

Economy

IMF picks holes in NBR revenue reform plan

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- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has found flaws in the proposed revenue-sector reforms tagged to the next credit program for Bangladesh, officials said.
- However, after getting the NBR's submission, the IMF officials found that the revenue board gave importance on this fiscal year's higher revenue-generation plan. The proposal lacks required plans for the coming years as to how reforms will be carried out to boost revenue collection.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/imf-picks-holes-in-nbr-revenue-reform-plan>

Maiden quarterly MPS today

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- Bangladesh Bank walks a tightrope in balancing private-sector credit expansion and inflation contraction as it unveils the country's maiden quarterly Monetary Policy Statement (MPS).
- The central bank has already decided to maintain its existing monetary policy stance for the time being, as inflation has yet to lose steam.
- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in a meeting on September 23, kept the policy rate unchanged at 9.50pc, citing risks from volatile global energy prices, the recent increase in domestic fuel prices and implementation of the new pay scale. Under the decision, the interest-rate corridor will remain same with Standing Lending Facility (SLF), the upper ceiling of the corridor, at 11.0pc. And the floor rate of the corridor called Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) will stay at 7.50pc.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/maiden-quarterly-mps-today>

Private credit growth stuck below 5.0pc for 6 months

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- The private-sector credit growth in the country was 4.75pc in August 2026, with the figure staying below 5.0pc for the past six consecutive months amid a prolonged slowdown in economic activities. During Jul-26, the growth stood at 4.62pc, increasing from 4.47pc in Jun-26.
- The persistently weak credit growth has raised concerns over the pace of private investment and the prospect of a broad-based economic recovery despite a series of policy and regulatory measures taken by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) to revive lending and stimulate economic activities.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/private-credit-growth-stuck-below-50pc-for-6-months>

Govt borrows BDT 166bn (USD 1.4bn) from banks in first two months of FY27

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- The government borrowed BDT 166bn (USD 1.4bn) from scheduled banks in the first two months of the current fiscal year to finance the budget deficit, compared with just BDT 4.63bn (USD 37.95mn) borrowed during the same period last year, according to a monthly government borrowing report of Bangladesh Bank.
- Economists attribute the sharp rise in borrowing at the start of FY27 to weaker revenue collection and higher government spending. The government has set a target to borrow BDT 1.12tn (USD 9.18bn) from the banking system in FY27. Of this, already BDT 166bn (USD 1.4bn) has been borrowed.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-borrows-tk16601cr-banks-first-two-months-fy27-1558011>

Banking

Bangladesh Bank introduces regulatory framework for Islamic credit card operations

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has introduced a comprehensive regulatory framework for Islamic credit card operations, aiming to ensure Shariah compliance, customer protection, transparency, and sound risk management amid the expansion of digital payment services.
- Under the guidelines, banks must ensure that Islamic credit card products, contracts, transactions, fees, charges and operational processes comply with Islamic Shariah as well as applicable Bangladesh Bank rules. The guidelines also require appropriate Shariah governance, risk management, internal control, accounting disclosure and customer protection arrangements for Islamic credit card operations.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-introduces-regulatory-framework-for-islamic-credit-card-operations>

Trade and Commerce

Local drugmakers see little gain from US tariff exemption

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- Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry may see some opportunities from the latest US tariff adjustment, but the immediate benefits are likely to be limited because the country does not

currently manufacture many of the highly specialised medicines covered by the measure, industry leaders said.

- The US announced a 100pc ad valorem tariff, a charge levied on imports and defined in terms of a fixed percentage of value, on certain licensed pharmaceutical products and ingredients from September 29 under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/local-drugmakers-see-little-gain-us-tariff-exemption-4286326>

Corporate

ADB to give Modern Syntex USD 50mn for polyester chips project

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- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a USD 50mn loan deal with Modern Syntex Limited (MSL) for the Modern Energy-Efficient Polyester Chips Manufacturing Project in Bangladesh.
- The financing will support MSL's expansion of its polyester chips production capacity from 107 tonnes to 407 tonnes per day and refinance short-term local working capital loans.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/adb-give-modern-syntex-50-million-polyester-chips-project-4285976>

Capital Market

Five banks to raise BDT 35bn (USD 286.89mn) through bonds

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- Five private commercial banks are set to raise a combined BDT 35bn (USD 286.89mn) through bonds to strengthen their capital bases and expand their financing capacity.
- The approved instruments include subordinated bonds for One Bank, Southeast Bank, Al-Arafah Islami Bank, and Bank Asia, alongside a zero-coupon green bond for BRAC Bank, the stocks regulator said in a press statement.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/five-banks-raise-tk-3500cr-through-bonds-4286126>

ACI to invest BDT 600mn (USD 4.9mn) in fruit drinks business

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- Advanced Chemical Industries PLC (ACI) has approved an additional equity investment of BDT 600mn (USD 4.9mn) in its existing joint venture, ACI CO-RO Bangladesh Ltd, subject to approval from the regulatory authority concerned.

- The new company will have an authorized capital of BDT 500mn (USD 4.1mn) and a paid-up capital of BDT 150mn (USD 1.23mn). ACI will hold 60pc of the shares in the new venture, subject to approval from the authority concerned.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/aci-invest-tk-60-crore-fruit-drinks-buisness-4285931>

International

Brent rises to USD 105.47

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- Oil prices rose for a second successive session on Tuesday as lingering concern over Middle East supply disruption brought about by the US-Israeli war on Iran outweighed signs of recovering crude exports from the region.
- Brent crude futures for November rose 19 cents, or 0.2pc, to USD 105.47 a barrel at 0844 GMT, while the more actively traded Brent December contract rose 11 cents to USD 97.94 a barrel. Meanwhile, US West Texas Intermediate crude was at USD 92.82, up 22 cents. November-loading Brent and WTI are headed for monthly gains of around 17pc and 8pc, respectively.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/brent-rises-10547-4286211>

Dollar keeps climbing as oil, US yields stay high; jobs data looms

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- The dollar rose on 29 September, testing several-month highs against major peers, underpinned by volatile oil prices and a recent rapid climb in Treasury yields, while the Aussie struggled as traders saw a dovish message hidden inside a rate hike.
- The euro dropped by as much as 0.32pc to USD 1.13325, a three-month low, and a fall past its late June levels would take it to the lowest in well over a year, as the currency struggles in the face of a global energy shock and growing political risk in Europe.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/world/global-economy/dollar-keeps-climbing-oil-us-yields-stay-high-jobs-data-looms-1557611>

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