Economy

NBR mulls return to monthly VAT payments amid collection slump

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- The government is considering reversing its decision to allow businesses to submit VAT returns and pay VAT every three months instead of monthly after VAT collection fell sharply in the first two months of the current fiscal year.
- VAT collection fell by nearly 20% year-on-year in July and August, according to provisional NBR figures, prompting concerns over the impact of the quarterly payment system on revenue collection.
- The NBR collected BDT 93.0bn (USD 762.3mn) VAT in July, compared with BDT 115.5bn (USD 946.48mn) in the same month a year earlier. In August, VAT collection stood at BDT 83.62bn (USD 685.4mn), down from BDT 110.8bn (USD 908.3mn) in August last year.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-mulls-return-monthly-vat-payments-amid-collection-slump-1532051

NPLs cross BDT 6.0tn (USD 49.18bn) in June

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- Non-performing loans (NPLs) in the country's banking sector rose by nearly BDT 180bn (USD 1.48bn) in the three months to June, crossing BDT 6.0tn (USD 49.18bn) despite Bangladesh Bank's continued efforts to contain toxic loans through relaxed rescheduling facilities and lower down-payment requirements.
- The total default loan ratio in the banking sector rose to 32.79pc in June from 32.26pc in March, according to a Bangladesh Bank statement. The total amount of default loans stood at BDT 5.8tn (USD 47.5bn) in March.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/default-loans-rise-over-tk6-lakh-crore-june-1531196

Banking

Govt cancels contractual appointments of MDs of Agrani, BASIC, BDBL

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- The government has cancelled the remaining contractual tenures of the managing directors (MDs) and chief executive officers (CEOs) of three state-owned banks. The ministry of finance confirmed the cancellation of appointments at Agrani Bank PLC, BASIC Bank PLC, and Bangladesh Development Bank PLC (BDBL).
- The notifications instructed the respective boards of directors of the state-owned institutions to immediately implement the decisions and take necessary operational measures as per regulations.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/contractual-appointments-of-mds-of-agrani-basic-bdbl-cancelled

Energy and Power

Adani cuts power supply to Bangladesh due to coal transport disruption

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- Adani Power's Godda plant in India has reduced electricity supply to Bangladesh due to disruptions in coal transportation by rail. Heavy rail congestion and transport restrictions have led to less coal reaching the plant, resulting in lower electricity generation from the plant. The power plant expects to normalise the situation shortly and is now temporarily adjusting production to increase generation during daytime.
- Sources say that other coal-based plants in eastern and central India are facing similar shortages due to heavy rains, making this a sector-wide issue.
- Electricity supply from India's Adani power plant fell below 900 MW recently from around 1200 MW last month.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/adani-cuts-power-supply-to-bangladesh-due-to-coal-transport-disruption

Price of 12kg LPG cylinder cut by BDT 13 (USD 0.11) to BDT 1,585 (USD 12.99)

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- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has reduced the price of the widely used 12kg liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder for households by BDT 13 (USD 0.11) to BDT 1,585 (USD 12.99) from previous BDT 1,598 (USD 13.1).
- The price of autogas, used in vehicles, has been cut by BDT 0.58 (USD 0.00475) per litre to BDT 73.09 (USD 0.59) per litre from BDT 73.67 (USD 0.60)

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/price-of-12kg-lpg-cylinder-cut-by-tk-13-to-tk-1585

Capital Market

BSEC approves BDT 459mn (USD 3.8mn) preference shares for DESCO against govt equity

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- Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (Desco) has received formal consent from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to issue 45.9mn irredeemable non-cumulative preference shares to the government. The shares carry a face value of BDT 10 (USD 0.082) each, amounting to a total of BDT 459mn (USD 3.8mn).

- These shares are being issued in favour of the Government of Bangladesh, represented by the Secretary of the Power Division under the Ministry of Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources, against equity already provided by the state.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-approves-tk4590cr-preference-shares-desco-against-govt-equity-1531966

Trade and Commerce

Steelmakers squeezed by higher costs, weak demand

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- Local steelmakers are facing higher production costs just as construction demand remains weak, forcing mills to offer discounts to keep sales moving.
- The price of 60-grade mild steel (MS) rod, widely used in construction, has risen to BDT 92,500-BDT 94,500 (USD 758.2-USD774.59) per tonne from BDT 88,000-BDT 92,000 (Usd 721.31-USD 754.09) a month earlier, according to the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).
- But the higher quoted prices have not translated into better returns, as manufacturers are cutting prices through discounts to secure orders.

From: https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/steelmakers-squeezed-higher-costs-weak-demand-4263416

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