

Economy

Remittance inflow surges to USD 2.8bn in 23 days of March

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- Bangladesh's remittance inflows have maintained a powerful upward trajectory during Eid-ul-Fitr, recording a robust 7.4pc monthly growth in 23 days of March 2026, compared to the same period last year.
- According to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank (BB), expatriates sent USD 2.82bn to Bangladesh during the first 23 days of March, up from USD 2.63bn in 2025.

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<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/remittance-inflow-surges-to-28-billion-in-23-days-of-march>

US emerges as Bangladesh's key trade partner

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- Trade ties between Bangladesh and the United States strengthened notably in 2025, with Washington temporarily overtaking India to become Dhaka's second-largest trading partner during several months of the year. While China and India continue to dominate Bangladesh's trade landscape, the shift highlights evolving dynamics driven by changing import patterns, policy shifts and rising demand for key goods from the US.
- In December alone, the US accounted for 9.6pc of Bangladesh's total trade, edging past India, whose share slipped to 8.09pc during the month. China, however, maintained its lead with close to a 20pc market share.

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Trade and Commerce

Ctg Port handles 2.5mn tons of cargo, 55,000 TEUs during Eid holidays

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- According to port data, a total of 2,508,614 tons of cargo was processed between 17 March and 23 March. Imports accounted for 2,361,786 tons, while exports stood at 146,828 tons.
- Container throughput also remained strong, reaching 54,898 TEUs, including 28,961 TEUs of imports and 25,937 TEUs of exports.

From:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-port-handles-25m-tonnes-cargo-55000-teus-during-eid-holidays-1393056>

NBR issues nearly 25,000 online UPs via CBMS in 2.5 months

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- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has issued nearly 25,000 Utilization Permissions (UPs) online through the Customs Bond Management System (CBMS) over the last two and a half months as part of its efforts to automate bonded warehouse services and enhance trade facilitation.
- According to an NBR press release issued, the revenue authority introduced the automated software Customs Bond Management System (CBMS) on January 1, 2025, to provide all services online to bonded warehouse license-holding institutions.

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Energy and Power

Bangladesh faces USD 4.8bn surge in annual energy import bill

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- Bangladesh's annual fossil fuel import bill is projected to soar by USD 4.8bn, a 40pc increase from 2025 levels, due to the Middle East crisis, according to a new analysis by Zero Carbon Analytics (ZCA).
- The financial shock of oil, gas, and coal prices will cost the equivalent of 1.1pc of Bangladesh's 2024 gross domestic product if current elevated levels hold for a year.

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Bangladesh raises jet fuel price by around 80pc

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- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the price of jet fuel for domestic flights to BDT 202.29 (USD 1.65) per litre from BDT 112.41 (USD 0.92).
- The decision was taken at an emergency meeting on Tuesday, considering the average Platts rates between March 5 and March 22, revised premiums for January–June 2026, the US dollar exchange rate, and an unchanged diesel price.

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Corporate

Nagad pays BDT 138.2mn (USD 1.13mn) to Postal Department under revenue deal

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- Nagad Limited has disbursed BDT 138.2mn (USD 1.13mn) to the Bangladesh Post Office as part of a

revenue-sharing agreement, representing the postal authority's share of earnings between January 2024 and June 2025.

- Afzal Ahmed, chief financial officer of Nagad Limited, handed over the cheque to Kazi Asadul Islam, director general of the Department of Posts, at Dak Bhaban in Dhaka, according to a press release.

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Runner to assemble BYD electric vehicles

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- Runner Automobiles PLC, is set to assemble electric vehicles (EVs) of Chinese automaker BYD in Bangladesh, marking a significant step forward for the country's automobile industry.
- The company signed a "master supply and manufacturing" agreement with BYD Auto Industry Company on Friday, said Hafizur Rahman Khan, chairman of Runner Group.

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Capital Market

Most listed firms pay less than 5pc dividends for FY25

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- The stock market's performance depends on how well listed companies perform, but many firms disappointed shareholders in the last fiscal year, offering low dividends mainly due to weak sales and profits.
- So far, 158 out of 228 listed companies, excluding banks, non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), and insurance firms, have published their financial reports and announced dividends for the last fiscal year.
- Among them, 80 companies provided dividends of less than 5pc, while 47 gave no dividend at all. 49 firms declared dividends of more than 10pc, and 24 companies offered exactly 10pc.

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International

Gold prices steady

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- Gold prices steadied on Tuesday after falling nearly 2pc earlier in the session, as investors weighed conflicting signals on a potential de-escalation in the US-Israeli war on Iran, and its

impact on the outlook for inflation and interest rates.

- Spot gold was up 0.1pc at USD 4,411.28 per ounce as of 1104 GMT, after falling to USD 4,097.99 per ounce in the previous session, its lowest since November 24. US gold futures for April delivery added 0.1pc to USD 4,412.70.

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ADB unveils support package for Asia-Pacific amid Middle East conflict

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- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced a financial support package to help developing member countries (DMCs) in Asia and the Pacific mitigate economic impacts from the ongoing US-Israel war on Iran.
- The package includes fast-disbursing budget support and trade finance to secure imports of essential goods, including oil, ADB President Masato Kanda said today in a press statement.

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China banks eye profit boost as USD 8tn in deposits to be repriced

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- China's leading state-owned banks are expected to recover this year from record-low profit margins as the repricing of nearly USD 8tn worth of maturing high-priced time deposits eases pressure on their funding costs.
- The top-five state banks, some of the biggest in the world, are expected by analysts to post a drop in profits or lower income growth for 2025 when they release annual results this week as they reeled from a deepening property sector debt crisis and a slowing economy.

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Philippines declares 'national energy emergency'

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- Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos declared a state of "national energy emergency" on Tuesday, citing risks to the domestic fuel supply and energy stability created by the Middle East war.
- The state of emergency was declared just hours after the country's energy secretary said the Philippines planned to boost the output of its

coal-fired power plants to keep electricity costs down as the war wreaks havoc with gas shipments

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Dollar regains ground

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- The dollar regained some ground on Tuesday as investors remained skeptical of a swift resolution to the war in the Middle East, even though US President Donald Trump delayed the bombing of Iranian power stations and energy infrastructure.
- Trump on Monday said that the US and Iran had held “very good and productive” conversations about a “complete and total resolution of hostilities in the Middle East”

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