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Economy

Inflation falls to eight-month low of 8.32pc in July

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- Inflation in July fell to its lowest level in eight months, driven by a sharp decline in food prices, according to official data, though economists said the easing may reflect normal fluctuations rather than a sustained cooling of price pressures.
- Overall inflation fell to 8.32pc last month from 9.16pc in June, according to data released by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- In July, food inflation dropped to 7.16pc from 8.60pc in June, offering some relief to households struggling with the rising cost of essentials. Non-food inflation also eased, to 9.28pc from 9.6pc, according to data by the state-run statistical agency.

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Banking

Non-viable NBFIs: Investors face uncertain future

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- Three listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), declared non-viable by the central bank, will be liquidated while a forthcoming scheme will outline whether general investors will get anything out of their investments.
- In a press release on Sunday, Bangladesh Bank declared the NBFIs non-viable in order to re-establish good governance, ensure accountability, protect the interests of depositors and other creditors, and restore public confidence in the financial sector.

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Bangladesh Bank plans BDT 10bn (USD 81.97mn) collateral-free loans for young entrepreneurs

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is considering a scheme to provide young entrepreneurs with collateral-free loans of up to BDT 1mn (USD 8,196.72) at a concessional interest rate of 4pc to 6pc, with grants for those who repay their loans on time.
- The proposed scheme could initially provide BDT 5bn (USD 40.98mn) in loans to around 5,000 entrepreneurs, with each eligible borrower receiving up to BDT 1mn (USD 8,196.72). Another BDT 5bn (USD 40.98mn) could be allocated as grants, taking the total package to BDT 10bn (USD 81.97mn).

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Trade and Commerce

Gold price rises by BDT 1,108 (USD 9.08) per bhori

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- Gold prices have risen again, with the Bangladesh Jewellers Association (BAJUS) increasing the price of 22-carat gold jewellery by BDT 1,108 (USD 9.08) per bhori (11.664 grams). BAJUS announced the revised prices on Tuesday, with the new rates coming into effect from 10:00 am.
- Under the new rates, the price of one bhori of 22-carat gold jewellery, including VAT, has been set at BDT 235,146 (USD 1,927.43), up from Tk 234,038 (USD 1,918.34), reports UNB. The price of 21-carat gold jewellery has been increased by BDT 1,049 (USD 8.60) to BDT 224,590 (USD 1,840.90) per bhori, while 18-carat gold has become BDT 933 (USD 7.65) costlier at BDT 192,864 (USD 1,850.85) per bhori.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/gold-prices-rise-again-in-bangladesh

Govt leases 3 jute mills with BDT 6.19bn (USD 50.74mn) investment

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- The government yesterday signed lease agreements with two private business groups to reopen three long-closed state-owned jute mills, involving an investment of around BDT 6.19 (USD 50.74mn) and creating an opportunity for at least 11,629 jobs.
- The agreements were signed between Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC), PRAN-RFL Group and HAMCO Group in the presence of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at his office at the Secretariat, said PM's Deputy Press Secretary Hasan Shiplu.

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Capital Market

BSEC clears revised margin rules, sets P/E cap at 40

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- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved revised margin lending rules, setting a maximum price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 40 for margin-eligible shares across all sectors except life insurance.
- The rules introduce a trailing P/E ratio, calculated using the current share price against earnings per share (EPS) generated over the previous 12

months. The ratio will be updated when companies publish new quarterly financial results.

- The revised rules also give investors more room before their securities can be liquidated. A margin financier must issue prior notice if an investor's equity falls below 50pc. If equity subsequently falls below 25pc, the financier can liquidate the securities without prior notice.
- Despite the relaxed conditions, shares of Z, N and G category companies, as well as securities listed on the SME, ATB and OTC platforms, will remain ineligible for margin financing. Only A and B category shares on the main board will qualify.
- For general securities, the margin financing ratio will be 1:1, allowing investors to borrow an amount equivalent to their own equity. Life insurers will have a separate margin financing arrangement.

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Corporate

Banglalink gets e-wallet licence

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- Bangladesh Bank yesterday granted a licence to NEO PSP Limited, a subsidiary of Banglalink Digital Communications Ltd, to operate as a Payment Service Provider (PSP) in Bangladesh. The licence will allow NEO PSP Limited to offer payment-related services in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and conditions prescribed by BB, it adds.
- With the addition of NEO PSP, 10 companies are now licensed to operate as payment service providers or e-wallet operators in Bangladesh. The other nine are iPay Systems Ltd, D Money Bangladesh Ltd, Recursion FinTech Ltd, Green & Red Technologies Ltd, Progoti Systems Ltd, ABG Technologies Limited, Digital Payments Limited, Sheba Fintech Limited and Shamadhan Services Limited.

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International

Oil pares gains

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- Oil prices pared gains on Tuesday after hitting their highest for more than a week as signs of progress in talks between Oman and Iran over shipping through the Strait of Hormuz were weighed against ongoing disruption to Middle East energy flows.
- Brent crude futures fell 21 cents, or 0.24pc, to USD 87.51 a barrel by 1138 GMT. US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down 4 cents, or 0.05pc, at USD 82.09.

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