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## Export Earnings Drop after Four Months

### MARCH EARNINGS:

- USD **4.64** billion; **2.49%** down

### MARCH TARGET:

- USD **5.02** billion

### REASONS FOR SLOWDOWN:

- Impact of Russia Ukraine war and pandemic
- Drop in garment work orders
- Unsold stock of apparel in retailers' outlets
- Fall in demand for apparel items <sup>1</sup>

## Remitters Sent USD 2.02 billion in March

- ❑ Remittance flow to Bangladesh rose to a seven-month high in March
- ❑ March's receipts were nearly **29.3%** higher than February's **USD 1.56 billion**
- ❑ Achievement as to the annual target was **24.8%** <sup>2</sup>



## Inflation Jumps to 7-month High in March

- Food inflation rises to **9.09%** in March
- Non-food inflation falls to **9.72%**
- Inflation target for FY22 was **5.3%**
- FY22 ended with average inflation of **6.15%**
- BB targets to keep inflation within **7.50%** in FY23 <sup>3</sup>

## Jute Sector Surges 59% in Last Year

Market value soared **59%** to **BDT 3.42 billion** last one year <sup>4</sup>

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### JUTE SPINNERS



- Price jumps **74%** to **BDT 238.60** on DSE
- Paid-up capital **BDT 17 million**
- Production suspended for **6 years**

### SONALI AANSH



- Price surges **6%** to **BDT 475.6**
- Paid-up capital **BDT 54.24 million**
- Stock peaked at **BDT 961** early November

নর্দার্ন জুট ম্যানুফ্যাকচারিং কোং লিমিটেড  
NORTHERN JUTE MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.  
MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS OF JUTE YARN AND JUTE WEBBING

### NORTHERN JUTE MANUFACTURING

- Price falls **21%** to **BDT 205.6**
- Paid-up capital **BDT 21.42 million**
- No financial data released in last **3 years**

# VENTURE CAPITAL

## Shikho Raises USD 0.9 Million in New Investment



- ❑ **Shikho**, a leading education technology startup in Bangladesh
- ❑ They raised a total of **USD 6.5 million** till date, the highest for any education technology startup
- ❑ Founded in **2019** <sup>5</sup>

## Sankalp Dhaka Summit: Announced to Raise USD 250 Million

### Bangladesh Green Enterprises Ecosystem Initiative at a glance



- **USD 250 million** funds to be raised by 2030
- **1,000** local impact enterprises to be funded
- **10,000** jobs to be created <sup>6</sup>

03

## Stabilisation Fund: A New Financing Window for Stock Market

- ❑ The Capital Market Stabilization Fund (CMSF), which has been created by collecting investors' unclaimed dividends in listed companies
- ❑ Last year, the Fund provided ICB with **BDT 225 crore** in several phases for investing in the secondary market
- ❑ CMSF board will decide the interest rate, which will be at the higher end of the three-month average of FDR rates
- ❑ CMSF loan will be cheaper for brokers and merchant banks, as they have to pay **9%** or more against the loans they take from commercial banks and NBFIs <sup>7</sup>

## BMSL's Mutual Fund Gets Go-ahead



- ❑ BSEC has given go-ahead to the **BMSL National Housing Growth Fund**
- ❑ The primary target of the open-ended mutual fund is to collect **BDT 25 crore**
- ❑ National Housing Finance and Investments has already provided **BDT 2.5 crore** <sup>8</sup>

## Unique Hotel gets USD 10.91 Million from Nebras Power

**Nebras Power Investment Management BV** – a Qatar-based investment company – has paid **BDT 116 crore** to Unique Hotel and Resorts Limited for acquiring stake at **Unique Meghnaghat Power Limited**.

- **Unique Meghnaghat Power Limited**, a joint venture of Unique Hotel, Strategic Finance, Nebras Power and GE Capital
- Capacity: **584MW**
- Signed PPA with BPDB to supply power for 22 years <sup>9</sup>

## Pioneer Insurance Posts Lower Profit in 2022

- Pioneer Insurance Company Ltd posted a **12%** year-on-year decline in profit to **BDT 51.57 crore**
- Dividend recommended: **25%** (cash), **5.0%** (stock)
- NAV per share: **BDT 46.88** <sup>10</sup>





# BANK AND NBFIs

## IDRA to Design Solvency Margin Regulations for General Insurers

### INSURANCE INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

- Currently, **81** insurers in Bangladesh
- **35** life and **46** non-life
- **56** are publicly listed
- Premium income rose by **17%** to **BDT 16,812 crore** in 2022
- Total claim due was **BDT 6,559 crore**

### NON-LIFE INSURANCE SECTOR

- Among non-life insurers, **42** are listed
- Gross premium earnings jumped over **30%** to **BDT 5,413 crore** in 2022
- Total number of insurance claims was **33,538** in 2022
- Settlement of claims was **59%** against total
- Claim due was **BDT 1,992 crore** <sup>11</sup>

# BANK AND NBFI

## Bank Deposits Increase by BDT 17,000 Crore

- Total amount of deposits in the banks stood at **BDT 15.05 lakh crore** at the end of February 2023
- Deposits increased by about **BDT 17,000 crore** in February compared to the previous month
- Loans disbursed by banks during the period has increased by around **BDT 6,000 crore** <sup>12</sup>

## IDLC Finance's Consolidated Profit Declines 9.47%



- The company's consolidated net profit fell **9.47%** to **BDT 1.91 billion** in 2022
- Dividend recommended: **15%** (cash)
- Sponsor-directors hold **56.66%** of shares, institutes **27.84%**, foreigners **1.16%** and general investors **14.34%** <sup>13</sup>

## Robi Axiata Avoids Stamp Duty of BDT 28 crore



- ❑ **Robi Axiata Limited** has been experiencing difficulties repatriating profits to its foreign investor in Singapore for over a year due to stamp duty avoidance
- ❑ The company evaded stamp duty to the tune of **BDT 28.49 crore** <sup>14</sup>

## Rokomari



- ❑ Founded in **2012**
- ❑ Around **120** online bookshops in operation
- ❑ **6000** orders processed daily
- ❑ Online bookshops sell books worth **BDT 170-180 crore** annually
- ❑ Almost **1%** of all e-commerce sales are books
- ❑ **75%** market share held by Rokomari <sup>15</sup>

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