. The forex reserves stood at \$30.016 billion as on June 21, which was \$29.958 billion a day ago, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) statistics showed.</p> <p>Seeking anonymity, a BB official said the rise in the reverses is giving some breathing space to economy from current stresses in different macroeconomic areas. He said the volume could go up to \$31 billion within days as budgetary support amounting to some \$1.0 billion is expected to come from multilateral agencies like AIIB, ADB, WB and JAICA.</p>	22 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express</p> <p>https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/forex-reserves-past-30b-bb-1687370609</p>	

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30	<p><u>BGMEA looks to tap \$100b RMG market by 2030</u> It starts using heritage materials to produce high-end fashion</p>  <p>The apex apparel-body BGMEA has started developing high-end fashion items using local heritage stuff, including fabrics, in a bid to earn \$100 billion from garment exports by 2030. The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) steps include raising its global market share to 12 per cent from below 7.0 per cent now.</p> <p>For this, BGMEA in sync with commerce ministry and the World Trade Organisation trained 160 varsity students, participants from garment units, weavers and jamdani makers to help them develop design with local motifs on fabrics for high-end garment items.</p>	22 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/latest-page/bgmea-looks-to-tap-100b-rmg-market-by-2030-1687371118)</p>	
31	<p><u>Bangladesh, India to use taka, rupee for trade transactions from Sept</u></p> <p>A silent revolution is underway, as Bangladesh and India are going to start using their respective currencies, the taka and the rupee, for trade transactions from September 2023, reports UNB. At the same time, Bangladesh Bank will introduce a debit card called 'Taka Pay Card' through which people can withdraw taka or rupee. People who travel to India will get the facility of paying through this card, said the central bank Governor Abdur Rouf Talukder recently. People going for treatment, students and businessmen will benefit from this system and they can avoid using the US dollar, he said.</p> <p>From September, India and Bangladesh will open LCs for import and export, using Indian rupee and Bangladeshi taka. Until now, taka is converted into dollar, and that was converted again into rupee; and the same was done with rupee. As a result, Bangladeshi and Indian citizens are losing at least six per cent of rupee or taka. As the new system provides for the direct rupee-to-taka and taka-to-rupee conversion, no party will be affected, Bangladesh Bank sources said.</p> <p>The offer came from the Government of India, and Bangladesh accepted it. This will eliminate the use of US dollar for trade and personal travel purposes.</p>	22 June 2023	<p>The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bangladesh-india-to-use-taka-rupee-for-trade-transactions-from-sept-1687368158)</p>	

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32	<p>BB eases rules for foreign investors Bangladesh Bank has relaxed rules to provide support to foreign investors</p> <p>As per the new measure, foreign investors who are remitting money from abroad will get the scope to retain forex in their foreign currency accounts at local banks for up to one year after registering their businesses here and import capital and other machinery to establish factories, according to a circular. To facilitate transactional needs in foreign exchange, it has been decided that banks may retain foreign currency sent by foreign investors to invest in Bangladesh, said the central bank.</p> <p>The BB said banks may open temporary foreign currency accounts in the names of the proposed companies of foreign investors to park funds remitted from abroad as equity. On completion of the registration or commencement of the business, new FC (foreign currency) accounts in the names of the companies may be opened by transferring the fund held in temporary FC accounts, it added.</p> <p>The BB said funds held in the FC accounts shall be used only for permissible outward payments on account of capital expenditures, including encashment in the taka.</p>	22 June 2023	<p>The Daily Star https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/branch-managers-confce-money-laundering-risks-held-3352646)</p>	
33	<p>Bangladesh Bank invites applications for digital bank licence</p> <p>The Bangladesh Bank has invited applications from entrepreneurs interested in establishing digital banks and delivering financial products efficiently through branchless operations. It has opened a portal for applications in this regard and said it would accept applications until August 1 this year. Applicants will have to pay Tk 500,000 as a non-refundable application processing fee through the web portal, said the central bank in a notice.</p> <p>In its notice seeking application, the central bank said digital innovation is continuously modifying the landscape of the financial system all over the world. It said BB promotes an enabling regulatory environment allowing innovation to make a robust, efficient and secured financial system.</p>	23 June 2023	<p>The Daily Star https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/bangladesh-bank-invites-applications-digital-bank-licence-3353921)</p>	
34	<p>Tax system enters a new era Income tax law comes into effect</p> <p>The new income tax law of Bangladesh came into effect yesterday, ending a nearly 40-year era of the old ordinance issued in 1984. The bill was placed at parliament on June 8 and was approved by lawmakers on June 18.</p> <p>Termed Income Tax Act 2023, the law continues the provision of imposing a penalty on people who are found having undisclosed offshore wealth. However, it allows the investment of undeclared wealth for purchasing real estate, such as apartments, without questioning the investor's source of income.</p>	23 June 2023	<p>The Daily Star https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tax-system-enters-new-era-3353626)</p>	

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