

Economy

Bangladesh's GDP crosses half-a-trillion-dollar mark

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- Bangladesh's economy has crossed the half-a-trillion-dollar mark for the first time in fiscal year 2025-26, provisional data from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics showed, as better performance in agriculture and services helped regain pace after a sluggish previous year.
- The economy grew 4.14pc in FY26, up from 3.49pc a year earlier, the BBS said while releasing the estimate for the year ending June 30.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/bangladesh-budget-2026-27/news/bangladeshs-gdp-crosses-half-trillion-dollar-mark-4195711>

Bangladesh's per capita GNI surpasses USD 3,000 for first time

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- Bangladesh's per capita gross national income (GNI) has surpassed the USD 3,000 mark for the first time, reaching USD 3,020 in fiscal year 2025-26, according to provisional estimates released today by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- The figure represents an increase of USD 251, or 9.1pc, from the revised estimate of USD 2,769 in FY2024-25.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-capita-gni-surpasses-3000-first-time-4195501>

USD 404m WB loan, grant for health, nutrition services in Bangladesh

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- The government has signed a loan and grant agreement with the World Bank to improve the country's health, nutrition and population services.
- Under the agreement, the World Bank will provide USD 379mn in loan assistance, along with USD 25mn in grant support from the Global Financing Facility (GFF).

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/404m-wb-loan-grant-health-nutrition-services-bangladesh-4195541>

Dollar rises to BDT 123 amid import payment pressure, softer remittance inflows

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- Bankers attributed the increase to growing demand for dollars to open letters of credit (LCs) for key imports, including petroleum, fertilizer and fuel, coupled with relatively weaker remittance inflows at the start of the month.

- Bangladesh Bank data shows expatriates remitted around USD 980mn during the first eight days of June, lower than the more than USD 1.5bn received during the same period in March and over USD 1bn during the first nine days of May.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dollar-rises-BDT-123-amid-import-payment-pressure-softer-remittance-inflows-1459436>

Budget FY27

Budget today in tough times

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- The proposed budget is estimated at BDT 9.38tn (USD 76.9bn) which is equivalent to around 14pc of the country's projected gross domestic product (GDP) for FY2027.
- The revenue target for FY2027 is projected at around 10.2pc of the GDP, a level many economists believe will be difficult to achieve given the country's historically low tax-to-GDP ratio.
- Policymakers are expected to use the budget as key instrument for reviving economic activity, attracting investment and generating employment following a prolonged period of economic challenges from within and without.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/budget-today-in-tough-times>

Budget deficit financing: Govt to borrow more abroad, less at home

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- In the upcoming fiscal year, the government has set a target to utilize USD 13.27bn, or BDT 1.62tn, in foreign assistance through loans and grants - an increase of 62pc compared to the revised target for the current fiscal year.
- According to the Ministry of Finance, USD 3.59bn of this foreign assistance will be allocated as budget support, while the remaining amount will come in the form of project loans and grants.
- The government is set to move away from its reliance on domestic borrowing to fund the budget deficit in the next fiscal year and opt for foreign borrowing in a bid to free up resources for the private sector and contain inflationary pressures, according to the finance ministry. The overall deficit has been projected at BDT 2.43tn (USD 19.9bn), which is 3.6pc of the GDP.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/bangladesh-budget-2026-27/news/budget-deficit-financing-govt-borrow-more-abroad-less-home-4195721>

Cigarette prices set to rise across all four tiers

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- Cigarette prices are set to rise significantly across all four tiers as part of "sin tax" measures in the budget for the upcoming FY2026-27.
- Under the proposed changes, the low-tier - currently priced at BDT 60 (USD 0.49) per pack of 10 sticks - will see the smallest increase, rising by to BDT 62 (USD 0.51). The medium tier is set to rise from BDT 80 (USD 0.66) to BDT 90 (USD 0.74), while the high tier may increase from BDT 140 (USD 1.15) to BDT 160 (USD 1.3). The steepest hike is proposed for the premium tier, where the price of a pack of 10 sticks could rise from BDT 185 (USD 1.52) to BDT 210 (USD 1.72).

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/budget-fy27-cigarette-prices-set-rise-across-all-four-tiers-1459141>

Source tax on essential goods set to be reduced to uniform 0.5pc to ease inflation pressure

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- To reduce inflation and the cost of living, the government has taken an initiative to cut source tax on essential and agricultural products in the upcoming 2026-27 budget.
- According to the proposal, the existing source tax rates of 5pc, 2pc and 1pc will be reduced to a uniform 0.5pc. Sources at the National Board of Revenue (NBR) said nearly 60 essential agricultural and consumer goods will come under this benefit.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/source-tax-essential-goods-set-be-reduced-uniform-05-ease-inflation-pressure-1459311>

35pc tax may apply on income above BDT 30mn (USD 0.25mn) in budget FY27

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- Under the plan, the highest personal income tax rate is set to rise to 35pc for individuals earning above BDT 30mn (USD 0.25mn) from the 2028-29 tax year, up from the existing 30pc.
- The additional 5pc tax will apply to the "super income group," while middle-income taxpayers will remain unaffected.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/35-tax-may-apply-income-above-BDT-3-crore-budget-fy27-1459476>

Corporate tax on private universities, medical and engineering colleges to be cut to 10pc

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- The government is set to reduce the corporate tax rate for private universities, medical colleges, dental colleges, engineering colleges, and IT-

focused private colleges from 15pc to 10pc in the 2026-27 budget, to be presented in parliament on 11 June.

- The rate had already been cut once – from 20pc to 15pc – in last year's budget. Corporate tax rates for all other sectors will remain unchanged, according to Ministry of Finance sources.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporate-tax-private-universities-medical-and-engineering-colleges-be-cut-10-1459451>

Govt to allow legalization of undisclosed money in property deals

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- The government is set to introduce a provision allowing taxpayers to legalize undisclosed income used in property transactions without facing questions about the source of the funds, according to officials familiar with the proposal.
- The measure, expected to be included in the budget for fiscal year 2026-27, will enable buyers and sellers of land, buildings and apartments to declare previously unreported amounts where the actual transaction value exceeds the value stated in the registration deed.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-allow-legalisation-undisclosed-money-property-deals-4195866>

Major tax relief to be proposed on pharmaceutical raw material imports

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- The government is set to propose significant tax concessions on the import of pharmaceutical raw materials in the FY2026-27 budget to enhance the export competitiveness of Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry.
- The budget is also expected to include several measures aimed at reducing dialysis costs for kidney patients. In addition, VAT at the supply stage on cardiac stents and intraocular lenses may be withdrawn to reduce out-of-pocket healthcare expenses.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/major-tax-relief-be-proposed-pharmaceutical-raw-material-imports-1459401>

Major tariff changes likely to protect local industries, boost domestic production

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- The expected measures include duty relief on raw materials for several industries, alongside higher import duties on a range of products to protect local producers.

- Under the proposals, the existing 45pc supplementary duty on imports of float glass – a key raw material used in the production of washing machines, electric ovens and microwave ovens – may be fully withdrawn.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/major-tariff-changes-likely-protect-local-industries-boost-domestic-production-1459541>

Govt likely to exempt VAT on imports of 36 pesticide raw materials

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- The government is set to propose value-added tax (VAT) exemptions on the import of 36 raw materials used in pesticide production, aiming to boost local manufacturing, reduce reliance on finished imports and strengthen the domestic agrochemical industry.
- At present, imported raw materials for local production face a combined tax burden of 30pc to 58pc, including up to 15pc VAT, making domestic production less competitive.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tax-relief-proposed-fertilisers-pesticides-lower-farming-costs-1459331>

Banking

Bangladesh Bank launches nationwide campaign ahead of Bangla QR rollout

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Wednesday launched a comprehensive nationwide promotional campaign to expand unified digital payments through 'Bangla QR' ahead of its formal operations set for July 1, 2026.
- As part of the digital cash push, Governor of Bangladesh Bank Md. Mostaqur Rahman inaugurated the campaign on the central bank premises, UNB reports.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bangladesh-bank-launches-nationwide-campaign-ahead-of-bangla-qr-rollout>

Trade and Commerce

Talks underway with DP World for Bay Terminal-2: Shipping Minister

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- The minister made the remarks while responding to a question raised by Shahajan Chowdhury MP elected from Chattogram-15 constituency.
- "Once operations begin at Patenga, Laldia, Bay Terminal-2, and Bay Terminal-3, Chattogram Port will be able to operate with the equal efficiency of Singapore and Colombo ports by 2029, fully

resolving the port's overall congestion," the minister said.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/talks-underway-dp-world-bay-terminal-2-shipping-minister-1459381>

Internet subscribers grew by 1.8mn in April

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- Internet subscriptions in Bangladesh posted a sharp recovery in April, driven by a rebound in mobile data usage and continued growth in fixed broadband connections, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).
- The total number of internet subscribers rose to 131.4mn in April 2026 from 129.6mn in March, marking month-on-month growth of 1.39pc and a net addition of 1.8mn users.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/internet-subscribers-grew-18-lakh-april-4195621>

International

Gold falls over 2pc

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- Gold fell over 2pc to a more than two-month low on Wednesday as fresh fighting in the Middle East dimmed hopes of a resolution to the US-Israeli war with Iran, heightening concerns about inflation and interest rate hikes.
- Spot gold was down 2.1pc at USD 4,172.44 per ounce by 0849 GMT, its lowest level since March 23. US gold futures for August delivery shed 2.1pc to USD 4,195.60.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/gold-falls-over-2-4195611>

Global food prices rise for 3rd straight month: FAO

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- World food prices rose in April for a third consecutive month, with vegetable oil prices particularly elevated due to disruptions linked to the Iran war, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization said on Friday.
- The FAO Food Price Index, which measures changes in a basket of globally traded food commodities, averaged 130.7 points in April, up 1.6pc from its revised March level, reports Reuters.

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