Economy

Merchandise exports bounce back with 13.14pc growth
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- The country's merchandise exports in August 2026 bounced back with 13.14pc growth to fetch USD 4.42bn, according to Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data released on 1 September.
- Out of the total USD 4.42bn, RMG fetched USD 3.60bn, marking 13.92pc growth, according to EPB data. Within the RMG segment, knitwear exports grew by 14.88pc to USD 2.03bn, while woven garments rose by 12.70pc to USD 1.57bn.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/merchandise-exports-bounce-back-with-1314pc-growth

Remittance inflow rises to USD 2.97bn in August
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- Bangladeshi expatriates sent home USD 2.97bn in August, up 10.82pc from USD 2.68bn in the same month last year, according to updated Bangladesh Bank data released on 1 September.
- Bankers attributed the continued strong inflow partly to favorable exchange rates offered through formal banking channels. The dollar was available at around BDT 122 – BDT 123 last month, alongside the government's 2.5pc cash incentive for remittance recipients.

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Banking

Bank bad loans, indebted cos can be auctioned
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- Private firms can buy bad loans from banks, seize mortgaged assets and take over indebted companies under legal provisions readied for enactment, sources say about the desperate remedy for deep-rooted ailment.
- The Bangladesh Bank has urged the finance minister to take necessary steps to place the proposed amendment to the Artha Rin Adalat Ain 2003 and the new Distressed Asset Management Act (DAMA) 2026 before parliament during its ongoing session, out of exigency.

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Cenbank buys USD 50mn from banks after 3-month pause amid falling rate
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- The Bangladesh Bank on 1 September resumed buying dollars from commercial banks after a three-month gap, purchasing USD 50mn at BDT 122.75 as ample market liquidity and weak demand pushed the exchange rate lower.
- Commercial banks currently have ample dollar liquidity, while pressure from LC payments has eased. Weak private-sector credit growth has also reduced demand for foreign currency. As a result, excess supply amid subdued demand has been pushing the dollar rate down. Bangladesh Bank's latest purchase appears aimed at preventing a further decline

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Capital Market

BSEC clears draft rules for direct listing of shares without IPO
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- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved a draft regulation allowing qualifying companies to get listed on stock exchanges directly, without going through an Initial Public Offering (IPO), by offloading a 10 to 20pc portion of existing shareholders' holdings.
- Eligible companies include those wholly or majority owned by the government; companies where the government holds at least 10pc of paid-up capital directly or indirectly; companies majority owned by foreign shareholders; BTRC-approved telecom and ICT service or infrastructure companies with a minimum paid-up capital of BDT 3.0bn (USD 24.6mn); scheduled banks, financial institutions and insurance companies with at least three years of commercial operation; and companies with an annual turnover or total assets of at least BDT 5.0bn (USD 41.0mn).

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Dhaka bourse to launch derivatives trading by Jan 2028
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- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) plans to introduce financial derivatives by January 2028 after the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) approved its action plan for launching the new asset class. The bourse will initially introduce index futures, with contracts based on the blue-chip DS30 index expected to be the first products.
- The dhaka bourse also plans to introduce exchange-traded fund-type instruments under

the new segment. Unlike conventional share trading, derivatives allow investors to trade contracts linked to the future price movements of underlying assets. The DSE will procure a new multi-asset trading engine by 2028 to handle derivatives and multiple clearing systems. Its existing Nasdaq-provided trading engine, which mainly supports equity trading, is scheduled to expire in 2027.

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