Economy

Major lenders hold back fresh aid commitments to Bangladesh

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- Bangladesh has received virtually no fresh foreign aid commitments from its major development partners in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, raising concerns over the country's development financing pipeline at a time when external debt repayment obligations are mounting.
- While traditional multilateral and bilateral lenders largely stayed away from making new commitments, the government continued to receive disbursements against previously approved loans, highlighting the growing challenge of securing fresh financing while meeting rising repayment obligations, officials said.

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Govt outlines reform plans to address statistical flaws in previous GDP calculations

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- A joint study by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) and the planning ministry has identified serious flaws and data inconsistencies in GDP calculations under the previous government, prompting the current administration to undertake three major reforms to restore the credibility of official statistics.
- The three reforms involve adopting international standards and geospatial tracking for data collection, introducing a scientific method to identify genuine beneficiaries of social safety-net programmes, and integrating national identity and civil registration databases into a Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI).

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-outlines-reform-plans-address-statistical-flaws-previous-gdp-calculations-1596796

Sabinco plans to invest USD 200m in renewable, EV, pharma

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- The Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company (Sabinco) plans to invest USD 200mn in 10 sectors, including renewable energy, agro-processing, pharmaceuticals, electric vehicles and electronics, to support industrial and productive-sector projects in Bangladesh.
- The Bangladesh government has decided in principle to inject USD 100mn in fresh sovereign equity into Sabinco and has sought an equal contribution from Saudi Arabia to maintain the company's 50:50 ownership structure.
- According to the strategic paper in Sep-26, renewable energy will receive USD 40mn, green & climate fund & ETP other energy savings initiatives will receive USD 20mn, API sector will receive USD 30mn, electric vehicles and batteries (USD 16mn), electronics and semiconductors (USD 16mn), medical and healthcare infrastructure (USD 14mn), leather and leather goods (USD 12mn), jute and diversified products (USD 12mn), and paper, packaging and recycling (USD 10mn).

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/sabinco-plans-invest-200m-renewable-ev-pharma-1595876

Banking

BB eases LC margin requirements for Ramadan essentials

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- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed all scheduled banks to maintain cash margins at the minimum possible level for opening letters of credit (LCs) to import essential consumer goods ahead of the holy month of Ramadan.
- The Banking Regulation and Policy Department-1 of Bangladesh Bank on Sunday issued a circular letter in this regard, aiming to facilitate the import of essential commodities and ensure their adequate supply at affordable prices during Ramadan.

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Capital Market

Envoy Textiles' Q1 profit jumps 40pc

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- Envoy Textiles' net profit rose 40pc year-on-year to BDT 531.3mn (USD 4.4mn) in the July-September quarter of FY27, driven by higher fabric exports, wider margins and lower borrowing costs.
- The denim maker earned a profit of BDT 379.3mn (USD 3.2mn) in the same quarter a year earlier, according to its unaudited financial statements.

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Swedish firm Brummer & Partners pulls out of Bangladesh's capital market

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- The country's capital market is set to lose foreign investments made by Swedish investment

management firm Brummer & Partners, as it has been withdrawing funds from listed securities.
- BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage, City Brokerage, UCB Stock Brokerage and IDLC Securities, which execute transactions on behalf of the Swedish firm, confirmed the exit of the investments while talking to the FE.

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Jamuna Oil cuts dividend to 120pc as FY26 profit falls 34pc
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- Jamuna Oil Company PLC has recommended a 120pc cash dividend for the fiscal year 2025-26, down from 180pc in the previous fiscal year, following a 34.38pc decline in annual net profit.
- Jamuna Oil reported net profit after tax of BDT 4.25bn (USD 34.8mn) in FY26, compared with BDT 6.48bn (USD 53.11mn) in FY25.

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Renata posts 37pc Q1 profit growth on lower finance costs, export gains
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- Renata PLC achieved its earnings momentum in the first quarter of FY27 (July–September), delivering a 37pc year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit to BDT 1.02bn (USD 8.36mn) despite persistent cost pressures and pricing constraints.
- Consolidated revenue expanded 11pc to BDT 12.6bn (USD 103.3mn) from BDT 11.3bn (USD 92.6mn) in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, while standalone turnover grew 12pc to BDT 12.5bn (USD 102.5mn).

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/renatas-q1-profit-jumps-37-tk102cr-export-growth-lower-finance-costs-1596716

Foreign investors pull BDT 1.75bn (USD 143.4mn) from DSE in Oct
November 09, 2026

- Foreign investors sold shares worth BDT 1.75bn (USD 143.4mn) more than they bought on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) in October, as selling pressure intensified sharply in the latter half of the month.
- One of the major reasons foreign investors are selling shares is the capital gains tax introduced during the tenure of the interim government, said Saiful Islam, president of the DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA).

From: https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/foreign-investors-pull-tk-175cr-dse-oct-4318591

Padma Oil posts 7.75pc profit in Q1
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- Padma Oil Company Ltd reported a 7.75pc year-on-year increase in earnings to BDT 169 crore in the July-September period of the financial year 2026-27 due to increased non-operating income from deposits (FDR and SND) with banks during the period.
- The state-owned petroleum distributor reported earnings per share (EPS) of BDT 17.28 (USD 0.14) in the July-September quarter, up from BDT 16.04 (USD 0.13) in the same period a year earlier.

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