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BDT 9.79 Bn earned from bond facility

- Chattogram Customs Bond Commissionerate (CCBC) earned BDT 9.79 Bn in revenue in the fiscal year of 2021-22 against the target of BDT 9.51 Bn on the back of heightened surveillance over bond facility misuse. The revenue collection has exceeded the target by BDT 280 Mn, a year-on-year growth of 22.22%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tk979cr-earned-bond-facility-451626>

Trade deficit projected at USD 33 Bn in FY22

- Bangladesh's trade deficit is projected to be USD 33 Bn in the just-concluded fiscal year as export earnings and remittances continue to fall below the overall import cost, said Bangladesh Bank in its monetary policy for the next fiscal year. The trade deficit is expected to increase further to USD 36.7 Bn in FY23, beginning today.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/trade-deficit-projected-33b-fy22-3060866>

Export growth to slow in FY23: BB

- Bangladesh's export growth may witness a slowdown in the next fiscal year, said the central bank in its monetary policy. The projection comes as export grew 34% year-on-year to USD 47.17 Bn in the July-May period of the just-concluded fiscal year. The export growth is likely to remain low because of weak external demand.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/export-growth-slow-fy23-bb-3060876>

Operating profits of 14 private banks up in H1

- A total of 14 private commercial banks (PCBs) in Bangladesh showed increased operating profits during six months to this past June, mainly banking on the country's booming foreign-trade activities, bankers say. Higher foreign trade, covering export and import, helped the banks to earn more as operating profit during the period under review, the senior bankers explained.
- The un-audited operating profit, however, does not reflect the actual financial position of the banks as they have to set aside funds for provisioning bad debts and paying taxes.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/operating-profits-of-14-private-banks-up-in-h1-1656782766>

Relaxed loan rescheduling for rawhide traders

- Bangladesh Bank has relaxed loan rescheduling rules for rawhide traders to ensure availability of sufficient funds during Eid-ul-Azha. A BB notice on Thursday said the rescheduling can be availed through a 2 per cent down payment on outstanding loans and the facility can be availed until August 31.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/relaxed-loan-rescheduling-rawhide-traders-3062316>

Cotton price drop may lift garment orders

- Local readymade garment exporters are expecting a strong rebound of the inflow of work orders from December onwards as prices of cotton have started to decline in the international markets. With the price of yarn also falling in local markets, local suppliers are hoping to supply goods at competitive prices.
- On June 28, cotton traded between 92 cents and USD1.09 per pound in futures markets. In contrast, it was between

USD1.31 and USD1.32 last month. The high market prices of cotton and yarn, which has an impact on the cost of production at the factory level, had earlier prompted many international retailers to put on hold a big portion of their work orders.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cotton-price-drop-may-lift-garment-orders-3062321>

Mobile internet users hit hard by VAT hike

- The burden of value-added tax (VAT) on mobile internet users is getting heavier as operators have started charging 15% VAT on data service from 1 July, the beginning of the new fiscal, instead of 5%.
- Provision has been made in the Finance Act for the current financial year to cancel the VAT rebate or adjustment at a proportional rate. This means that even if there is a fair adjustment scope, VAT rebates will be revoked according to the type of service and the overall availability of rebates will be limited. This will result in a much higher effective VAT rate for the mobile network operators.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/telecom/mobile-internet-users-hit-hard-vat-hike-451718>

City Bank avails USD 45 Mn syndicated loan from Bank Muscat

- The City Bank has successfully closed a USD 45 Mn syndicated loan, which was arranged by Bank Muscat, the leading financial services provider in the Sultanate of Oman.
- With the world still recovering from the pandemic and economies impacted heavily by the current geo-political tension, this loan facility will provide crucial support to City Bank's foreign currency liquidity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/city-bank-avails-usd-45m-syndicated-loan-from-bank-muscat-1656776537>

Navana Pharma's IPO share bidding begins tomorrow

- The bidding for eligible investors (EIs) to explore the cut-off price of IPO shares of Navana Pharmaceuticals will begin tomorrow (Monday), aiming to raise BDT 750 Mn under the book-building method. The minimum bidding value shall be BDT 2.0 Mn which is in accordance with the consent letter to Navana Pharmaceuticals dated on June 19, said the disclosure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/navana-pharmas-ipo-share-bidding-begins-tomorrow-1656776842>

Foreign investments on DSE shrink to BDT 99.76 Bn

- The total foreign investments in the Dhaka Stock Exchange have dropped to BDT 99.76 Bn, which is 2.19% of the total market capitalisation of the bourse, as the foreign investors have withdrawn around BDT 70.0 Bn crore from the market since 2018. The overseas investors withdrew BDT 26.48 Bn in 2021, while they sold around BDT 7.0 Bn in the past five months ended in May'22.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/174916/foreign-investments-on-dse-shrink-to-tk-9976-crore>

Raising capital through IPO drops 57% in FY22

- Raising capital from the stock market through initial public offerings (IPOs) fell by 57% YoY in FY22. Meanwhile, collecting funds by issuing bonds increased significantly in the last fiscal as the stock market regulator approved a large number of bonds to mobilise the bond market and reduce the capital market's dependence on equity.
- Sources at the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) said the stakeholders informally requested the securities regulator to lower the number of new IPOs as the market was on a downtrend last year. Eight companies got listed on the stock market in FY22 and raised BDT 6.99 Bn through IPOs, while 16 newly listed companies raised BDT 16.11 Bn through IPOs in FY21.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/raising-capital-through-ipo-drops-57-fy22-450678>

Parkway Packaging to raise BDT 300 Mn from capital market

- Parkway Packaging and Printing PLC, a concern of DBL Group, would like to raise BDT 300 Mn by issuing shares at a face value of BDT 10 each under the initial public offering (IPO). The company, on Thursday, signed the merchant bank AAA Finance and Investment Limited as the issue manager for its IPO.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/parkway-packaging-raise-tk30cr-capital-market-450610>

Islami among top 10 banks in BB sustainability rating

- Islami Bank Bangladesh has been listed as one of top 10 banks in sustainability ratings for 2020 and 2021 of the Bangladesh Bank. The rating is based on four factors -- sustainable finance, green refinance, corporate social responsibility and core banking sustainability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/islami-among-top-10-banks-bb-sustainability-rating-3062226>

World Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 108.43	USD 33.22	44.17%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 111.63	USD 33.85	43.52%
Gold Spot*	USD 1,811.43	(USD 17.77)	-0.97%
DSEX	6,376.94	-379.71	-5.62%
S&P 500	3,825.33	-940.85	-19.74%
FTSE 100	7,168.65	-215.89	-2.92%
BSE SENSEX	52,907.93	-5,345.89	-9.18%
KSE-100	41,630.35	-2,965.72	-6.65%
CSEALL	7,457.48	-4,768.53	-39.00%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 93.57 BDT

1 GBP = 113.21 BDT

1 Euro = 97.57 BDT

1 INR = 1.19 BDT

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