

Economy

May inflation quickens to 9.42pc, highest in 16 months

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- Bangladesh's overall inflation climbed to a 16-month high of 9.42pc in May, the highest since January 2025, driven largely by a sharp rise in food prices.
- According to data released by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), food inflation rose to 9.06pc in May from 8.39pc in April, reflecting higher prices of essential commodities.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/may-inflation-quickens-942-highest-16-months-4192746>

Private sector credit growth stands at 4.75pc in April

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- The country's private sector credit growth stood at a historic low of 4.75pc in April this year, reflecting weak business confidence, slowing investment, and mounting global economic challenges. Private sector credit growth stood at 4.72pc in March, indicating a slight increase.
- Economists and bankers said that following the February national election, the overall political environment has improved comparatively. However, the global economic situation and fuel crisis have disrupted demand and supply chains. As a result, investment has remained subdued.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-sector-credit-growth-stands-475-april-1456796>

Businesses get until June 30 to upload paper VAT returns to e-VAT system

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- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has extended the deadline for businesses to enter previously submitted paper-based VAT returns into the electronic VAT (e-VAT) system until June 30, 2026, ahead of the planned introduction of mandatory online VAT return filing from July.
- According to an NBR press release issued on Sunday, a new sub-module titled "Hard Copy Return Entry" has been incorporated into the e-VAT system to facilitate the digital entry and preservation of all monthly VAT returns that had earlier been submitted in hard copy form.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/businesses-get-until-june-30-to-upload-paper-vat-returns-to-e-vat-system>

Banking

BB launches BDT 30bn (USD 245.9mn) refinance scheme to boost export diversification

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday launched a BDT 30bn (USD 245.9mn) export diversification refinance scheme aimed at strengthening production capacity and expanding the country's export base beyond the ready-made garments (RMG) sector.
- The Sustainable Finance Department of the central bank issued a circular in this regard. According to the circular, the refinance fund will be formed from the excess liquidity of scheduled banks and will operate as a revolving fund.
- Bangladesh Bank will provide refinancing to participating financial institutions (PFIs) at an interest rate of 4pc, while exporters will receive financing at a maximum rate of 7pc.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-launches-tk-30b-refinance-scheme-to-boost-export-diversification>

Budget FY27

Govt to unveil 5-yr corporate tax roadmap, with rates unchanged

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- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury is expected to go further in his first national budget, due on June 11, by introducing a broader three-year predictable tax framework, extending beyond the two years already announced by the interim government.
- Under the proposed roadmap, listed companies would pay a corporate tax rate of 22.5pc, while non-listed firms would be taxed at 27.5pc. Both categories could qualify for reduced rates of 20pc and 25pc, respectively, if all income is channelled through banking transactions.

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Govt to borrow 20pc higher from savings tools, 8pc more from banks

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- With an upscale new budget coming in few days now, the government targets borrowing 8.0-percent higher from the banking sector and 20-percent bigger from savings schemes to finance deficit amid unpromising revenue-earning prospects, officials say.
- According to Finance Division sources, in the next fiscal year, the government plans to borrow some BDT 1.12tn (USD 9.18bn) from banks compared to current year's budgetary target of BDT 1.04tn (USD 8.5bn). Data show that until May 10, the government had actually borrowed BDT 1.95tn

(USD 15.9bn) from the banking sector to meet its needs.

- The government is targeting to borrow some BDT 150.0bn (USD 1.23bn) from the national savings schemes to help finance the BDT 9.38tn (USD 76.9bn) largest-ever fiscal budget in Bangladesh.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-to-borrow-20pc-higher-from-savings-tools-8pc-more-from-banks>

Source tax on local supplies may drop from 5pc to 4pc to ease business costs

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- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is considering reducing the source tax on a range of non-core supply items – including packaging materials, office stationery, and administrative and marketing-related goods used in local industry and service sectors – from 5pc to 4pc. The advance income tax (AIT) levied at the import stage may also be trimmed by 1 percentage point.
- A senior NBR official, said the proposal has been shaped by business demands and is expected to feature in the upcoming budget. "This may reduce costs for businesses and, ultimately, help protect consumers from rising prices of goods and services."

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/source-tax-local-supplies-may-drop-5-4-ease-business-costs-1456066>

Govt set to trim levies on 250 tariff lines in rationalization move

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- The proposed reductions are expected to cover a range of items, including components for solar and electric vehicles, fabrics, live fish and animals. At the same time, tariffs on around 50 HS (Harmonised System) codes, including emerging tobacco products, may be increased.
- Despite calls from trade experts to abolish the minimum tariff value imposed on imported products on the grounds that it is inconsistent with World Trade Organisation principles, the government is not planning to withdraw the measure in the upcoming budget, according to officials at the finance ministry.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-set-trim-levies-250-tariff-lines-rationalisation-move-1456026>

New budget to offer tax breaks for renewables, SMEs, oil producers

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- More than a dozen tax measures are set to be proposed in the upcoming national budget to attract investment in renewable energy, edible-oil production and small and medium enterprises (SMEs), while broadening the country's tax base.
- Under the proposed measures, companies engaged in solar power generation and supply may enjoy a full income-tax exemption on earnings from such investments until June 2035.
- Investors in edible oil production using locally sourced oilseeds are expected to enjoy a 10-year tax holiday until 2035.
- SME entrepreneurs may enjoy tax-free income on annual turnover of up to BDT 5.0mn (USD 40,984). The threshold would be BDT 7.0mn (USD 57,377) for women entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs with disabilities.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/new-budget-to-offer-tax-breaks-for-renewables-smes-oil-producers>

Energy and Power

Parliamentary committee recommends 3-month strategic fuel reserve

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- A parliamentary special committee has proposed expanding strategic fuel reserves to cover a minimum of three months of demand, while urging diversified import sources and stronger measures to curb hoarding and smuggling.
- The committee's chief Energy Minister Iqbal Hassan Mahmood presented the report on the opening day of the FY2026-27 budget session in parliament on Sunday.

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Hydrocarbon Exploration: Govt plans onshore bid round after 28 years

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- Bangladesh is preparing to launch its first onshore oil-and-gas bidding round in nearly three decades as the government seeks to accelerate exploration, reverse declining domestic gas output and reduce dependence on costly energy imports.
- The government has moved to launch an onshore bidding round to boost the country's natural gas production from domestic fields. State-run Petrobangla has already submitted a draft Model Production Sharing Contract (MPSC) to the Energy and Mineral Resources Division (EMRD) under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR).

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International

OPEC+ set for fourth oil quota hike since Hormuz closure: Sources

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- OPEC+ is set to agree on a fourth increase in oil output targets in as many months, three OPEC+ sources said, even though the US war with Iran is still preventing several of the group's members from pumping more.
- The war has cut oil flows via the Strait of Hormuz, creating the world's biggest ever supply crisis as key OPEC+ members including Saudi Arabia have been unable to supply customers in full since the end of February. The crisis for OPEC+ deepened when the United Arab Emirates left the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries after almost 60 years.

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