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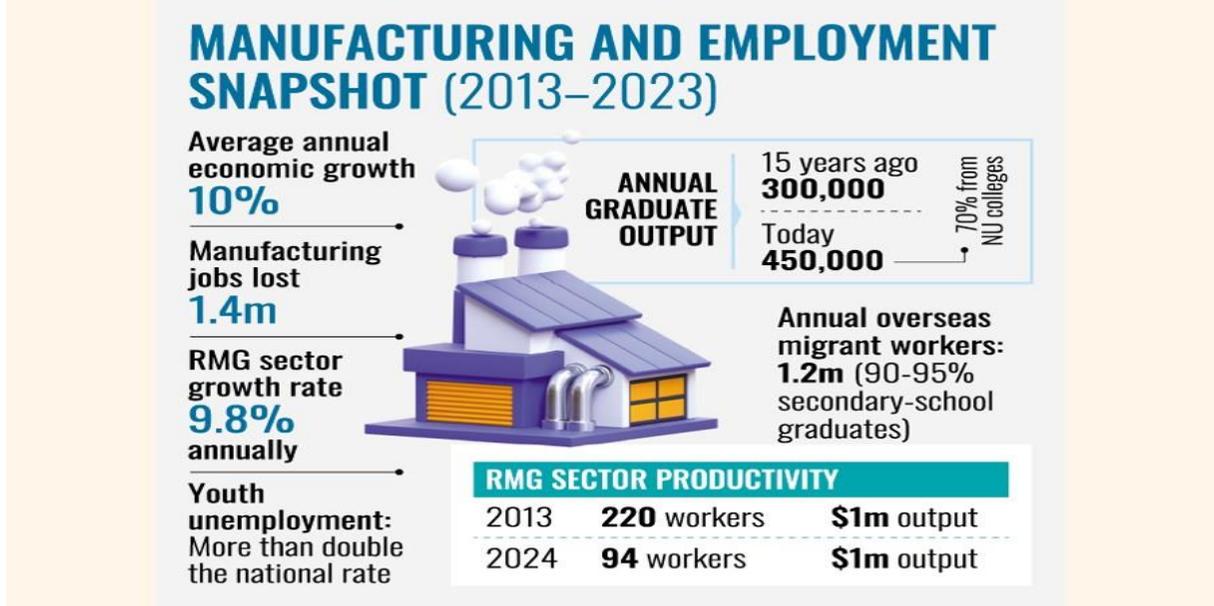
Important Trade and Economic News Published in Various Newspapers during 23 Nov. – 08 Dec. 2025

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01	<p>Inordinate project time, cost escalations for naught <u>Now IMED finds Savar leather park faultlines</u> Bangladesh misses huge forex for failing to qualify for high-value western market following project fiasco</p> <p>A government watchdog has dug out an epitome of operational, environmental, and governance "failures" in a vital project that continue to undermine Bangladesh's leather sector and its global competitiveness, thereby causing the country to miss millions in foreign exchange. On such a discovery of fiascos, the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) has strongly criticized the performance of the Leather Industrial Park in Savar.</p> <p>The project, executed at 5.34 times its original budget and 6.17 times the planned timeline, failed to bring the Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) up to international standards and could not even comply with the government's own Department of Environment requirements, according to an IMED inspection report. The CETP's inadequate capacity is preventing industrial units from obtaining Leather Working Group (LWG) certification, forcing them to export products to low-cost markets like China instead of 50-60-percent higher-value markets in the European Union, the USA, Australia, Russia, and other countries, according to the report.</p> <p>Experts and industry insiders say despite global -standard infrastructure, a large number of leather factories have yet to receive LWG certificate, which leads to an annual loss of over \$500 million in Bangladesh. The inability to achieve LWG certification has not only eroded Bangladesh's foreign-exchange earnings but also tarnished the country's reputation as a reliable supplier of environmentally compliant leather products, they add.</p>	23 Nov. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/now-imed-finds-savar-leather-park-faultlines-1763833029?date=23-11-2025)	
02	<p>সারা দেশে উদ্যোক্তাদের ৮৭১ শিল্পপ্লট দিচ্ছে বিসিক, আবেদন শেষ ১০ ডিসেম্বর</p> <p>দেশজুড়ে ২০টি শিল্পনগরীতে ৮৭১টি শিল্পপ্লট বরাদ্দ দিচ্ছে বাংলাদেশ স্কুদ্র ও কুটির শিল্প করপোরেশন (বিসিক)। নতুন উদ্যোক্তা তৈরি ও শিল্পকারখানা স্থাপনে সহায়তা দিতে নিয়মিত কাজের অংশ হিসেবে এসব শিল্পপ্লট বরাদ্দ দিচ্ছে বিসিক। সম্প্রতি এক বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে শিল্পপ্লট বরাদ্দের এ তথ্য জানিয়েছে বিসিক। বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বলা হয়, প্লটে বিদ্যুৎ, গ্যাস, পানি, ড্রেনেজ, রাস্তাসহ অন্যান্য অবকাঠামোর সুবিধা দেওয়া হবে। এই আবেদন জমা দেওয়ার প্রক্রিয়া ১১ নভেম্বর শুরু হয়েছে। আগামী ১০ ডিসেম্বর পর্যন্ত আবেদন করা যাবে।</p>	23 Nov. 2025	Prothom Alo (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/industry/m7xiq58qgt)	
03	<p><u>Income tax return filing deadline now Dec 31</u></p> <p>The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has extended the deadline for individual taxpayers to submit their income-tax returns for the tax year 2025-26.</p> <p>The new deadline is now set for December 31, providing taxpayers an additional month to file their returns. The original deadline was scheduled to expire on November 30.</p> <p>The NBR issued a special order on Sunday, announcing the extension.</p>	24 Nov. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/income-tax-return-filing-deadline-now-dec-31-1763921696?date=24-11-2025)	

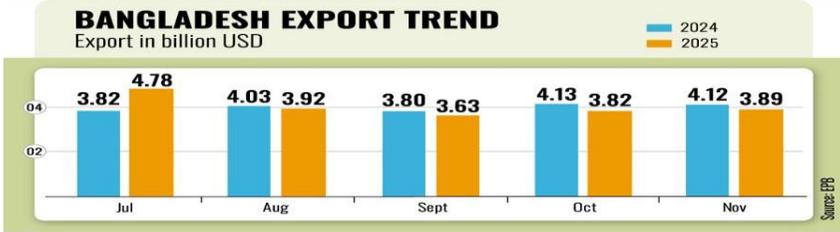
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04	<p><u>Economic activities subdued amid political uncertainty, MCCI says</u></p> <p>Bangladesh's overall economic activities have remained subdued in the aftermath of political uncertainties, leading to weaker demand and reduced investment, even though several sectors recorded improvements owing to easing inflation and greater stability in the forex market. "Bangladesh Bank's tight monetary and fiscal stance, in place since August last year, has further dampened domestic demand," said the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) in its review of the economic situation during the July–September quarter of the fiscal year (FY) 2025–26.</p>	24 Nov. 2025	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/economic-activities-subdued-amid-political-uncertainty-mcci-says-4042551)	
05	<p><u>এলডিসি উত্তরণে সঠিক পথে বাংলাদেশ, নতুন চ্যালেঞ্জ রাজনৈতিক অস্থিরতা</u></p> <p>রাজনৈতিক, অর্থনৈতিক ও বৈশ্বিক ঝুঁকি সত্ত্বেও স্বল্পোন্নত দেশের (এলডিসি) তালিকা থেকে টেকসই উত্তরণে সঠিক পথেই আছে বাংলাদেশ। তবে বেশ কিছু চ্যালেঞ্জ আছে। চ্যালেঞ্জগুলো হলো—আর্থিক খাতের দীর্ঘস্থায়ী দুর্বলতা, বৈদেশিক মুদ্রার চাপ, রপ্তানিতে ঝুঁকির মাত্রা, জলবায়ু ঝুঁকি, যুব বেকারত্ব ও বহির্বিদেশের বাণিজ্য-সংক্রান্ত রাজনৈতিক উত্তাপ। এ ছাড়া দেশের বিরাজমান রাজনৈতিক অস্থিরতাও নতুন চ্যালেঞ্জ হিসেবে সামনে এসেছে। এলডিসি উত্তরণের প্রস্তুতি পরিস্থিতি মূল্যায়ন করে সম্প্রতি জাতিসংঘের কমিটি ফর ডেভেলপমেন্ট পলিসির (সিডিপি) কাছে পাঠানো প্রতিবেদনে এ কথা বলেছে বাংলাদেশ সরকার। আগামীকাল জাতিসংঘের সিডিপির প্রতিনিধিদের সঙ্গে বৈঠক করবেন অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়সহ অন্যান্য মন্ত্রণালয়ের প্রতিনিধিরা। সভাটি ভার্চুয়াল উপায়ে হবে।</p>	24 Nov. 2025	Prothom Alo (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/lykdxfoi3u)	
06	<p><u>BB introduces B2B2C framework to expand exports</u></p> <p>The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has taken a major policy step to expand the country's export channels by allowing shipments under a Business-to-Business-to-Consumer (B2B2C) framework, officials said. To facilitate exports from Bangladesh, the central bank has decided that authorised dealer (AD) banks may allow their exporter-customers to execute exports under the B2B2C framework for sales to ultimate buyers through globally recognised online platforms or marketplaces, according to a notification issued on Monday.</p> <p>Under the notification, AD banks may now facilitate exports from Bangladesh where the overseas consignee is not the final buyer but acts as an intermediary, such as a global platform, marketplace, or third-party warehouse. To execute exports under this framework, exporters must provide AD banks with documented proof of their registration on globally recognised online platforms or warehouses, officials said. As traditional sales contracts are typically absent in B2B2C structures, exporters may declare the value of shipments based on proforma invoices. Officials added that AD banks are allowed to accept shipping documents prepared in the name of the consignee providing warehousing or other facilitating services.</p>	25 Nov. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bb-introduces-b2b2c-framework-to-expand-exports-1764003727?date=25-11-2025)	

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07	<p><u>62m Bangladeshis vulnerable, risk sliding back into poverty: WB</u> Warns BD's growth pattern has become less inclusive in recent years Bangladesh's 62 million people -- half of the non-poor population -- are now at risk of falling back into poverty as progress in reducing poverty faces its toughest period since 2016, the World Bank (WB) said on Tuesday. Some 21 million people remain poor in 2025, while another 62 million sit just above the poverty line with weak consumption, low savings, and limited safety nets, the global lender said in its new assessment. The World Bank unveiled the report titled "Bangladesh Poverty and Equity Assessment: Navigating the Road to Prosperity" in Dhaka, where senior economists, development experts, and policymakers discussed shifting poverty dynamics and the urgency of a renewed policy approach.</p>	26 Nov. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/62m-bangladeshis-vulnerable-risk-sliding-back-into-poverty-wb-1764091348?date=26-11-2025)																					
08	<p><u>Dhaka world's 2nd-largest city with 36.6m population</u> UN rankings by habitation concentration also predict BD capital to be most crowded by 2050</p>  <table border="1" data-bbox="801 619 1301 1137"> <thead> <tr> <th>City</th> <th>Figures in million</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jakarta, Indonesia</td> <td>42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tokyo, Japan</td> <td>33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Delhi, India</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shanghai, China</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Guangzhou, China</td> <td>28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Al-Qahirah (Cairo), Egypt</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Manila, Philippines</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kolkata, India</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Seoul, Republic of Korea</td> <td>22</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Dhaka currently ranks world's second-largest city with population concentration of 36.6 million in a UN report and stands to become the largest metropolis by 2050. One of the world's most crowded capitals, Dhaka leaps to second from ninth position in the United Nation's World Urbanization Prospects 2025 report. Released recently, the report reveals that in 2025, cities are abode of 45 per cent of the global population, while towns host 36 per cent and vast rural areas only 19 per cent-evidently for rapid urbanization. This report presents the results of the official United Nations estimates and projections of urbanization for 237 countries and areas of the world and for over 12,000 urban settlements with 50,000 inhabitants or more in 2025. The data in this revision are consistent with the total populations of countries and areas estimated and projected according to the medium variant of the World Population Prospects 2024.</p>	City	Figures in million	Jakarta, Indonesia	42	Tokyo, Japan	33	New Delhi, India	30	Shanghai, China	30	Guangzhou, China	28	Al-Qahirah (Cairo), Egypt	26	Manila, Philippines	25	Kolkata, India	23	Seoul, Republic of Korea	22	27 Nov. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-worlds-2nd-largest-city-with-366m-population-1764175364?date=27-11-2025)	
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10	<p>দ্বিপক্ষীয় বাণিজ্যে ১২২ দেশে এগিয়ে বাংলাদেশ, পিছিয়ে ১০৪ দেশে বিশ্বের ২২৬ দেশ ও অঞ্চলের সঙ্গে বাণিজ্য করে বাংলাদেশ; কিন্তু এ বাণিজ্য সব মহাদেশে সমান নয়। ইউরোপ ও উত্তর আমেরিকায় রপ্তানিতে সাফল্যের ওপর ভর করে বাংলাদেশ বৈদেশিক বাণিজ্যে এগিয়ে থাকলেও এশিয়া, আফ্রিকা ও দক্ষিণ আমেরিকায় বাংলাদেশ এখনো বাণিজ্যঘাটতির দেশ। জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের (এনবিআর) তথ্য বিশ্লেষণে দেখা যায়, সর্বশেষ গত ২০২৪-২৫ অর্থবছরে ১২২ দেশের সঙ্গে দ্বিপক্ষীয় বাণিজ্যে এগিয়ে ছিল বাংলাদেশ। তবে এ সাফল্য ঢাকা পড়ে গেছে ১০৪ দেশের সঙ্গে বাণিজ্যঘাটতিতে। কারণ, ঘাটতি এত বেশি যে ১২২ দেশে এগিয়ে থেকেও বাংলাদেশের বৈদেশিক বাণিজ্যঘাটতি বেশি।</p>	29 Nov. 2025	Prothom Alo (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/syfctpsng)	
11	<p><u>Energy issues weigh heavy on private sector</u> The private sector is facing a deepening crisis as persistent gas shortages and repeated energy price hikes have slashed output up to a half in key industries, sparking concerns over economic growth, employment, and competitiveness of Bangladesh's manufacturing base, economists and industrialists warned. The caution came during a policy dissemination event titled "Bangladesh Industrial Energy Efficiency Policy: A Draft for Sustainable Progress," jointly organised by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (SANEM) at the DCCI Auditorium on Saturday. DCCI President Taskeen Ahmed said production in major sectors --including textiles, steel, and fertilisers --declined by 30-50 per cent following a record 178 per cent surge in gas prices in FY2023-24, coupled with a further 33 per cent hike recently imposed on the industrial sector. He added that the rising production costs driven by these energy price increases compelled many small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to halt operations, deepening the sector's vulnerabilities.</p>	30 Nov. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/energy-issues-weigh-heavy-on-private-sector-1764436875?date=30-11-2025)	
12	<p><u>Private credit growth dips further to 6.23% in October</u> Private sector credit growth in Bangladesh has continued its downward trend, falling to its lowest point in four years in October 2025, according to Bangladesh Bank data. Central bank figures show that private sector credit growth stood at 6.23% at the end of October this year, slightly down from 6.29% in September. A year earlier, in October 2024, growth was recorded at 8.30%. Economists and bankers describe the persistent slump as a cause for concern. According to them, the decline is mainly due to the fall in new investment since August last year.</p>	01 Dec. 2025	The Business Standard (TBS) (https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-credit-growth-dips-further-623-october-1299746)	

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13	<p>GROWTH-CENTRIC ECONOMIC POLICY APPROACH BACKFIRES <u>1.4m manufacturing jobs lost in a decade</u> Survey shows productive-sector expansion-job generation mismatch</p>  <p>The infographic 'MANUFACTURING AND EMPLOYMENT SNAPSHOT (2013-2023)' features a central illustration of a factory. To the left, it lists: Average annual economic growth 10%, Manufacturing jobs lost 1.4m, RMG sector growth rate 9.8% annually, and Youth unemployment: More than double the national rate. To the right, it shows ANNUAL GRADUATE OUTPUT: 15 years ago 300,000, Today 450,000, with a note '70% from NU colleges'. Below this, 'Annual overseas migrant workers: 1.2m (90-95% secondary-school graduates)'. At the bottom, 'RMG SECTOR PRODUCTIVITY' is shown in a table:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="703 820 1263 948"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">RMG SECTOR PRODUCTIVITY</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2013</td> <td>220 workers</td> <td>\$1m output</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2024</td> <td>94 workers</td> <td>\$1m output</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Bangladesh's productive sector has seen an impressive average annual growth rate of 10 per cent over a decade, spanning 2013-2023, but failed to translate into a corresponding rise in employment. In fact, the manufacturing sector has shed 1.4 million jobs during this period. Economists are now urging the government to shift away from a purely growth-centric approach and adopt policies that prioritise job creation, according to new findings released Sunday by Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID). The study shows that although both export-oriented garment and domestic manufacturing industries continued to expand in value, employment in the sector declined steadily-confirming a clear pattern of jobless growth.</p>	RMG SECTOR PRODUCTIVITY			2013	220 workers	\$1m output	2024	94 workers	\$1m output	01 Dec. 2025	<p>The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/14m-manufacturing-jobs-lost-in-a-decade-1764527691?date=01-12-2025)</p>	
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15	<p><u>Remittance hits 6-month high in Nov</u> Bangladesh continues to enjoy a remarkable growth in remittance inflows with November receipt recording US\$2.89 billion as the peak remittance-earning season starts. With the latest monthly count, the economy of over \$460 billion sees over 31-percent growth year on year as the country bagged \$2.20 billion in the corresponding period of last year. The surge in remittance earnings offers a much-needed respite for the economy that looks for boosting foreign exchange reserves to meet various macroeconomic challenges in the coming days. According to Bangladesh Bank (BB), the country's central bank, Bangladeshi expatriates sent \$2.89 billion in the just-concluded month, which is the third-largest monthly inflow on record. Compared with \$2.57 billion in October 2025, the November inflow was \$326 million higher.</p>	02 Dec. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/remittance-hits-6-month-high-in-nov-1764613582?date=02-12-2025)	
16	<p><u>নবায়নযোগ্য জ্বালানি খাতে সুনির্দিষ্ট নীতিমালা চান বিনিয়োগকারীরা</u> বেসরকারি পর্যায়ে নবায়নযোগ্য বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন ও বিক্রির জন্য সরকার সম্প্রতি মার্চেন্ট পাওয়ার পলিসি (এমপিপি) অনুমোদন করেছে। ফলে বেসরকারি বিনিয়োগকারীরা নবায়নযোগ্য বিদ্যুৎ উৎপাদন করতে পারবে এবং গ্রাহকেরা সরাসরি এসব প্রতিষ্ঠান থেকে বিদ্যুৎ কিনতে পারবে। তবে এই নীতি বাস্তবায়নের ক্ষেত্রে বেশ কিছু চ্যালেঞ্জের কথা জানিয়েছেন বিনিয়োগকারী ও ক্রেতারা (গ্রাহক)। তাঁরা বলছেন, নীতি অনুমোদন হলেও কিছু গুরুত্বপূর্ণ দিক চূড়ান্ত করা বাকি রয়েছে। বিশেষ করে হুইলিং চার্জ (প্রক্রিয়াগত মাশুল), গ্রিড লস হিসাব, বিতর্ক নিষ্পত্তিপ্রক্রিয়া ও প্রণোদনা-সংক্রান্ত বিষয়ে বিস্তারিত নির্দেশিকা বা নীতিমালা এখনো চূড়ান্ত হয়নি। আজ বুধবার রাজধানীর বনানীর শেরাটন হোটেলে নবায়নযোগ্য বিদ্যুৎ খাত নিয়ে আয়োজিত এক আলোচনা অনুষ্ঠানে এসব কথা বলেন বক্তারা। নর্ডিক চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রি (এনসিসিআই) বাংলাদেশ এবং ঢাকায় নরওয়ে দূতাবাস যৌথভাবে সভার আয়োজন করে।</p>	03 Dec. 2025	Prothom Alo (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/industry/8us0pe3ddy)	
17	<p><u>Bangladesh plans PayPal integration to boost SME market access</u> Bangladesh is moving to integrate international payment systems such as PayPal to expand global market access for small entrepreneurs and modernise the cottage and small industries sector through stronger digital connectivity, said Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur yesterday. "We have already removed regulatory barriers. SMEs should be able to receive payments seamlessly through platforms like PayPal," he said while addressing the Annual Conference and Workshop 2025 at the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) headquarters in Dhaka.</p>	04 Dec. 2025	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-plans-paypal-integration-boost-sme-market-access-4049661)	
18	<p><u>BTRC to introduce separate SIM series for IoT, M2M devices</u> The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has decided to introduce a separate SIM numbering series for Internet of Things (IoT) and Machine-to-Machine (M2M) devices to manage the country's rapidly growing network of smart gadgets and sensors. These devices communicate with each other and the internet without human intervention. The move is aimed at handling the rising flow of data and preparing Bangladesh for the next phase of digital transformation.</p>	05 Dec. 2025	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/btrc-introduce-separate-sim-series-iot-m2m-devices-4050931)	

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19	<p><u>RMG slump drags down Nov exports 5.58pc</u></p>  <p>Bangladesh's single-month merchandise export earnings in November 2025 declined for the fourth consecutive month on a year-on-year basis, registering a 5.58 per cent fall compared to the same month in 2024. The fall was caused by a negative growth of readymade garment (RMG) exports, the country's largest foreign currency earner.</p>	05 Dec. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rmg-slump-drags-down-nov-exports-558pc-1764870685?date=05-12-2025)	
20	<p><u>Business leaders urge relief from high interest, AIT</u></p> <p>Business leaders urge the government to grant relief from excessively high bank interest as they find current borrowing costs as an unbearable burden for industries already weakened by rising operational expenses. They also seek exemptions from advance income tax (AIT), describing the National Board of Revenue's Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) as a form of "tax terrorism" that squeezes businesses irrespective of profit or loss. Such concerns were raised Thursday at a dialogue organised at the headquarters of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) in Agargaon, Dhaka. More than a hundred business leaders and industrialists from different sectors participated in discussion. Besides fiscal reforms, participants demand uninterrupted gas supply to factories, strengthened law and order, faster regulatory approvals, better management of Dhaka's chronic traffic congestion and improved airport operations. Several business leaders also called for deferring Bangladesh's LDC graduation by at least three years, arguing that the economy is not yet prepared for the heightened global competition that will ensue.</p>	05 Dec. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/business-leaders-urge-relief-from-high-interest-ait-1764870502?date=05-12-2025)	
21	<p><u>STOCK-LISTED FIRMS, MNCS FEEL PROFITABILITY CRUNCH</u> <u>Corporates' profit drop dents govt's tax revenues</u></p> <p>Collection of corporate taxes from large taxpayers has declined for a fall in their business profitability for factors like high-rated interest, rising costs and falling purchasing capacity for inflation, sources say. Corporate insiders say their ability to pay taxes squeezing as profit margins have been going down owing to high bank interest and increased cost of doing business. Capital-market data show most of the listed firms saw profits fall in last January-March period. Earnings dropped by 25 per cent for reasons like rising costs and erosion in people's purchasing power. Listed multinational firms also reported earnings loss, by 28 per cent year on year until September 2025. The gap between target and collection of corporate- income taxes came to Tk 66.58 billion in the fiscal year 2024-25 in a rise from Tk 48.48 billion in FY24, Tk 31.42 billion in FY23 and Tk 38.23 billion in FY22.</p>	05 Dec. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/corporates-profit-drop-dents-govts-tax-revenues-1764870458?date=05-12-2025)	

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22	<p>Money-market tidying, IMF lending terms compliance <u>Regular liquidity feeding to banks stops, call money market vibrant</u> BB finally discards Assured Liquidity Support to cash-strapped PD banks</p> <p>Bangladesh Bank finally discards a major regular liquidity-feeding instrument for primary dealer (PD) banks, eight months after the decision made to tidy the money market under a reform recipe. As part of the central bank's decision to bring vibrancy in the interbank spot market through lessening commercial banks' dependence on the BB funding windows, the banking regulator discontinues the Assured Liquidity Support (ALS) facility from this month. Officials concerned at the BB say the central bank introduced this liquidity-feeding window only for the PD banks in 2008 as they have the underwriting obligation to devolve any unsubscribed bidding in the auctions of government securities (G-Sec).</p> <p>As the PD banks have not been going through any devolvement over a period of more than three financial years (FYs), the continuation of ALS would be "irrational and have a detrimental effect on ensuring a level playing field for all banks", they observe. Moreover, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was critical about the continuation of the facility for the 24 PD banks during this non-devolvement regime and suggested the government abolish it under terms binding the Fund's \$5.50-billion lending package to stabilise the country's macroeconomic situation.</p>	06 Dec. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regular-liquidity-feeding-to-banks-stops-call-money-market-vibrant-1764957799?date=06-12-2025)	
23	<p><u>Bangladesh's economy may have expanded slowly in November: PMI</u></p> <p>Bangladesh's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) slipped in November, falling by 7.8 points from October to 54.0, reflecting slower expansion across all major sectors. The PMI is a forward-looking indicator used globally to gauge economic direction. A reading above 50 indicates expansion, while a reading below 50 indicates contraction.</p>	07 Dec. 2025	The Daily Star (https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-economy-may-have-expanded-slowly-november-pmi-4052716)	
24	<p><u>Inflation up for food-price rises</u> Pricier key consumer items drive Nov count to 8.29pc</p>  <p>Inflation edges up in Bangladesh as some pricier key consumer items drive November count to 8.29 per cent, overshooting the central bank's 6.5-percent annual target for this fiscal year. According to official data released Sunday, the month's reading was 0.12-percentage-point higher than October's, driven by rising prices of several key commodities that include the staple--rice. However, despite the acceleration, November's inflation remained well below the 11.38 per cent recorded in the same month a year before.</p>	08 Dec. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-up-for-food-price-rises-1765130728)	

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25	<p>Amendment to trade organisation rules <u>Govt to finalise it today, business leaders raise concerns</u> Business leaders have expressed concern that the ongoing amendment to the rules governing trade organisations may fail to ensure the emergence of proper business leadership for the country's economic development, despite the government's year-long efforts to streamline the regulations. They have questioned the newly added provision requiring a mandatory one-term break after serving two consecutive ones, warning that it could trigger a leadership crisis in several organisations in the coming years that could further weaken institutional capacity.</p> <p>Additionally, the proposal to elect the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) president through direct voting may discourage competent leaders from participating in the election as the condition could create bottlenecks for the aspirants, who have leadership qualities, because of their regular business affairs. Business leaders have also suggested forming two separate federations - one for chambers and the other for associations - arguing that during the previous regime, trade associations effectively became extended affiliated bodies of the ruling party.</p>	08 Dec. 2025	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-finalise-it-today-business-leaders-raise-concerns-1765130779)	