


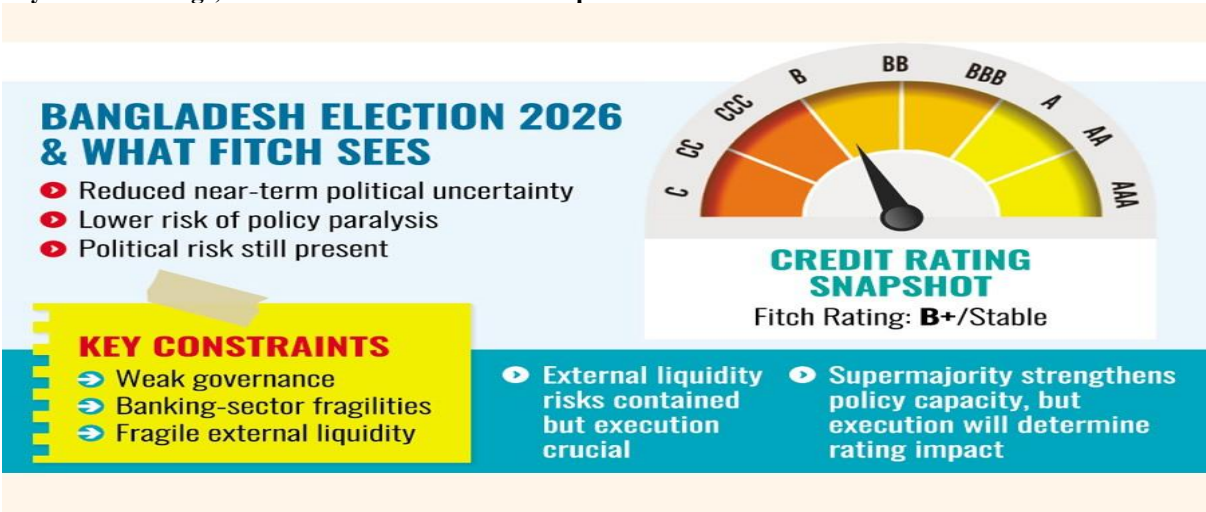
## Summary of Business News – 96


### Important Trade and Economic News Published in Various Newspapers during 16 Feb. – 01 Mar. 2026

Sl. No.	News / Events	Date	Source	Remarks
01	<p><b><u>FY26 Jul-Jan ADP execution 5-yr low</u></b>            Bangladesh's Annual Development Programme (ADP) implementation is still on a weak trajectory as the implementing agencies have failed to revamp the usual execution of development projects, officials say. They say the ADP execution rate during the first seven months of FY26 slowed to a five-year low, with government agencies utilising only 21.18 per cent of the allocation.            According to the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED), the agencies spent Tk 505.56 billion between July and January against the allocation of Tk 2.39 trillion. This represents a downward trend compared to the same period in previous years. In this period of FY25, the ADP spending rate was 21.52 per cent, official data shows. It shows the FY26 rate is the lowest since at least FY22.</p>	17 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fy26-jul-jan-adp-execution-5-yr-low-1771265813?date=17-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fy26-jul-jan-adp-execution-5-yr-low-1771265813?date=17-02-2026</a> )	
02	<p><b><u>যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের সঙ্গে বাণিজ্যচুক্তি পর্যালোচনার অনুরোধ ব্যবসায়ী ও অর্থনীতিবিদদের</u></b>            যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের সঙ্গে স্বাক্ষরিত পারস্পরিক বাণিজ্যচুক্তির শর্তগুলো অনেক ক্ষেত্রে কঠোর। এ চুক্তিতে দেশের স্বার্থকে বিবেচনায় নেওয়া হয়নি; বরং চুক্তিটি আন্তর্জাতিক বাজারে বাংলাদেশের অবস্থানকে সীমিত করে দিতে পারে। এ জন্য নতুন সরকারের কাছে চুক্তিটি আবার পর্যালোচনা করার অনুরোধ জানিয়েছেন ব্যবসায়ী ও অর্থনীতিবিদরা। আজ মঙ্গলবার রাজধানীর তেজগাঁওয়ে ‘বাংলাদেশের অর্থনীতিতে যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের সঙ্গে শুল্ক চুক্তির প্রভাব’ শীর্ষক এক আলোচনা সভায় তাঁরা এই অনুরোধ জানান। সভাটির আয়োজন করে বাংলাদেশ চেম্বার অব ইন্ডাস্ট্রি (বিসিআই)।            অনুষ্ঠানে স্বাগত বক্তব্যে বিসিআইয়ের সভাপতি আনোয়ার-উল আলম চৌধুরী বলেন, ‘যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের সঙ্গে বাণিজ্যচুক্তির মাধ্যমে আমাদের দেশের জন্য একটি বড় সুযোগ তৈরি হয়েছে। কিন্তু কিছু চিন্তার বিষয়ও রয়েছে। যেমন চুক্তির ফলে যুক্তরাষ্ট্রের বাজারে কোনো বাংলাদেশি কোম্পানির রপ্তানি করা পণ্যের দাম সে দেশের বাজারে প্রচলিত মূল্য থেকে কম হলে যুক্তরাষ্ট্র ওই কোম্পানির বিরুদ্ধে ব্যবস্থা নিতে পারে। কারণ, এ ক্ষেত্রে যুক্তরাষ্ট্র তার বাজারে ন্যায্য প্রতিযোগিতা নষ্ট হচ্ছে বলে মনে করতে পারে।’</p>	17 Feb. 2026	Prothom Alo ( <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/levtrjf84r">https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/levtrjf84r</a> )	
03	<p><b><u>Restoring momentum in fragile economy</u></b>  <b><u>New finance minister plans cutting business costs, deregulation</u></b></p>  <p>Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury            Newly-appointed Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury on Tuesday set out an agenda centred on deregulation and lowering the cost of doing business, saying the measures were essential to restore momentum in the country's fragile economy.            Talking to the Financial Express shortly after being sworn in as a full minister with the combined finance and planning portfolios, Khosru said his immediate priority was to streamline institutional and regulatory powers to improve efficiency.</p>	18 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-finance-minister-plans-cutting-business-costs-deregulation-1771352933?date=18-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-finance-minister-plans-cutting-business-costs-deregulation-1771352933?date=18-02-2026</a> )	

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04	<p><b><a href="#">Africa emerges as key partner, Bangladesh eyes \$4b trade</a></b>  As growth in traditional markets such as the United States and European Union slows, Bangladesh is accelerating efforts to deepen economic engagement with Africa, with total trade nearing \$4 billion. According to data from the Export Promotion Bureau, the Bangladesh Bank and the National Board of Revenue, African exports to Bangladesh stood at \$3.76 billion in the fiscal 2022-23, \$2.84 billion in FY24 and \$2.90 billion in FY25. During July-January of FY26, imports reached \$2.01 billion. Bangladesh's exports to Africa also show steady growth – \$367 million in FY23, \$386.5 million in FY24 and \$417.7 million in FY25. Exports during July-January FY26 totalled \$271 million. Major African import sources include Morocco, South Africa, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Mali and Algeria.</p>	18 Feb. 2026	The Business Standard (TBS) ( <a href="#">Africa emerges as key partner, Bangladesh eyes \$4b trade   The Business Standard</a> )	
05	<p><b><a href="#">Ctg Port goes 24/7 ahead of Ramadan, announces zero tolerance for supply chain delays</a></b>  The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has unveiled an action plan to keep supply chains uninterrupted and ensure stable market supplies during the holy month of Ramadan. Two strategic meetings were held at the port headquarters today (19 February), chaired by CPA Chairman Rear Admiral SM Moniruzzaman. Following the meetings, the port formally entered a full-scale 24/7 operational mode, according to a press release from CPA. Officials said the move aims to prioritise the clearance and delivery of essential Ramadan commodities such as dates, fruits, spices, sugar and edible oil to prevent supply disruptions and price volatility in domestic markets.</p>	19 Feb. 2026	The Business Standard (TBS) ( <a href="#">Ctg Port goes 24/7 ahead of Ramadan, announces zero tolerance for supply chain delays   The Business Standard</a> )	
06	<p><b><a href="#">Call to scrap source tax on exports</a></b>  <b>Taskforce says levy distorts trade, hurts competitiveness</b>  Bangladesh should phase out the source tax on exports at the earliest opportunity, as it undermines competitiveness and distorts trade, according to a national taskforce on revenue reform. The panel argues that taxing manufacturing exports contradicts fundamental tax principles and weakens the country's export-led growth strategy. In its report submitted to the interim government last month, the taskforce stated unequivocally: "Taxing manufacturing exports is a bad idea." Instead, it recommended collecting revenue from export-oriented industries through corporate and personal income taxes in line with established taxation norms.  The taskforce, formed by the interim administration, observed that export taxes are distortionary. They discourage exports by raising effective export costs and reducing trade flows.  Currently, Advance Income Tax (AIT) is levied at 1.0 per cent on readymade garments (RMG) and other manufactured exports at the time export proceeds are received, under income tax law. The tax is adjustable against the actual tax liability of export-oriented firms.  The National Board of Revenue (NBR) introduced the source tax on export proceeds in 2010. At present, around Tk 50 billion is collected annually from the 1.0 per cent AIT on exports. Trade economist Zaidi Sattar, who headed the taskforce, said export taxes contradict fundamental taxation principles.</p>	20 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/call-to-scrap-source-tax-on-exports-1771526343?date=20-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/call-to-scrap-source-tax-on-exports-1771526343?date=20-02-2026</a> )	

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07	<p><b>PREPARATION FOR COUNTRY STATUS CHANGE NOT COMPLETE</b>  <b><u><a href="#">Bangladesh formally seeks three-year deferral of LDC graduation</a></u></b>  <b>Enhanced Monitoring Mechanism (EMM) crisis-response provision invoked</b></p> <p>Bangladesh's newly elected government has formally requested a three-year extension of preparatory period for graduation from the least-developed country (LDC) category, citing transition-plan upsets for prolonged global shocks, domestic economic strains and political upheavals. Sources say the request was made just a day after the new administration assumed office and got down to business transaction on a quick reappraisal of the ground realities.</p> <p>On behalf of the government, Economic Relations Division (ERD) Secretary Md. Shahriar Kader Siddiky sent a letter Wednesday to José Antonio Ocampo, Chair of the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (CDP), seeking an extension of the LDC-graduation-preparatory period until November 24, 2029.</p> <p>The crisis-response provision of the Enhanced Monitoring Mechanism (EMM) is invoked to substantiate the request for deferment.</p>	21 Feb. 2026	<p>The Financial Express (<a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-formally-seeks-three-year-deferral-of-ldc-graduation-1771611106?date=21-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-formally-seeks-three-year-deferral-of-ldc-graduation-1771611106?date=21-02-2026</a>)</p>	
08	<p><b>TO STEM NPL BUILDUP IN BANKS</b>  <b><u><a href="#">BB cuts down-payment requirement to 1.0pc</a></u></b>  <b>Issues direction to bankers for compliance</b></p> <p>Current 2.0-percent mandatory down payment to get default loans regularised has been halved in a latest government measure to stem non-performing loan (NPL) buildup in Bangladesh's banking sector. Bangladesh Bank (BB) Sunday issued a notification to this effect further easing the loan-rescheduling facility for the struggling borrowers under the policy supports.</p> <p>The banking regulation and policy department of the central bank sent in the instructions to the commercial banks, directing them to allow half of the 2.0 per cent of the outstanding loans as down payment. And the remaining portion of the down payment may be collected within the next six months.</p> <p>Under the existing regulation of the loan-rescheduling facility, the borrowers need to pay 2.0 per cent of their unpaid loans as down payment to avail of the facility. But the borrowers will not be allowed to show a paid loan installment or its part before submission of the application as special down payment.</p>	23 Feb. 2026	<p>The Financial Express (<a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-cuts-down-payment-requirement-to-10pc-1771783309?date=23-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-cuts-down-payment-requirement-to-10pc-1771783309?date=23-02-2026</a>)</p>	
09	<p><b>System loss cut to 5.0pc discussed</b>  <b><u><a href="#">No power tariff hike likely in two years</a></u></b>  <b>Furnace oil price slashed by Tk 15.90/litre</b></p> <p>Power tariffs may not be raised at least over the next two years in view of economic woes of the commoners as the new government plans to cut system loss to avoid rate hikes. With this end in view, the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR) has discussed ways of reducing the system loss by 2.0 per cent to 5.0 per cent from the current 7.0 per cent, officials said.</p> <p>Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Sunday instructed top officials of different power-sector entities to work for reducing the system loss, removing irregularities and cutting unnecessary costs so that tariffs need be raised.</p>	23 Feb. 2026	<p>The Financial Express (<a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/no-power-tariff-hike-likely-in-two-years-1771783373?date=23-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/no-power-tariff-hike-likely-in-two-years-1771783373?date=23-02-2026</a>)</p>	

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10	<p><b><u>Extortion increased 20% to 50% in some areas after uprising: DCCI</u></b>            Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) has called on the newly elected government to implement a zero-tolerance policy against widespread extortion and public sector corruption to revive the country's "ailing economy". Presenting the chamber's annual action plan today (23 February), titled "Road to Revival", DCCI President Taskeen Ahmed revealed that extortion at factory levels and within supply chains has increased by 20% to 50% in some areas following the ouster of the Awami League government through 2024 July Uprising. Addressing a press conference at the DCCI auditorium, he warned that economic progress would remain a "dream" unless these criminal activities are suppressed "overnight with a heavy hand".</p>	23 Feb. 2026	The Business Standard (TBS) ( <a href="#">Extortion increased 20% to 50% in some areas after uprising: DCCI   The Business Standard</a> )	
11	<p><b><u>No notable change in macroeconomic trends in Q2 of FY'26: MCCI</u></b>            Bangladesh's economy experienced mixed trends in the second quarter (October-December) of FY26, with growth remaining modest amid weak exports, subdued private investment, and tight monetary policy, according to the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI).            In its Review of Economic Situation in Bangladesh: October-December 2025 (Q2 of FY26), the chamber said elevated inflation continued to weigh on economic activities, prompting sustained credit tightening that constrained business expansion.</p>	24 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/no-notable-change-in-macroeconomic-trends-in-q2-of-fy26-mcci-1771869540">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/no-notable-change-in-macroeconomic-trends-in-q2-of-fy26-mcci-1771869540</a> )	
12	<p><b><u>Vote eases political, policy uncertainty, supports macroeconomic stability</u></b>            Says Fitch Ratings, stresses reform for economic uptick</p>  <p><b>BANGLADESH ELECTION 2026 &amp; WHAT FITCH SEES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Reduced near-term political uncertainty</li> <li>▶ Lower risk of policy paralysis</li> <li>▶ Political risk still present</li> </ul> <p><b>KEY CONSTRAINTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Weak governance</li> <li>➔ Banking-sector fragilities</li> <li>➔ Fragile external liquidity</li> </ul> <p><b>CREDIT RATING SNAPSHOT</b>            Fitch Rating: <b>B+/Stable</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ External liquidity risks contained but execution crucial</li> <li>▶ Supermajority strengthens policy capacity, but execution will determine rating impact</li> </ul> <p>Bangladesh's general election has reduced near-term political and policy uncertainty in a turnaround that could support improvements in macroeconomic stability, says Fitch Ratings in its post-poll positive assessment.</p>	24 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/vote-eases-political-policy-uncertainty-supports-macroeconomic-stability-1771868998">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/vote-eases-political-policy-uncertainty-supports-macroeconomic-stability-1771868998</a> )	

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13	<p><b><u>Khosru asks PC to align dev projects with BNP manifesto goals</u></b>  Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has directed the Planning Commission (PC) to review all ongoing development projects to assess their relevance to the BNP's election manifesto. Signalling a potential shift in priorities under the new administration, he also instructed officials to prioritise projects that deliver measurable output and tangible benefits to people's lives, according to officials familiar with the meeting. Mr Khosru and State Minister Zonayed Saki on Sunday met Planning Commission members, the Planning Secretary, IMED Secretary, General Economics Division (GED) Secretary, as well as joint and additional secretaries at the Commission.</p> <p>According to several senior officials present, the minister emphasised four key criteria to be considered before approving any project: output, value for money, employment generation and environmental impact.</p>	24 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/latest-page/khosru-asks-pc-to-align-dev-projects-with-bnp-manifesto-goals-1771869700">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/latest-page/khosru-asks-pc-to-align-dev-projects-with-bnp-manifesto-goals-1771869700</a> )	
14	<p><b><u>নতুন একনেক গঠন, প্রধানমন্ত্রী তারেক রহমান সভাপতি</u></b>  নতুন সরকার আসার পর নতুন করে জাতীয় অর্থনৈতিক পরিষদের নির্বাহী কমিটি (একনেক) গঠন করা হয়েছে। ৯ সদস্যবিশিষ্ট এই কমিটির সভাপতি হলেন প্রধানমন্ত্রী তারেক রহমান। কমিটির বিকল্প সভাপতি স্থানীয় সরকার, পল্লী উন্নয়ন ও সমবায়মন্ত্রী মির্জা ফখরুল ইসলাম আলমগীর। আজ মঙ্গলবার মন্ত্রিপরিষদ বিভাগ থেকে এ-সংক্রান্ত প্রজ্ঞাপন জারি করা হয়েছে।</p>	24 Feb. 2026	Prothom Alo ( <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/p76ne65ajz">https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/p76ne65ajz</a> )	
15	<p><b><u>Bangladesh's share in US apparel market rises to 10.53%</u></b>  Bangladesh's share in the American apparel market increased to 10.53 percent in 2025 from 9.26 percent in 2024, as demand for locally made garment items grew and China lost market share, according to data from the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA). Bangladesh, the third-largest garment exporter to the USA, exported apparel items worth \$8.20 billion out of the \$77.88 billion imported by US clothing retailers and brands last year from all over the world.</p>	25 Feb. 2026	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-share-us-apparel-market-rises-1053-4114836">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-share-us-apparel-market-rises-1053-4114836</a> )	
16	<p><b><u>ABRUPT SHAKEUP IN TOP ECHELON OF CENTRAL BANK</u></b>  <b><u>Mansur makes unceremonious exit as govt appoints new governor</u></b>  <b>Accountant-businessman Mostaqur becomes new BB governor</b></p>  <p>Md Mostaqur Rahman</p> <p>In an abrupt shakeup in the central bank's top echelon, the new government Wednesday appointed accountant-businessman Md. Mostaqur Rahman as new governor of the Bangladesh Bank (BB). Dr Ahsan H. Mansur made an unceremonious exit as the government terminated his job contract as governor, amid protest by a section of central bank's officers outside. A group of the demonstrating BB officials, meanwhile, forced Ahsan Ullah, adviser to Governor Mansur, out of the central bank's premises.</p> <p>With the latest appointment given by the Ministry of Finance, the country gets a businessman as the central bank governor for the first time in its history.</p>	26 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/mansur-makes-unceremonious-exit-as-govt-appoints-new-governor-1772041591">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/mansur-makes-unceremonious-exit-as-govt-appoints-new-governor-1772041591</a> )	

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17	<p><b>শ্রমিকদের মুনাফার অংশ কমল বিধিমালা সংশোধনে</b></p> <p>বিদেশি তেল-গ্যাস কোম্পানিকে তাদের মুনাফার ভাগ শ্রমিকদের কম দেওয়ার সুযোগ করে দিয়েছে বিদায়ী অন্তর্বর্তী সরকার। এ জন্য সরকারের দায়িত্ব ছাড়ার এক দিন আগে তড়িঘড়ি করে শ্রম বিধিমালাও সংশোধন করে প্রজ্ঞাপন জারি করা হয়। এটি কার্যকর হলে বিদেশি তেল-গ্যাস কোম্পানিতে কর্মরত শ্রমিকদের মুনাফার ৫ শতাংশ অর্থ পাওয়া অনিশ্চিত পড়বে। সদ্য বিদায়ী অন্তর্বর্তী সরকারের এ সিদ্ধান্তের বিরোধিতা করে শ্রমিকনেতারা বলছেন, শ্রমিকদের অধিকারকে পাশ কাটিয়ে একতরফাভাবে বিধিমালা সংশোধন করে বিদেশি তেল-গ্যাস কোম্পানির স্বার্থ রক্ষা করা হয়েছে। দ্রুত এ সিদ্ধান্ত প্রত্যাহার করে শ্রমিকদের বকেয়া লভ্যাংশ প্রদানে কোম্পানিগুলোকে নির্দেশনা দেওয়ার দাবিও জানান তাঁরা।</p>	26 Feb. 2026	Prothom Alo ( <a href="https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/letx48517d">https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/letx48517d</a> )	
18	<p><b>NEW BB GOVERNOR ROLLS OUT FINANCING ROADMAP</b></p> <p><b>Rate reset, reopening factories key priorities</b></p> <p><b>Mostaqur plan targets stimulating economic activity, generating jobs</b></p> <p>Resetting higher interest rates and helping in reopening closed factories through default loan rescheduling and fresh working-capital lending are among first priorities set by the newly appointed Bangladesh Bank governor. Explaining Governor Mostaqur Rahman's directions to the central bank's hierarchy on the first day of takeover Thursday, a BB spokesman said the regulator would oversee the contingent financing operations by the commercial banks. He said the new Governor, Mostaqur Rahman, targets expansion of economic growth alongside job creation through banking on the ongoing macroeconomic stability. To achieve the goal, the governor said, the central bank would revisit higher interest-rate structure along with initiative to help reopen closed factories in an effort to stimulate economic activity and create employment. On his first working day at the BB, the BB chief shared his thought in an informal meeting with deputy governors and executive directors at the central-bank headquarters after officially signing his appointment documents.</p>	27 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rate-reset-reopening-factories-key-priorities-1772127743?date=27-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rate-reset-reopening-factories-key-priorities-1772127743?date=27-02-2026</a> )	
19	<p><b>Govt waives Tk 10,000 loan each for 1.2m farmers</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet endorses PM's peasantry-relief direction</b></p> <p>At a peasant-relief direction from the new Prime Minister, the government has decided to waive agricultural loans of up to Tk 10,000, along with accrued interest, benefiting 1.2 million smallholder farmers across Bangladesh. The decision was made at a cabinet meeting held Thursday at the Bangladesh Secretariat with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair. Briefing reporters after the meeting was over, Cabinet Secretary Nasimul Ghani said the waiver will apply to loans taken in grain, crop, fisheries and livestock subsectors of agriculture, in line with the government's election manifesto. He said the main objective of the initiative is to ensure social security for poor and marginal farmers and strengthen the backbone of the country's agricultural sector.</p>	27 Feb. 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-waives-tk-10000-loan-each-for-12m-farmers-1772128302?date=27-02-2026">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-waives-tk-10000-loan-each-for-12m-farmers-1772128302?date=27-02-2026</a> )	
20	<p><b>UN CDP sets up process to review Bangladesh's request for LDC graduation deferment</b></p> <p>The United Nations has accepted Bangladesh's application to defer its graduation from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) category by three years and will now assess the grounds cited by the government before taking a decision. The request will be reviewed by the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (CDP), which began a five-day meeting in New York on 23 February. Debapriya Bhattacharya, a member of the CDP and head of its Enhanced Monitoring Mechanism (EMM) sub-committee, confirmed the development to The Business Standard.</p>	28 Feb. 2026	The Business Standard (TBS) ( <a href="https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-body-agrees-assess-bangladeshs-request-delay-ldc-graduation-3yrs-1372716">https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-body-agrees-assess-bangladeshs-request-delay-ldc-graduation-3yrs-1372716</a> )	

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21	<p><b><u><a href="#">CPD urges govt to scrap US trade deal, proposes reforms in 13 sectors</a></u></b>  The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) has urged the newly elected government to immediately scrap the reciprocal trade agreement signed with the United States by the previous interim administration, terming it grossly discriminatory and detrimental to Bangladesh's economic sovereignty. The think tank also called for a complete departure from the traditional business as usual bureaucratic approach, unveiling a comprehensive 13-sector policy roadmap to guide the government's executive and legislative decisions over the first 180 days and the next five years. The recommendations were presented today (28 February) at a media briefing titled "New government's economic and social sector policy and administrative decisions: 180 days and beyond," held at the CPD office in Dhaka.</p>	28 Feb. 2026	The Business Standard (TBS) ( <a href="https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cpd-urges-govt-scrap-discriminatory-trade-deal-us-1373216">https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cpd-urges-govt-scrap-discriminatory-trade-deal-us-1373216</a> )	
22	<p><b><u><a href="#">Middle East war to create fresh challenges for BD's foreign trade</a></u></b>  Bangladesh's foreign trade, both exports and imports, is set to face fresh challenges as several Middle Eastern flights remain suspended amid ongoing attacks in a number of Gulf countries. Economists and exporters say the disruption to air routes could hamper shipments to key destinations, particularly the EU, where many buyers rely on air cargo at their own expense to meet short lead times. With major Middle Eastern transit hubs affected, regular cargo movement has been disrupted.  Dr. M A Razzaque, Chairman of Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), said it is too early to assess the full impact of the conflict, as much will depend on its duration.</p>	01 March 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/middle-east-war-to-create-fresh-challenges-for-bds-foreign-trade-177299943">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/middle-east-war-to-create-fresh-challenges-for-bds-foreign-trade-177299943</a> )	
23	<p><b><u><a href="#">DCCI views-exchange meeting</a></u></b>  <b><u><a href="#">Pvt sector flags red tape, law and order woes as key barriers to investment</a></u></b>  Leaders of the country's private sector have identified a range of structural and governance-related bottlenecks -- particularly bureaucratic red tape, weak law and order, extortion and policy uncertainty -- that they say are constraining economic activity and discouraging new investment.  The concerns were raised at a views-exchange meeting held at the auditorium of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) in the capital on Saturday.</p>	01 March 2026	The Financial Express ( <a href="https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/pvt-sector-flags-red-tape-law-and-order-woes-as-key-barriers-to-investment-177296094">https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/pvt-sector-flags-red-tape-law-and-order-woes-as-key-barriers-to-investment-177296094</a> )	
24	<p><b><u><a href="#">Bangladesh's RMG market share in EU rises to 21.57%</a></u></b>  The market share of Bangladesh in the European Union's (EU) apparel market increased to 21.57 percent in 2025 from 20.78 percent in 2024 thanks to the rising demand for locally made apparel items in the EU. In 2025, Bangladesh retained its position as the second-largest garment supplier to the EU, shipping apparel worth 19.41 billion euros, up from 18.31 billion euros in 2024, according to Eurostat data.</p>	01 March 2026	The Daily Star ( <a href="https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-rmg-market-share-eu-rises-2157-4117266">https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-rmg-market-share-eu-rises-2157-4117266</a> )	