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Important Trade and Economic News Published in Various Newspapers during 06 - 20 July 2026

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01	**Private credit growth plummets as economy slows** **Regulatory panacea fails to resuscitate investment, spur economic growth** Regulatory panacea works little to resuscitate investment and economic expansion as formal private credit growth stays almost stagnant in signs of prolonged slowdown in Bangladesh's private-sector-led economy. To breathe life into the $500-billion-plus economy after months of sluggishness, Bangladesh Bank (BB) has taken up numerous remedial measures, including a stimulus package involving Tk 600 billion to revitalise the economy by way of reopening the stalled manufacturing bases across the country. But the stimulating regulatory moves have worked little to regenerate confidence in the private-sector players yet, as is reflected in the recent data with the central bank. According to the BB, the private-sector-credit growth reached 4.98 per cent by end of May last - the third-lowest monthly count in the history of Bangladesh. The previous lowest growth recorded in the previous two months was 4.72 per cent in March and 4.75 per cent in April. In fact, growth in private-sector credits has hovered around single digits since August 2024, reflecting prolonged sluggishness in the economy, which is largely private-sector-led.	06 July 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regulatory-panacea-fails-to-resuscitate-investment-spur-economic-growth-1783274869?date=06-07-2026)	
02	**Export incentives retained for 43 sectors in FY '27** The government has decided to continue export incentives and cash assistance for 43 sectors in fiscal year (FY) 2026-27, despite having its previous plan to phase out such subsidies ahead of Bangladesh's LDC graduation. The Foreign Exchange Policy Department (FEPD) of Bangladesh Bank (BB) in a circular on Sunday said the revised incentive structure will remain applicable for export shipments between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027. The export support was available for 43 sectors in the entire previous fiscal year from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The government maintained the incentive support for both traditional and non-traditional export sectors, aiming to help sustain their competitiveness in global markets.	06 July 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/export-incentives-retained-for-43-sectors-in-fy-27-1783274912?date=06-07-2026)	
03	**BB unveils Tk 3,000cr fund for north Bengal agro hub** The Bangladesh Bank launched a Tk 3,000 crore refinance scheme for creating an agriculture-based economic hub in north Bengal. The central bank issued a circular in this regard on Monday. The fund covers districts under Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions, a region the central bank calls one of the country’s main agricultural producing zones. The circular says the area’s economic potential remains underused because of weak post-harvest management, limited cold storage, poor processing facilities and gaps in the supply chain. The money will come from surplus liquidity that scheduled banks hold with Bangladesh Bank. The fund will run for three years from the date of the circular.	06 July 2026	New Age (https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/305171/bb-unveils-tk-3000cr-fund-for-north-bengal-agro-hub)	

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04	**Govt names 44 public factories for private investment** As many as 44 closed, loss-making or partly operational state-owned enterprises are ready to welcome private investors as the government seeks to revive idle industrial assets and attract fresh investment. “We are inviting investors to partner in reviving state-owned enterprises through private sector investment,” Ashik Chowdhury, executive chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), announced yesterday as the authority unveiled details of the factories. The sites cover about 10,000 acres, and most already have gas, electricity and other essential infrastructure in place. Businesses will be able to use idle land and underused assets through a range of investment models, including local and foreign investment, joint ventures, public-private partnerships and other strategic arrangements.	06 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (Bangladesh Government Opens 44 Factories for Investors | Govt names 44 public factories for private investment | The Daily Star)	
05	**Average annual inflation cools to 8.68 per cent in FY26** **Staunch monetary stance, plenty supplies pay** A tightfisted policy stance on the monetary front and supply bounties pay off as Bangladesh saw 12-month average inflation rate for the just-concluded financial year fall significantly to 8.68 per cent from preceding double-digit level. The rate dropped from 10.03 per cent in the previous fiscal year of 2024-25, latest official data show. However, the average inflation was yet 1.68-percentage-point higher than the government's budgetary target of 7.0 per cent. The annual average downturn coincided with a drop in point-to-point headline inflation rate, which cooled to 9.16 per cent in June 2026 from 9.42 per cent in May, latest consumer price index (CPI) data released by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) show. The deceleration in headline inflation at the close of the fiscal year 2025-26 was primarily driven by stabilisation in the domestic food-supply chain and broader monetary controls. Slower growth in food costs served as the primary driver for the June relief, analysts say. According to the BBS statistics, the point-to-point national food-inflation rate fell by 46 basis points to 8.60 per cent in June from 9.06 per cent in May, backed by normalised market arrivals of seasonal agricultural produce. The national non-food inflation rate has registered a mild decline too, settling at 9.61 per cent compared to 9.71 per cent in the previous month of May, the official data show.	07 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/average-annual-inflation-cools-to-868-per-cent-in-fy26-1783363584)	
06	**Bangladesh unveils onshore wind power guidelines** **New rules seen as a boost for private investment** The government has unveiled comprehensive guidelines for developing onshore wind-power projects, with industry leaders saying the new framework could pave the way for greater private investment. The new framework, released last week, is also expected to help Bangladesh tap its "immense potential" in wind energy as it pursues ambitious renewable-energy targets. The guideline establishes a "clear, transparent and bankable framework" for the development of land-based (onshore) wind power projects, according to the Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA).	07 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-unveils-onshore-wind-power-guidelines-1783363958)	

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07	[PMI slips as manufacturing loses momentum] **June business activity remains in expansion territory, but manufacturing and construction contract** The private sector continued to expand in June, albeit at a slower pace, as manufacturing and construction slipped back into contraction, highlighting mounting pressure from higher production costs, weaker demand and seasonal disruptions. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell by 9.9 points in June from the previous month to 52.9, signalling slower economic expansion amid mixed performances across key sectors. The moderation in growth reflected divergent sectoral trends, with manufacturing and construction returning to contraction, while agriculture and services continued to expand, though at a slower pace. The PMI is jointly developed by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and Policy Exchange Bangladesh (PEB), with support from the UK government and technical assistance from the Singapore Institute of Purchasing & Materials Management (SIPMM). The index is designed to provide timely insights to help businesses, investors and policymakers make informed decisions.	08 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/pmi-slips-as-manufacturing-loses-momentum-1783443806)	
08	[BB rolls out fund of Tk 20,000cr for closed factories] Bangladesh Bank launched a Tk 20,000 crore refinance scheme to support the closed industry and service sector. The Closed Industry and Service Sector Facilitation Pre-finance Scheme was first announced on June 4, 2026. BB issued another circular on Tuesday laying out how banks can actually join and apply for funds. The scheme is meant for large-scale industries and service-sector businesses that are fully or partially shut down, or running below capacity, mainly because they lack working capital. Export-oriented industries get priority. The money comes from surplus liquidity that scheduled banks keep with the central bank, and it works as a 'revolving fund' — meaning as loans are repaid, the same pool of money becomes available for fresh lending again, rather than being a one-time payout. Banks that want to lend under this scheme must first sign a Participation Agreement with Bangladesh Bank.	08 July 2026	**New Age** (https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/305317/bb-rolls-out-fund-of-tk-20000cr-for-closed-factories)	
09	[Trade deficit nears $24b amid high imports] Trade deficit in Bangladesh surged to nearly $24 billion during July-May of FY2025-26 as import payments grew much faster than exports, according to Bangladesh Bank data. However, a record inflow of remittances and a sharp turnaround in the financial account helped the country post a strong balance of payments surplus and strengthen its foreign exchange position, experts said. Bangladesh Bank data showed the trade deficit widened to $23.98 billion during the first 11 months of FY26 from $19.38 billion a year earlier, as imports rose 6.3 per cent to $64.02 billion while exports declined 2 per cent to $40.04 billion. The widening merchandise trade gap was driven by a recovery in import demand, particularly petroleum products, food grains, fertiliser and capital machinery, while export earnings weakened because of lower shipments of readymade garments, the country's largest export item.	09 July 2026	**New Age** (https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/305426/trade-deficit-nears-24b-amid-high-imports)	

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10	**RMG cash incentives redoubled for spinning mills' revival** **Greater use of local yarn, fabrics among prerequisites** Cash incentives for Bangladesh's export-oriented ready-made garment (RMG) manufacturers have been redoubled to 5.0 per cent from 1.5 per cent for resuscitating struggling spinning industry through greater use of locally produced yarns and fabrics. The Finance Division issued on July 9 a notification making the revised incentive package effective retrospectively from July 1, 2026. The move came hours after Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury met leaders of Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), led by its president Showkat Aziz Russell, at the National Board of Revenue (NBR) headquarters. Under the new policy, garment exporters will be eligible for the cash incentives only if they can submit documentary evidence that they procured yarn, fabrics or other raw materials from domestic producers before exporting their products.	11 July 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rmg-cash-incentives-redoubled-for-spinning-mills-revival-1783706693?date=11-07-2026)	
11	**Govt LC pressure on banks' vaults** **BB stops dollar buy to skip exchange rate volatility** **Commercial banks need over $600m each week to settle govt LCs** Growing pressure of government's LC opening for imports to feed an expansionary economy prompts the central bank to hold its foreign-exchange-market intervention to keep taka-dollar pricing rates stable. The Bangladesh Bank (BB) started the market intervention on July 13 last year in the wake of a persistent fall in the exchange rate on the interbank spot market under the prevailing free-floating exchange regime. As the pressure of opening government LCs on the commercial banks continues to rise in recent weeks--when the inflow of remittance shows a bit of declining trend--the banking regulator now thinks buying the US dollar from this tight market could create further pressure on the market.	11 July 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-stops-dollar-buy-to-skip-exchange-rate-volatility-1783706845?date=11-07-2026)	
12	**Tax net expands to cover foreign digital businesses** **Such firms, individuals do brisk business sans presence in Bangladesh** A significant amendment to Bangladesh's income-tax law has paved the way for taxing foreign digital businesses that have no physical presence in the country but serve 0.1 million or above Bangladeshi users. The new provision, effective from July 1, targets non-resident entities-both companies and individuals -- that earn income from digital activities involving users in Bangladesh. Only the portion of income attributable to Bangladesh would be subject to tax. Under the amendment, a non-resident entity will be deemed to have a permanent establishment (PE) in Bangladesh if it has 100,000 or more digital or online customers or subscribers in the country. Tax officials say information on the subscriber base of such digital businesses, including online content creators and "view-based" businesses, would be obtained from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC). However, Bangladeshi freelancers and local content creators will not fall within the scope of the new provision.	12 July 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/tax-net-expands-to-cover-foreign-digital-businesses-1783791257)	

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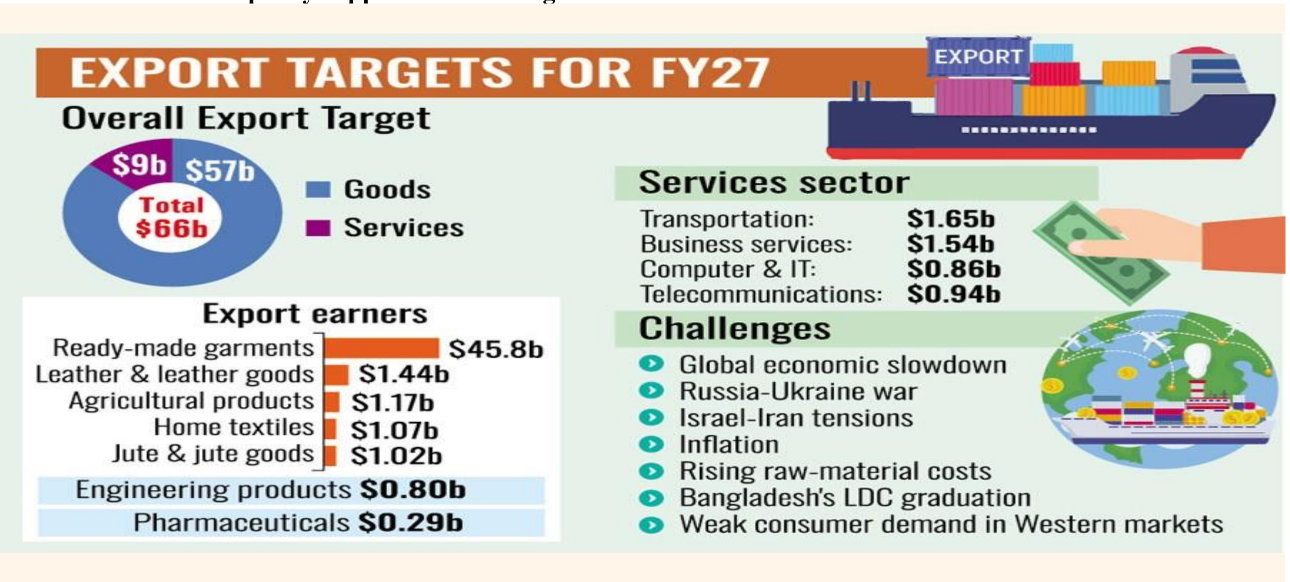
13	**Flood-hit port disruptions** **Business bodies seek urgent govt support for trade rescue** Leading trade bodies urge the government for policy support and a financial package for businesses hit by rain-fed cataclysmic flooding that has disrupted operations at Chattagram seaport and on its connected road and rail networks. In a joint letter sent to Shipping Minister Shaikh Robiul Alam on Sunday, the business organisations have warned that prolonged disruptions could severely affect industrial production, export, employment and the country's supply chain. Heads of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association, Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, and Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed the SOS letter. They have also called for an independent assessment of damage to goods stored at the port and adequate compensation for affected businesses.	13 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/business-bodies-seek-urgent-govt-support-for-trade-rescue-1783880222)	
14	**EPB charts $66b export roadmap for FY27** **Business leaders seek policy support to meet target**  The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has proposed a total export target of $66 billion for the 2026-27 fiscal year, comprising $57 billion from merchandise exports and $9 billion from services sector. The EPB has submitted the draft proposal to the commerce ministry, requesting prompt review and approval of the targets. The proposed benchmarks were finalised during a stakeholder consultation, chaired by EPB Vice Chairman and CEO Mohammad Hasan Arif.	13 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/epb-charts-66b-export-roadmap-for-fy27-1783880570)	

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15	**Environmental Performance Index** **Bangladesh now ranks 3rd lowest among 177** Bangladesh's environmental performance has seen further degradation, causing the country to plummet to the third-lowest position among 177 nations on the 2026 Environmental Performance Index (EPI). This marks a steep decline from the previous edition of the global report, where the country fared slightly better as the sixth-lowest performer among 180 countries, according to the new ranking, which was produced by researchers at Yale and Columbia universities. Its overall score also fell to 23.46 in 2026 from 28.1 on the 2024 index, reflecting worsening environmental outcomes and persistent challenges in protecting public health, ecosystems and the climate. Bangladesh was placed 175th out of 177 countries, making it the third-lowest ranked nation globally, ahead of only India (176th) and Laos (177th). Mali and Vietnam also featured among the bottom five.	**14 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-now-ranks-3rd-lowest-among-177-1783965727)	
16	**BB relaxes borrowing rules for foreign-owned industries** **Facilitating fresh FDI inflows aimed at** The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed its regulations on external borrowing for fully foreign-owned industrial enterprises in a bid to attract fresh foreign direct investment (FDI) in Bangladesh. Under the revised rules, fully foreign-owned industrial enterprises will be allowed to borrow from their parent companies, associate entities and overseas shareholders under a general authorisation framework, facilitating easier access to external financing. The government and the central bank are working to attract fresh FDI to support the country's sustainable economic development. The BB's latest move comes against the backdrop of falling trend in the FDI despite having efforts from the government and the regulator to improve the investment climate and attract foreign investment.	**16 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-relaxes-borrowing-rules-for-foreign-owned-industries-1784139533?date=16-07-2026)	
17	**Invest Bangladesh to be formed by unifying BIDA, BEZA & PPPA** The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA), and the Public Private Partnership Authority (PPPA) are set to be unified, reports BSS. To this end, the Invest Bangladesh Bill, 2026 was passed in Parliament on Wednesday. It will come into effect from the date determined by the government through notification in the official gazette. Around the same time, Invest Bangladesh is expected to be formally launched under its new identity, said a press release. Once the law comes into effect, the Invest Bangladesh Authority will operate as the country's apex investment development agency under the Prime Minister's Office. Its objective is to make investor services simpler, faster and more coordinated, while bringing investment promotion, industrial zone management and public-private partnership functions under a single institutional framework.	**17 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/invest-bangladesh-to-be-formed-by-unifying-bida-beza-pppa-1784225663?date=17-07-2026)	
18	**Bangladesh loses EU apparel market share faster than rivals** Bangladesh is losing ground in the European Union, its largest apparel export market, faster than many of its key competitors as weakening European demand combines with growing concerns over the country's competitiveness ahead of its graduation from least developed country (LDC) status. According to the latest Eurostat data compiled by the Bangladesh Apparel Voice, total EU apparel imports fell 9.96% year-on-year to €33.84 billion during January-May 2026, down from €37.58 billion in the same period a year earlier.	**17 July 2026**	**The Business Standard (TBS)** (Bangladesh loses EU apparel market share faster than rivals | The Business Standard)	

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19	**[EU, G77 back country's bid for smooth LDC graduation](https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/eu-g77-back-countrys-bid-for-smooth-ldc-graduation-1784311530)** A big backing comes from the European Union (EU) and the Group of 77 and China (G77) to Bangladesh in its try for smooth, sustainable and irreversible graduation from the least- developed country (LDC) category with extended time. According to a government news release issued Friday, the assurances came during separate meetings at the United Nations Headquarters between Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir and Head of the European Union Delegation to the United Nations Ambassador Stavros Lambrinidis, and Chair of the Group of 77 and China and Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations Ambassador Laura Dupuy Lasserre. The minister was accompanied by State Minister for Planning Zonayed Saki, Economic Relations Division (ERD) Secretary Md Shahriar Kader Siddiky, Bangladesh Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Salahuddin Noman Chowdhury, Footwear, Leathergoods and Accessories Exporters' Association of Bangladesh (LFMEAB) President Syed Nasim Manzur and Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President Mahmud Hasan Khan.	**18 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (**https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/eu-g77-back-countrys-bid-for-smooth-ldc-graduation-1784311530**)	
20	**[BD loses 242 lives daily to air pollution, $23b a year: Study](https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-loses-242-lives-daily-to-air-pollution-23b-a-year-study-1784312548)** Invisible to the naked eye, fine particulate matter in the air is quietly claiming an average of 242 lives every day across Bangladesh's major cities, reports bdnews24.com. Several thousand are dying prematurely from non-communicable diseases linked to air pollution, including heart disease, stroke, chronic respiratory illness and lung cancer, according to a study by Jahangirnagar University's Climate Change, Air Quality and Health Research Unit, under its Department of Public Health and Informatics, published this week. Beyond the death toll, the pollution is eroding productivity and inflicting massive economic losses on the country each year, the research found.	**18 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (**https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-loses-242-lives-daily-to-air-pollution-23b-a-year-study-1784312548**)	
21	**[Govt drafting Bangladesh's AI governance framework](https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-drafting-bangladeshs-ai-governance-framework-1784393058)** **WAIC policy will prioritise ethics and inclusion: Minister** Bangladesh is drafting a National Artificial Intelligence Policy centred on human rights, ethics and responsible innovation as the government seeks to harness AI for economic growth while strengthening safeguards against emerging technological risks. Posts, Telecommunications and Information Technology Minister Faqir Mahbub Anam announced the initiative, being undertaken under the leadership of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, at a meeting in Shanghai, China, on Saturday. He was speaking at the high-level meeting on Global AI Governance, held on the sidelines of the four-day World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) 2026 in Shanghai from July 17 to 20, according to a press release. The minister said the government was overhauling the country's digital policy and legal framework to harness AI for economic and social development while safeguarding citizens' rights and addressing emerging risks.	**19 July 2026**	**The Financial Express** (**https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-drafting-bangladeshs-ai-governance-framework-1784393058**)	

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22	উৎসে কর আদায় কর কর্মকর্তারা বিনা বাধায় ব্যবসাপ্রতিষ্ঠানে প্রবেশ করতে পারবেন, এনবিআরের ৫ নির্দেশনা দেশের কর অঞ্চলগুলোর বিশেষ টিম দেশব্যাপী উৎসে কর কর্তন তদারকি ও যাচাই করার কার্যক্রম জোরদার করেছে। এনবিআরের নির্দেশনায় এ কার্যক্রম জোরদার করা হয়। আজ রোববার এনবিআরের এক সংবাদ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে এ কথা জানানো হয়। এ বিষয়ে কর কর্মকর্তাদের জন্য পাঁচটি নির্দেশনা দিয়েছে এনবিআর। আয়কর আইন ২০২৩-এর ধারা ১৪৭ অনুসারে কর কর্মকর্তারা যেসব কাজ করতে পারবেন, সেই নির্দেশনাগুলো হলো– ১. যেকোনো বাণিজ্যিক বা অর্থনৈতিক প্রতিষ্ঠানের প্রাঙ্গণ, ব্যবসাকেন্দ্র বা দপ্তরে বিনা বাধায় প্রবেশ ও সরেজমিন পরিদর্শন। ২. প্রতিষ্ঠানের হিসাবের বই, ভাউচার, ব্যাংক হিসাব বিবরণী, রসিদ ও অর্থনৈতিক কার্যক্রম-সম্পর্কিত যেকোনো নথিপত্র পরীক্ষা ও তলব করা। ৩. প্রতিষ্ঠানের কম্পিউটার সিস্টেম, ক্লাউড সার্ভার, ডিজিটাল রেকর্ড বা ইলেকট্রনিক ডিভাইসে সংরক্ষিত তথ্য পরীক্ষা এবং প্রয়োজনে পাসওয়ার্ড বা এনক্রিপশন ভাঙার মাধ্যমে প্রবেশ করা। ৪. উৎসে কর্তিত করের সত্যতা নিশ্চিত করার লক্ষ্যে প্রয়োজনীয় হিসাবের খাতা, নথিপত্র, ইলেকট্রনিক রেকর্ড বা ডিভাইস সাময়িকভাবে জব্দ করা ও নিজস্ব হেফাজতে রাখা। ৫. যেকোনো নথিপত্র, ইমেজ বা অ্যাকাউন্টের কপি সংগ্রহ করা এবং তাতে শনাক্তকরণ চিহ্ন বা সিলমোহর ব্যবহার করা। সংবাদ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে আরও বলা হয়, রাজস্ব আহরণের জন্য এসব কার্যক্রমে কোনো প্রতিবন্ধকতা সৃষ্টি বা অসহযোগিতার জন্য ১৪৭ (২) ধারায় জরিমানার বিধান রয়েছে।	19 June 2026	**Prothom Alo** (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/1nf317a8s0)	
23	**বাংলাদেশের বিরুদ্ধে অভিযোগ দ্রুত নিষ্পত্তি করুন, আইএলওর মহাপরিচালককে শ্রমমন্ত্রী** আন্তর্জাতিক শ্রম সংস্থায় (আইএলও) বাংলাদেশের বিরুদ্ধে করা অভিযোগ নিষ্পত্তির দাবি জানিয়েছে সরকার। আইএলওর ২৬ ধারা অনুযায়ী বাংলাদেশের বিরুদ্ধে সংস্থাটিতে অভিযোগ রয়েছে সাত বছরের বেশি সময় ধরে। এ অভিযোগ দ্রুত নিষ্পত্তির আহ্বান জানিয়েছে সরকার। ২০১৯ সালের জুন মাসে অভিযোগটি করেছিলেন আন্তর্জাতিক ট্রেড ইউনিয়ন কনফেডারেশনের (আইটিইউসি) অন্তর্ভুক্ত কয়েকজন শ্রমিক প্রতিনিধি। শ্রম মন্ত্রণালয় সূত্রে জানা গেছে, অভিযোগে বাংলাদেশে সংগঠনের স্বাধীনতা, ট্রেড ইউনিয়ন কার্যক্রমে বাধা, শ্রমিকনেতাদের হয়রানি এবং আইএলওর মৌলিক শ্রমমান বাস্তবায়নে ব্যর্থতার বিষয় তুলে ধরা হয়েছিল। আজ রোববার সচিবালয়ে শ্রম ও কর্মসংস্থানমন্ত্রী আরিফুল হক চৌধুরীর সঙ্গে বৈঠক করেন সফররত আইএলওর মহাপরিচালক (ডিজি) গিলবার্ট হোংবো। শ্রমমন্ত্রী এ সময় আইএলও ডিজির কাছে বাংলাদেশের বিরুদ্ধে চলমান অভিযোগ দ্রুত নিষ্পত্তির আহ্বান জানান।	19 June 2026	**Prothom Alo** (https://www.prothomalo.com/business/economics/qbphx9si8i)	

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24	**Navigating post-graduation headwinds** **Dhaka prepares 5yr trade capacity plan** **Dev partners like UK, EU, Sweden to finance the recipe**  A new five-year action plan is being framed to strengthen Bangladesh's trade capacity, improve the investment climate and enhance global competitiveness as the country prepares for graduating out of the world's poor-country club. Exit from the least-developed country (LDC) category is set to expose Bangladesh to open competition on the international market for the forfeiture of duty-free -market access facility. The capacity-building recipe will be implemented through the Country Programme Document (CPD) prepared for the third phase of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), a World Trade Organisation (WTO)-led programme that supports trade-capacity development in LDCs. The announcement came at a validation workshop on the Country Programme Document held at the Ministry of Commerce in Dhaka on Sunday.	20 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-prepares-5yr-trade-capacity-plan-1784488199)	
25	**Dollar hits Tk 123.60 amid higher imports, low remittances** The local currency, BDT, continued to weaken against the US dollar over the past month amid stronger import payment pressure and softer remittance inflows. According to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, the weighted average interbank exchange rate again rose to Tk 123.58 per US dollar on Sunday from Tk 122.75 a month back. The highest deal was recorded at Tk 123.60 on the day. The central bank's reference exchange rate, calculated as the weighted average of interbank and customer transactions of at least US$100,000, also increased to Tk 123.50 from Tk 122.94 over the same period. However, the depreciation of local currency has significant impacts on the importers as they had to pay additional money to open import LCs (letters of credit). And it also has implications for inflation. Bankers attributed such appreciation of the US dollar mainly to higher demand for the foreign currency as import payments picked up in recent months.	20 July 2026	**The Financial Express** (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dollar-hits-tk-12360-amid-higher-imports-low-remittances-1784488376)	