

Summary of Business News – 110

Important Trade and Economic News Published in Various Newspapers during 17 Sept. – 04 Oct. 2026

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01	<u>BB stimulus fails to buoy up private sector credit demand</u> July rate at 2nd historic low of 4.62pc, indicating economic activity yet stymied Private-sector credit growth (%) <table><thead><tr><th>Month</th><th>Growth (%)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>March 2026</td><td>4.72</td></tr><tr><td>April 2026</td><td>4.75</td></tr><tr><td>May 2026</td><td>4.98</td></tr><tr><td>June 2026</td><td>4.47</td></tr><tr><td>July 2026</td><td>4.62</td></tr></tbody></table> Bangladesh Bank (BB) targets 6.80% growth in private-sector credit growth by December 2026 Tk 600b stimulus package BB announced measures in May aimed at reviving investment and restarting stalled manufacturing capacity Policy rate cut BB cut policy rate by 50 basis points to 9.50% on July 30 to encourage investment and borrowing Formal credit growth for private sector stayed almost stagnated in indication that fund demand and concomitant bank lending have yet to pick up despite government stimulus for revamping economic activity. According to latest statistics, the private-sector credit growth hit a historic low at 4.47 per cent in June and then edged up to 4.62 per cent by end of July last. The growth remained pegged below 5.0 per cent for consecutive five months as 4.72 per cent, 4.75 per cent and 4.98 per cent were recorded in March, April and May respectively. The private credit growth stayed weak belying a number of financial and fiscal measures taken up by Bangladesh Bank (BB), including a Tk 600-billion stimulus package, to breathe life in the economic activity, and generate employment by way of reopening the stalled manufacturing bases across the country.	Month	Growth (%)	March 2026	4.72	April 2026	4.75	May 2026	4.98	June 2026	4.47	July 2026	4.62	17 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-stimulus-fails-to-buoy-up-private-sector-credit-demand-1789581903?date=17-09-2026)	
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02	<u>BB sets 270-day limit for overdue status under back-to-back LC</u> Bangladesh Bank (BB) has decided that local delivery bills against back-to-back letters of credit (LCs) will not be considered overdue for the purpose of Export Development Fund (EDF) financing if they remain outstanding for no more than 270 days, reports BSS. The decision was taken to ensure consistency between the permissible usance period for back-to-back import LCs and the determination of overdue status, according to a circular issued today by the central bank's Foreign Exchange Policy Department-1. Under the new instruction, Authorized Dealers (ADs) will consider EDF finance for bulk imports by eligible producers, provided that local delivery bills against back-to-back LCs do not remain outstanding beyond 270 days. The circular said the decision was made in line with an earlier instruction that allows ADs to open back-to-back import LCs on a usance basis for a maximum period of 270 days. Bangladesh Bank had earlier instructed ADs to verify the overdue status of deemed exporters before submitting applications for EDF loans to the central bank. The central bank said all other instructions regarding the operation of EDF loans under its July 23, 2026 circular would remain unchanged.	17 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bb-sets-270-day-limit-for-overdue-status-under-back-to-back-lc-1789578024?date=17-09-2026)													

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03	<u>Solar equipment import tax slashed to 1.0pc</u> The government has cut the overall tax burden on imports of equipment used for solar-power generation to 1.0 per cent from 17 per cent, aiming to accelerate the expansion of renewable energy. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has also extended the facility, on a conditional basis, to commercial importers who were previously excluded from the benefit. The revised facility will remain effective for 180 days, according to an NBR notification issued on Wednesday. Under a notification issued on June 8 as part of budget measures for the 2026-27 fiscal year, various equipment used in the solar power sector were exempted from import duty, regulatory duty and advance tax. As a result, imports of the listed equipment were subject to 15 per cent value-added tax (VAT) and 2 per cent advance income tax, taking the total tax incidence to 17 per cent. The NBR has now further reduced the tax burden to 1 per cent to encourage faster expansion of solar power generation amid the global energy crisis and domestic power shortages. The move is expected to lower the import cost of solar power equipment and facilitate greater investment in renewable energy projects.	18 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/solar-equipment-import-tax-slashed-to-10pc-1789669038?date=18-09-2026)	
04	DHAKA'S LOBBYING FOR LOWER FUND COST UNHEEDED <u>Bangladesh pauses in borrowing from Japan over interest hike</u> JICA lending rate raised to 3.05pc, poised to be jacked up to 3.55pc from Oct  Bangladesh has paused in borrowing from Japan as its interest rate on development finance has been steeply hiked and Dhaka's request for reconsidering the tightened terms went unheeded, officials say. The rate of interest on Japanese development assistance has been raised for a six-month spell to 3.05 per cent, and it could go up to 3.55 per cent from next month, they have said. Bangladesh used to enjoy an interest rate as low as 1.0 per cent in borrowing from the Japanese development-financing agency-- the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)--until a few years ago. In response to the steeper borrowing costs, Bangladesh has refrained from signing any new loan packages with its largest bilateral lender, they have said.	19 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-pauses-in-borrowing-from-japan-over-interest-hike-1789754370?date=19-09-2026)	

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05	<u>Govt borrows increasingly from banks to run and fund debt repayment</u> Jul-Aug borrowing of Tk128.72b takes its bank debt to worrying total of Tk6.98t Current financial year's opening two month's borrowing of Tk 128.72 billion takes government's bank debt to a worrying total of Tk 6.98 trillion, as it turns increasingly to commercial lenders to meet financing needs. A good sum of the money it borrowed at the outset of the fiscal year 2026-27, however, went for repaying back loans taken from the central bank of Bangladesh. The government borrowed Tk 128.72 billion from the banking system during July-August while repaid Tk 37.28 billion to the central bank during the same period, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data. The borrowing came from scheduled commercial banks as the government sought to meet development expenditure, social programmes, salaries and other recurrent expenses amid sluggish revenue collection. Government's debt buildup to Tk 6.98 trillion raises concerns over its growing reliance on domestic bank financing and the potential implications for private-sector credit and investment. For the current fiscal year, the government has set a target of borrowing Tk 1.12 trillion from the banking system. At the same time, revenue collection has failed to keep pace with the government's expending needs, increasing pressure on its cash position. People familiar with the developments have said the government demand for cash has increased recently as revenue collection has not achieved the desired growth. At the same time, the government has had to borrow more from the banking sector to meet development expenditure, salaries and allowances, and other operational expenses.	19 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-borrows-increasingly-from-banks-to-run-and-fund-debt-repayment-1789754483?date=19-09-2026)	
06	<u>Easing revenue receipt from corporates</u> <u>Online VAT-return submission mandatory for more businesses</u> Eleven major sectors now coming under digital system under WB-aided project Fail-safe online submission of VAT returns is being made mandatory for 11 major sectors, which is set to cut time and cost for the taxpaying corporates. The business majors include cigarettes, medicines, banking and mobile financial services. The VAT Policy Wing of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) is set to issue a gazette notification soon to make the provision effective, officials said. The draft statutory regulatory order (SRO) is now with the Bangladesh Government Press for printing. Talking to the FE, VAT Policy Wing member Md Azizur Rahman said the decision is part of the NBR efforts to digitise VAT-return submission and minimise businesses' physical visits to relevant offices. Currently, only around 50 per cent of VAT (value-added tax)-paying businesses submit their returns online.	21 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/online-vat-return-submission-mandatory-for-more-businesses-1789927015)	

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07	<u>Oil prices hiked substantially</u> The government raised the retail prices of diesel, octane, petrol and kerosene substantially. The rises are by Tk 20 per litre to Tk 135 per litre, Tk 165 per litre, Tk 160 per litre and Tk 155 per litre respectively. According to a circular issued on Sunday night by the Energy and Mineral Resources Division under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR), the new prices will be effective from September 21. <table><thead><tr><th></th><th>PREVIOUS</th><th>PRESENT</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>DIESEL</td><td>TK 115</td><td>→ TK 135</td></tr><tr><td>PETROL</td><td>TK 140</td><td>→ TK 160</td></tr><tr><td>OCTANE</td><td>TK 145</td><td>→ TK 165</td></tr><tr><td>KEROSENE</td><td>TK 135</td><td>→ TK 155</td></tr></tbody></table> (Prices in taka per litre) "The petroleum prices are hiked aligning domestic rates with international markets to reduce mounting losses for Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) and curb cross-border smuggling," the EMRD said in press release.		PREVIOUS	PRESENT	DIESEL	TK 115	→ TK 135	PETROL	TK 140	→ TK 160	OCTANE	TK 145	→ TK 165	KEROSENE	TK 135	→ TK 155	21 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/oil-prices-hiked-substantially-1789935829)	
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08	<u>Bangladesh RMG unit prices trail global average in US, EU</u> Exporters cite concentration on basic products, rising raw material prices <table><thead><tr><th>Year</th><th>EU (per kilogram unit)</th><th>USA (per square metre equivalent unit)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2023</td><td>15.60 euros</td><td>\$3.22</td></tr><tr><td>2024</td><td>14.87 euros</td><td>\$3.10</td></tr><tr><td>2025</td><td>14.26 euros</td><td>\$3.08</td></tr><tr><td>2026 (Jan-July)</td><td>13.80 euros</td><td>\$3.05</td></tr></tbody></table> Sources: Eurostat, Otexa Bangladesh has been earning significantly less per unit of garment exported to the European Union and the United States for years, with no sign of a reversal in 2026. Recent trade data showed that Bangladesh’s average export price on the US market stood at \$3.05 per square metre equivalent against a global average of \$3.17 per SME — a 3.8 per cent discount in January-July of the current year. The gap was much wider in the European Union, Bangladesh’s largest export destination, where the global average unit price for imported apparel reached 19.84 euros a kilogram, while Bangladeshi shipments fetched only 13.80 euros a kilogram during the period, a steep 30.4 per cent discount, according to the data. By comparison, Vietnam commanded more than 30 euros a kilogram on the European market, more than double Bangladesh’s realisation, the data showed.	Year	EU (per kilogram unit)	USA (per square metre equivalent unit)	2023	15.60 euros	\$3.22	2024	14.87 euros	\$3.10	2025	14.26 euros	\$3.08	2026 (Jan-July)	13.80 euros	\$3.05	21 Sept. 2026	New Age (https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/314705/bangladesh-rmg-unit-prices-trail-global-average-in-us-eu)	
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09	Subsidy allocation in FY'27 budget <u>Power sector eats up 37pc, LNG 91pc in just 2.5 months</u> Nearly half of the government's total budget allocation for power and liquefied natural gas (LNG) subsidies for the current fiscal year has been spent in just two and a half months, as soaring energy prices push up the cost of imports, officials said. The government allocated around Tk 480 billion in the FY2026-27 budget for subsidies to support electricity generation and LNG imports. By Sunday, the Finance Division had disbursed Tk 238 billion against demands from the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. The amount represents 49.6 per cent of the annual allocation. Of the total, around Tk 370 billion was earmarked for the power sector. The Finance Division disbursed Tk 90 billion during July and August and another Tk 48 billion on September 20, taking total disbursements for power subsidies to Tk 138 billion. The government also allocated Tk 110 billion for LNG subsidies for the entire fiscal year. But the Finance Division had already disbursed around Tk 100 billion during July and August to help meet the cost of LNG imports, leaving only Tk 10 billion of the original allocation. Officials said unusually high LNG prices in the international market had forced the energy authorities to seek higher subsidy disbursements, rapidly exhausting the budgetary provision.	22 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/power-sector-eats-up-37pc-lng-91pc-in-just-25-months-1790013306	
10	<u>Biman set to sign deal for 11 more Boeing aircraft in NY</u> Nat'l flag carrier's Boeing purchases to rise to 25 aircraft Bangladesh Biman Airlines is set to sign a supplementary agreement with US aerospace giant Boeing in New York tomorrow (Wednesday) to purchase 11 more aircraft, taking its planned Boeing fleet expansion to 25 aircraft. Biman Chairman Rume A Hossain will sign the agreement on behalf of the national flag carrier, sources told the FE. The name of Boeing's representative who will sign the deal could not be known immediately. The Biman chairman, who is part of the prime minister's entourage for the UN General Assembly, will sign the agreement at a hotel on the sidelines of the UNGA, according to sources.  Details of the models, prices, financing arrangements and delivery schedule for the additional 11 aircraft were not immediately available.	22 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/biman-set-to-sign-deal-for-11-more-boeing-aircraft-in-ny-1790013390	

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11	<u>Higher diesel price to make farming costlier</u> Experts seek cash subsidy for farmers An abrupt Tk 20-a-litre hike in diesel prices is to make irrigation, mechanised harvesting and transportation costlier, putting fresh pressure on the cost of production of rice, vegetables and other farm commodities. Agricultural economists and farm representatives came up with such forewarning as the government just raised the fuel-oil prices citing the urgency of checking subsidy burden and also smuggling. The government raised the retail price of diesel to Tk135 per litre from Tk115, effective Monday, along with Tk20 increases in petrol, octane and kerosene prices. The impact on agriculture is expected to be particularly significant because diesel-powered irrigation pumps and farm machinery remain widely used across the country.	22 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/higher-diesel-price-to-make-farming-costlier-1790012989)	
12	<u>Precise policymaking on accurate GDP data</u> <u>Bangladesh opts to measure economic growth on UN scales</u> More comprehensive picture of economic growth, wealth creation to be captured Bangladesh opts to measure economic growth and national wealth creation on UN scales to help policymakers make precise policy on accurate data, removing scepticism about traditional official statistics. Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is planning to measure net domestic product (NDP) as recommended by the United Nations' agency concerned, according to BBS officials. They say this pivot seeks to provide policymakers with a more comprehensive picture of economic growth and wealth creation. The new measure is expected to be derived from the revised national accounts, which will be prepared with 2025-26 as the new base year. The BBS might publish the first such estimates in April-May 2028, according to people familiar with the developments.	23 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-opts-to-measure-economic-growth-on-un-scales-1790097412)	
13	<u>Subdued economic outlook for FY27</u> <u>ADB cuts Bangladesh growth forecast to 4.0pc</u> Bangladesh's economy may grow at a slower pace of 4.0 per cent in the current fiscal year, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) says by downgrading its earlier GDP-growth forecast at 4.5 per cent. The Manila-based lender warns that severe structural energy deficits, banking-sector stress and entrenched inflationary pressures will continue to constrain the country's economic expansion through FY2026-27. Meanwhile, the Bangladesh government has set a target to achieve a GDP growth at 6.5 per cent in the national budget for this fiscal year, 2.5-percentage-point higher than the ADB's latest forecast in the ADO September, released Wednesday. It has said inflation is also expected to remain elevated due to energy shortages, high production and transport costs, potential shipping disruptions, the delayed effects of El Niño on food prices, and gradually easing monetary conditions.	24 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/adb-cuts-bangladesh-growth-forecast-to-40pc-1790183461)	

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14	<u>Central bank allows cross-border trade settlement in Taka</u> The central bank has introduced a framework to settle eligible cross-border trade transactions in Taka through Non-Resident Taka (NRT) vostro accounts maintained by authorised dealer (AD) banks for correspondent banks in trading-partner countries. A vostro account is held by a domestic bank with a correspondent bank to manage international transactions and services. AD banks are allowed to open and maintain Taka vostro accounts in the names of correspondent banks in trading partner countries without initial deposits, against payments to be received for admissible imports, according to a circular issued by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Wednesday. The balances maintained in such accounts will be used for settlement of export payments from Bangladesh and other permitted transactions. Earlier AD banks could open Taka vostro accounts in the names of their overseas branches and correspondent banks against inward remittances in freely convertible currencies.	24 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/latest-page/central-bank-allows-cross-border-trade-settlement-in-taka-1790184168)	
15	<u>Expansive virtual banking ahead</u> <u>Five full-fledged digital banks finally get go-ahead</u> BB issues LoI to sponsors A long wait ends as five applicants got the go-ahead from the central bank for establishing full-fledged virtual banking services with reach to unbanked people in remote areas. After months of stagnancy in the digital bank-licensing process following changeover in state power after the last parliamentary elections, Bangladesh Bank (BB) finally issued letter of intent (LoI) to five technology-driven companies with a six-month timeframe to complete all the regulatory conditions before approaching for licences. The central bank took the decision of issuing the LoI at a meeting of the banking regulator's board of directors at the BB headquarters on Thursday with its governor in the chair. The companies are bKash Digital Bank, Boost Digital Bank with Axiata, Digital Banking of Bhutan-DK, Kori Digital Bank and Nova Digital Bank with Veon and Square.	25 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/five-full-fledged-digital-banks-finally-get-go-ahead-1790270632?date=25-09-2026)	
16	<u>Coal-extraction modality change after previous fiasco</u> <u>Phulbari coalmining under profit sharing with landowners</u> Govt plans to lease land having coal reserves A comprehensive package deal is outlined for coal extraction from the long-stalled Phulbari coalmine in Dinajpur through open-pit mining method under a profit-sharing arrangement with the landowners. The current push comes in fuel-crunch time following calls from experts and businesses to cut costly coal imports and ensure the country's future energy security. Under terms of contract, local people in and around the coalmine area, including Phulbari, Parbatipur, Birampur and Nawabganj upazilas, will get back their lands on completion of the lease period apart from their resettlement and rehabilitation.	25 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/phulbari-coalmining-under-profit-sharing-with-landowners-1790270546?date=25-09-2026)	

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17	<u>Disbursement of foreign loans, grants drops 60pc</u> Disbursement of foreign loans and grants plunged by 60.73 per cent year-on-year in the first two months of the current financial year, while debt servicing increased, resulting in a net outflow of external resources during the period. Development partners disbursed \$294.56 million during July-August down by \$455.51 million from \$750.07 million in the corresponding period of the past financial year, reveals the latest data of the Economic Relations Division. Foreign aid commitments, however, remained almost unchanged during the period despite the steep fall in actual disbursement. Development partners made commitments worth \$240.39 million during July-August of FY27, only 1.40 per cent lower than the \$243.81 million committed in the corresponding period of FY26.	28 Sept. 2026	New Age (https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/315609/disbursement-of-foreign-loans-grants-drops-60pc)	
18	<u>রপ্তানি বাজার বাড়াতে ২০টি দেশ চিহ্নিত করেছে সরকার</u> রপ্তানিতে তৈরি পোশাকনির্ভরতা কমাতে নতুন নতুন পণ্যের পাশাপাশি নতুন বাজার দরকার। এ জন্য বিশ্বের ২০টি দেশ চিহ্নিত করা হয়েছে। দেশগুলো হলো যুক্তরাষ্ট্র, যুক্তরাজ্য, ফ্রান্স, জাপান, চীন, ভারত, কানাডা, বেলজিয়াম, মালয়েশিয়া, সিঙ্গাপুর, সংযুক্ত আরব আমিরাত, সুইজারল্যান্ড, দক্ষিণ কোরিয়া, রাশিয়া, ইরান, ব্রাজিল, তুরস্ক, অস্ট্রেলিয়া, নিউজিল্যান্ড ও ফিজি। আজ সোমবার সচিবালয়ে ‘বাংলাদেশের রপ্তানি বহুমুখীকরণ কৌশল: ১৮টি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বাণিজ্য গন্তব্যে পণ্য ও বাজারের বৈচিত্র্য’ শীর্ষক কর্মশালা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। বাণিজ্য মন্ত্রণালয় সূত্রে সম্ভাব্য নতুন বাজারগুলো সম্পর্কে জানা গেছে।	28 Sept. 2026	Prothom Alo (রপ্তানি বাজার বাড়াতে ২০টি দেশ চিহ্নিত করেছে সরকার প্রথম আলো)	
19	<u>Pvt credit growth stuck below 5.0pc for 6 months</u> The private-sector credit growth in the country was 4.75 per cent in August 2026, with the figure remaining below 5.0 per cent for the past six consecutive months amid a prolonged slowdown in economic activities. The persistently weak credit growth has raised concerns over the pace of private investment and the prospect of a broad-based economic recovery despite a series of policy and regulatory measures taken by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) to revive lending and stimulate economic activities. The central bank, in its latest monetary policy stance, has projected private sector credit growth to reach 6.80 per cent by December 2026. However, the latest trend indicates that achieving the target could prove challenging unless the demand for new credit and banks' willingness to lend improve significantly in the coming months. Money market analysts and entrepreneurs attribute the sluggish credit growth to a combination of supply- and demand-side factors. They point to the prevailing business environment, particularly disruptions to energy supplies that have adversely affected industrial production and weakened investment appetite. The banking sector's deteriorating asset quality has also emerged as a major constraint. According to the Bangladesh Bank data, private sector credit growth stood at 4.72 per cent in March, 4.75 per cent in April, 4.98 per cent in May, 4.47 per cent in June, 4.62 per cent in July, and 4.75 per cent (provisional) in August. The figures show that credit growth has remained stuck within a narrow range of around 4.5 to 5.0 per cent throughout the six-month period, indicating a prolonged sluggishness in the private sector-led economy.	30 Sept. 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/pvt-credit-growth-stuck-below-50pc-for-6-months-1790704362)	

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20	OCT-DEC MONETARY POLICY ROLLED OUT <u>Regulator sticks to miserly stance on money supply</u> Policy rate pegged at 9.5pc as ME crisis, higher energy prices, fiscal pressure pose inflation risks  Inflation-upturn fear keeps the central bank tightfisted on money supply as the key policy rate of interest is kept pegged at 9.5 per cent for emerging external and internal risk factors. The Middle East crisis, higher energy prices and fiscal pressure practically pose uncertainty about continuation of downward inflationary rate. In its latest policy update, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) has kept the policy rate unchanged at 9.5 per cent for the October-December quarter, citing persistent inflation risks, elevated global energy prices and uncertainty stemming from the disruption in the Strait of Hormuz.	01 October 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regulator-sticks-to-miserly-stance-on-money-supply-1790791444)	
21	<u>BB raises pre-shipment credit fund to Tk 7,000 cr</u> Bangladesh Bank (BB) has increased the size of its Pre-Shipment Credit Refinance Scheme to Tk 7,000 crore from Tk 5,000 crore to facilitate low-cost financing for exporters, reports BSS. The central bank issued a circular in this regard today, directing the chief executives of all scheduled banks to implement the revised arrangements. Under the new decision, BB will transfer an additional Tk 2,000 crore from the Export Facilitation Pre-finance Fund (EFPF) to the pre-shipment credit scheme. Following the reallocation, the size of the EFPF has been reduced to Tk 3,000 crore from its original Tk 10,000 crore.	02 October 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-raises-pre-shipment-credit-fund-to-tk-7000-cr-1790879294?date=02-10-2026)	

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22	<u>Q1 remittances up over 13pc</u>  The country's remittance inflows jumped more than 13 per cent year on year to US\$8.59 billion in the first quarter of the current fiscal year (FY27), with Bangladesh Bank warning that prolonged geopolitical tensions could weigh on future inflows. The increase in the first quarter (July-September) was driven largely by a shift from informal channels to formal banking channels, supported by government incentives, according to the central bank.	02 October 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/q1-remittances-up-over-13pc-1790878293?date=02-10-2026)	
23	<u>Exports rise 6.34pc in Q1 as RMG, jute, leather shipments grow</u>  Bangladesh's merchandise exports grew 6.34 per cent year on year in the first quarter of fiscal year 2026-27, driven by readymade garment (RMG) shipments and a rebound in several key non-apparel manufacturing sectors. The country earned US\$13.09 billion from merchandise exports during July-September, up from \$12.31 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, according to official data released by the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) on Thursday. Exports in September alone rose 8.54 per cent year on year to \$3.93 billion, up from \$3.62 billion a year earlier.	02 October 2026	The Financial Express (https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/exports-rise-634pc-in-q1-as-rmg-jute-leather-shipments-grow-1790878351?date=02-10-2026)	

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24	<u>mCapital unveils \$1 billion Bangladesh fund plan</u> mCapital, a private members-only network that connects the global diaspora with investment opportunities in Bangladesh, has launched its flagship “Dakchhe Bangladesh” initiative, announcing a \$1 billion investment framework to channel non-resident Bangladeshi capital, expertise and global networks towards the country’s development. The announcement was made at the inaugural “Invest Bangladesh” event in New York, attended by diaspora entrepreneurs, investors, business professionals and community leaders, according to a press release.	03 October 2026	The Daily Star (mCapital unveils \$1 billion Bangladesh fund plan The Daily Star)	
25	<u>Banks sit on record Tk 4.46 lakh crore idle funds</u> Bangladesh’s banking sector is holding a record Tk 4.46 lakh crore in excess liquidity as remittances and deposits surge, but private-sector lending has slowed to a historic low. Banks invests in low-risk government securities instead of financing businesses, Bangladesh Bank officials said. Excess liquidity, the funds banks hold beyond regulatory requirements but do not lend, rose to record Tk 4.45 lakh crore in August 2026 from Tk 4.3 lakh crore in July and Tk 4.08 lakh crore in June, according to Bangladesh Bank data. The buildup has accelerated sharply over the past 18 months. Excess liquidity stood at Tk 2.15 lakh crore in December 2024 and Tk 2.93 lakh crore in June 2025 before reaching the latest record.	04 October 2026	New Age (https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316451/banks-sit-on-record-tk-4.46-lakh-crore-idle-funds)	