

Good Morning



Govt's heavy bank borrowing to curb private credit: BEA

A widening revenue shortfall is driving the government toward heavy bank borrowing, raising concerns over tighter credit availability for the private sector and mounting fiscal pressure in the coming years, the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-heavy-bank-borrowing-curb-private-credit-bea-4163196>

Energy prices expected to surge by 24pc in 2026: World Bank

Energy prices are expected to surge by 24 per cent in 2026 to their highest level since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine four years ago, if the most acute disruptions caused by the war in the Middle East end in May, the World Bank said on Tuesday. Commodity prices could rise even further if hostilities in the region escalated and supply disruptions lasted longer than expected, the global development bank said in its latest Commodity Markets Outlook, opens new tab.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/energy-prices-expected-to-surge-by-24pc-in-2026-world-bank>

NBR chairman hints at raising tobacco prices

National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Md Abdur Rahman Khan has hinted at the possibility of increasing minimum cigarette prices to align them with those in neighbouring countries.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/nbr-chairman-hints-at-raising-tobacco-prices>

BSEC bans 3 firms over Ring Shine audits

The securities regulator has taken punitive action against three audit firms and their three partners over serious irregularities in the auditing of Ring Shine Textiles Limited. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed a three-

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year ban on the audit firms Ata Khan & Co., Mahfel Huq & Co., and Shiraz Khan Basak & Co.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bsec-bans-3-firms-over-ring-shine-audits>

Cement makers face pressure as war increases input costs

Cement manufacturers in the country are under growing pressure as the US-Israel war on Iran disrupts Middle Eastern supply routes, forcing them to import key raw materials from Asian countries at higher prices.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cement-makers-under-strain-war-drives-input-costs-4163166>

UK freezes Bangladesh's £250m siphoned-off wealth

The United Kingdom has frozen over 250-million-pound worth of Bangladesh's siphoned-off wealth, in a breakthrough in Dhaka's asset-recovery drive. British High Commissioner in Bangladesh Sarah Kooke broke the news Tuesday in Dhaka and underscored London's commitment to tackling illicit finance and supporting Dhaka's efforts to recover stolen wealth.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/uk-freezes-bangladeshs-ps250m-siphoned-off-wealth>

Gold price drops by Tk 2,216 per bhuri in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Jewellers Association (BAJUS) has slashed gold prices by Tk 2,216 per bhuri, citing a decline in the value of pure gold in the local market, with the new rates taking effect from Tuesday morning. Under the revised pricing, the 22-carat gold price now stands at Tk 2,44,711 per bhuri (11.664 grams), down from Tk 2,46,927 set on April 23, when Bajus had last adjusted rates, trimming Tk 3,266 per bhuri.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/gold-price-drops-by-tk-2216-per-bhuri>