

Economy

LNG subsidy hits BDT 103bn (USD 844.3mn) in first three months of FY27

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- The government has released BDT 103bn (USD 844.3mn) in subsidies for liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports in the first three months of the current fiscal year, as Bangladesh has increasingly relied on costly spot-market cargoes after disruptions to long-term supplies amid the Iran-US war and its regional fallout.
- The latest BDT 30bn (USD 245.9mn) tranche was released on 21 September, taking total LNG subsidy disbursement for July-September to BDT 103bn (USD 844.3mn), according to Petrobangla figures.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/lng-subsidy-hits-tk10300cr-first-three-months-fy27-1554111>

New USD 4.0b IMF credit program for Bangladesh: Mounting power-energy subsidies cited as big barriers

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- State-subsidy issue may stand as a big barrier in negotiating next IMF lending program for Bangladesh as the government is forced to spend huge sums to supply subsidized energy and power in crunch time.
- Finance officials foresee such probability ahead of the credit negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) next month or early November.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/new-40b-imf-credit-prog-mounting-power-energy-subsidies-cited-as-big-barriers>

Banking

Five digital banks get Bangladesh Bank's initial nod

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- Bangladesh Bank's board of directors has agreed to grant initial approval to five digital banks, paving the way for the central bank to issue Letters of Intent (LoIs) to the proposed lenders.
- The banks will be able start online operations after completing the necessary formalities following the issuance of the LoIs.
- The digital banks that received initial approval are Digital Banking of Bhutan, sponsored by Bhutan's DK Bank; bKash Digital Bank, sponsored by the shareholders of bKash; Nova Digital Bank, backed by VION, the parent company of Banglalink, and Square Group; and Boost Digital Bank, sponsored by Axiata Limited, the parent company of Robi. The board also decided to issue an LoI to Kori

Digital Bank, which had already received initial approval earlier.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/five-digital-banks-get-bangladesh-banks-initial-nod>

Central bank extends loan restructuring facility for raw jute exporters

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has extended the deadline for raw jute exporters to apply for loan restructuring facilities, allowing distressed exporters additional time to regularize their classified loans.
- Under a new directive issued to managing directors and chief executive officers of all scheduled banks, the facility will cover loans classified as Sub-standard (SS), Doubtful (DF) and Bad/Loss (B/L) as of September 30, 2026.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/central-bank-extends-loan-restructuring-facility-for-raw-jute-exporters>

BB raises refund cap for depositors of 4 failing NBFIs to BDT 5.0mn (USD 40,983.61) from BDT 1.0mn (USD 8,196.72)

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- Under the scheme, individual depositors will initially receive up to BDT 5.0mn (USD 40,983.61) of their principal amount. To receive any amount above BDT 5.0mn (USD 40,983.61), a prescribed portion of the additional amount will be withheld.
- The central bank had earlier said that depositors would receive a maximum of BDT 1.0mn (USD 8,196.72). However, it has revised the decision and introduced the new scheme to increase the amount payable to individual depositors.

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Consumer finance up BDT 53.63bn (USD 439.5mn) in Apr-Jun

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- Banks' consumer finance increased by BDT 53.63bn (USD 439.5mn), or 3.4pc, in the April-June quarter of 2026 from the previous quarter amid subdued demand for private-sector credit.
- Consumer finance stood at BDT 1.64tn (USD 13.4bn) at the end of June, up from BDT 1.58tn (USD 12.9bn) three months earlier, according to the Bangladesh Bank data. The quarterly growth, however, slowed from 4.35pc in the January-March quarter, when consumer finance rose by

BDT 66.0bn (USD 540.98mn) to BDT 1.58tn (USD 12.95bn) from BDT 1.51tn (USD 12.37bn).

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/consumer-finance-up-tk-5363b-in-apr-jun>

Trade and Commerce

Bangladesh closer to joining world's largest free-trade bloc as RCEP working group approved

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- Bangladesh has moved a step closer to joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), with trade ministers of the bloc approving the formation of an ad hoc working group to accelerate the accession process for Bangladesh and three other applicants.
- The working group will facilitate formal discussions and technical processes with Bangladesh, Chile, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong (China), as part of the bloc's roadmap for expanding its membership.
- The RCEP comprises the 10 Asean member states along with China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand, making it one of the world's largest free-trade blocs.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-moves-closer-joining-worlds-largest-free-trade-bloc-rcep-working-group-approved>

Gold prices cut again after two consecutive hikes

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- The Bangladesh Jewellers Association (BAJUS) has cut gold prices in the domestic market after two consecutive increases, reducing the price of 22-carat gold by BDT 1,691 per bhoori to BDT 232,930, including VAT.
- BAJUS announced the revised prices in a notice issued on Saturday morning.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/gold-prices-cut-again-after-two-consecutive-hikes>

RMG

RMG exports to UK reach USD 915.63mn in first two months of FY27

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- Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) exports to the United Kingdom reached USD 915.63mn during the first two months (July-August) of fiscal year 2026-27, registering a 3.74pc year-on-year growth driven primarily by a strong rebound in August.
- During the corresponding July-August period of the previous fiscal year (FY2025-26), RMG exports to the UK market stood at USD 882.62mn,

according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) compiled by trade research platform Bangladesh Apparel Voice.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/rmg-exports-to-uk-reach-91563m-in-first-two-months-of-fy27>

Capital Market

Foreign investors return to Dhaka stocks as reforms, MSCI move lift confidence

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- Foreign investors bought shares worth around BDT 2.5bn (USD 20.5mn) and sold about BDT 1.8bn (USD 14.75mn) between 1 and 24 September, leaving a net investment of roughly BDT 700mn (USD 5.73mn), according to Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) data.
- The latest figures come after a prolonged period of weak foreign participation, which market insiders attributed to regulatory intervention, political uncertainty, geopolitical instability, currency depreciation and difficulties in repatriating funds.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-return-dhaka-stocks-reforms-msci-move-lift-confidence-1554566>

Rancon Motor Bikes takes first step towards stock-market listing

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- Rancon Motor Bikes, the manufacturer and authorised distributor of Japanese brand Suzuki motorcycles in Bangladesh, has taken the first formal step towards a stock-market listing by appointing a corporate adviser and an issue manager.
- The company has signed an agreement with Lion City Advisory for corporate and capital-market advisory services, while CBC Capital Equity Management will act as the issue manager for the proposed listing, according to a press release.

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Energy and Power

PDB plans BDT 8.69bn (USD 71.3mn) project to restore 20-30MW at Kaptai power plant

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- The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) has proposed a BDT 8.69bn (USD 71.3mn) project to recover 20-30MW of generation capacity currently lost at units 4 and 5 of the Karnaphuli Hydroelectric Power Station in Kaptai,

with Jica being considered as a source of financing.

- Each unit has a generation capacity of 50MW but currently produces only 35-40MW because of extensive damage to structural components, ageing foundations, and outdated control systems.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/pdb-plans-tk870cr-project-restore-20-30mw-kaptai-power-plant-1553851>

International

Gold prices surge in global market

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- Gold prices surged in the global market on Friday (September 25) amid rising US Treasury yields and growing expectations of further interest rate hikes by the Federal Reserve.
- Spot gold rose 0.6pc to USD 4,304.71 an ounce at 4:43PM (BD time), while US gold futures gained 1pc to USD 4,340 an ounce.

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