

## Summary of Business News – 87

### Important Trade and Economic News Published in Various Newspapers during 22 Sept. – 12 Oct. 2025

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01	<p><b><u>Business leaders, BNP emphasise deferment of LDC graduation for three years</u></b>                      Business leaders and BNP stalwarts emphasized deferment of Bangladesh's graduation from the LDC (least developed country) status for three years as the country and its business infrastructure are not ready yet. "If we want to have the investment, trade and business uninterrupted in the future, then we have to suspend the LDC graduation right now," said BNP Standing Committee member Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury. He made the remarks at the BNP Chairperson's Gulshan office in Dhaka after holding a meeting with the business representatives.                      Eleven business leaders led by BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan and comprising Tapan Chowdhury, AK Azad and Syed Nasim Manzur met BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Amir Khosru. The statistics given earlier on LDC graduation were questionable, BNP leader Amir Khosru said, adding that the government should write to the UN explaining the readiness of Bangladesh for the graduation.</p>	22 Sept. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/business-leaders-bnp-emphasise-deferment-of-ldc-graduation-for-three-years-1758474919?date=22-09-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/business-leaders-bnp-emphasise-deferment-of-ldc-graduation-for-three-years-1758474919?date=22-09-2025</a> )	
02	<p><b><u>One in five households hit by financial crisis: Study</u></b>  <b>Political changes yet to deliver tangible economic benefits, say analysts</b>                      Nearly one in five Bangladeshi households faced financial crises between May 2024 and April 2025, according to a new study, amid challenges stemming largely from excessive medical expenses, loan repayments, education-related costs, and other unavoidable expenditures.                      The findings, unveiled at a webinar on Monday, shed light on the psychological and economic pressures gripping families in the aftermath of last year's political transition. The study also revealed deep frustrations with corruption and governance failures. Economist and Executive Chairman of the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC), Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, presented the findings at a webinar titled "Unpacking the Mood at the Household Level", which was part of PPRC's public policy dialogue series 'Ajker Agenda'.</p>	24 Sept. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/one-in-five-households-hit-by-financial-crisis-study-1758652801?date=24-09-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/one-in-five-households-hit-by-financial-crisis-study-1758652801?date=24-09-2025</a> )	
03	<p><b><u>Interest rate spread falls to 25-month low amid profitability concerns</u></b>                      The interest-rate spread between banks' weighted average lending and deposit rates narrowed to a 25-month low of 5.75 per cent in July, raising concerns over profitability in the country's financial sector. The decline, driven by higher deposit costs and sluggish lending growth, reflects mounting stress in the banking industry, according to Bangladesh Bank data. The spread narrowed by 7.0 basis points compared with the previous month.                      The spread is widely used as an indicator of the business efficiency of financial institutions, and the regulator often takes corrective measures based on its movements. Bankers attributed the July decline to a build-up of stressed assets across the industry, noting that funding costs remained elevated while lending growth lagged during the period under review. Until the end of fiscal year 2023, banks operated under a capped formula that fixed the maximum lending rate at 9.0% and the maximum deposit rate at 6.0%, resulting in a spread of 3.0%.</p>	25 Sept. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/interest-rate-spread-falls-to-25-month-low-amid-profitability-concerns-1758737302?date=25-09-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/interest-rate-spread-falls-to-25-month-low-amid-profitability-concerns-1758737302?date=25-09-2025</a> )	

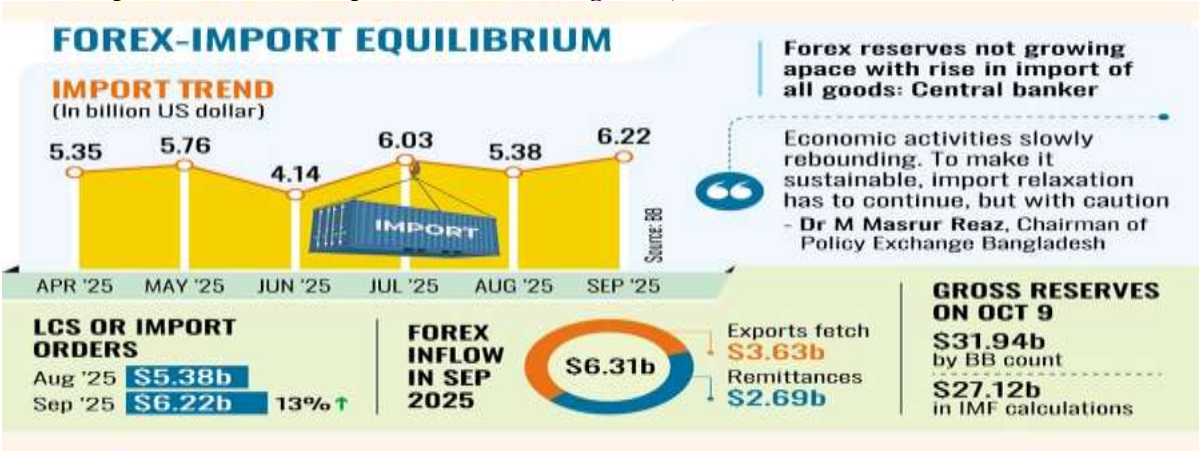
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04	<p><b>Retention of export proceeds</b>  <b><u>BB eases rules to support exporters</u></b></p> <p>The central bank has relaxed its rules on the retention of advance remittances received against exports, waiving the requirement to keep back 10 per cent of such proceeds. The move is intended to facilitate exporters, particularly smaller firms struggling with tight profit margins.</p> <p>Bangladesh Bank (BB) announced the measure on Thursday, saying it aims to boost exporters' cash flow and ease trade settlement. The revised instructions include safeguards to ensure genuine transactions while allowing quicker access to funds, officials explained. Previously, exporters were required to retain 10 per cent of advance payments with banks until shipments were executed.</p>	26 Sept. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-eases-rules-to-support-exporters-1758824036?date=26-09-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-eases-rules-to-support-exporters-1758824036?date=26-09-2025</a> )	
05	<p><b><u>Calls grow for urgent overhaul of revenue board</u></b></p> <p>Despite repeated calls for reform, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) remains largely unchanged, leaving unresolved tensions between its policy and administrative functions. At the heart of the debate is the separation of revenue policy from revenue administration, a recommendation made by the NBR reform advisory committee after consultations with businesses and stakeholders. Yet, the authorities have failed to act, fuelling frustration among experts who warned that the status quo threatens both fiscal stability and economic growth.</p> <p>The concerns came to the fore once again at a roundtable in Dhaka on Saturday, when former NBR officials, business leaders, and policy analysts urged immediate reforms. Experts cautioned that continued inaction could exacerbate inefficiencies within the country's revenue system. "We recommended the separation of revenue policy from administration, but the NBR has not been restructured accordingly. If coordination fails, existing inefficiencies may worsen," former NBR member and reform advisory committee member Md Farid Uddin said.</p> <p>He was addressing the roundtable titled 'NBR Reform - Shaping Towards an Effective Revenue Policy and Management System in Bangladesh', organised by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce &amp; Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) at Police Plaza in the city.</p>	28 Sept. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/calls-grow-for-urgent-overhaul-of-revenue-board-1758993302?date=28-09-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/calls-grow-for-urgent-overhaul-of-revenue-board-1758993302?date=28-09-2025</a> )	
06	<p><b><u>Partial exporters can import raw materials duty-free against bank guarantee</u></b>  <b>Industry people hail it as 'a milestone' for exporters</b></p> <p>The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has allowed partial export-oriented industrial enterprises to import raw materials duty-free against bank guarantee under a move to help expand the country's export trade. To this effect, the revenue authorities issued a notification on Monday.</p> <p>Enterprises that cannot obtain bonded - warehouse licences, despite fulfilling the conditions of the existing bond - management system, are permitted to import raw materials/products without paying customs duties and taxes. To avail such duty-waiver facility, the importing enterprise will require to submit a bank guarantee equivalent to the amount of customs duties and taxes assessed by the customs authority on the imported goods.</p> <p>By allowing the duty-free import of goods even without having a bond licence, the NBR expects that export-oriented enterprises would be able to maximise their production capacity and diversify exportable products, thus helping expand the country's export trade.</p>	30 Sept. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/partial-exporters-can-import-raw-materials-duty-free-against-bank-guarantee-1759169551?date=30-09-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/partial-exporters-can-import-raw-materials-duty-free-against-bank-guarantee-1759169551?date=30-09-2025</a> )	

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07	<p><b><u>BB relaxes reporting rules to facilitate foreign investment</u></b>            Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed the reporting requirements for temporary Non-resident Taka Accounts (NRTAs) and temporary Foreign Currency (FC) accounts to facilitate foreign investment in the country, reports BSS. To this end, the central bank on Tuesday issued a circular saying it is no longer required to report the opening of NRTAs and temporary FC accounts to the Foreign Exchange Investment Department (FEID) of Bangladesh Bank. Instead, Authorised Dealers (ADs) must notify FEID within 14 days with all relevant documents, including encashment certificates, online transaction ID, NRTA and/or temporary FC account statement, and statement of the permanent account reflecting the corresponding debit and credit entries, it added. Under the new rules, funds may be encashed into local currency (taka) or retained in foreign currency for up to one year.</p>	01 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-relaxes-reporting-rules-to-facilitate-foreign-investment-1759258461?date=01-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-relaxes-reporting-rules-to-facilitate-foreign-investment-1759258461?date=01-10-2025</a> )	
08	<p><b><u>Chittagong seaport finally enforces hiked tariffs from midnight Oct 14</u></b>  <b>Stakeholder concern stokes about trade cost spikes</b>            Ramped-up tariffs across 23 services categories at Chittagong seaport are set to be enforced from midnight October 14, following the end of a one-month suspension conceded amid strong port-user opposition. The enforcement date is confirmed in Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) notification issued on Tuesday night. The firman is undersigned by CPA Chief Finance &amp; Accounts Officer Mohammad Abdus Shakur. According to the circular, all vessels, containers, and cargos arriving at the port after 12:00 midnight on October 14 will be subject to the new rates. The revised tariffs -- CPA's first major hike in nearly four decades -- were originally slated for enforcement on September 15. However, businesses and trade bodies pushed back, citing fears of rising costs for exporters, importers, and consumers. This led the Shipping Ministry to temporarily defer the decision. Earlier, the Shipping Adviser had announced a one-month moratorium during a stakeholder workshop on September 20.</p>	02 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/chittagong-seaport-finally-enforces-hiked-tariffs-from-midnight-oct-14-1759341175?date=02-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/chittagong-seaport-finally-enforces-hiked-tariffs-from-midnight-oct-14-1759341175?date=02-10-2025</a> )	
09	<p><b>REFORM FOCUS ON GOOD GOVERNANCE IN BANKING SECTOR</b>  <b><u>Bank directors, top brass to be on a monitoring platform</u></b>            All directors and top brass of the country's commercial banks are to be on a hold-all platform called key performance indicator (KPI) in a latest reform measure meant for ensuring good governance in the banking industry, reeling from past misrule, official sources say. As part of the reform innovation, the central bank will soon form a special committee of experts and the omniscient panel will oversee the performances of the banks' board-of-directors members along with the top executives to bring the must-have discipline in banking operations.</p>	02 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bank-directors-top-brass-to-be-on-a-monitoring-platform-1759341003?date=02-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bank-directors-top-brass-to-be-on-a-monitoring-platform-1759341003?date=02-10-2025</a> )	
10	<p><b><u>শ্রমিকদের স্বার্থে আইএলওর তিন কনভেনশনে সই করছে সরকার</u></b>            আন্তর্জাতিক শ্রম সংস্থার (আইএলও) তিনটি কনভেনশন একসঙ্গে আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে অনুসমর্থন করতে যাচ্ছে বাংলাদেশ। এর ফলে শ্রমিকদের পেশাগত নিরাপত্তা ও স্বাস্থ্য সুরক্ষা নিশ্চিত হবে এবং কর্মক্ষেত্রে সহিংসতা ও হয়রানি কমেবে বলে মনে করছে শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থান মন্ত্রণালয়। তবে কারখানার মালিকদের এ বিষয়ে ভিন্নমত রয়েছে। কনভেনশনগুলো হচ্ছে পেশাগত নিরাপত্তা ও স্বাস্থ্যবিষয়ক কনভেনশন ১৫৫, কর্মক্ষেত্রে নিরাপত্তার মান উন্নয়নে প্রচারণামূলক কাঠামো কনভেনশন ১৮৭ এবং কর্মক্ষেত্রে সহিংসতা ও হয়রানি প্রতিরোধবিষয়ক কনভেনশন ১৯০। এ তিনটির মধ্যে ১৮৭ ও ১৫৫ আইএলওর মৌলিক কনভেনশন। ২০২২ সালে এ দুটিকে মৌলিক কনভেনশন হিসেবে গ্রহণ করে আইএলও।</p>	02 Oct. 2025	Prothom Alo ( <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/wwcbjzbp78">https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/wwcbjzbp78</a> )	

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11	<p><b><u>BD sets fresh target of GHG emission cut by 2035 in NDC 3.0</u></b>  <b>The plan has been submitted to UNFCCC ahead of COP 30 in Nov</b>            Bangladesh has set a fresh target of green house gas (GHG) emission reduction, 26.74 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq), by 2035 in its latest Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC 3.0), a national plan to show global commitment to the Paris Agreement (PA) ahead of the COP 30.            The NDC 2025 has been submitted to the United Nations Framework of Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC) on September 28, before the deadline (September 30). It has projected emission rise sharply to 418.40 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq by 2035 from the base year emission level at 252.04 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq in 2022. It shows that as business as usual (BAU), the emission is supposed to be due to population growth, urbanisation, industrial expansion and rising energy demand, and also proposes the reduction of 26.74 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq or 6.39 per cent unconditionally.            Officials said Bangladesh's contribution to global emission is only 0.5 per cent, but it is one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change. The NDC proposes another emission reduction target of 58.23 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq or 13.92 per cent of 418.40 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq (the 2035 projection) for the same period on condition of getting funds from the polluter countries.</p>	03 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-releases-tk-10b-in-cash-incentives-for-exporters-1759514741">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-releases-tk-10b-in-cash-incentives-for-exporters-1759514741</a> )	
12	<p><b><u>Govt releases Tk 10b in cash incentives for exporters</u></b>            The government has released Tk 10 billion as the first instalment of cash incentives for the exporters in the current fiscal year (FY), sources said. The Ministry of Finance recently issued an order to this effect. Following the order, the Office of the Controller General of Accounts has issued a debit authority in favor of the central bank.            Like previously, there remain some specific conditions on the disbursement of the export incentive. Such cash support must be disbursed among the eligible exporters through designated banks. Besides, the banks concerned are not entitled to utilise the fund for any other purposes, according to a source, according to the order. The ministry in its previous order warned that legal action would be taken against banks or exporters to be found non-compliant with the existing rules and provisions.            The Bangladesh Bank (BB) will provide the incentive to the respective banks as per their requirements for disbursing the same among the eligible exporters. Certain export-oriented sectors such as ready-made garment, frozen shrimp and other fish, leather items, jute and jute products are now entitled to get such incentives.            To encourage the country's export trade, the government had earlier decided to continue providing export incentives for 43 sectors from July 1 to December 31 in the FY 2025-26.</p>	04 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-releases-tk-10b-in-cash-incentives-for-exporters-1759514741">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-releases-tk-10b-in-cash-incentives-for-exporters-1759514741</a> )	
13	<p><b><u>Central bank about to attain long-cherished autonomy as regulator</u></b>  <b>Bangladesh Bank Order amendment anytime soon</b>            Bangladesh Bank is set to become a much-envisioned independent regulatory body for the banking sector as the central bank prepares to place the agenda to the advisory council of the interim government this week.            Along with the bank mergers-related roadmap, the banking regulator has taken all necessary preparations to present the Bangladesh Bank Order Amendment 2025 to get final approval from the advisory council led by chief adviser of the interim government and Nobel-laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus, sources at the BB and the Ministry of Finance said.</p>	05 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/central-bank-about-to-attain-long-cherished-autonomy-as-regulator-1759601006?date=05-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/central-bank-about-to-attain-long-cherished-autonomy-as-regulator-1759601006?date=05-10-2025</a> )	

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14	<p><b><u>Remittances hit \$2.69b in Sept, 5th-highest monthly inflow</u></b>  <b>Gross forex reserves rise to \$31.43b under BB calculations</b>  Bangladesh received US\$2.69 billion in remittances in September, the fifth-highest monthly inflow on record, signalling a rebound in foreign-currency earnings. The rise in remittance earnings offers a much-needed respite for the economy, which has been grappling with multiple macroeconomic challenges amid a persistent foreign-exchange (forex) shortage, officials and analysts said.  According to Bangladesh Bank (BB), the country's central bank, Bangladeshi expatriates sent \$2.69 billion in the just-concluded month, up over 11.7 per cent year-on-year from \$2.40 billion in September 2024. Compared with \$2.42 billion in August 2025, the September inflow was \$264 million higher.</p>	06 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/remittances-hit-269b-in-sept-5th-highest-monthly-inflow-1759686812?date=06-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/remittances-hit-269b-in-sept-5th-highest-monthly-inflow-1759686812?date=06-10-2025</a> )	
15	<p><b><u>Q1 exports rise, offset Sept fall</u></b>  <b>Sept export contracts 4.61pc to \$3.62b on RMG downturn</b>  Bangladesh experiences ups and downs in export performance in the first quarter of the current fiscal year with the three-month earnings posting an overall growth of 5.64 per cent to US\$12.31 billion, outweighing a monthly fall in September. The country's merchandise exports recorded a 4.61-percent fall in September year on year, pulled down by a negative growth of the largest foreign-currency earner--readymade garments or RMG.  Last month's receipt was US\$3.62 billion, down from US\$ 3.80 billion in September 2024, according to Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data released Sunday. The monthly export decline came for a second consecutive month, after a strong start to the fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 with exports posting robust double-digit growth of around 25 per cent in July, when earnings reached \$4.77 billion. In August, export earnings fell by 2.93 per cent year on year.</p>	06 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/q1-exports-rise-offset-sept-fall-1759686912?date=06-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/q1-exports-rise-offset-sept-fall-1759686912?date=06-10-2025</a> )	
16	<p><b><u>Inflation inches up on price rises</u></b>  <b>September rate up at 8.36pc compared to August count</b>  Inflation in Bangladesh rebounds after a recession as September rate rose to 8.36 per cent compared to the preceding month, with the index mainly pushed up by price rises. Living in villages has become costlier in recent times as the inflation rate in the rural Bangladesh last month was higher than the average rate across the country, official data showed.  The rate of inflation on a point-to-point basis in Bangladesh was recorded at 8.36 per cent in September, 0.07-percentage-points higher than 8.29 per cent in August, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) showed in its report on Monday. In the corresponding period in September 2024, Bangladesh's inflation was 9.92 per cent.  The government targeted to keep the average inflation within 6.5 per cent during the current fiscal year (FY26).</p>	07 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-inches-up-on-price-rises-1759773138?date=07-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-inches-up-on-price-rises-1759773138?date=07-10-2025</a> )	
17	<p><b><u>সেপ্টেম্বরে অর্থনীতির গতি সামান্য বেড়েছে</u></b>  দেশের অর্থনীতির গতি উত্থান-পতনের মধ্যে রয়েছে। আগের মাসে বাড়লে পরের মাসে আবার কমছে। যেমন গত জুলাইয়ে অর্থনীতির গতি বাড়লেও আগস্টে কিছুটা কমেছে। আবার সেপ্টেম্বরে সামান্য বেড়েছে। তবে অর্থনীতি সম্প্রসারণের ধারায় রয়েছে। পারচেজিং ম্যানেজার্স ইনডেক্সের (পিএমআই) সার্বিক মান গত জানুয়ারিতে ছিল ৬৫ দশমিক ৭ পয়েন্ট। পরের তিন মাসে পিএমআই মান ধারাবাহিকভাবে কমেছে। এরপর মে মাসে বেড়ে তা দাঁড়ায় ৫৮ দশমিক ৯ পয়েন্ট। জুনে আবার কমে। জুলাইয়ে পিএমআই মান বেড়ে ৬১ দশমিক ৫ পয়েন্টে উন্নীত হয়, আগস্টে কমে ৫৮ দশমিক ৩ পয়েন্টে নামে এবং সর্বশেষ সেপ্টেম্বরে দশমিক ৮ শতাংশ বেড়ে ৫৯ দশমিক ১ পয়েন্টে উঠেছে।</p>	07 Oct. 2025	Prothom Alo ( <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/i31m98bs3n">https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/i31m98bs3n</a> )	

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18	<p><b><u>Govt forms taskforce to strengthen tax system, mobilise domestic resources</u></b></p> <p>The government has formed a high-powered taskforce to identify ways to boost domestic resource mobilisation and strengthen the country's tax system in line with development and fiscal sustainability goals. The Internal Resources Division (IRD) of the finance ministry issued a notification on Sunday. The nine-member taskforce will formulate recommendations to reform and reorganise the tax structure to raise the tax-to-GDP ratio, and propose short- and long-term measures to support economic growth and trade, it said. The taskforce will be chaired by Zaidi Sattar, chairman of the Policy Research Institute (PRI) of Bangladesh. Other members include Sultan Hafeez Rahman, professorial fellow at the BRAC Institute of Governance and Development (BIGD); Syed M Ahsan, professor emeritus of economics at Concordia University; Mohammad Zahid Hossain, chairman of Bangladesh Krishi Bank; and Sajjad Zohir, executive director of the Economic Research Group (ERG). Representatives from key institutions such as the FBCCI, ICAB, and ICMAAB will also serve as members. Mahbubur Rahman Patwary, joint secretary of the IRD, will act as the member secretary of the taskforce.</p>	07 Oct. 2025	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/tax-and-customs/news/govt-forms-taskforce-strengthen-tax-system-mobilise-domestic-resources-4003621">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/tax-and-customs/news/govt-forms-taskforce-strengthen-tax-system-mobilise-domestic-resources-4003621</a> )	
19	<p><b><u>CURBING EMISSIONS, BOOSTING LOCAL INDUSTRY</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Electric vehicle policy unveiled</u></b></p> <p>The government has formulated the Electric Vehicle Industry Development Policy 2025, outlining a time-bound action plan to identify and register electric vehicles (EVs) by June 2026 and 2030, with the aim of promoting domestic production and reducing carbon emissions from the transport sector. The industries ministry, which drafted the policy, has sought opinions from stakeholders before finalising it.</p> <p>According to officials, the policy aims to enhance domestic production of EV components, reduce import dependence, and strengthen Bangladesh's competitiveness in the global market for EVs and related parts. As defined in the draft, an EV is a vehicle powered by one or more electric motors using traction power from an internal rechargeable battery. However, battery-powered bicycles and rickshaws -- commonly known as easy bikes -- will not fall under this category.</p>	08 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/electric-vehicle-policy-unveiled-1759858238?date=08-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/electric-vehicle-policy-unveiled-1759858238?date=08-10-2025</a> )	
20	<p><b><u>Government working to finalise new import policy</u></b></p> <p>The government is in the final stages of preparing the new import policy for 2026 to 2028 as part of efforts to strengthen Bangladesh's trade framework and ensure greater self-reliance, Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus said today. At a briefing at the Foreign Service Academy in Dhaka today, Shafiqul Alam, press secretary to the Chief Adviser's Office, said: "The meeting was informed that the new import policy for 2026 to 2028 will be announced soon."</p>	08 Oct. 2025	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/government-working-finalise-new-import-policy-4004911">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/government-working-finalise-new-import-policy-4004911</a> )	
21	<p><b><u>এপ্রিল-জুন প্রান্তিকে জিডিপি প্রবৃদ্ধি কমে ৩.৩৫%</u></b></p> <p>গত অর্থবছরের শেষ প্রান্তিকে মোট দেশজ উৎপাদনে (জিডিপি) প্রবৃদ্ধি হয়েছে মাত্র ৩ দশমিক ৩৫ শতাংশ। এর মানে হলো, গত এপ্রিল থেকে জুন পর্যন্ত আগের বছরের একই সময়ের তুলনায় দেশের অর্থনীতি বেড়েছে ৩ দশমিক ৩৫ শতাংশ। আজ বৃহস্পতিবার বাংলাদেশ পরিসংখ্যান ব্যুরো (বিবিএস) গত অর্থবছরের জিডিপির প্রান্তিকভিত্তিক হিসাব প্রকাশ করেছে। সেখানে এপ্রিল-জুন প্রান্তিকের প্রবৃদ্ধির এই চিত্র পাওয়া গেছে। চলতি অর্থবছরের কোনো প্রান্তিকের জিডিপির হিসাব দেয়নি বিবিএস।</p>	09 Oct. 2025	Prothom Alo ( <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/zwuig1f0b">https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/zwuig1f0b</a> )	

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22	<p><b><u>Govt approves merger of 5 Islamic banks</u></b>  <b><u>New bank to be named United Islamic Bank</u></b>            The Advisory Council on Thursday approved a proposal to form a new bank by merging five financially distressed Islamic banks, officials said. The new bank, likely to be named United Islamic Bank, will be established under the Bank Resolution Ordinance 2025.            The Advisory Council, chaired by Chief Adviser (CA) Professor Muhammad Yunus, approved the merger of First Security Islami Bank, Social Islami Bank, Global Islami Bank, Union Bank, and EXIM Bank into a single entity.</p>	10 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-approves-merger-of-5-islamic-banks-1760033790?date=10-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-approves-merger-of-5-islamic-banks-1760033790?date=10-10-2025</a> )	
23	<p><b><u>Businesses seek single-digit interest rate</u></b>            Business leaders yesterday urged the central bank governor to lower bank interest rates to single digits, as they said high borrowing costs are affecting businesses. They made the demand at a meeting between a business delegation representing various leading sectors and Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur at his office in Dhaka. The delegation was led by the apex trade body -- the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI).</p>	10 Oct. 2025	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/businesses-seek-single-digit-interest-rate-4006156">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/businesses-seek-single-digit-interest-rate-4006156</a> )	
24	<p><b>IMPORT LC OPENING AT BANKS RESURGENT</b>  <b><u>Deregulated imports boosting economy, pressuring reserves</u></b>  <b>Recent export downturn from peaks slows reserves growth, statistics show</b></p>  <p>Bangladesh sees a significant rise in import orders, with a leap in September, in what is seen as an early indication of the country's economic rebound after months of recession.            However, officials and money-market experts sound alert as the deregulated export resurgence has a domino effect on the country's replenishing foreign-exchange reserves, especially as export receipt--one of the two pivots to forex stock--shows signs of some contraction of late.</p>	11 Oct. 2025	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/deregulated-imports-boosting-economy-pressuring-reserves-1760117919?date=11-10-2025">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/deregulated-imports-boosting-economy-pressuring-reserves-1760117919?date=11-10-2025</a> )	

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25	<p><b>Preparing for Bangladesh's trade competitiveness</b>  <b><u>Govt moves to waive VAT on exporters' local procurement</u></b>  <b>Enabling businesses for competitive trading on global market after LDC graduation main motto</b></p> <p>A government move gets going to waive value-added tax (VAT) on local procurements by exporters to enhance the global competitiveness of Bangladesh's export sector, particularly in preparation for the privilege rescinded post-LDC era.</p> <p>In a recent directive, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) clarified that local sourcing of raw materials and services by exporters under a "Deemed-Export" provision will be eligible for VAT exemption, subject to specific documentation and regulatory conditions. This move follows repeated appeals from industry associations and exporters who argue that VAT on locally sourced inputs puts them at cost disadvantage compared to bonded-warehouse users, who enjoy duty-free import privileges.</p>	12 Oct. 2025	<p>The Financial Express  (<a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-moves-to-waive-vat-on-exporters-local-procurement-1760200822">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-moves-to-waive-vat-on-exporters-local-procurement-1760200822</a>)</p>	
26	<p><b><u>New law to fully insure 93% of bank depositors</u></b>  <b>Non-bank savers will also come under deposit protection by 2028</b></p> <p>The government has approved amendments to the Deposit Protection Act, proposing an increase in the protection limit for bank deposits to Tk 2 lakh. Around 93 percent of all bank accounts in the country hold deposits within this level, according to the finance ministry's proposal for the amendments, which drew on central bank data.</p> <p>Besides, non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) will also be brought under the deposit protection framework for the first time. But non-bank depositors will have to wait until July 2028 to receive legal coverage under the new framework.</p> <p>The amendment, approved at an advisory council meeting on Thursday last week, introduces several new measures. These include extending protection to NBFIs depositors, setting up separate protection funds for banks and non-banks, ensuring faster payment of protected deposits, offering conditional financial assistance during bank mergers, and safe investments of the protection fund.</p>	12 Oct. 2025	<p>The Daily Star  (<a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/new-law-fully-insure-93-bank-depositors-4007576">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/new-law-fully-insure-93-bank-depositors-4007576</a>)</p>	