

Economy

UN committee recommends Bangladesh's LDC exit deferment

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- The United Nations Committee for Development Policy (CDP) has expressed a positive position regarding Bangladesh's request to extend its preparatory period for graduation from the least developed country (LDC) category until November 24 in 2029, according to a statement from the Economic Relations Division (ERD).
- CDP Chair José Antonio Ocampo informed the government, based on the Committee's assessment, that it would be appropriate for the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to approve an extension of Bangladesh's preparatory period for LDC graduation.

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Govt to unveil full-tenure tax roadmap

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- The government is likely to unveil its full-term tax plan on June 11, outlining income tax-free limits and tax rates for individual taxpayers up to the fiscal year 2030-31 (FY31), the final year of its tenure.
- Under the plan, the tax-free income threshold is expected to gradually rise to BDT 0.45mn (USD 3,666) by FY31 in an effort to ease pressure on taxpayers amid persistently high inflation.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-unveil-full-tenure-tax-roadmap-4189161>

Banking

BB asks banks to prioritize credit for farmers hit by heavy rainfall

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed all scheduled banks to give priority to farmers affected by recent heavy rainfall in receiving agricultural credit under its refinancing scheme, aiming to support recovery efforts and protect farm production in vulnerable regions.
- The directive was issued on Tuesday through a Financial Inclusion Department (FID) circular, BSS reports.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bb-asks-banks-to-prioritize-credit-for-farmers-hit-by-heavy-rainfall>

Bangladesh Bank buys USD 54mn more to stabilize taka

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- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) purchased USD 54mn more from four banks on the interbank spot market on Monday, aiming to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the local currency stable.
- The amount was bought through auction from the banks under the Multiple Price Auction method, and the cutoff rate was BDT 122.75 per dollar, according to central bank officials.
- The Bangladesh Bank has so far bought USD 6.35bn from banks directly since July 13, 2025, under the prevailing free-floating exchange rate arrangement, the latest data shows.

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NPL volume swells to BDT 5.89tn (USD 48.3bn)

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- Extensive policy support and partial write-off facility prove ineffective as the volume of classified loans in Bangladesh's banking sector makes a quantum leap again by around BDT 315bn (USD 2.6bn) in just three months to March. With such fresh buildup of non-performing loans (NPLs), the aggregate bloats to around BDT 5.89tn (USD 48.3bn) by the end of March 2026, accounting for 32.26pc of the entire loans worth BDT 18.25tn (USD 149.6bn) disbursed by the country's all commercial banks.
- During the period, the total amount of NPLs with six state-owned banks rose to BDT 1.50tn (USD 12.3bn) or 45.85pc. On the other hand, the total amount of classified loans with private commercial banks (PCBs) comes to BDT 4.16tn (USD 34.1bn) or 30.11pc until March last.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/npl-volume-swells-to-tk-589t>

Trade and Commerce

Govt to charge 0.25pc fee on sovereign loan guarantees

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- In a circular issued by the Ministry of Finance on 2 June, it stated that the fee will apply to both local and foreign loans backed by state guarantees.
- According to the circular, the Finance Division, under the authority of the Public Debt Act 2022 and the State Guarantee or Counter-Guarantee Policy 2014, will impose a one-time guarantee fee on loans taken under sovereign backing. The fee must be deposited into the government treasury through the designated payment system.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-charge-025-fee-sovereign-loan-guarantees-1452811>

Medicine exports eye first-ever USD 250mn mark as earnings climb

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- Bangladesh has continued to earn more foreign currency from pharmaceutical exports, with receipts approaching USD 195mn in the first 10 months of the ongoing fiscal year.
- The industry, long viewed as one of the country's most promising export sectors, has maintained its upward trajectory, while growing global demand has helped lift earnings.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/medicine-exports-eye-first-ever-250mn-mark-as-earnings-climb>

Energy and Power

Price of 12kg LPG cylinder reduced by BDT 55 (USD 0.45) for June

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- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has reduced the price of privately supplied liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for June, lowering the retail price of a 12kg cylinder by BDT 55 (USD 0.45) to BDT 1,885 (USD 15.36).
- The new rates will take effect from 6pm on Tuesday, according to a BERC pricing notification.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/price-of-12kg-lpg-cylinder-reduced-by-tk-55-for-june>

Telecom

BTRC to auction more lower-band spectrum

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- The telecom regulator has decided to allocate additional lower-band spectrum to mobile operators through an auction process, aiming to improve network coverage, indoor connectivity and rural service quality.
- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) made the decision at a recent meeting following recommendations from a technical committee tasked with comparing spectrum bands, setting prices and identifying cross-border interference issues, regulatory officials said.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/telecom/news/btrc-auction-more-lower-band-spectrum-4189151>

Mobile SIM replacement tax may be scrapped

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- The existing value-added tax (VAT) on mobile phone SIM replacement may be withdrawn. The tax on IoT SIM replacements may also be removed as reported.
- At present, a BDT 200 (USD 1.63) tax is charged for each SIM replacement.

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Capital Market

BSEC commission to be replaced with non-political appointees within 2 weeks

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- The entire commission of the securities regulator will be replaced by non-political appointees within two weeks – as stated by the finance minister.
- The minister said a chairman and four commissioners have already been selected and will be appointed within two weeks.

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International

Asia's imports of US crude surge, but can't offset Hormuz losses

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- A surge of US crude oil is arriving in Asia, but the record volumes are nowhere near enough to offset the loss of cargoes from the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz.
- Asia's imports of US crude were 63.56mn barrels in May, the most for a single month although at 2.05mn barrels per day (bpd) they were slightly behind the 2.07mn bpd from June 2023, according to data compiled by commodity analysts Kpler.

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Dollar stuck in narrow band

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- The dollar traded in a tight range on Tuesday as investors watched for progress on a potential deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, while awaiting key US economic data later in the day, which could shape the Federal Reserve's policy path.
- A peace deal between the US and Iran would ease pressure on currencies from oil-importing countries like Japan and the euro zone while curbing safe-haven demand for the dollar.

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