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Important Trade and Economic News Published in Various Newspapers during 22 June – 05 July 2026

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01	**BBS opens microdata lab for researchers, policymakers** The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) has launched a microdata analysis lab to provide researchers, students, economists, and policymakers with secure, on-site access to fully anonymised census and survey data. The lab was introduced at a stakeholder workshop held at the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) in Dhaka. The event was organised under the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)-supported Capacity Building of Statistics Service Based on Platform project.	22 June 2026	**The Daily Star** (BBS opens microdata lab for researchers, policymakers | The Daily Star)	
02	**সুরক্ষা লাগবে ৯২ পণ্যে, বিকল্প ব্যবস্থার সুপারিশ** স্বল্পোন্নত দেশ (এলডিসি) হিসেবে বাংলাদেশ যে এত দিন স্থানীয় শিল্পকে সুরক্ষা দিতে পণ্য আমদানিতে প্যারা ট্যারিফ, অর্থাৎ শুল্কের বাইরে অতিরিক্ত কর আরোপ করে এসেছে, এলডিসি থেকে উত্তরণের পর তা আর পারা যাবে না। বাংলাদেশ এত দিন নিয়ন্ত্রণমূলক শুল্ক (আরডি), সম্পূরক শুল্ক (এসডি) এবং ন্যূনতম শুল্কমূল্য, অগ্রিম আয়কর (এআইটি) ইত্যাদি প্যারা ট্যারিফ আরোপ করে এসেছে। এলডিসি উত্তরণের পর সেটি আর পারবে না। তাই এখন নতুন উপায় হিসেবে বাংলাদেশকে এখন ট্রেড রেমেডি ব্যবস্থার ওপর নির্ভর করতে হবে। বাংলাদেশ ট্রেড অ্যান্ড ট্যারিফ কমিশনের (বিটিটিসি) জন্য বাংলাদেশ ফরেন ট্রেড ইনস্টিটিউট (বিএফটিআই) পরিচালিত এক গবেষণা প্রতিবেদনে এমন সুপারিশ করা হয়েছে। জরিপ, সাক্ষাৎকার, ফোকাস গ্রুপ আলোচনা এবং অর্থনৈতিক মডেল বিশ্লেষণের মাধ্যমে প্রস্তুত করা হয়েছে এ প্রতিবেদন। এতে বাংলাদেশের বর্তমান বাণিজ্য সুরক্ষাকাঠামো, আন্তর্জাতিক অভিজ্ঞতা, রপ্তানিকারকদের চ্যালেঞ্জ এবং ভবিষ্যৎ করণীয় নিয়ে বিশ্লেষণ করা হয়েছে।	23 June 2026	**Prothom Alo** (সুরক্ষা লাগবে ৯২ পণ্যে, বিকল্প ব্যবস্থার সুপারিশ । প্রথম আলো)	
03	**BB to re-impose interest rate spread cap to aid businesses** **A maximum average intermediation spread of 4.0 per cent is likely to be introduced** Bangladesh Bank (BB) has decided to re-impose a cap on the interest-rate spread of commercial banks to facilitate business activities by reducing lending costs. The decision was taken at the central bank's board meeting held on Tuesday with BB Governor Md. Mostaqur Rahman in the chair. A number of issues, including spread and approval of the upcoming Monetary Policy Stance (MPS), were discussed in the meeting. The latest regulatory move came at a time when business leaders have been urging the banking regulator to take immediate measures to cut policy rate and provide some relief amid the prolonged economic sluggishness. The spread, also known as the net interest margin (NIM), represents the difference between what banks pay on deposits and what they earn from loans. In June 2018, the central bank introduced an upper ceiling on the spread, but it was withdrawn on November 28, 2023 following criticism from various quarters. Requesting anonymity, a BB official said the board of directors decided to re-introduce a maximum average intermediation spread of 4.0 per cent between deposits and lending rates.	24 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-to-re-impose-interest-rate-spread-cap-to-aid-businesses-1782239646?date=24-06-2026)	

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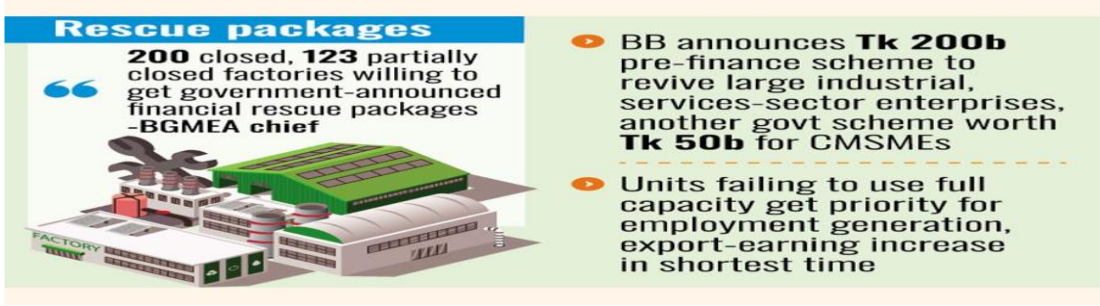
04	**Shutters down permanently on 457 industrial units** **Thousands fall jobless for factory closure in 2yrs for factors that include production halt, falling overseas orders**  A slew of 457 industrial units have faced permanent closure during last two years mainly because of shrinking work orders, owners' financial crisis, labour unrest and energy crisis, sources say. The latest fall was on Tuesday of twin factories in Gazipur-Unique Designers Ltd and Unique Washing and Dyeing Ltd. Their permanent closure was announced after lying temporarily shut since June 16, citing financial crisis. The industrial nemesis results in job loss of some 1800 workers, sources in law- enforcing agencies say. Majority or 398 factories were located in Gazipur, Ashulia and Chattogram industrial belts.	24 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/shutters-down-permanently-on-457-industrial-units-1782239319?date=24-06-2026)	
05	**Poultry sector gets new policy after 18 years** The government has introduced an updated policy for the country's poultry sector after nearly two decades, aiming to make the industry safer and export-oriented by promoting environmentally sustainable waste management and modern production systems. Issued on June 14, the National Poultry Development Policy 2026 supersedes and modernises the framework that had been in effect since 2008. It was formulated by the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock. The poultry industry directly and indirectly employs around six million people. There are currently 90,000 registered poultry farms in the country, according to the Department of Livestock Services (DLS), alongside about 200,000 unregistered farms. The policy aims to increase egg and meat production, achieve feed self-sufficiency, eliminate harmful feed ingredients, improve breeds, conserve local varieties, strengthen animal health services, improve vaccine supply and disease surveillance, and curb excessive antibiotic use.	24 June 2026	**The Daily Star** (Poultry sector gets new policy after 18 years | The Daily Star)	
06	**WB lends Bangladesh $450m to bolster banking reforms** Bangladesh is receiving a World Bank loan worth US$450 million meant for strengthening the country's financial sector struggling for revival with better footprint in the economic activities, the global lender says. The Board of Executive Directors of the Washington-based lender approved the loan early Wednesday (Bangladesh time), said the World Bank Dhaka office in a statement later in the day. Under the Financial Sector Support Project II, Bangladesh will work to bolster the deposit-protection system to protect small depositors and build Bangladesh Bank's supervisory capacity and systems.	25 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-lends-bangladesh-450m-to-bolster-banking-reforms-1782323473)	

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07	**DIFFICULT TO QUANTIFY EXACT SUM LAUNDERED: KHOSRU** **3R strategy set out to tackle economic shocks** **BD to hire int'l firms to recover stashed money abroad, 16 more sectors to be on specific VAT net, he tells JS** Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury sets out a three-pronged economic-resilience strategy for protecting Bangladesh from global economic turbulence and the fallouts from continuing instability in the Middle East. While elaborating on the Three-R strategy in parliament on Wednesday, he also unveiled government plans for simultaneously broadening the domestic tax base to strengthen public finances. In written responses to queries, the minister outlined what he described as a "Three-R Strategy" -- Recovery and Stabilization, Restoration, and Reconstruction for Acceleration -- designed to safeguard macroeconomic stability, diversify exports and enhance the competitiveness of the economy.	25 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (**https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/3r-strategy-set-out-to-tackle-economic-shocks-1782323652**)	
08	**Bida's first overseas office soon in China to woo investors: PM Tarique** Bangladesh has signed a series of agreements with Chinese partners aimed at boosting industrial development and attracting investment, while Chinese manufacturer Handa announced plans to invest $220 million in a new factory at the Keraniganj Economic Zone. The deals were signed today (25 June) during the "Invest Bangladesh" seminar in Beijing organised by the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), in partnership with the Embassy of Bangladesh in China and the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT). At the event, Tarique invited Chinese firms to extend their manufacturing value chains into Bangladesh, assuring them of reforms, faster approvals, and institutional support.	25 June 2026	**The Business Standard (TBS)** (**Bida's first overseas office soon in China to woo investors: PM Tarique | The Business Standard**)	
09	**Bangla QR mandatory from July 1** **BB launches Bangla QR Transaction Campaign** The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has made the use of Bangla QR code mandatory from July 1 as part of its efforts to reduce cash-based transactions and accelerate the country's transition towards a cashless economy, reports BSS. BB Deputy Governor Dr. Habibur Rahman on Thursday announced the decision while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Bangla QR Transaction Campaign as the special guest at the central bank headquarters in the city. He said the Bangla QR initiative was introduced to promote digital payments and reduce dependence on cash. Through the system, customers would be able to pay the exact amount without the inconvenience of carrying change or making excess payments. The platform would make transactions easier, safer and more secure. Digital transactions create a documented record of financial activities, which would help reduce informal economic operations. As a result, economic activities would become more dynamic, contributing to GDP growth and strengthening the overall economy through greater financial inclusion. He urged the banks and other financial service providers to integrate the Bangla QR facility into their mobile applications to ensure easier access to digital transaction services for ordinary citizens and small businesses.	26 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (**https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/bangla-qr-mandatory-from-july-1-1782408311?date=26-06-2026**)	

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10	**Development spending hits record low pace** **Govt utilises only 48.2pc of RADP budget in 11 months** The government has spent less than half of its revised development budget even after 11 months of FY2025-26, with implementation falling to a historic low of 48.23 per cent, as project execution slowed across many ministries and agencies. It spent only Tk 1.01 trillion out of the revised Annual Development Programme (RADP) allocation of Tk 2.09 trillion during the July-May period, data released on Thursday by the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) showed. The performance marks the slowest pace of development expenditure in recent years, falling below the 49.08 per cent recorded during the corresponding period of FY2024-25 and significantly behind the 57.54 per cent achieved in FY2023-24.	26 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/development-spending-hits-record-low-pace-1782410631?date=26-06-2026)	
11	**Govt to drop package VAT plan for minnows** The government has decided to withdraw its proposal to impose a specific Value Added Tax (VAT), commonly known as the package VAT, on small businesses following strong protests from retail traders and concerns that the measure could hurt the country's small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), officials said. The government is also set to soften several proposed tobacco tax measures. The import-stage Supplementary Duty (SD) on nicotine pouches is likely to remain at 35 per cent instead of being increased to 40 per cent, while a proposed tax hike on imported raw materials for conventional cigarettes has also been dropped, official sources said. Officials at the National Board of Revenue (NBR) said reversing proposed tax increases on tobacco products is a rare occurrence in the board's history. The VAT proposals were incorporated into the Finance Bill 2026, tabled in Parliament on 11 June, as part of the government's efforts to broaden the country's VAT base.	28 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-drop-package-vat-plan-for-minnows-1782583540)	
12	**INFLATION, WEAK INVESTMENT** **National savings dip to 5yr low** Bangladesh's gross national savings (GNS) are projected to decline to 26.93 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the outgoing fiscal year-hitting a five-year low. The latest savings figure collated by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) marks a decline of 0.74-percentage points from the estimated 27.67 per cent recorded in the past FY2024-25, extending a downward trend that began after the post-pandemic peak. Economists attribute the fall in national savings to mounting pressure on household finances amid persistently high inflation, slower income growth and subdued private-sector investment. The country's GNS stood at 29.25 per cent of GDP in FY2021-22 before rising to a five-year-high 29.95 per cent in FY2022-23. Since then, it has steadily declined to 28.42 per cent in FY2023-24, 27.67 per cent in FY2024-25 and an estimated 26.93 per cent in FY2025-26. In terms of volume, gross national savings are estimated at Tk 15.26 trillion in the current fiscal year. Economists say the dip in savings reflects deeper structural challenges facing the economy.	29 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/national-savings-dip-to-5yr-low-1782669430)	

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13	**ইউরোপে পোশাক রপ্তানি বেশি কমেছে বাংলাদেশের** তৈরি পোশাকের বড় বাজার ইউরোপীয় ইউনিয়নে (ইইউ) পিছিয়ে পড়ছে বাংলাদেশ। চলতি বছরের প্রথম চার মাসে বাজারটিতে বাংলাদেশের তৈরি পোশাক রপ্তানি কমেছে প্রায় ১৯ শতাংশ। ইইউতে প্রতিযোগী অন্য কোনো দেশের রপ্তানি এতটা কমেনি। তার মানে ইইউতে তৈরি পোশাকের রপ্তানি কমায় বাংলাদেশ শীর্ষে রয়েছে। তৈরি পোশাক রপ্তানিকারকেরা বলছেন, গত বছর ডোনাল্ড ট্রাম্পের পাল্টা শুল্ক আরোপের পর চীনের ব্যবসায়ীরা ইইউর বাজার ধরার জন্য আগ্রাসী হয়ে উঠেন। রাষ্ট্রীয় সুযোগ-সুবিধা পেয়ে মূল্যছাড়ে ইইউর ক্রেতা প্রতিষ্ঠানের ক্রয়াদেশ নিতে শুরু করেন চীনারা। ভারতের সঙ্গে ইইউর মুক্ত বাণিজ্যচুক্তি (এফটিএ) হওয়ায় কিছু ক্রেতা প্রতিষ্ঠান পার্শ্ববর্তী দেশটিতেও ব্যবসা বাড়াচ্ছে। আবার ইরান যুদ্ধ শুরু হওয়ার পর বাজারটিতে তৈরি পোশাকের চাহিদা কমে গেছে। সব মিলিয়ে তাই ইইউতে বাংলাদেশের তৈরি পোশাক রপ্তানি কমছে। এতে উদ্যোক্তারা দুশ্চিন্তায় পড়েছেন।	29 June 2026	**Prothom Alo** (ইইউর ব্যবসায়ীরা বিভিন্ন দেশ থেকে গড়ে যে তৈরি পোশাক কেনা কমিয়েছেন, তার তুলনায় বাংলাদেশ থেকে প্রায় দ্বিগুণ পরিমাণ কম কিনেছেন। | প্রথম আলো)	
14	**BB eases exit facility for defaulters** The Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Monday relaxed its one-time 'Special Exit Facility' for default borrowers in a move aimed at reducing mounting non-performing loans (NPLs) and strengthening banks' capacity to extend fresh credit to productive sectors. In a circular, the central bank said loans classified as 'Bad/Loss' as of June 30, 2026, would be eligible for the revised exit facility, subject to approval by the respective bank's board of directors and assessment of the bank-customer relationship. Under the scheme, borrowers will have to settle their entire outstanding liability through a one-time payment to avail themselves of the facility. The central bank also relaxed previous conditions governing the waiver of imposed and non-imposed interest. Earlier requirements related to recovering the cost of funds and restrictions on state-owned commercial and specialised banks from impairing income accounts to waive interest will no longer apply under the programme. Loans classified as 'Bad/Loss' and rescheduled between August 6, 2024, and June 30, 2026, will also qualify for the Special Exit Facility, the circular said. Banks have been instructed to prioritise short-term agricultural loans and lending to cottage, micro and small enterprises (CMSMEs) while implementing the programme.	30 June 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-eases-exit-facility-for-defaulters-1782757145)	
15	**কাল থেকে সরকারি রাজস্ব ও অন্যান্য প্রাপ্তি জমায় এ-চালান বাধ্যতামূলক** সরকারি রাজস্বসহ সব ধরনের প্রাপ্তি জমার ক্ষেত্রে আগামীকাল ১ জুলাই থেকে এ-চালান বাধ্যতামূলক করেছে সরকার। সরকারি অর্থ তাৎক্ষণিকভাবে ট্রেজারি সিঙ্গেল অ্যাকাউন্টে (টিএসএ) জমা নিশ্চিত করা, সরকারি নগদ ব্যবস্থাপনাকে আরও কার্যকর করা, আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতা বৃদ্ধি এবং সনাতনী চালানব্যবস্থা বন্ধ করতেই এ সিদ্ধান্ত নেওয়া হয়েছে। আজ অর্থ মন্ত্রণালয়ের এক সংবাদ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে এ কথা জানানো হয়েছে।	30 June 2026	**Prothom Alo** (কাল থেকে সরকারি রাজস্ব ও অন্যান্য প্রাপ্তি জমায় এ-চালান বাধ্যতামূলক | প্রথম আলো)	

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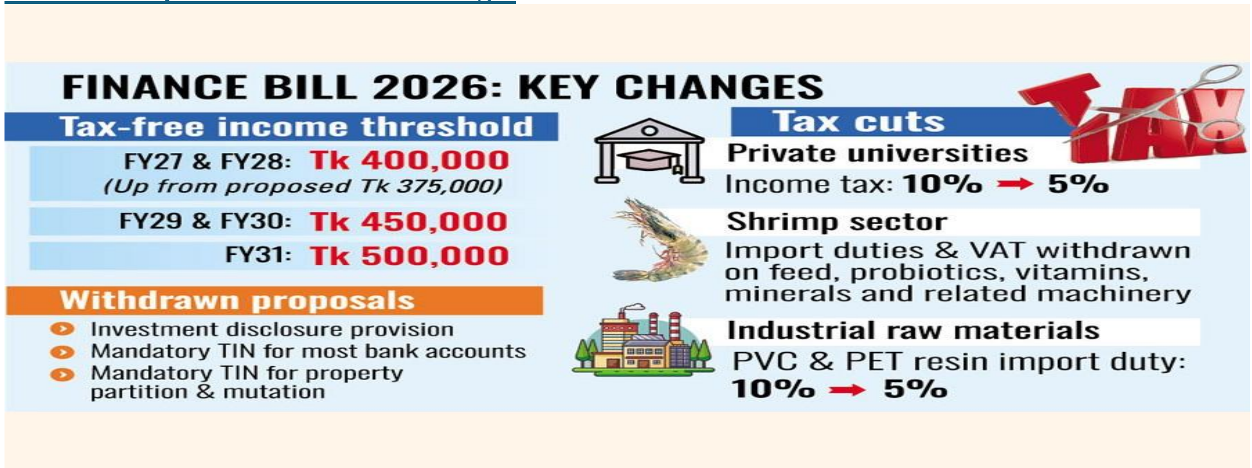
16	**CORPORATE TAX REDUCED BY 2.5PC, DIVIDEND TAX RETAINED** **Finance Bill passed with notable changes**  Corporate-tax incentives are broadened in the Finance Act 2026 by extending a 2.5-percentage-point rebate for a slew of businesses while retaining the existing 20-percent tax on dividend incomes of corporates. No taxing of retailers and no black-money-whitening scope either in the new budget while income-tax threshold rises to Tk0.4 million at the prime minister's request as parliament Monday passed the Finance Bill with such major amendments. The Finance Bill, which ratifies government's fiscal proposals, expands the scope of the tax rebate for companies that conduct all their business transactions through the banking system. Previously, the cut-down corporate-tax rate was available only to certain listed companies. The benefit now extends to other eligible businesses.	**30 June 2026**	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/finance-bill-passed-with-notable-changes-1782756044)	
17	**OVER 1300 OPPOSITION CUT MOTIONS GUILLOTINED** **JS endorses Tk 9.38t budgetary spending in FY 2026-27** Parliament Tuesday approved a Tk 9.38-trillion national budget for fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 through clearing the new government's generous spending plans, after weeks of debate and rejection of over 1,300 opposition-backed cut motions. The budget, which takes effect today (Wednesday), the first day of the new fiscal year, was passed by voice vote following three weeks of parliamentary discussions, criticisms and several amendments. The Jatiya Sangsad (JS) also passed the Finance Bill 2026, after approving 68 amendments, on Monday.	**01 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/js-endorses-tk-938t-budgetary-spending-in-fy-2026-27-1782843035)	
18	**BB launches pilot for digital trade documents** Bangladesh Bank has launched a pilot framework to enable digital processing of trade documents under documentary collections and letters of credit (LCs), aiming to modernise cross-border trade operations. In a circular issued yesterday, the central bank said the framework will allow electronic submission, transmission, and verification of trade documents across approved international trade corridors.	**01 July 2026**	**The Daily Star** (BB launches pilot for digital trade documents | The Daily Star)	

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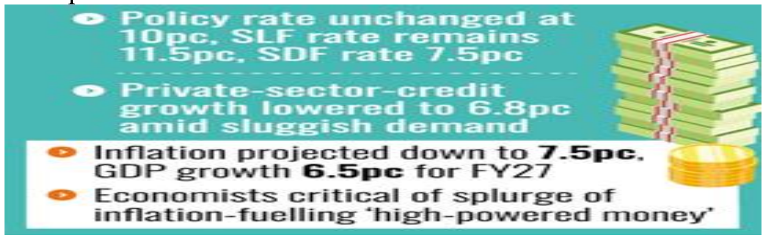
19	**[New BB chief too chooses monetary contraction]** **Some recent BB decisions raise questions over its tightfistedness in money supply** Bangladesh Bank continues its contractionary monetary-policy stance with the existing elevated policy rate unchanged to curb inflationary burden though some of its recent decisions raised questions over regulatory tightfistedness. The central bank's governor, Md. Mostaqur Rahman, Tuesday unveiled the monetary policy statement (MPS) for July-December period of the new financial year of 2026-2027 at a press conference at its headquarters.  Following comprehensive stakeholder consultations, BB has decided to maintain the policy repo rate at its current level for the immediate term. Concurrently, the central bank remains committed to a flexible, market-determined exchange-rate regime to strengthen external resilience, bolster export, and maximise remittance inflows.	**01 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-bb-chief-too-chooses-monetary-contraction-1782842954)	
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21	**FY26 BUDGET EXECUTION WORRY EASES SLIGHTLY** **Revenue earning rises to Tk 4.2 trillion, shortens predicted gap**  Taxmen in their last-minute efforts managed to mobilise around Tk 4.20 trillion for the just-concluded fiscal year, shortening an anticipated large gap to Tk 800 billion against the revised budgetary target, officials say.	**02 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/revenue-earning-rises-to-tk-42-trillion-shortens-predicted-gap-1782929279)	

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22	**Govt's bank borrowing overshoots revised higher target in FY'26** Government's bank-borrowing debt deepens as the borrowed aggregate sum ballooned over the revised higher target to Tk 1.32 trillion even before the just-past financial year's end. To meet budgetary shortfall, the government had initially set a bank-borrowing target of Tk 1.04 trillion for the fiscal year 2025-2026 but less-than-expected level of revenue mobilisation prompted it to readjust the target upward to Tk 1.18 trillion in the middle of that fiscal. But the growing credit appetite of the government because of poor revenue collection surpassed the target by a large margin even before the end of the fiscal year. According to data with Bangladesh Bank (BB), the net government borrowings from the banking system until June 14 of the FY26 had amounted to around Tk 1.32 trillion, far outstripping the revised borrowing target set at Tk 1.18 trillion. During this period, the government borrowed a net amount of Tk 1.23 trillion from the scheduled banks and Tk 83.09 billion from the central bank respectively, the data show. The entire fiscal-year end borrowing is expected to go up further as it was observed in the past that the government borrowing tendency normally goes up significantly in the last few weeks of a financial year. Seeking anonymity, a BB official says the fund demand of the government continues to rise to meet its budgetary expenses because of lower revenue earnings.	03 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govts-bank-borrowing-overshoots-revised-higher-target-in-fy26-1783014515?date=03-07-2026)	
23	**Govt resets target for child labour elimination to 2030** Bangladesh has drafted a new five-year National Plan of Action (NPA) resetting the target for eliminating all forms of child labour to 2030, with an initial focus on eradicating the worst forms from hazardous occupations and the informal sector, sources said. The government had previously set targets of eliminating the worst forms of child labour by 2021 and all forms by 2025. Both deadlines were missed for reasons, most notably the Covid-19 pandemic, they said. People involved in drafting the plan said the new NPA would be finalised by the middle of this month. It sets out five strategic objectives, including a monitoring and evaluation framework, which was absent from the previous action plan.	03 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-resets-target-for-child-labour-elimination-to-2030-1783010170?date=03-07-2026)	

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24	**NATIONAL CONSUMPTION COST RISES 12PC TO TK 48T IN FY26** **GDP growth slows as inflation inflates consumption expenses** **Just-past fiscal year's available accounts show such domino effect of price rises on economy**  Economic growth in Bangladesh slows as inflation inflates household and governmental consumption expenses and deflates the volumes of goods and services consumed, just-past fiscal year's available accounts show such domino effect of price rises. Provisional estimates prepared by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) show total consumption expenditure increased nearly 12 per cent in FY2025-26 to Tk 48.116 trillion. The consumption-cost escalation is evident under the expenditure approach to measuring gross domestic product (GDP). Consumption remains a predominant component of Bangladesh's GDP, accounting for more than 78 per cent of total expenditure, while investment represents most of the remaining share.	04 July 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/gdp-growth-slows-as-inflation-inflates-consumption-expenses-1783101780?date=04-07-2026)	
25	**Tradeoff between burdensome govt corporate liabilities, indispensable public services** **Govt lists 19 SOEs on brink with over Tk 2.22t debt burden** **PDB bears biggest debt burden of Tk 1.784t** Government authorities have identified 19 of the state-owned enterprises (SOEs) that are posing a "very high financial risk" with a combined liability burden of Tk 2.2238 trillion. A recent assessment by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) has dug out the downside of the public-sector corporates, underscoring urgent reforms. The findings signify mounting fiscal pressures from the country's public corporate sector while the government finds it difficult to make two ends meet in financing national budget. A review, conducted by the Finance Division, has found many an SOE financially vulnerable despite their strategic importance to the economy. Bangladesh currently has 122 state-owned enterprises operating across key sectors, including energy, transport, manufacturing, SME development, and public services.	05 July 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-lists-19-soes-on-brink-with-over-tk-222t-debt-burden-1783185801)	