

### Economy

#### IMF team to hold March talks with PM Tarique on next loan tranche

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- A three-member IMF team will visit on 9-10 March and will be led by Krishna Srinivasan, director of the Fund's Asia and Pacific Department, according to finance ministry officials.
- The IMF withheld a tranche last December during the interim administration, saying further disbursements will follow discussions with an elected government.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-team-hold-march-talks-pm-tarique-next-loan-tranche-1370496>

#### Govt to sign port deal only if nat'l interest is protected: BIDA Chief

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- The government will proceed with the Chattogram Port container terminal agreement only if the national interest is fully protected, the chief of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) confirmed on Tuesday.
- BIDA Executive Chairman Ashik Chowdhury made the statement after meeting Prime Minister Tarique Rahman at the Secretariat on February 24, addressing ongoing discussions about the New Mooring Container Terminal project at Chattogram Port.

From: <https://www.observerbd.com/news/567401>

#### NBR forms committee to prepare budget for 2026-27 fiscal

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- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has formed a budget committee by assigning additional responsibilities to four senior officials to support the preparation and coordination of the national budget for the 2026–27 fiscal year.
- According to an official order issued on February 23 by the NBR Board Administration Wing, the committee has been constituted to ensure smooth coordination, planning and management of budget-related activities, UNB reports.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/nbr-forms-committee-to-prepare-budget-for-2026-27-fiscal>

#### PM orders public-private partnerships to relaunch weak, closed industries

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- Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has ordered ministries to take steps to reopen dwindling and closed industries in partnership with private entrepreneurs.
- Atiqur Rahman Rumon, the prime minister's assistant press secretary, confirmed the directive on Tuesday.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/pm-orders-public-private-partnerships-to-relaunch-weak-closed-industries>

#### BB buys USD 1.53bn in February so far; FY26 purchases reach USD 5.47bn

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) purchased USD 1.53bn from commercial banks in February this year, BB spokesperson Arief Hossain Khan told journalists on 24 February.
- He added that the central bank bought USD 87mn from eight banks today at a rate of BDT 122.30 per dollar. So far, Bangladesh Bank has purchased USD 5.47bn in the current fiscal year 2025-26.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-buys-153b-february-so-far-fy26-purchases-reach-547b-1370311>

### Banking

#### TakaPay struggles to gain traction two years after launch

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- TakaPay card, the first-ever national debit card, has failed to secure a significant foothold in the two years since its launch by the central bank, aimed at reducing dependency on global payment networks such as Visa and Mastercard.
- Data from the Bangladesh Bank (BB) showed a recent uptick in issuance and transactions through the TakaPay card.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/takapay-struggles-gain-traction-two-years-after-launch-4114181>

### Trade and Commerce

#### LPG price cut by Tk 15 (USD 0.12) for 12kg cylinder

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- The price of a 12kg cylinder of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), widely used for household cooking, has been reduced by Tk 15 (USD 0.12).
- The new pricing sets the 12kg cylinder at Tk1,341 (USD 11) in retail, down from the previous price of Tk 1,356 (USD 11.11).

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/lpg-price-cut-by-tk-15-for-12kg-cylinder>

### Corporate

### **Nagad crisis eases, big investment awaits govt decision: BB**

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- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has admitted that Nagad went through a “disaster,” but says financial indicators have improved significantly over the past one year under an administrator.
- The BB executive director and spokesperson Arif Hossain Khan made the statement after a meeting between the central bank Governor and Barrister Arman over the future of Nagad on Tuesday.

From: <https://www.observerbd.com/news/567416>

### **Regulator bars Al-Haj Textile from issuing stock dividends**

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- The market regulator has rejected the stock dividend proposal by Al-Haj Textile Mills for FY24, as the company failed to comply with regulatory conditions.
- The yarn manufacturer in December last year recommended 5pc cash and 35pc stock dividends for FY24 in an announcement delayed by more than a year.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/regulator-bars-al-haj-textile-from-issuing-stock-dividends>

## **International**

### **FedEx sues US govt for tariff refunds**

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- US delivery and freight giant FedEx sued the Trump administration Monday seeking to reclaim money it paid for tariffs that have now been ruled illegal.
- The Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump’s signature global tariffs last week, ruling that he had exceeded his authority in tapping emergency economic powers to impose them

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/fedex-sues-us-govt-tariff-refunds-4114136>

### **China tightens Japanese trade restrictions as spat worsens**

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- China imposed export restrictions on 40 Japanese companies on Tuesday, citing national security concerns, as Beijing escalated a months-long row that has seen Chinese tourism to Japan plummet.
- The spat between Asia’s top two economies was sparked by comments by Prime Minister Sanae

Takaichi in November that Japan could intervene militarily in any attack on self-ruled Taiwan

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/china-tightens-japanese-trade-restrictions-spat-worsens-4114111>

### **Iran nears deal to buy supersonic anti-ship missiles from China**

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- The deal for the Chinese-made CM-302 missiles is near completion, though no delivery date has been agreed, the people said.
- The supersonic missiles have a range of about 290 kilometres and are designed to evade shipborne defences by flying low and fast

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/world/iran-nears-deal-buy-supersonic-anti-ship-missiles-china-1370101>

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