

Economy

USD 343mn received in remittances in the first 3 days of September

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- Bangladesh received USD 343mn in remittances during the first three days of September, up 11.6pc from USD 307mn a year ago — demonstrating healthy early-month inflows.
- Total remittances from July 1 to September 3 reached USD 5.24bn versus USD 4.45bn over the same period last fiscal year, marking a strong 17.9pc year-on-year rise.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/343-million-received-in-remittances-in-the-first-3-days-of-september>

Prolonged monsoon drives up vegetable, egg prices

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- Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission (BTTC), in its report to the commerce ministry stated that prolonged monsoon rains during June-August disrupted supply chains and pushed up prices of essential vegetables and eggs. Green chilies jumped 128.57pc to BDT 140–BDT 180 per kg (USD 1.15–1.48/kg), while eggs rose 6.25pc to BDT 10–BDT 11.25 per piece (USD 0.08–0.09).
- As vegetable supply thinned, demand for substitutes such as eggs rose, further driving up costs, the BTTC noted. The report also highlights that persistent rains could worsen food inflation in the coming weeks.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/prolonged-monsoon-drives-vegetable-egg-prices-3978956>

Banking

Govt moves to expedite BDT 380bn (USD 3.1bn) bad loan cases

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- The interim government identified 100 lawsuits tied to BDT 380bn (USD 3.12bn) in bad loans and has moved to fast-track them so lenders can sell seized assets and recover funds.
- The Financial Institutions Division will coordinate the push — institutions must nominate dedicated monitors, report monthly to FID, and the government will write to the Law Ministry, Attorney General and deputy commissioners to speed legal steps and certificate cases.
- Among the total, Janata Bank's top ten cases hold BDT 151.51bn (USD 1.24bn), Sonali BDT 56.76bn (USD 466.02mn), Agrani BDT 39.79bn (USD 326.69mn) and Rupali BDT 37.47bn (USD 307.64mn).

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-moves-expedite-BDT-38000cr-bad-loan-cases-3978976>

BB buys additional USD 134mn from banks

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) purchased USD 134mn from five commercial banks at a cut-off of BDT 121.75 per US Dollar, through multiple auctions as part of its ongoing strategy to stabilize the taka and support remittances and exporters.
- The latest move comes after BB bought USD 948mn from commercial banks between July 13 and the end of August this year, reversing its earlier approach of selling dollars to curb the rapid depreciation of the taka and support state agencies in paying import bills.
- The purchase is part of a broader intervention, about USD 1.08bn bought since mid-July, showing sustained BB efforts to smooth FX volatility and protect market functions.

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Three banks agree to merge, two oppose

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- Three Shariah-based banks agreed to merge under the central bank's plan, while two resisted; First Security Islami Bank, Global Islami Bank and Union Bank has agreed while Exim Bank and Social Islami Bank opposed.
- Bangladesh Bank pressed Exim Bank to resubmit a stronger turnaround plan and demanded how it will return depositors' money, recover bad loans and repay BDT 85bn (USD 697.88mn).
- Forensic audits revealed crippling non-performing loan ratios of these banks. NPL ratio are as follows: First Security 96.37pc, Union 97.80pc, Global Islami 95pc, Social Islami 62.30pc and Exim 48.20pc — and four of the five lenders were long controlled by S Alam Group.

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Trade and Commerce

Trade through Benapole land port halted for two days

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- Trade via Benapole land port was suspended for two days due to the weekly holiday and Eid-e-Miladunnabi, halting customs and port operations though passenger crossings continued. However, arrangements were made to send back empty Indian trucks that had earlier unloaded goods at the port.

- Port data show about 300 trucks carrying goods from India enter daily while about 80 trucks depart, and the government earns an estimated BDT 150mn (USD 1.23mn) daily from import trade alone.

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Patuakhali EPZ's plot allocation to begin early next year

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- BEPZA plans to begin allocating plots at Patuakhali Export Processing Zone from early 2026, even as factory construction and land development continue toward full completion by June that year.
- The zone spans 410.78 acres and includes 306 industrial plots. It aims to attract USD 1.53bn in investment, generate USD 1.84bn in exports, and create around 100,000 direct and indirect jobs, aided by proximity to Payra Port.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/patuakhali-epzs-plot-allocation-begin-early-next-year-1229756>

RMG

BDT 8.86bn export proceeds released thru 2 crisis-hit banks to pay off Aug-Sep wages of garment workers

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- The Bangladesh Bank has released BDT 8.86bn (USD 72.74mn) in export proceeds through two crisis-hit banks, Exim bank and SIBL, enabling nearly 250 garment factories to pay workers' wages and allowances for August and September.
- According to a statement by BGMEA, the five troubled banks had been unable to disburse export earnings due to severe liquidity shortages, leaving many factories struggling to pay workers on time and hampering regular operations

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/BDT886cr-export-proceeds-released-thru-2-crisis-hit-banks-pay-aug-sep-wages-garment-workers>

Telecom

New telecom licensing policy approved, capping foreign ownership

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- Cabinet approved a new telecom licensing policy that collapses 20+ license types into three categories — national infrastructure, international connectivity and network-access — aiming to eliminate the inefficient, toll-collecting intermediary model.
- The policy caps foreign ownership in network-access licenses at 85pc, forcing existing operators

to offload 15pc, within three years while domestic investors may hold 100pc, in other license classes.

- Many intermediaries will be phased out as licenses expire by 2027: about 20 IGWs, over 30 IIGs and more than 20 ICXs — operators warn the change could transfer small local businesses to foreign MNOs.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/new-telecom-licensing-policy-approved-capping-foreign-ownership-3978981>

Capital Market

Govt to revive stock market with multiple schemes

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- Government is channeling fresh capital into ICB to stabilize the market, with the finance ministry set to provide BDT 20bn (USD 164.21mn) and a sovereign guarantee tied to BDT 30bn (USD 246.31mn).
- The BDT 9bn (USD 73.89mn) special fund was extended five years to 2032 to preserve retail support; ICB had sought BDT 130bn (USD 1.07bn) but officials say it will likely receive only BDT 20bn (USD 164.21mn).
- To widen supply of good scrips, authorities shortlisted 10 firms — six multinationals (Unilever, Nestlé, Novartis, Syngenta, Synovia, Karnaphuli Fertilizer) and four state-run companies — a move investors say could revive market participation.

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Corporate

Walton profit falls 24pc in FY25

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- Walton Hi-Tech Industries reported a profit of BDT 10.37bn (USD 85.14mn) for FY25, down 24pc year-on-year, driven by softer consumer demand, higher finance costs, and increased distribution expenses.
- EPS dropped to BDT 34.22 (USD 0.28) from BDT 44.78 (USD 0.38) in FY24, while finance costs rose to 6.33pc of sales from 6.11pc; the company approved a 175pc cash and 10pc stock dividend.

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International

Trump signs order offering some tariff exemptions to countries with US trade deals

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- Trump signed an executive order granting zero tariffs on more than 45 categories to trading

partners that clinch reciprocal framework deals, effective 12:01 a.m. EDT Monday, covering graphite, nickel forms, generic-pharma compounds and various gold imports.

- The order creates carveouts for some agricultural products, aircraft and parts, and lets the USTR, Commerce and customs waive tariffs on covered imports without a new presidential order when a reciprocal deal exists.
- It lists industrial inputs such as natural graphite, neodymium magnets, LEDs and polysilicon, signaling the US will tie tariff relief to negotiated industrial and supply-chain commitments.

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Tesla board recommends record USD 1tn package for Musk

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- Tesla's board proposed a record USD 1tn pay package for CEO Elon Musk, which would require Tesla's valuation to rise nearly eightfold to about USD 7.5tn over the next decade and would boost Musk's voting power above his current ~13pc.
- The plan underscores Tesla's dependence on Musk as it pushes into robotaxis and humanoid robots while facing slowing EV demand, rising Chinese competition and pressure to deliver on AI ambitions.

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