

Summary of Business News – 108

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01	Financing swelling subsidies amid ME turmoil <u>Govt debt balloons as bank borrowing far outstrips mark</u> Government bank-borrowing debt deepens with the aggregate sum borrowed from the domestic banking sources far overshoot the upwardly revised target to hit Tk 1.68 trillion in the past fiscal year. To meet budget shortfall, the government had initially set a bank-borrowing target at Tk 1.04 trillion for FY2025-26 but less-than-expected level of revenue mobilisation prompted it to raise the target to Tk 1.18 trillion in the middle of the fiscal. But the growing fund appetite of the government because of poor revenue collection and higher operational expenses surpassed the target by a large margin by the end of the fiscal year, latest statistics show. According to the monetary survey by Bangladesh Bank (BB), the government borrowed Tk 1.68 trillion from the banking sector in the FY'26-some Tk 500 billion above the upwardly revised target. Central bankers and money-market experts say the pressure of bank borrowing was heavily felt from the last quarter of the FY'26 following the USA-Iran crisis as gas-and fuel-oil prices mounted due to supply-chain disruptions. The war in the Middle East prompted the government to increase its borrowing from the banks to finance the growing volume of subsidies, which is largely reflected in the bank-borrowing scenario of the government, according to them.	24 August 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-debt-balloons-as-bank-borrowing-far-outstrips-mark-1787508334?date=24-08-2026)	
02	<u>Invest Bangladesh starts journey</u> Invest Bangladesh, the country's new apex investment promotion agency, began operations yesterday, bringing the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) and Public-Private Partnership Authority (PPPA) under one umbrella. Operating under the Prime Minister's Office, the new agency was formed following the publication of the gazette notification under the Invest Bangladesh Act, 2026. The Act came into effect on August 20. The three agencies will continue to function as before, with existing investor services continuing under the new authority.	24 August 2026	The Daily Star (Invest Bangladesh starts journey The Daily Star)	
03	<u>July ADP spending stagnant below 1.0 per cent</u> The Annual Development Programme (ADP) implementation remained stagnant at 0.69 per cent in the first month (July) of the current fiscal year, official data showed on Monday. The execution rate matched the same rate of 0.69 per cent, recorded in July of the previous fiscal year (FY) 2025-26, the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) data showed. The government ministries and agencies executed the ADP at a rate of 1.27 per cent and 1.05 per cent in the FY2024 and FY2025 respectively, the IMED data showed. While the implementation rate in the first month of this fiscal remains completely stagnant, actual public spending grew due to an expanded development budget. According to the IMED data, the government agencies and ministries spent Tk 21.11 billion in July this fiscal, up 29 per cent from the Tk 16.85 billion spent in July last fiscal.	25 August 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/july-adp-spending-stagnant-below-10-per-cent-1787595972?date=25-08-2026)	

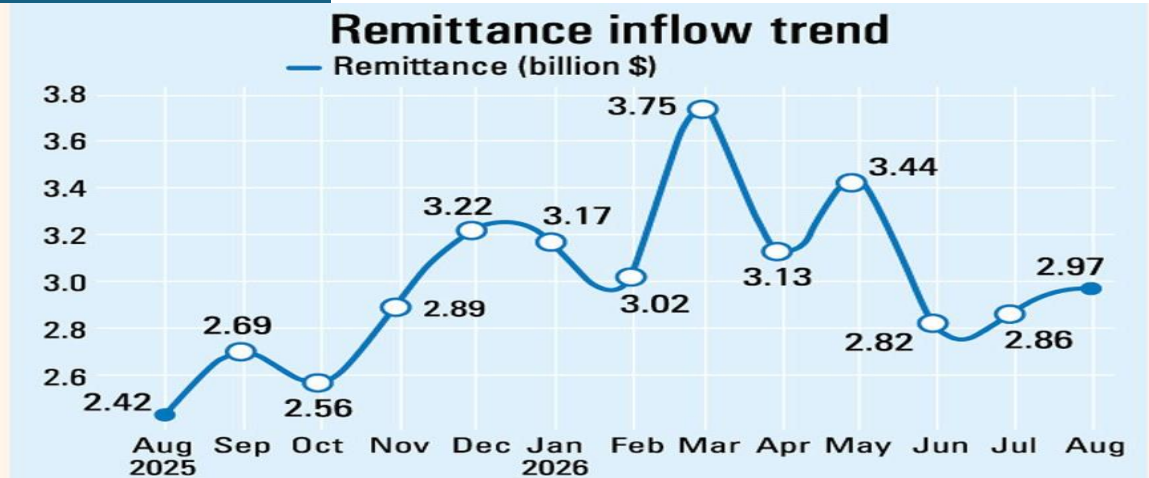
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05	MCCI autopsy of economy amid multiple ills Economy shows stabilisation signs, macroeconomic stress stays Bangladesh's economy was showing signs of stabilisation during April-June of last fiscal year but macroeconomic stress lengthened its shadows, according to just-revealed review findings amid some continued ills on the economic front. Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Dhaka made the mixed observations in its reappraisal report published Tuesday. "Overall, the review period reflected a gradual macroeconomic stabilisation, supported particularly by strong remittances and improved foreign-exchange reserves," the chamber said in its review of economic situation found during the fourth quarter of FY26. "Nevertheless, high inflation, subdued investment and credit growth, weak export performance, fiscal constraints, and vulnerabilities in the banking sector remained significant challenges," it has noted. The elite trade body, as such, suggests prioritising policies to consolidate external-sector stability while bringing inflation down and creating conditions for stronger private investment and sustainable growth. The chamber observed that during the April-June period, the country's economy showed signs of gradual stabilisation, although overall economic activity remained subdued.	26 August 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/economy-shows-stabilisation-signs-macroeconomic-stress-stays-1787681561?date=26-08-2026)																

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06	<u>Bangladesh launches first digital raw cotton market to link local mills with US farmers</u> Bangladesh's first digital raw cotton market, CottonPort, has been launched, aiming to connect local spinning mills directly with US cotton farmers and strengthen bilateral trade. The platform was officially launched by AmeriBangla Corporation at The Westin Dhaka hotel in the capital today (27 August). CottonPort went live with an initial offering of 82 tonnes of raw cotton sourced directly from Virginia in the United States.	27 August 2026	The Business Standard (TBS) (Bangladesh launches first digital raw cotton market to link local mills with US farmers The Business Standard)	
07	<u>When banks become depositors</u> <u>Cash-rich banks to deposit Tk 410b into stimulus fund</u> Cash-rich 17 banks are set to deposit Tk 410 billion into a Tk 600-billion government stimulus package for supporting the struggling private sector, boosting investment and revitalising sagging economic activity across Bangladesh. The central bank has signed deals with the banks to mobilise funds for the package that offers the lenders-turned depositors interest at the policy rate. Under the latest moves, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) has already signed agreements with the 17 commercial banks in two phases, officials said. In the first phase, the central bank had signed similar agreements with seven commercial banks on August 20 to mobilise Tk 285 billion on the same terms. The seven banks are Sonali, BRAC, City, Pubali, Dutch-Bangla, Eastern, Bank Asia and Jamuna. In the second phases, the central bank signed agreements with 10 scheduled banks on Thursday to collect Tk 125 billion as 'placement' from the lenders. The 10 banks include Agrani, Rupali, Jamuna, Mutual Trust, Uttara, Prime, National Credit and Commerce, Mercantile, Trust and Southeast. The central bank is set to collect the funds from selected banks with excess liquidity through long-term deposits of at least three years at the prevailing policy rate of 9.50 per cent.	28 August 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/cash-rich-banks-to-deposit-tk-410b-into-stimulus-fund-1787854782?date=28-08-2026)	
08	<u>RENEWABLES ONLY CURE FOR CURRENT POWER CRISIS</u> <u>Govt orders diverting funds from dev budget for clean power generation</u> Finance div receives directive, as govt draws up massive prog for solar power, green energy The government has asked the finance division to divert necessary funds from the development budget to support the initiative for higher generation of clean energy, officials say. The firman comes as the finance division submitted a possible way-out plan on the energy crisis to the Prime Minister earlier this week. The plan comprises short-, mid-, and long-term solution to the nagging crisis. Sources have said Prime Minister Tarique Rahman may submit the plan before parliament during the ongoing session. According to finance division officials, the government in the current budget allocated some Tk 20 billion to provide funds to some state-run umbrella bodies associated with microcredit and poverty alleviation. Preparing rules is underway to channel the funds to them. However, sources said, amid the ongoing power crisis, government high-ups now asked the finance division to divert Tk 10 billion from that allocation and use the money for installation of rooftop-solar power systems in particular.	29 August 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-orders-diverting-funds-from-dev-budget-for-clean-power-generation-1787939101?date=29-08-2026)	

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09	<u>New policy obligates corporates to spend higher on CSR</u> Minimum 1.0pc of previous year's pre-tax profit to go for funding such activities An upcoming comprehensive national CSR policy obligates listed companies, banks, financial institutions, insurers and other specified businesses to spend minimum 1.0 per cent of their previous year's pre-tax profit on such activities. The policy on the anvil explicitly bars the use of corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds for political purposes, including donations to political parties. Also on the list of exclusions are normal business expenses, direct advertising and promotion, fines, mandatory compensation, regular employee benefits and personal benefits for owners or directors. The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) has drafted the policy styled National Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Policy 2026 and is now seeking stakeholder opinions on the draft. The policy will be finalised after reviewing the feedback received, officials have said. According to the draft, the CSR policy will generally be reviewed every five years for upgrading in lockstep with changes in the business world and universal statutes.	29 August 2026	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-policy-obligates-corporates-to-spend-higher-on-csr-1787939255?date=29-08-2026	
10	<u>Construction of Laldia Container Terminal begins today</u> APM Terminals to develop the first greenfield port project in BD CHATTOGRAM, Aug 29: Construction of the much-awaited Laldia Container Terminal (LCT) at Chittagong Port is set to begin today (Sunday), marking the launch of the country's first greenfield port project to be implemented with foreign direct investment (FDI). The ground-breaking ceremony for the project will be held at 11:00am, said Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Secretary Sayed Refayet Hamim. Finance and Planning Minister will attend the ceremony as the chief guest, while Road Transport and Bridges, Railways and Shipping Minister will be present as the special guest. The mega project is being developed by APM Terminals, a subsidiary of the Danish shipping giant Maersk Group, in partnership with local firm QNS Container Services. The terminal will involve an investment of over \$550 million and is being executed under the Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer (DBFOT) model, sources said. The CPA signed a 33-year concession agreement with APM Terminals on November 17, 2025, for the construction and operation of the terminal. Subject to certain conditions, the company will have the option to extend its operation for another 15 years. Full construction and operationalisation of the terminal is expected to take three to four years.	30 August 2026	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/construction-of-laldia-container-terminal-begins-today-1788023626?date=30-08-2026	
11	<u>নতুন বিনিয়োগের আগে বিদ্যমান ব্যবসা বাঁচানোর তাগিদ</u> জ্বালানিসংকট অব্যাহত থাকলে দেশে নতুন বিনিয়োগ আসবে না। তাই নতুন দেশি-বিদেশি বিনিয়োগ খোঁজার আগে বিদ্যমান শিল্প ও ব্যবসা টিকিয়ে রাখতে বিদ্যুৎ ও গ্যাস-সংকটের দ্রুত সমাধান প্রয়োজন। পাশাপাশি মধ্য ও দীর্ঘ মেয়াদে জ্বালানি নিরাপত্তা নিশ্চিত কার্যকর পরিকল্পনা গ্রহণ করতে হবে। মেট্রোপলিটন চেম্বার অব কমার্স অ্যান্ড ইন্ডাস্ট্রি (এমসিসিআই) ও বেসরকারি গবেষণাপ্রতিষ্ঠান পলিসি এক্সচেঞ্জ বাংলাদেশের আয়োজিত ‘জ্বালানি নিরাপত্তার চ্যালেঞ্জ: প্রতিযোগিতামূলক ব্যবসার পথে বাংলাদেশ’ শীর্ষক এক গোলটেবিল আলোচনায় ব্যবসায়ী নেতারা সরকারকে তাগিদ দিয়েছেন। বক্তারা বলেন, জ্বালানি পরিস্থিতির উন্নতি না হওয়া পর্যন্ত সরকার উৎপাদনমুখী শিল্পের পরিবর্তে অবকাঠামো উন্নয়ন ও সেবা খাতে বেসরকারি বিনিয়োগ আকর্ষণে গুরুত্ব দিতে পারে।	30 August 2026	Prothom Alo https://www.prothomalo.com/business/industry/uufh2c5bfp	

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12	<u>BB sets up Tk 2,000cr fund to shore up frozen food exports</u> Bangladesh Bank (BB) has formed a Tk 2,000 crore revolving pre-financing fund to support the frozen food industry, particularly shrimp and fish exporters, and help businesses cater to international markets. The fund will provide financing at a maximum interest rate of 7 percent, while participating banks will receive funds from the central bank at 4 percent interest. The initiative comes as exports of frozen and live fish rose marginally in fiscal year 2025-26, while exports of shrimp, the main export item, fell nearly 4 percent year-on-year to \$286 million.	31 August 2026	The Daily Star (BB sets up Tk 2,000cr fund to shore up frozen food exports The Daily Star)	
13	<u>Bail-ins for distressed default borrowers</u> <u>Loan rescheduling, restructuring rules and regulations bent</u> Banks now can reschedule and restructure loans, waive eligible interest and determine down-payment requirements based on borrower-lender relationship as the regulator bends rules for distress alleviation. Bangladesh Bank (BB) relaxed the loan-restructuring and-rescheduling facility for helping distressed businesses out of current macroeconomic stress stemming from the prolonged Middle East conflicts and rising borrowing costs being borne by export-oriented industries. Issuing a circular Monday, the central bank extended restructuring facilities for eligible borrowers with loans created up to September 30, 2026. The facility will cover borrowers with outstanding loans of up to Tk 10 billion under specified conditions. The circular also states that borrowers with outstanding loan exposure of Tk 10 billion or more will be eligible for the relaxed framework. The tenure of rescheduled facility extends to 15 years from the existing 10 years with a maximum two-year grace period.	01 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/loan-rescheduling-restructuring-rules-and-regulations-bent-1788199641?date=01-09-2026)	
14	<u>GOVT APPROVES 9TH PAY SCALE</u> <u>Govt service-holders' basic salary raised by up to 142pc</u> Rapid pay hike could fuel inflation, strain govt's finances, says economist Basic salaries of government service-holders rise by up to 142 per cent as the government Thursday approved the National Pay Scale 2026, retaining the existing 20-grade pay structure. The new pay scale takes retrospective effect from July 1, 2026, but the revised basic salaries will be implemented in three phases through July 1, 2027, with priority given to employees in grades 10 to 20. Various allowances under the new structure will take effect from January 1, 2028. Economist Dr M Masrur Reaz, however, urges the government to adopt a more cautious implementation schedule, warning that a rapid pay hike could fuel inflation, strain government's finances and increase borrowing.	01 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-service-holders-basic-salary-raised-by-up-to-142pc-1788199593?date=01-09-2026)	
15	<u>Govt to overhaul civil aviation rules after 42 years: Minister</u> The government is set to overhaul the country's civil aviation rules for the first time in 42 years, seeking to ease investment, aircraft financing and leasing, and maintenance operations in the sector, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister M Rashiduzzaman Millat said today. "The government is taking all possible steps to increase investment in the civil aviation sector. So, the new rules must be business- and investment-friendly," he said while speaking at a meeting to finalise the draft Civil Aviation Rules, 2026, which will replace the existing 1984 rules. The minister said provisions would also be incorporated to improve passenger services and ensure safety and security in civil aviation.	01 Sept. 2026	The Daily Star (New Civil Aviation Rules 2026 Bangladesh Govt to overhaul civil aviation rules after 42 years: Minister The Daily Star)	

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16	LEGAL WEAPONS READY TO TACKLE NPLS, DISTRESSED ASSETS <u>Bank bad loans, indebted cos can be auctioned</u> Formal market proposed for buy-sale of bad loans Private firms can buy bad loans from banks, seize mortgaged assets and take over indebted companies under legal provisions readied for enactment, sources say about the desperate remedy for deep-rooted ailment. A formal market is proposed to be created for buy and sale of bad loans from banks, at a time when commercial banks are burdened with high concentrations of non-performing loans (NPLs). A new central bank-drafted law moves further to propose inviting both domestic and foreign investors to invest capital in the sluggish banking sector to give a shot in its arm. The Bangladesh Bank has urged the finance minister to take necessary steps to place the proposed amendment to the Artha Rin Adalat Ain 2003 and the new Distressed Asset Management Act (DAMA) 2026 before parliament during its ongoing session, out of exigency. The proposed amendment and new law are aimed at making the recovery of defaulted loans more effective, dynamic and time-befitting, while facilitating the management, restructuring and settlement of distressed assets of banks and financial institutions.	02 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bank-bad-loans-indebted-cos-can-be-auctioned-1788286599)																													
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19	<u>Businesses with turnover up to Tk 20m exempted from turnover tax</u> Businesses and companies with annual turnover of up to Tk 20 million will no longer have to pay turnover tax, in relief to small businesses, reports UNB. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) issued a notification on Tuesday, introducing the exemption and revising the turnover tax structure for businesses and companies, officials said. Under the revised provision, businesses and companies with annual turnover exceeding Tk 20 million but up to Tk 40 million will pay turnover tax at 0.5 per cent of their annual turnover. Those with turnover above Tk 40 million will continue to pay a minimum turnover tax at the rate of 1.0 per cent. The 1.0 per cent turnover tax had previously been applicable to most businesses and companies, with some exceptions. The latest decision has therefore provided a partial relief, particularly for smaller businesses. An NBR official said the exemption was introduced to ease the tax burden on small businesses and provide them with greater financial relief.	02 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/businesses-with-turnover-up-to-tk-20m-exempted-from-turnover-tax-1788287684)																													

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20	<u>Gas crisis continues to hit industries, transport and households</u> The gas crisis across Bangladesh continues to disrupt industries, transport and households, with supply shortages persisting amid elevated electricity demand despite some improvement in the power situation in recent days. Gas-dependent industries are struggling to maintain production schedules as erratic supplies disrupt factory operations. Manufacturers say the uncertainty over gas availability is making it increasingly difficult to plan production. The crisis was aggravated by a sudden drop in LNG supplies to the national grid last month after LNG carriers were unable to dock at Summit's floating LNG terminal and Excelerate Energy's FSRU at Maheshkhali was shut down again due to a technical fault. The situation has also been compounded by a sharp rise in international LNG prices amid the ongoing Middle East conflict. Global LNG prices have nearly doubled, while supplies remain difficult to secure despite the government's relaxation of procurement rules and willingness to pay higher prices. The resulting gas shortage continues to affect power generation, industries, CNG stations and households.	03 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/gas-crisis-continues-to-hit-industries-transport-and-households-1788373473)	
21	<u>UKEF offers up to £2b financing support for Bangladesh projects</u> UK Export Finance (UKEF), the UK government's export credit agency, has highlighted financing capacity of up to £2 billion for eligible Bangladeshi buyers seeking to undertake projects involving British goods and services. The agency is engaging with government officials, financial institutions and business leaders during a visit to Bangladesh to explore financing opportunities and identify projects where UK expertise, technology and financing could support the country's development priorities, according to a press release. With country capacity ranging between £1 billion and £2 billion, UKEF can support eligible projects in sectors including transport, agriculture, healthcare, airports, manufacturing, renewable energy and infrastructure.	03 Sept. 2026	The Business Standard (TBS) (UKEF offers up to £2b financing support for Bangladesh projects The Business Standard)	
22	<u>Move on to break BPC monopoly on fuel mkt</u> Private cos participation in import, marketing of petroleum products envisaged Private companies are set to be allowed to import and market petroleum products under government policy shift towards partial opening of the fuel market amid a nagging crisis. Sources say the government is looking to expand private participation in fuel import and sale, alongside the state-owned Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC), to ensure smooth supply of petroleum products on the domestic market even in crisis period. The state-run corporation has already been bestowed with the responsibility to prepare a policy to ensure that the private sector can import petroleum products and then distribute and retail the fuels.	04 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/move-on-to-break-bpc-monopoly-on-fuel-mkt-1788459107?date=04-09-2026)	
23	<u>Collateral-free lending under 'Udyog' scheme begins Sept 16</u> New jobs to be generated with loan, grant funding Collateral-free lending under 'Udyog' scheme begins on September 16 across Bangladesh under government initiative to groom new-generation entrepreneurs and generate jobs for jobseekers. As planned, the central bank will officially launch the special lending scheme by issuing a master circular. Under the financing scheme involving Tk 10 billion, the Bangladesh Bank will facilitate 5000 young entrepreneurs annually with collateral-free loan and grants support as part of the government's election promise to create 10 million jobs in the country. The Tk 10-billion lending package has two portions - loans involving Tk 5.0 billion and grants equivalent to the loan package. The loan portion comes from the existing refinancing schemes while the grants money will be initiated with the banks' unused CSR funds and BB's own funds.	04 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/collateral-free-lending-under-udyog-scheme-begins-sept-16-1788459213?date=04-09-2026)	

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24	<u>BB to launch interest-free digital credit</u> Bangladesh Bank (BB) is set to introduce an “e-Payment Credit” facility, likely today, to promote cashless payments and help customers manage temporary cash shortages. Under the facility, eligible customers will be able to borrow between Tk 50 and Tk 10,000 to meet essential expenses through digital payments, according to BB officials. The credit can be used to pay utility bills, mobile recharges, education and healthcare expenses, travel costs, taxes and government service fees, deposit instalments and insurance premiums. Banks will initially pilot the facility for at least six months before launching it commercially. A commercial rollout will require an assessment of the pilot and approval from the respective bank’s board.	06 Sept. 2026	The Daily Star (BB to launch interest-free digital credit The Daily Star)	
25	<u>Per-capita debt exceeds Tk 129,000</u> Per-capita debt burden on the people of Bangladesh now stands at more than Tk 129,239, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury informed Parliament on Sunday. The minister disclosed the figure while responding to a written question from Reza Ahammed, Member of Parliament for Kushtia-1. Deputy Speaker Barrister Kayser Kamal presided over the proceedings. MP Reza Ahammed had asked the Finance Minister to provide the current per- capita debt of the country's population. In his response, Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said that as of March 31, 2026, the per-capita debt of the people of Bangladesh stood at Tk 129,239.19.	07 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/per-capita-debt-exceeds-tk-129000-1788717721#google_vignette)	
26	<u>BB raises travel forex limit to \$18,000</u> Bangladesh Bank has raised the annual foreign exchange travel entitlement for Bangladeshi nationals to US\$18,000 from \$12,000, aiming to facilitate genuine travel-related foreign exchange requirements. According to a notification issued on Sunday, authorised dealer (AD) banks can now release up to \$18,000, or its equivalent, to an adult Bangladeshi national for overseas travel during a calendar year. The central bank said the decision was taken to meet the evolving needs of international travel and facilitate genuine foreign exchange requirements of Bangladeshi nationals residing in the country. The enhanced entitlement will apply on an annual calendar-year basis. However, the entitlement for minors below 12 years of age will remain at 50 per cent of the amount allowed for adults. The central bank retained the existing restriction on releasing foreign exchange in the form of US dollar notes. Cash dollar withdrawals will remain capped at \$5,000 per person, within the applicable annual travel entitlement.	07 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-raises-travel-forex-limit-to-18000-1788718021)	