

### Economy

#### **WB flags economic risks for Bangladesh, growth forecast slashed to 3.9pc**

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- The World Bank (WB) on Wednesday warned that Bangladesh's economy faces mounting challenges, including slowing growth, rising poverty, persistent inflation and a stressed banking sector, all compounded by global uncertainties.
- In its latest Bangladesh Development Update, the World Bank projected that economic growth will slow to 3.9pc in FY2025-26, marking a third consecutive year of deceleration alongside rising poverty levels.

From: <https://observerbd.com/news/572234>

#### **Heavy regulatory burdens hinder investment in Bangladesh: World Bank**

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- The report, Bangladesh Development Update, published on 8 April, said that senior managers spend an average of 13pc of their time navigating government requirements, more than in any comparable regional economy.
- The burden is even higher in some areas, with managers in Chattogram spending about 40pc of their time on compliance, while in Barishal the figure rises to 60pc, leaving less time for strategic decision-making, it said

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/heavy-regulatory-burdens-hinder-investment-bangladesh-world-bank-1406536>

#### **Private sector growth lags behind economic expansion: World Bank**

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- The latest Bangladesh Development Update report, published on 8 April, highlights a "productivity paradox," where aggregate growth has not translated into widespread innovation or productivity gains across businesses.
- According to the report, revenue per worker in manufacturing and services is only about one-third of the South Asian benchmark.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-sector-growth-lags-behind-economic-expansion-world-bank-1406531>

#### **Taka gains as dollar demand softens on US-Iran truce**

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- The taka edged up against the US dollar yesterday, buoyed by a two-week ceasefire between the

United States and Iran that eased pressure on the foreign exchange market.

- The weighted average exchange rate stood at BDT 122.75 per dollar, down from BDT 122.84 the previous day, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/taka-gains-dollar-demand-softens-us-iran-truce-4147041>

#### **Forex market stable, no immediate pressure for Taka devaluation: Bangladesh Bank**

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- Bangladesh's foreign exchange (forex) market remains stable and there is no immediate pressure to devalue the Taka, according to a recent assessment by Bangladesh Bank. The central bank said despite some media reports suggesting a possible devaluation, the supply and demand for foreign currency are currently balanced.
- As of April 6, 2026, the banking sector holds around USD 3.9bn in foreign currency liquidity, up from USD 2.3bn at the end of February 2026. Cash holdings of foreign currency in banks also rose slightly, from USD 47.6mn on February 26 to USD 49mn by April 6.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/forex-market-stable-no-immediate-pressure-for-taka-devaluation-bangladesh-bank>

### Banking

#### **VAT registration may become mandatory for business bank accounts**

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- Under the proposed measure, businesses may be required to provide a BIN when opening or continuing current accounts in banks.
- According to NBR sources familiar with the budget, a provision in this regard may be included in the upcoming national budget.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/vat-registration-may-become-mandatory-business-bank-accounts-1406706>

#### **2-year bond yields jump on weak demand**

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- Yields on government treasury bonds surged on Tuesday as banks turned cautious, favoring short-term instruments over longer-tenure securities.
- The shift reflects both liquidity management strategies and rising government borrowing needs toward the end of the fiscal year.
- The cut-off yield, commonly referred to as the interest rate, on Bangladesh Government Treasury

Bonds (BGTBs) rose to 10.23pc on the day from 9.74pc earlier, according to auction results.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/2-year-bond-yields-jump-on-weak-demand>

### Trade and Commerce

#### Scanner glitch stalls 500 containers at Ctg port

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- A malfunctioning scanner at the Patenga Container Terminal (PCT) of Chattogram Port has disrupted import and export operations, leaving more than 500 containers stuck without clearance since Monday (April 6).
- Importers have been unable to receive delivery of goods, affecting the supply of raw materials to various industries, including the readymade garment sector

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/scanner-glitch-stalls-500-containers-ctg-port-4147046>

#### Bangladesh can increase duty-free exports to UK

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- The United Kingdom's visiting trade envoy, Baroness Rosie Winterton of Doncaster, has called on Bangladesh to increase exports to her country utilizing the Developing Countries Trading Scheme (DCTS), which offers duty-free access.
- During a meeting with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at the Secretariat yesterday, she pointed to scope for increasing exports beyond ready-made garments, including processed foods, seafood, light engineering and leather goods.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-can-increase-duty-free-exports-uk-4146991>

#### Govt to import another 0.3mn tons of diesel, EPI vaccines

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- The government will import another 0.3mn tons of fuel oil to tackle the energy crisis, which has prompted authorities to adopt austerity measures in recent days amid geopolitical instability arising from the US-Israeli war on Iran.
- Besides, authorities will import vaccines for the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), under which the government provides free, essential vaccines against 10-14 major diseases, including measles, amid a deadly outbreak of the infectious disease across the country.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-import-another-3-lakh-tonnes-diesel-epi-vaccines-4146816>

### Telecom

#### Internet may slow for 4 days from today

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- Internet services in Bangladesh may experience slower speeds or partial disruptions for four days from today due to scheduled maintenance work on the country's second submarine cable system, SEA-ME-WE-5.
- According to a press release issued by Bangladesh Submarine Cables PLC, the SEA-ME-WE-5 (SMW5) consortium has undertaken maintenance work.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/internet-may-slow-4-days-today-4147031>

### International

#### India central bank holds rates, assesses war

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- India's central bank left interest rates unchanged on Wednesday as it assessed the fallout of the Middle East war on the world's fastest-growing major economy.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the benchmark repurchase rate, the level at which it lends to commercial banks, would remain at 5.25 percent after a unanimous vote by a six-member panel

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/india-central-bank-holds-rates-assesses-war-4147011>

#### Gold climbs to three-week high

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- Gold prices climbed to a nearly three-week high on Wednesday as markets reassessed near-term risks after US President Donald Trump agreed to suspend bombings and attacks on Iran for two weeks, easing fears of energy-driven inflation.
- Spot gold was up 2.5pc at USD 4,819.52 per ounce, as of 0726 GMT.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gold-climbs-three-week-high-4146986>

#### Oil plunges after both sides agree to truce

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- Stocks soared and oil plunged in early trade in Asia on Wednesday after the United States and Iran agreed to a two-week ceasefire, with Tehran temporarily to reopen the vital Strait of Hormuz
- On oil markets, the US crude benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) tumbled 16.56pc to USD

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96.39 per barrel, while Brent Crude was down 15.89pc at USD 93.38.

From: <https://observerbd.com/news/572173>

#### **European gas prices open down 20pc on Mideast ceasefire**

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- European natural gas prices plunged 20pc at the start of trading Wednesday in the wake of a two-week ceasefire agreed between the United States and Iran.
- The Dutch TTF natural gas contract, considered the European benchmark, slumped to 42.5 euros, retreating from highs seen over fears of supply disruptions in the Gulf from the war.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/european-gas-prices-open-down-20-mideast-ceasefire-4146511>

#### **Dollar falls against pound, euro after Iran truce**

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- The dollar fell around one percent against the euro and the pound in early European trading Wednesday as investors sold the greenback on relief over a temporary ceasefire between the United States and Iran.
- At around 8:10 am (0610 GMT) the dollar, usually a safe investment haven in times of market turmoil, was trading at 1.17 euros, down around 1.1 percent

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