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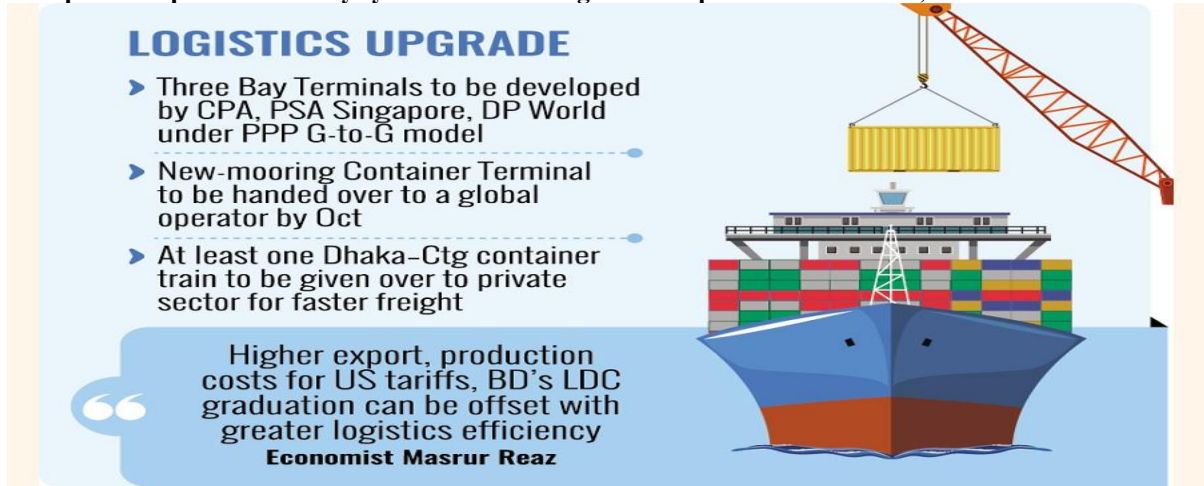
Important Trade and Economic News Published in Various Newspapers during 11 Aug – 01 Sept 2025

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01	<p><u>ECONOMY SAVED FROM COLLAPSE BUT CHALLENGES PERSIST: CPD MEET</u> Structural ills, slow investment and inflation stymie economic recovery Bangladesh's economy has avoided a catastrophic collapse over the past year following the interim government's decisive actions, but entrenched structural weaknesses, slow private investment, and persistent inflation impede long-term recovery. As economists, experts and a top politician made such observations at a high-profile policy dialogue Sunday in Dhaka, the central bank's governor listed improvements in some of the country's macroeconomic parameters and rolled out a slew of reforms coming in the banking sector for an overhaul. The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) organised the discussion, titled '365 Days of the Interim Government', at Lakeshore Hotel. Labour and Shipping Adviser Brig-General (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hossain attended the meet as chief guest, while CPD Distinguished Fellow Professor Mustafizur Rahman presided.</p>	11 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/structural-ills-slow-investment-and-inflation-stymie-economic-recovery-1754850806?date=11-08-2025)	
02	<p><u>BB eases forex rules for exporters in SZs</u> Bangladesh Bank has relaxed the foreign currency rules for exporters in specialised zones like Export Processing Zones (EPZs), Private Export Processing Zones (PEPZs), Economic Zones, and High-Tech Parks to retain foreign currency. This move is aimed at simplifying foreign exchange management and streamlining transactions for these businesses, reports UNB. The central bank issued a circular on Sunday, stating that Type B and Type C factories within these zones can now hold their export earnings in a foreign currency account until their back-to-back import liabilities are settled. The foreign currency can be divided into two portions: one for back-to-back import payments and another for the value addition portion of local production.</p>	11 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-eases-forex-rules-for-exporters-in-szs-1754851275?date=11-08-2025)	
03	<p><u>EXIT ROUTE ALLOWS US TARIFF DEDUCTION</u> <u>Apparel exporters eye 'first sale' rule to boost competitiveness</u> Rule allows importer to pay 15-20pc lowered landed duty on product value Bangladeshi apparel exporters are exploring the 'First Sale' window of opportunity in the United States to help their buyers and retailers secure lower tariffs and thus enhance their export competitiveness on the high-duty US market. In the American customs law, the first-sale rule allows an importer to pay 15-to 20-percent lowered landed duty through declared lowered value of goods based on the manufacturer's price through a multi-tiered transaction -- such as manufacturer to middleman to US importer -- rather than the final price paid by the US buyer. Garment exporters in the know say this rule helps them avoid high tariffs. The rest of the price is paid as a research and development cost to the manufacturers, but this requires the involvement of another entity. In a letter to the Ministry of Commerce, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has noted that the first-sale method is becoming increasingly popular among US buyers.</p>	12 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/apparel-exporters-eye-first-sale-rule-to-boost-competitiveness-1754936806)	

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04	<p><u>Export earnings target set at \$63.5b for FY'26</u> Both govt and exporters are upbeat about reaching the goal The government has set export earnings target at \$63.5 billion for the current fiscal year (FY '26), eyeing a 16.5 per cent growth over the last fiscal's receipts. Of the total, the earnings target from export of merchandise products has been set at \$55 billion, 13.40 per cent up from the actual earnings of \$48.28 billion in the last fiscal. On the other hand, an \$8.5 billion worth of export target has been fixed for the services sector this fiscal 26, which is 18.67per cent higher than that of the achieved earnings of \$7.5 billion in FY '25.</p>	13 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/export-earnings-target-set-at-635b-for-fy26-1755022810)	
05	<p><u>MCCI'S Q4 FY25 REVIEW</u> Growth sluggish amid early turnaround signs The outgoing fiscal year (FY), 2024-25, ended with mixed outcomes for Bangladesh's economy, the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) has said. "Though growth remains sluggish, the quarter under review (Q4 of FY25) showed early signs of a turnaround," the MCCI said in its quarterly economic review for April-June 2025 released on Tuesday. Increased export earnings and remittance inflows have helped stabilise foreign currency reserves and inject some vitality into the economy, according to the country's oldest chamber. As per the recent data from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), the gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the third quarter edged up to 4.86 per cent from 4.48 per cent in the second quarter, offering a mild sign of improvement. Inflation also eased slightly, falling to 8.48 per cent in June. However, annual average inflation remained steep, averaging 10.03 per cent - well above comfortable levels, the leading trade body added.</p>	13 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/growth-sluggish-amid-early-turnaround-signs-1755023031)	
06	<p><u>EXTERNAL SECTOR REBOUND SHOWS SIGNS OF ECONOMIC PICKUP</u> BoP reverses into \$3.4 billion surplus Bangladesh sees its deficit balance of payments (BoP) reverse into around \$3.4-billion surplus in fiscal year 3025 after three financial years, in early signs of much-needed economic rebound. Officials and economists hail record remittance and steady growth in export receipts against import contraction for the turnaround in the BoP situation. After the end of the last financial year (FY'25), the country's BoP registered a surplus of around \$3.40 billion in an upswing from \$4.30-billion deficit a year ago, according to July-June FY'25 balance sheet on payments released Wednesday by Bangladesh Bank (BB).</p>	14 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bop-reverses-into-34-billion-surplus-1755108783)	
07	<p><u>Bangladesh seeks Malaysia's support to set up halal industrial park</u> Bangladesh has sought Malaysia's cooperation in developing a halal industrial park to tap into the rapidly growing global market for foods and products prepared in accordance with Islamic law. "Let's make a move on this," said Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus during a meeting with Malaysian halal industry officials in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday, according to a statement. Officials told the chief adviser that the global halal products market is valued at \$3 trillion and is projected to reach \$5 trillion by 2030. Malaysia, which operates at least 14 halal industrial parks, holds a sizable share of the market. Other major players include Middle Eastern countries, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.</p>	14 August 2025	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-seeks-malaysias-support-set-halal-industrial-park-3961651)	

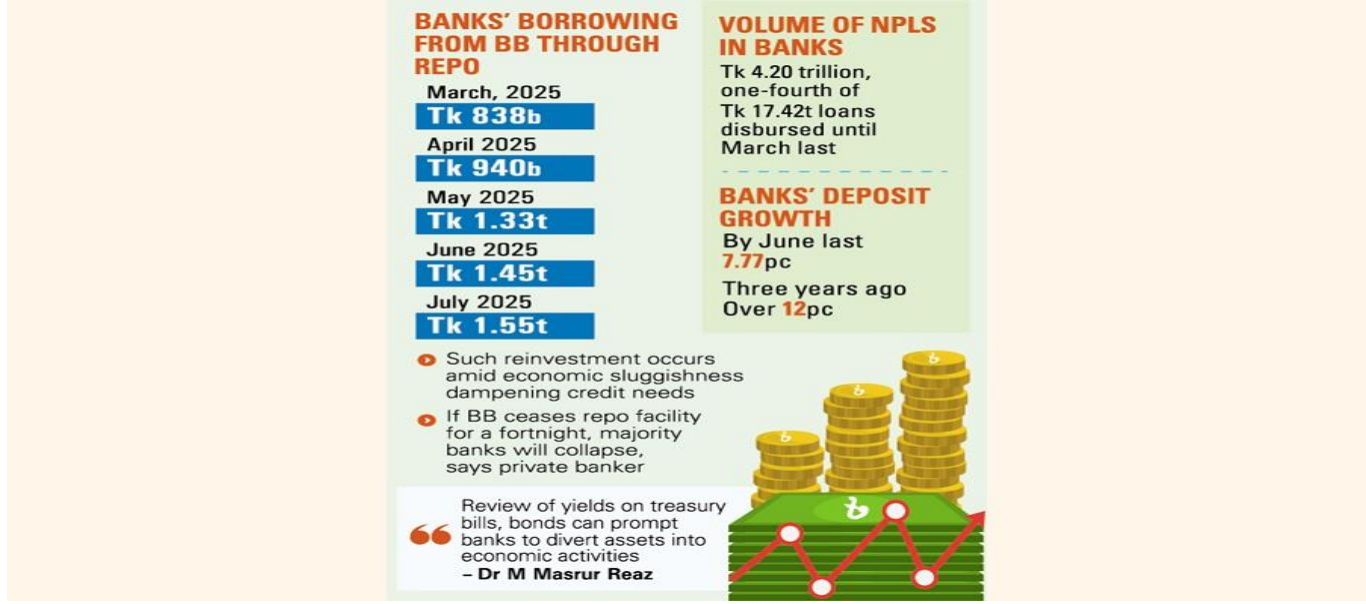
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08	<p><u>Bangladesh to stay as top cotton importer</u> Bangladesh, the second-largest exporter of readymade garment items, is poised to remain the world's largest raw cotton importer in the marketing year 2025-26, said the US Department of Agriculture. However, the consumption of cotton is expected to witness a slight decline to 8.1 million bales, which was previously forecasted at 8.4 million bales in July of this year.</p> <p>According to the data titled 'Cotton: World Markets and Trade' issued by the Foreign Agricultural Service under the USDA on Tuesday, Bangladesh is projected to import 8.1 million bales of cotton in MY26, which starts in August. USDA data show that in MY25, Bangladesh's imports were expected to be 8.1 million bales, which was approximately 7.5 million bales in MY24.</p> <p>Vietnam, one of Bangladesh's closest competitors in RMG exports, is projected to import 8 million bales of cotton in MY26. In contrast, China is expected to import 5.3 million bales, having imported 15 million bales in MY24.</p>	14 August 2025	New Age (https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/272954/bangladesh-to-stay-as-top-cotton-importer)	
09	<p><u>Trade bodies, experts' clarion call from ICCB stage</u> <u>Extend LDC graduation timeline</u> Years of volatile economic condition upends business advances, trade leaders say to underpin their demand</p> <p>A clarion call now comes from leaders of major trade bodies for deferring Bangladesh's LDC graduation by three to five years as businesses are rendered unprepared by last few years' economic volatility.</p> <p>At a meet Thursday in Dhaka, they said the businesses were reeling from severe fallouts from Covid-19, the Russia-Ukraine war, higher global inflation, higher bank interest, the July-August political upheaval of last year, higher cost of production and last, but not the least, the higher US tariffs imposed by the Trump administration.</p> <p>So, this is not the time for smooth graduation and the graduation should be deferred three to five years, the speakers said at the seminar on 'LDC Graduation: Some options for Bangladesh', arranged at a hotel by the International Chamber of Commerce -Bangladesh (ICC-B) in collaboration with Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (BAPI).</p>	15 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/extend-ldc-graduation-timeline-1755190601?date=15-08-2025)	
10	<p><u>Bangladesh should align labour laws with global standards: EU</u></p> <p>The European Union (EU) has underscored the urgent need for Bangladesh to align its labour laws with international standards, signalling that improved labour rights and compliance are essential.</p> <p>A high-level delegation from the EU made this call during a meeting with the president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), Mahmud Hasan Khan, and other members at the association's office in Dhaka on August 13.</p> <p>The delegation mentioned that reforming labour laws in accordance with the International Labour Organization standards is a key demand of the European Union, according to a press release.</p>	15 August 2025	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-should-align-labour-laws-global-standards-eu-3962711)	

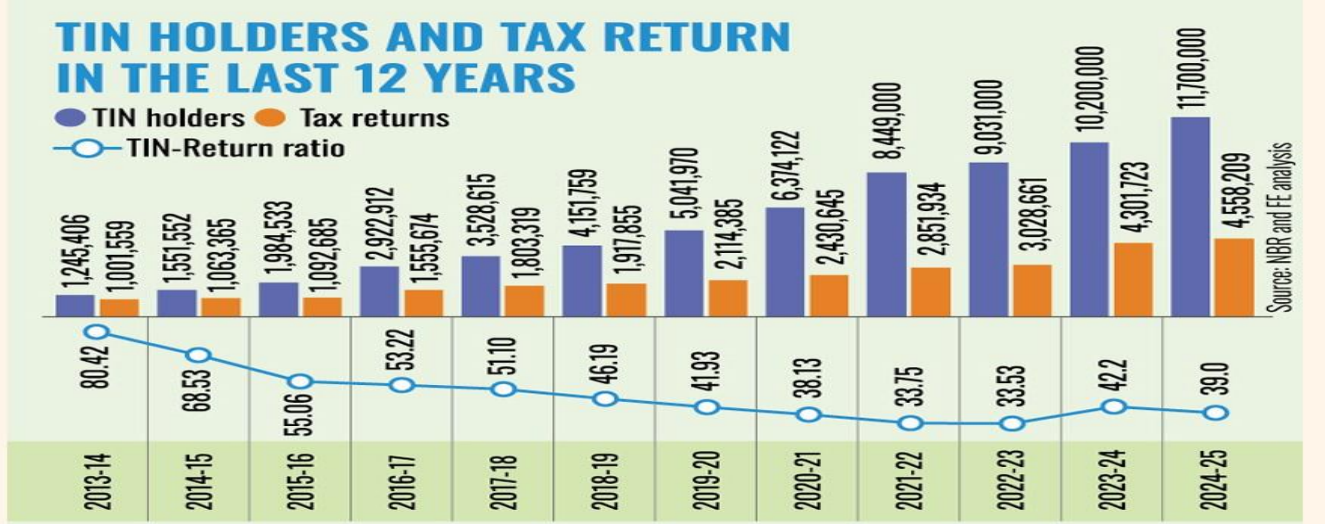
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11	<p><u>Non-govt persons can become BIDA member</u> Persons outside the civil service can now become executive members of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA). In this regard, the Ministry of Law, Justice, and Parliamentary Affairs issued a notification on August 10, amending the BIDA Act, 2016. According to the notification, a new clause was added, saying 'from now on, any other person, may be appointed for a term and on conditions determined by the government.' Previously, the positions were strictly reserved for government officials of the rank of additional secretary or above, appointed on deputation.</p>	16 August 2025	New Age (https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/273140/non-govt-persons-can-become-bida-member)	
12	<p><u>Abysmal potholes in corporate tax payments exposed</u> Gross mismatch between the number of registered companies and that of corporate income-tax receipt by the exchequer persists, as the tax returns submitted annually by the former continues to be disproportionately low in Bangladesh, official statistics show. Only nearly 40,000 companies file tax returns in Bangladesh while the number of registered companies is over 0.3 million. Some 0.1 million companies are currently active and submitting audited statement and board-of-directors lists to the entity, says AKM Nurunnabi Kabir, Registrar of the Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC).</p>	17 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/multimodal-hub-integrating-rail-road-ctg-seaport-in-sight-1755453836)	
13	<p><u>Businesses, govt officials push for foreign operators to boost port efficiency</u> Business leaders and government officials have urged support for the appointment of foreign operators in Bangladesh's ports to raise efficiency and align with international standards, instead of opposing such moves. The call came at a roundtable titled "Challenges, Opportunities and Way Forward in Shipping and Logistics Landscape", held yesterday at the Lakeshore Heights hotel in Gulshan. Mohammad Hatem, president of the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA), said foreign operators could help enhance management efficiency while enabling local manpower to learn modern technologies and international-standard practices.</p>	17 August 2025	The Business Standard (TBS) (https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/businesses-govt-officials-push-foreign-operators-boost-port-efficiency-1214386)	
14	<p>CA UPDATED ON ASSET-RECOVERY BREAKTHROUGH <u>Assets worth Tk 400b in laundered money unearthed abroad</u> Revenue intelligence moles nose out the stolen treasures Revenue intelligence has tracked down nearly Tk 400 billion worth of assets amassed in different countries around the world through money laundering from Bangladesh. National Board of Revenue Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) Director-General Ahsan Habib apprised Chief Adviser of the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus that investigations had been conducted in seven cities across five countries since January this year, leading to this discovery, said a spokesperson for the CA Office on Sunday. Additionally, 352 passports have been identified in nine countries that were obtained by some Bangladeshis in exchange for money. The countries include Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, North Macedonia, Malta, Saint Lucia, and Turkey. Ahsan Habib explained that CIC investigators, after preliminary preparation using information from various domestic sources, conducted on-the-ground inspections in these countries to gather detailed intelligence.</p>	18 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/assets-worth-tk-400b-in-laundered-money-unearthed-abroad-1755453905)	

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15	<p>THRUST ON LOGISTICS UPGRADE TOWARDS \$100B EXPORT <u>Multimodal hub integrating rail, road, Ctg seaport in sight</u> Also planned 'port community system' interlocking three seaports on WB model, FE seminar told</p>  <p>LOGISTICS UPGRADE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Three Bay Terminals to be developed by CPA, PSA Singapore, DP World under PPP G-to-G model ▶ New-mooring Container Terminal to be handed over to a global operator by Oct ▶ At least one Dhaka-Ctg container train to be given over to private sector for faster freight <p>Higher export, production costs for US tariffs, BD's LDC graduation can be offset with greater logistics efficiency Economist Masrur Reaz</p> <p>A multimodal logistics hub integrating railway, road, and Chittagong seaport facilities will be developed near the Bay Terminal to boost Bangladesh's trade-facilitating efficiency, as efforts are geared towards US\$100-billion annual export earnings. To this end, the World Bank-financed Bay Terminal Breakwater Project is moving ahead, with a subsidiary loan agreement to be signed today, following an earlier deal made between ERD and the Bank in Washington, said Senior Secretary, Shipping, Mohammed Yousuf at a roundtable organised by The Financial Express on Sunday in Dhaka.</p>	18 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/multimodal-hub-integrating-rail-road-ctg-seaport-in-sight-1755453836)	
16	<p>RESCHEDULING IN 2024 <u>Loans worth Tk 1.33 lakh crore turn NPL again</u></p> <p>Nearly 39 per cent of rescheduled loans have slipped back into default, exposing the ineffectiveness of repeated rescheduling as a tool for reducing non-performing loans. Bangladesh Bank's Financial Stability Report 2024 shows that outstanding rescheduled loans stood at Tk 3,48,461 crore by the end of 2024, of which Tk 85,679 crore was rescheduled during the year. Out of the total, Tk 1,33,872 crore or 38.5 per cent turned default again, up sharply from Tk 54,060 crore or 18 per cent at the end of 2023. The report highlighted how repeated rescheduling has failed to prevent loans from turning non-performing again, raising concerns over the effectiveness of such measures. It pointed to the mounting risks in the banking sector, where rescheduling has become a way to delay recognition of NPL rather than resolve them.</p>	20 August 2025	New Age (https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/273562/loans-worth-tk-133-lakh-crore-turn-npl-again)	

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17	<p>NEXT IMF REVIEW DUE IN OCT <u>Low revenue-GDP ratio stokes worry</u> Ratio hits 5-year low at 7.69 in FY25, widening fiscal deficit Bangladesh's lowly revenue-GDP ratio dipped further in the last financial year due mainly to economic downturn and sluggish business ambiance, coupled with unrest in the revenue-gathering entities. The development has stoked concern among the policymakers as the next IMF review mission is not far away. The revenue-to-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio dropped to 7.69 per cent in the FY2024-25 after having maintained a stand above 8.0 per cent in the last five years, according to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) data. The aggregate revenue include tax revenue mobilised by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and non-NBR revenue. The tax-GDP ratio also declined to 6.7 per cent in FY25 from 7.39 per cent.</p>	21 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/low-revenue-gdp-ratio-stokes-worry-1755711623)	
18	<p><u>Bangladesh to shut 9 troubled NBFIs to protect depositors</u> Bangladesh Bank has announced plans to close nine non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) as part of efforts to safeguard "depositors' interests", reports bdnews24.com. Central bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur confirmed the move, saying that the decision was taken to ensure people could recover their savings safely. The nine institutions slated for closure are FAS Finance, Bangladesh Industrial Finance Company, Premier Leasing, Fareast Finance, GSP Finance, Prime Finance, Aviva Finance, People's Leasing, and International Leasing. According to central bank data, defaulted loans in the financial sector stood at Tk 250.89 billion at the end of last year, with more than half linked to these nine firms. The government is expected to provide funds to cover customer claims, though the amount has yet to be decided.</p>	23 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bangladesh-to-shut-9-troubled-nbfis-to-protect-depositors-1755884842?date=23-08-2025)	
19	<p><u>Digital banks must have paid-up capital of Tk 300cr: BB</u> The Bangladesh Bank has raised the paid-up capital requirement for digital banks from Tk 125 crore to Tk 300 crore. The banking regulator refixed the capital requirement for the upcoming digital banks under the power of Section 13 of the Bank Company Act, 1991 (as amended up to 2023), the central bank said in a notice yesterday. The paid-up capital shall only comprise ordinary shares, according to the guideline. The banking regulator revised the capital requirement as applications will soon be invited for digital banks, said a senior BB official.</p>	25 August 2025	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/digital-banks-must-have-paid-capital-tk-300cr-bb-3969751)	
20	<p><u>তিন বছরে দারিদ্র্য বেড়ে দাঁড়িয়েছে ২৮%, খাবারের পেছনে খরচ ৫৫%</u> তিন বছরের ব্যবধানে দারিদ্র্য কমেনি, উল্টো বেশ বেড়েছে। দেশে এখন দারিদ্র্যের হার ২৭ দশমিক ৯৩ বা প্রায় ২৮ শতাংশ। সরকারি হিসাবেই ২০২২ সালে এই হার ছিল ১৮ দশমিক ৭। আজ সোমবার বেসরকারি গবেষণাপ্রতিষ্ঠান পাওয়ার অ্যান্ড পার্টিশিপেশন রিসার্চ সেন্টারের (পিপিআরসি) এক গবেষণায় দারিদ্র্য বৃদ্ধির এই চিত্র ওঠে এসেছে। 'ইকনোমিক ডায়নামিকস অ্যান্ড মুড অ্যাট হাউজহোল্ড লেভেল ইন মিড ২০২৫' শীর্ষক গবেষণা ফলাফল প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে। রাজধানীর আগারগাঁওয়ে এলজিইডি মিলনায়তনে গবেষণার ফলাফল প্রকাশ অনুষ্ঠান অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। পিপিআরসির নির্বাহী চেয়ারম্যান হোসেন জিল্লুর রহমান গবেষণার বিভিন্ন দিক তুলে ধরেন।</p>	25 August 2025	Prothom Alo (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/kfh5r0kawk)	

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21	<p><u>Applications to set up digital bank invited again</u> Bangladesh Bank (BB) has once again invited applications from eligible institutions to secure a license of establishing a digital bank to accelerate the country's shift to cashless transactions and digital financial services. In a press statement issued on Tuesday, the central bank has, in principle, decided to issue licences for digital banks against suitable proposals under the Bank Company Act, 1991 and applications can be submitted between September 1 and September 30 this year, it added. The statement said BB now seeks fresh sealed applications from eligible and qualified sponsors to set up digital banks. As a processing fee, each application must be submitted along with a non-refundable pay order of Tk 500,000 issued by any scheduled commercial bank in favour of Bangladesh Bank, according to the circular. It added that failure to provide all required documents and information would result in the automatic cancellation of the application. Submissions must be sent both physically during office hours and digitally via apply.db@bb.org.bd. The central bank said it recognises the changing landscape of the global financial ecosystem, which is being driven by continuous technological innovation. Earlier, BB raised the paid-up capital requirement for digital banks from Tk 1.25 billion to Tk 3.0 billion. The central bank approved the guideline on digital banks in 2023 to accelerate the country's transition to cashless transactions and digital financial services. The latest development comes following suspension of Nagad Digital Bank's license after a changeover in state power following last year's July-August mass uprising and a review of the digital bank licensing process.</p>	27 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/applications-to-set-up-digital-bank-invited-again-1756231235?date=27-08-2025)	
22	<p>TRUMP TARIFFS CHANGING TRADE EQUATIONS <u>US importers shifting from tax-laden India, China to Bangladesh</u> Bangladeshi exporters are receiving increased inquiries from American buyers, retailers, and traders as the steep US tariff hike for India and China is making the sourcing from there much costlier. Industry-insiders say Bangladesh's companies are now securing some non-traditional export orders that US firms previously imported from India, such as hardware items, construction materials, PVC pipes, and PP woven bags, in addition to the country's largest export item-apparel. Apparel exporters are also receiving large volumes of inquiries from US buyers following the tariff hikes on imports from China and India. Most factories are currently operating at full capacity. However, they also fear that Chinese and Indian manufacturers may now shift their focus to the EU market to offset their losses in the US, which could create additional pressure on Bangladeshi exporters. Talking with the FE, Shovon Islam, Managing Director of Sparrow Group of Industries, said their discussions were underway with several US buyers trying to shift orders away from India. In addition, talks are also ongoing with an American company to move orders from Vietnam for next summer. The reason is that the buyer is relocating higher-value apparel orders from China to Vietnam, while shifting medium-priced apparel orders from Vietnam to Bangladesh. "For the upcoming spring season, we already have 10-percent more orders, and for summer, up to 15 per cent in additional orders," says Mr Islam. "To meet this demand, we have sought buyers' approval to extend overtime from two to three hours. However, to sustain the business shifting from India and China, we will also need support from the government." "We will also need support from the government - on monetary policy and additional support such as uninterrupted energy supply, and cooperation from customs" he added.</p>	29 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/us-importers-shifting-from-tax-laden-india-china-to-bangladesh-1756404424?date=29-08-2025)	

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23	<p>Borrow through repo, invest in plum treasuries Banks' borrowings from BB window hit record high</p>  <p>BANKS' BORROWING FROM BB THROUGH REPO</p> <p>March, 2025 Tk 838b</p> <p>April 2025 Tk 940b</p> <p>May 2025 Tk 1.33t</p> <p>June 2025 Tk 1.45t</p> <p>July 2025 Tk 1.55t</p> <p>VOLUME OF NPLS IN BANKS Tk 4.20 trillion, one-fourth of Tk 17.42t loans disbursed until March last</p> <p>BANKS' DEPOSIT GROWTH By June last 7.77pc Three years ago Over 12pc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Such reinvestment occurs amid economic sluggishness dampening credit needs If BB ceases repo facility for a fortnight, majority banks will collapse, says private banker <p>Review of yields on treasury bills, bonds can prompt banks to divert assets into economic activities - Dr M Masrur Reaz</p>	30 August 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-borrowings-from-bb-window-hit-record-high-1756489056?date=30-08-2025)	Commercial banks' hefty borrowings from the central bank betray perceived double dealings-healing liquidity crunch in the banking system and investing the funds in plum state treasuries. According to bankers and money-market analysts, the banks need fund feeding principally as the deposit growth remains stymied amid higher non-performing loans (NPLs) regime in the banking sector. As such, the volume of commercial lenders' borrowings by using repo instrument of the Bangladesh Bank (BB) continues ballooning to meet their local-currency obligations.
24	<p>নতুন আইন শ্রমিকের অধিকার রক্ষায় ব্যর্থ হতে পারে</p> <p>সামাজিক সংলাপ ছাড়া শ্রম আইন সংশোধন টেকসই হবে না; বরং নতুন আইন শ্রমিকদের অধিকার সুরক্ষায় ব্যর্থ হতে পারে। শিল্প খাতে আন্তর্জাতিক মানদণ্ড মেনে চলার প্রয়োজনীয়তা আছে। কিন্তু দেশের বাস্তবতা ও সক্ষমতা উপেক্ষা করে নতুন আইন চাপিয়ে দেওয়া হলে শ্রমবাজার ও বিনিয়োগ—উভয় ক্ষেত্রেই নেতিবাচক প্রভাব পড়তে পারে।</p> <p>আজ শনিবার দুপুরে রাজধানীর গুলশানের মেট্রোপলিটন চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রির (এমসিসিআই) কার্যালয়ে বাংলাদেশ এমপ্লয়র্স ফেডারেশনের (বিইএফ) এক সংবাদ সম্মেলনে এ মন্তব্য করেন ব্যবসায়ী সংগঠনের নেতারা। এ সময় উপস্থিত ছিলেন বিইএফের সভাপতি ফজলে শামীম এহসান, সাধারণ সম্পাদক ফারুক আহমেদ, মেট্রোপলিটন চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রির সভাপতি কামরান টি রহমান, নিট পোশাকশিল্পের মালিকদের সংগঠন বিকেএমইএর সভাপতি মোহাম্মদ হাতেম ও আন্তর্জাতিক শ্রম সংস্থা (আইএলও) ও বিজিএমইএর শ্রমবিষয়ক কমিটির চেয়ারম্যান এ এন এম সাইফুদ্দিন প্রমুখ।</p>	31 August 2025	Prothom Alo (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/industry/ivqojm78m)	

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