

### Economy

#### Inflation rises to 9.04pc in April amid Iran war fallout

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- Inflation surged to 9.04pc in April, driven by rising costs of both food and non-food items amid oil shocks stemming from the US-Israeli war on Iran. The rate was 8.71pc in March, according to the latest data released by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) on 6 May. In April last year, inflation was 9.17pc.
- Non-food inflation increased significantly to 9.57pc and food inflation reached 8.39pc in April, with food prices hitting urban consumers harder than those in villages. Rural households spent more on non-food items compared to those in urban areas.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/inflation-rises-904-april-amid-iran-war-fallout-1431426>

#### Bangladesh trade deficit exceeds USD 19bn as imports rise and exports fall

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- Bangladesh's trade deficit has surpassed the USD 19 bn mark in the first nine months of the ongoing fiscal year, driven by a surge in imports and a simultaneous slump in export earnings.
- According to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank, the trade gap for the July-March period of the 2025-26 fiscal year reached USD 19.17bn.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-trade-deficit-exceeds-19bn-as-imports-rise-and-exports-fall>

#### Financial account surplus jumps to USD 3.81bn in Jul-Mar

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- The country's financial account recorded a surplus of more than USD 3.81bn in the first nine months of the current fiscal year (FY26), a sharp increase from the USD 570mn recorded during the same period in the previous fiscal year.
- Central bank data indicate that the repatriation of overdue export proceeds primarily drove this growth. The trade credit position, a key component of the financial account, shifted from a deficit of USD 1.61bn in FY25 to a surplus of USD 3.23bn during the July-March period of FY26. This reversal reflects an increase in the repatriation of previously stalled payments, providing a significant boost to the country's capital flows.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/financial-account-surplus-jumps-381b-jul-mar-1431936>

### Banking

#### Two-year bond yield jumps on weak demand

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- The yield on two-year treasury bonds increased significantly on Tuesday, as banks showed reluctance to invest their surplus funds in government securities in an effort to manage their portfolios more efficiently.
- The cut-off yield, generally known as the interest rate, on Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) rose to 10.73pc on the day from 10.23pc earlier, according to auction results.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/two-year-bond-yield-jumps-on-weak-demand>

#### Bangladesh Startup Investment Co to launch on 12 May

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- The Bangladesh Startup Investment Company PLC (BSIC), a newly formed venture capital company owned by 39 commercial banks, is set to launch on 12 May.
- Officials said the BSIC aims to finance new, technology-driven and innovative ventures. However, it will not provide funding at the idea stage. Instead, the BSIC plans to invest in startups after they begin operations and show early signs of growth potential.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-startup-investment-co-launch-12-may-1431811>

### Trade and Commerce

#### Fuel oil shortage, lower production trigger vegetable price increase

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- Vegetables have become more expensive, because of the shortage of fuel triggered by war between US and Iran.
- The cost of transporting vegetables by truck from Bogura to Dhaka has risen 30pc to 40pc in the past two months. Meanwhile, the prices of vegetables have increased up to 60pc in the vegetable trading hub of the north, Mohasthan in Shibganj, Bogura.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/fuel-oil-shortage-lower-production-trigger-vegetable-price-increase>

### Capital Market

#### First-ever separate platform for buying, selling open-end mutual funds on the cards

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- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is set to launch a dedicated web-based order collection system

enabling the creation and redemption of open-end mutual fund units— an initiative currently absent in Bangladesh.

- With the platform integrated into the alternative trading board, investors will be able to directly place buy and sell orders, subject to approval by brokerage houses.

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### International

#### Samsung Electronics market value tops USD 1.0tn

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- The market value of South Korea's Samsung Electronics smashed past USD 1.0tn for the first time Wednesday as the firm rides an AI chip boom that has sent Seoul's Kospi stock index to record highs.
- The company has emerged as a key player - alongside domestic rival SK hynix - in the supply of high-performing chips that are wanted by firms racing to keep up with the fast-evolving artificial intelligence industry.

From:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/samsung-electronics-market-value-tops-1tn-4169376>

#### India offers USD 27b to businesses to cushion war impact

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- The Indian government approved a USD 27.3bn credit guarantee scheme on Tuesday to help businesses survive short-term cash problems caused by the Middle East war, including airlines hit by surging fuel prices.
- The scheme is intended to help businesses get access to loans until March next year so they can ride out the crisis, prevent layoffs and avoid an economic slowdown.

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#### Iran war jolts China's well-oiled manufacturing hub

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- Vacuum cleaners and vapes could get more expensive if the Iran war drags on for much longer, Chinese factory owners and traders warn, as the world's manufacturing hub reels from "crazy" costs.
- Weeks of US-Israeli strikes on Iran and the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz have choked Asia's oil supply, stymieing the production of plastic -- derived from oil -- across the region.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/iran-war-jolts-chinas-well-oiled-manufacturing-hub-4169446>

#### Oil to average USD 96 this year

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- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has projected that oil prices will average USD 96 per barrel in 2026 - well above the pre-war average of USD 69 - as key infrastructure has been damaged and, despite the ceasefire in the Middle East, transit through the Strait of Hormuz has not resumed.
- Prices may moderate to USD 80 on average in 2027, according to an updated ADB analysis on the impact of the Middle East conflict on Asia and the Pacific, released yesterday

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/oil-average-96-year-4169476>

#### Dollar tumbles against yen

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- The dollar fell against most major currencies on Wednesday after the US signalled it may be nearing a deal with Iran, while the Japanese yen suddenly jumped to a more than two-month high as markets braced for another round of official buying from Tokyo.
- The yen rose by as much as 1.8pc earlier in a swift move that left the dollar at a session low of 155, around its weakest since February 24.

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