

Economy

Inflation eases to 9.16pc in June on slower food price growth

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- Bangladesh's overall inflation fell to 9.16pc in June from 9.42pc in May, driven by a moderation in food prices, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- Food inflation declined to 8.60pc in June from 9.06pc a month earlier, providing some relief to consumers. Non-food inflation also eased marginally to 9.61pc from 9.71pc in May, indicating that price pressures remained elevated across other sectors of the economy.

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Govt weighs Panda Bond issuance to tap global capital market

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- Bangladesh is exploring the possibility of issuing China's proposed Panda Bond as an international sovereign bond to establish its presence and begin marketing itself in the global capital market.
- The government is forming an inter-ministerial committee to assess the feasibility of issuing the bond and prepare recommendations. Alongside the conventional US dollar-denominated Eurobond, the committee will review the risks associated with issuing Panda Bonds in Chinese currency, as well as examine the bond's structure, timing and size before making recommendations to the finance ministry.
- The previous Awami League government had also considered issuing sovereign bonds. However, it ultimately backed away after taking into account the financial crises experienced by sovereign bond issuers such as Argentina and Sri Lanka.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-weighs-panda-bond-issuance-tap-global-capital-market-1480681>

BIDA opens 44 SOEs to private investment

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- The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) on Sunday unveiled investment portfolios for 44 state-owned enterprises (SOEs), inviting private sector participation to revive underperforming industrial assets, create jobs and reduce the government's fiscal burden.
- Under the initiative, local and foreign investors will be able to invest in the enterprises through public-private partnerships (PPPs), joint ventures, long-term leases and other partnership models.

- The portfolio comprises four industrial units or sites under the Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC), 10 under the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), 13 under the Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC), 12 under the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC), and five under the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC).

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Banking

BB rolls out BDT 30bn (USD 245.9mn) agri credit scheme for Rajshahi, Rangpur

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- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has introduced a BDT 30bn (USD 245.9mn) refinancing scheme to boost agriculture-based economic activity in the Rajshahi and Rangpur divisions.
- The three-year scheme, effective from July 6, will support the entire agricultural value chain from production, storage, processing to marketing and exports, BB said in a circular. Through the support, it aims creating jobs and strengthening rural incomes.

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Capital Market

BSEC aims to adopt IAS 34 to ease compliance burden

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- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is moving to simplify quarterly reporting for listed companies, aiming to reduce their compliance burden without leaving investors in the dark.
- Currently, public companies must publish exhaustive quarterly financial statements. This often triggers a flurry of queries from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) regarding profit fluctuations. The DSE then publishes explanations on its website, which market analysts rely on to update their investment models.
- To streamline this tedious process, BSEC Chairman Masud Khan announced a plan to adopt IAS 34 (Interim Financial Reporting). Instead of full-length reports, companies can submit a condensed set of primary financial statements. Disclosure notes will focus strictly on explaining major events and transactions that have occurred since the last annual report, rather than repeating baseline information.

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Energy and Power

Tariff hike to help improve power supply from August, says PDB

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- The Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) says consumers should not expect an immediate improvement in electricity supply following June's tariff hike.
- The additional revenue will only become available after July's bill collections, allowing the utility to purchase more fuel from August, it said.
- State Minister Aninda Islam Amit said Bangladesh now has electricity generation capacity exceeding 29,000MW, while recent generation has reached around 17,000MW.

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Bangladesh unveils onshore wind power guidelines

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- The government has unveiled comprehensive guidelines for developing onshore wind-power projects, with industry leaders saying the new framework could pave the way for greater private investment.
- According to the guideline, developers must ensure that all land required for a project - including turbine locations, access roads, substations, meteorological mast sites, lay-down areas and cable routes -- can be lawfully used for wind power development and that all applicable land-use regulations, zoning requirements and environmental restrictions are complied with. Where the government allocates land or grants site clearance for wind power development, developers will have a maximum of three years from the date of allotment or approval to complete project development activities and commence commissioning.
- Developers must also confirm that grid connectivity is both technically and commercially feasible at the proposed project site before making any investment commitment.
- Under the Renewable Energy Policy 2025, the government has set a target of generating 20 per cent of the country's total energy from renewable sources by 2030 and 30 per cent by 2040. At present, the country generates only 62 megawatts (MW) of electricity from wind, out of a total renewable energy generation capacity of 1,807 MW, according to Sustainable and Renewable Energy Development Authority (SREDA).

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Trade and Commerce

Modern mango processing plant opens in Gabtoli

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- Bangladesh is set to strengthen its fresh fruit exports with the launch of a modern vapour heat treatment (VHT) plant in Gabtoli, Dhaka, marking a key step towards expanding access for locally grown mangoes to premium international markets.
- The plant can treat and process up to 12 tonnes of mangoes a day using internationally accepted phytosanitary protocols, paving the way for higher exports.

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Green licence to be mandatory for ship recycling businesses: Muktadir

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- Commerce and Industry Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir on Monday said no entity would be allowed to operate in the ship recycling industry in the future without obtaining a green licence.
- He said the government would provide all necessary technical and policy support to help businesses comply with green licensing requirements, BSS reports.
- Muktadir said Bangladesh was once a global leader in the ship recycling industry, so the government was working to restore the country's leading position.

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International

World absorbs historic Iran war oil supply loss, but depleted stocks bring risks

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- The world has absorbed with surprising ease the loss of over a billion barrels of oil supply since the Iran war began, but, with long-term peace elusive and buffer reserves now drained, it still faces the looming risk of future price spikes.
- Tehran's throttling of the Strait of Hormuz in response to the US and Israeli attacks launched on 28 February fed fears of a catastrophic global energy crunch. The ensuing four-month conflict did, indeed, create the biggest energy disruption

in history, according to the International Energy Agency. At its worst, the headline supply loss was 14 million barrels per day.

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India launches third semiconductor plant, targets five billion chips a year

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- India's third semiconductor manufacturing facility at Sanand in Gujarat launched its commercial production on 4 July when Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the facility has set a target to produce five billion chips every year.
- The prime minister's remarks encapsulate the promising start of India's semiconductor journey to create an ecosystem at a time when the country is accelerating its efforts to develop a domestic chip industry amid trade restrictions linked to US-China technology rivalry.
- The semiconductor manufacturing plant in Sanand is the third in the prime minister's home state this year. He had earlier launched the country's first and second semiconductor plants in Gujarat on 28 February and 31 March this year. Of the 12 semiconductor projects approved by the Indian government, two more are set to be inaugurated in the coming months and with these five semiconductor plants are expected to be operational across the country by this year-end.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/world/south-asia/india-launches-third-semiconductor-plant-targets-five-billion-chips-year-1480941>

Asia shares sputter as earnings loom, oil weighed by supply

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- Asian share markets sputtered on Monday as caution took hold ahead of a crucial earnings season for the AI sector, while the potential for increased supply weighed on oil prices and promised relief from inflationary pressures.
- While there were no new developments in the fractious US-Iran peace talks, ships are passing through the Strait of Hormuz with 160 vessels reported from Monday to Saturday last week.

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