

Economy

NBR misses target by BDT 601bn (USD 4.9bn) despite 13pc growth

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- Revenue collection by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) grew 13pc year-on-year to BDT 2,240bn (USD 18.4bn) in the July-January period of fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26), driven largely by strong VAT receipts from domestic trade and economic activity.
- Yet, the country's largest tax collector missed its target by 27pc, a shortfall of BDT 601bn (USD 4.9bn), for the period, according to provisional data

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2025 RMG exports to US increase 11.75pc

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- Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) exports to its largest destination, the United States, sustained double-digit growth both in terms of value and volume in 2025 amid the declining US import trend caused by tariff-related tension and uncertainty.
- Local garment items fetched USD 8.20bn last year, recording 11.75 per cent growth from USD 7.34bn in 2024, according to the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) data released on February 19.

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Commerce ministry calls meeting on US tariff deal

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- The commerce ministry has convened a stakeholder consultation for tomorrow, bringing together economists, trade analysts, business leaders and senior officials from across the government to assess its reciprocal trade deal with the United States and determine the next steps.
- The urgency stems from a ruling on February 20 in which the US Supreme Court struck down a large swathe of reciprocal tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump using an emergency law. The court ruled that the president's actions were illegal as he did not take congressional approval before imposing the tariffs.

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Reform, revenue push key to stability

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- Delivering structural reforms, improving external liquidity and lifting revenue collection will be crucial to restoring macroeconomic stability in Bangladesh, said Fitch Ratings in a report released on Sunday.
- The global rating agency said the general election held on February 12 has eased near-term political and policy uncertainty, creating room for progress on stabilization.

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RMG exports fear order loss as US buyers 'sit on the fence' over tariff shifts

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- Bangladesh's export momentum braces for fresh headwinds as uncertainty over the fate of the United States' short-term 15% tariff—whether it will be extended, increased or withdrawn after five months—has prompted American buyers to pause fresh commitments.
- Beyond the freeze in new orders, the tariff—imposed by President Donald Trump after the US Supreme Court scrapped reciprocal tariffs—has triggered renegotiations on existing shipments. Several US buyers are now demanding 2pc price cuts on goods already in the pipeline, following the reduction of the tariff from 20pc to 15pc. Exporters say the move threatens to further erode already thin margins.

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Jul-Jan LC opening up 2.41pc, settlement down 1.21pc

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- Despite a modest increase in import orders, Bangladesh's import-bill settlement declined during the first seven months of the current fiscal year, reflecting subdued industrial demand and changing foreign-exchange dynamics.
- According to data from the Bangladesh Bank, the country opened letters of credit (LCs) worth USD 42.78bn during the July-January period of FY26, marking a 2.4pc increase from USD 41.8bn in the same period of the previous fiscal year. Bangladesh settled import payments amounting to USD 40.0bn, down by 1.21pc from USD 40.5bn in the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/jul-jan-lc-opening-up-241pc-settlement-down-121pc>

Banking

BB trims executive director posts despite discontent

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- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has begun reducing the number of executive director posts - a senior management position that often leads to top-level contractual government appointments in phases, causing dissatisfaction among officials.
- The number of posts has been cut from around 44 to 37, and the high authority of the banking regulator plans to reduce it further to about 26, according to central bank officials who requested anonymity.

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Finance minister backs BB's reform drive: governor

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- The new government will continue the ongoing reform programs in the banking sector, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury told Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Ahsan H Mansur yesterday.
- Responding to questions, Mansur said he briefed the minister on the latest updates regarding the reform initiatives undertaken by the central bank. The minister expressed support for the steps taken by the central bank to reduce non-performing loans.

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Trade and Commerce

Two more Bangladeshi garment factories achieve prestigious 'Green' certification

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- Bangladesh's RMG sector has reached a new milestone in eco-friendly industrialization as two more garment factories have earned the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S.
- With these new additions, the total number of LEED-certified garment factories in Bangladesh has risen to 275, further solidifying the country's position as a global leader in sustainable manufacturing.

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UAE-Bangladesh joint venture to invest USD 10mn in BEPZA EZ

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- Integrated Composite Industries Ltd, a UAE-Bangladesh joint venture, is set to invest USD 10mn to establish a composite manufacturing plant at the BEPZA Economic Zone.
- The company will manufacture Fibre Reinforced Polymer (FRP) composite products, including modern bathtubs, jacuzzis and panel tanks, according to a press release

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International

Goldman raises Q4 oil price outlook

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- Goldman Sachs raised its Brent and West Texas Intermediate crude forecasts for the fourth quarter of 2026 by USD 6 to USD 60 and USD 56 respectively, citing lower OECD stocks, even as it continued to assume no Iran-related supply disruption and maintained its view of a surplus this year.
- For the year, it now expects Brent to average USD 64 a barrel, up from USD 56 previously, and WTI to average USD 60, up from USD 52

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Gold climbs to 3-week high as US tariff ruling stokes uncertainty

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- Gold climbed to a three-week high on Monday as uncertainty stoked by the US Supreme Court's decision to strike down a vast swathe of President Donald Trump's tariffs pressured the dollar and pushed investors to the safety of bullion.
- Spot gold climbed 1.1pc to USD 5,158.29 per ounce by 0558 GMT, having earlier hit its highest since January 30

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South Korea, Brazil agree to expand cooperation in key minerals, trade

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- The leaders plan to elevate the bilateral relationship into a strategic partnership, and for the countries to work together to support stability on the Korean Peninsula, Lee said.
- "Peace, built on conditions where conflict isn't needed, is the strongest form of security," the

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South Korean president told a joint press conference

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