

DSEX 4,964.67  0.17% 

CSCX 8,461.03  0.52% 

Gold (Ounce)  \$ 3,389.30 

Oil (Barrel)  \$ 61.47 

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Dollar  121.00   122.00 

GBP  150.00   155.00 

Euro  129.00   133.00 

Rupee  1.35   1.44 





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MACRO ECONOMY

APRIL EXPORTS LOWEST IN 10 MONTHS

- Bangladesh recorded the lowest level of exports so far this fiscal year, both in terms of value and growth, in April as the production of apparel, the main export item, suffered in many areas amid an energy crisis.
- Last month, exporters fetched \$3.01 billion, registering only 0.86 percent year-on-year growth, data released by the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) yesterday showed.
- Apparel, which generates more than three-fourths of the country's export earnings, recorded 0.44 percent year-on-year growth in April. Although knitwear exports — the biggest earner — increased, woven garment shipments fell.

Source: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/april-exports-lowest-10-months-3887766>

APRIL INFLATION FALLS MARGINALLY TO 9.17PC

- Bangladesh's inflation rate in April fell slightly as that of both food and non-food items showed a downward trend, official data showed on Monday.
- The inflation rate on point-to-point basis in April decreased to 9.17 per cent, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) data unveiled on Monday showed.
- The food inflation rate fell to 8.63 per cent from that of 9.93 per cent in the previous month of March, the BBS data showed. The rate of non-food inflation also decreased to 9.61 per cent last month from that of 9.70 per cent in the previous month of March.

Source: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/april-inflation-falls-marginally-to-917pc>

3-YEAR HIGH ACU BILL OF \$1.88B TO BE PAID TOMORROW, RESERVES TO STAY ABOVE \$20B

- Bangladesh is set to make a \$1.88 billion payment tomorrow (6 May) to settle its Asian Clearing Union (ACU) dues for March-April imports, the highest ACU bill in nearly three years.
- The last time the country made a higher ACU payment was in July 2022, amounting to \$1.96 billion for May-June imports, according to central bank records.
- A senior official at the Bangladesh Bank explained that before the dollar shortage in mid-2022, ACU bills often averaged \$2 billion per cycle. However, import restrictions and reduced trade with ACU countries led to lower bills during the dollar crisis. As reserve stability returned recently and exchange rate volatility subsided, imports gradually rose again, including from ACU countries, leading to a higher bill this cycle, he added.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/3-year-high-acu-bill-188b-be-paid-tomorrow-reserves-stay-above-20b-1134601>

IMF TRANCHES ON HOLD, OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT ANOTHER MEETING WITH BB ON TUESDAY

- Bangladesh's hopes for the fourth and fifth tranches of its \$4.7 billion IMF loan remain in limbo after the latest negotiations ended without a breakthrough — once again stalled over the contentious issue of adopting a market-driven exchange rate.
- Despite the IMF's insistence on genuine exchange rate flexibility, the Bangladesh Bank has resisted relinquishing control, fearing inflationary shocks and political backlash. A senior central bank official, speaking anonymously, told TBS that the virtual meeting with IMF officials — attended by Governor Ahsan H Mansur and his two deputies, Md Habibur Rahman and Md Kabir Ahmed — yielded no resolution.
- Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed, speaking to TBS over the phone from Milan where he is attending an ADB event, said no decision was reached in Monday's meeting regarding the exchange rate. The IMF is scheduled to hold another meeting on Tuesday to try and resolve the issue.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-tranches-hold-officials-conduct-another-meeting-bb-tuesday-1134616>

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FROM SAFE HAVEN TO HIDDEN HAZARD: BANGLADESH'S GROWING YEN DEBT STRAIN

- Bangladesh's strategy of borrowing in Japanese yen to sidestep high dollar-based interest rates is showing signs of backfiring, as currency volatility and rising interest rates in Japan begin to take a toll.
- Despite the appeal of low interest rates—Japan's Tokyo Overnight Average Rate (TONA) remains below 1%—the downside risks are growing. The yen has appreciated by about 7% against the US dollar in just one month, and Japan's interest rates are trending upward. This combination threatens to raise the real cost of repaying yen-denominated loans, especially for a country like Bangladesh, whose reserves are still overwhelmingly dollar-based.
- The yen-denominated debt is growing fast. ERD data shows that as of 30 June 2024, Bangladesh's yen loan portfolio stood at nearly \$12 billion—up from \$7.52 billion just four years earlier.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/safe-haven-hidden-hazard-bangladeshs-growing-yen-debt-strain-1134651>

FY26 BUDGET: DEBT SERVICING COSTS, FOOD SUBSIDIES TO RISE

- The next budget may be slightly smaller than the current fiscal year's, but non-development spending is expected to rise by over 5 percent due to higher debt servicing costs, food subsidies, and a special allocation for bank reforms.
- The size of the next budget would reach Tk 7,90,000 crore -- Tk 7,000 crore less than the budget for the ongoing fiscal year, according to a draft prepared at a fiscal coordination council meeting last month. The non-development budget is expected to be set at Tk 5,60,000 crore, up by Tk 28,000 crore from the current fiscal year's allocation.
- Finance ministry officials said the government is aiming to strengthen the banking sector with a special allocation to meet the capital shortfall of state-owned banks. Some selective private banks would also get allocations on some conditions. The funds may be disbursed as loans under the International Monetary Fund's guidelines, rather than budget-allocated capital given by the previous government.

Source: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/fy26-budget-debt-servicing-costs-food-subsidies-rise-3887621>

BANKS & FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

RISING NPLS LIMIT BANKS' CREDIT CAPACITY: BANGLADESH BANK

- Bangladesh's banking sector is grappling with a steep rise in non-performing loans (NPLs), sluggish credit growth, and capital shortfalls, severely constraining banks' ability to extend new credit, according to Bangladesh Bank's latest quarterly report.
- The report highlights that, as of December 2024, total NPLs soared by 21.33% in the second quarter to reach a record TK3.45 lakh crore, up from TK2.85 lakh crore in the first quarter of FY25.
- BB attributed this alarming rise to several factors including non-renewal of existing loans, poor repayment performance of previously rescheduled loans, and the implementation of a revised overdue loan classification system from 30 September 2024.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/rising-npls-limit-banks-credit-capacity-bangladesh-bank-1134636>

BANK STOCKS MIRROR LENDERS' SAPPING FINANCIAL HEALTH AS INVESTORS REACT TO NEWS

- Bank stocks that used to be investors' preferred choice among equities for investment have long been failing to attract buyers because of their weakening financial health. The latest news over the lenders' deepening capital shortfalls dragged them to a new low.
- Experts say the gravity of the financial problems facing the banks got exposed after the fall of the previous regime as the central bank began taking corrective measures. The secondary market showed a reflection of that almost immediately.
- Amid the mess, six commercial banks -- BRAC Bank, The City Bank, Prime Bank, Pubali Bank, Eastern Bank and Uttara Bank-- are in a very suitable position, having gained record profits in 2024 because of their strong financial position.

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Source: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bank-stocks-mirror-lenders-sapping-financial-health-as-investors-react-to-news>

CAPITAL MARKET

DSE TURNOVER JUMPS 46%, HITTING 40-DAY HIGH

- The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, rose for the second day in a row, with insiders linking the gain to rumours of BSEC Chairman Khondoker Rashed Maqsood's resignation or removal — a development many general investors have long been calling for.
- On Monday, the DSEX index increased 8 points to 4,965. The DSE Shariah Index (DSES) fell 1 point to 1,099, while the DS30, which tracks blue-chip stocks, up 10 points to settle at 1,844.
- Turnover on the DSE also increased by 46.2%, rising to Tk584 crore from Tk399 crore in the previous session on Sunday.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-turnover-jumps-46-hitting-40-day-high-1134571>

NET WORTH SHORTAGE PUSHES FIVE NEW BROKERS OUT OF BUSINESS

- A net capital shortage has pushed five new-generation brokerage firms out of operation, according to sources at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the primary regulator of brokerage houses.
- Among the firms, the DSE cancelled the Trading Right Entitlement Certificate (TREC) of Tristar Securities Limited due to its failure to maintain the required net worth, according to a filing yesterday (5 May). Information obtained from the DSE revealed that Al Haramain Securities, Sonali Securities, TradeX Securities, and Monarch Holdings remain out of operation.
- According to sources at the DSE, a total of five new brokerage houses including Tristar Securities are currently out of operation due to their failure to maintain the required capital.

Source: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/net-worth-shortage-pushes-five-new-brokers-out-business-1134576>

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