

Economy

Spend 60pc of budget by Q3, or no money in next quarter

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- Finance Division warned ministries must spend at least 60pc of their annual budget by Q3 or face automatic withholding of Q4 funds, a step to curb year-end rushes that drive misuse, waste and unplanned borrowing.
- Last year just BDT 962.57bn (USD 7.91bn) or 12.47pc of the budget was spent in Q1. Among this, development outlays were just 3.75pc in the first three months, exposing chronic front-loaded execution.
- Ministries must file budget implementation plans by Sept 30 and send quarterly monitoring reports within a month, or instalments may be blocked.

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Govt unveils draft PPR 2025, removing local procurement price cap

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- The government has unveiled the draft Public Procurement Rules 2025 (PPR-2025), introducing major updates to several sections of PPR-2008 to align with international standards and improve transparency.
- The changes include removing the local procurement price cap and introducing a weighted bid evaluation system, updating the limited tender process, and adding a new clause on contract cancellation.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-unveils-draft-ppr-2025-removing-local-procurement-price-cap-1233466>

Banking

Digital nano loan refinancing scheme extended until June 2028: Bangladesh Bank

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- Bangladesh Bank extended the digital nano-loan refinancing scheme to June 30, 2028, to ensure financial inclusion and digital payments adoption for marginalized groups.
- Launched in 2022 with a revolving fund of BDT 1bn (USD 8.21mn), the fund was briefly raised to BDT 5bn (USD 41.06mn) but is now back at BDT 1bn (USD 8.21mn).
- The central bank said the extension will ensure continuation of ongoing operations, help marginalized borrowers grow accustomed to digital finance, and keep prior scheme rules and

directives unchanged to maintain program continuity.

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Islami Bank's provision shortfall nears record BDT 700bn (USD 5.7bn)

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- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC ended last year with a provision shortfall of nearly BDT 700bn (USD 5.7bn), audit reports show, exposing cracks in the financial health of the country's largest Shariah-based commercial lender for the first time in its four-decade history
- Weak asset quality in loans and investments, along with the bank's failure to set aside adequate funds to cover potential losses from defaults or bad debts, overshadowed its reported BDT 1.0bn (USD 8.2mn) profit for 2024.

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Islamic banks' deposits rise, but market share falls

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- Islamic banks' deposits rose 2.67pc y-o-y to BDT 4.52tn (USD 37.13bn) in June 2025, yet their share fell 1.17 points to 22.37pc, signaling deposit flows favored conventional lenders and weaker confidence in Shariah banks.
- The overall banking system saw deposits grow 8.04pc to BDT 20.22tn (USD 166.08bn), with conventional banks winning new funds thanks to stronger governance, wider branch networks and more attractive deposit products.

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Trade and Commerce

Ctg Port Authority signs deals with BIWTA, Navy on container terminal and new jetty

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- Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) will operate Pangaon Inland Container Terminal (ICT) and its adjoining 48.24 acres under a lease starting Dec 1, 2025, for an initial 10-year term (renewable) inside a 30-year contract, shifting cargo to river routes to cut road pressure.
- CPA plans to create a free cotton zone at Pangaon ICT to attract trade and firms, aiming to boost exports and downstream processing while lowering costs for textile exporters by creating logistics facilities near rivers.

- CPA contracted Bangladesh Navy to build a 240-metre heavy-lift cargo jetty at Laldia-2 with back-up facilities — the country's first specialist heavy-cargo terminal, built to handle loads up to five tons per square meter.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ctg-port-authority-signs-deals-biwt-a-navy-container-terminal-and-new-jetty-3982956>

Bangladesh signs first fertilizer financing deal with ITFC September 11, 2025

- Bangladesh signed its first fertilizer financing deal with the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), securing an initial USD 100 mn under master and syndicated Murabaha facilities. Such financing should ease import funding pressure and stabilize seasonal supply.
- ITFC, part of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) group, has used Murabaha before for energy; applying it to fertilizer diversifies trade-finance sources, which could reduce spot-market reliance and smooth seasonal price spikes that hit farmers hardest.

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Export revival thru Hili: BDT 300mn (USD 2.5mn) earnings signal revenue boom September 11, 2025

- Hili Land Port handled 3,225 tons of Bangladeshi goods from June – 7 Sept, generating over BDT 300mn (USD 2.5mn), a sharp export revival that should lift local forex earnings and spur cross-border trade.
- Exports of perishables face a bottleneck: there's no quarantine office on India's Hili side, blocking many vegetable shipments and forcing exporters to seek bilateral fixes before volumes can scale.
- Manufacturers now ship mango drinks, litchi drinks, soft drinks, bakery items, cotton and rice-bran products to India, showing product diversification and steady demand that could attract processors.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/export-revival-thru-hili-BDT30cr-earnings-signal-revenue-boom-1233331>

Capital Market

BSEC to fine seven individuals, firms BDT 440mn (USD 3.61mn) for stock manipulation September 11, 2025

- BSEC fined seven individuals and firms BDT 440 mn (USD 3.61mn) for stock manipulation today, a move meant to restore market integrity, deter

coordinated price-rigging and signal tougher enforcement.

- The largest fine was BDT 303.2mn (USD 2.49mn) against Sheikh Farook Ahmad for Pioneer Insurance manipulation in 2021. Mohammad Kamrul Hasan was fined BDT 7.5mn (USD 0.06mn) and banned from market activity.
- For New Line Clothing manipulation, five persons and firms were fined a combined BDT 173.3mn (USD 1.42mn). BSEC also sent reports on Fortune Shoes to the Finance Ministry and ACC to probe action against officials of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB).

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International

Trump urges EU to impose 100pc tariffs on China, India to pressure Putin

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- President Trump urged EU officials to impose tariffs of up to 100pc on China and India to put pressure on Putin over Russian oil purchases, a request conveyed in a conference call to EU sanctions envoy David O'Sullivan.
- The US signaled willingness to act alongside the EU, framing tariffs as an alternative to sanctions. If adopted, the move would shift Europe's strategy, risk trade retaliation and deepen global supply-chain fragmentation.
- China condemned the idea and warned against economic coercion. On the other hand, Trump, who earlier hiked tariffs on India by 25 percentage points this summer, tweeted about boosting US-India trade.

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India explores rare-earth deal with Myanmar rebels

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- India's Ministry of Mines asked state miner IREL and private Midwest Advanced to collect rare-earth samples from Kachin Independence Army (KIA)-controlled mines in northeastern Myanmar, a rare outreach to a non-state actor aimed at diversifying supplies away from China.
- Delhi will test ores domestically and seek international partners for processing. However, it lacks large-scale refining capacity and faces hard logistics across remote terrain.
- China still dominates rare-earth refining and has tightened exports while KIA already sells into China, so engaging rebel-controlled mines risks

political and reputational fallout even as India seeks mineral security.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/world/news/india-explores-rare-earth-deal-myanmar-rebels-3982906>

Zara owner Inditex second-quarter sales disappoint due to cautious consumers

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- Zara owner Inditex reported weaker sales than expected in its second quarter on Wednesday, but said the pace of sales growth picked up in August as the fast-fashion retailer grapples with cautious consumers in key markets like the United States.
- Net sales for its second quarter ending July 31 were 10.08bn euros (USD 11.81bn), lower than the 10.26bn euros expected by analysts according to an LSEG estimate.

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