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# 10 Projects Will Get Highest Allocation in Next Budget

- The upcoming annual development programme (ADP) has designated **BDT 60,053 crore**, approximately **23**% of the total allocations, for the 10 projects in the fiscal year 2023-24
  - □ Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant
  - Matarbari Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Project
  - Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway
  - □ Padma Bridge Rail Link
  - ☐ Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport Expansion
  - □ Physical Facilities Development (PFD)
  - □ Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line-1)
  - Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Railway Bridge Construction
  - ☐ Dhaka Mass Rapid Transit Development Project (Line-6) ¹
- Bangladesh's GDP growth projection for FY23 revised down to 6.03%.







# April Saw Highest BDT 29,697 Crore Govt Borrowing from Banks

- ➤ Bank borrowing target for FY23 BDT 1,06,334 crore
- ➤ In ten months Govt borrowed **BDT 82,057 crore** (77.17% of target)
- > From Bangladesh Bank BDT 74,393 crore
- > From Commercial Banks **BDT 7,664 crore** <sup>2</sup>

# Per Capita Income Falls To USD 2,765

- ➤ The per capita income in Bangladesh fell 1% year-on-year to USD 2,765 in 2022-23
- > It was **USD 2,824** in 2021-22 fiscal year, up from **USD 2,591** in 2020-21 <sup>3</sup>





# **VENTURE CAPITAL**

## Turtle Venture Studio Raises USD 1 Million Fund



- ☐ Turtle Venture Studio has raised USD 1 million in its first round of funding
- ☐ Founded in 2022
- □ Founders: Ms Saraban Tahura Turin and Mr Anwar Sayef Anik <sup>4</sup>

## **Interactive Cares Raises USD 220K**



- Edtech startup Interactive Cares raises USD 220K in Pre-seed A round
- > Founded in 2020
- Founders: Rare Al Samir and Jamila Bupasha Khushbu
- > **85000** paid users
- > 5000+ job placements 5

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# **CAPITAL MARKET**

## Stabilisation Fund to Inject BDT 250 Crore in Stocks

- ➤ Aim is to boost the stock market through intermediaries
- > Total loan amount BDT 250 crore
- ➤ Interest rate: 6-month avg FDR rate
- > Range for each intermediary BDT 5 crore < Loan < 20 crore
- Loan disbursement/rejection will take no longer than **21** days
- > Fund size till date **BDT 1,213.29 crore**
- Stock Dividend: BDT 693.19 crore
- > Cash Dividend: **BDT 520.10 crore** 6

## Tax Rebate on Investment in Secondary Stock May Go

- ☐ Allowable investment limit up to **20%** in capital market
- ☐ Tax rebate 15%
- ☐ In FY24, only IPO share investment will be allowed for tax rebate <sup>7</sup>



# **BANK AND NBFI**

## **DBBL Clocks BDT 125 Crore Profit in Jan-Mar**

- > Dutch-Bangla Bank Ltd posted 11.80% year-on-year increase in profit to BDT 125.24 crore in first quarter
- ➤ EPS rose to **BDT 1.80** against **BDT 1.61** in the same quarter of 2022
- ➤ Net operating cash flow per share surged to **BDT 5.03** from BDT 1.65
- ➤ NAV per share improved to **BDT 61.65** from **BDT 59.85** on December 31 <sup>8</sup>

# Islamic Banks Post Higher Profit Despite Troubles

#### Reasons behind higher profit:

- Higher income from forex dealings
- Higher income from investments

#### Islamic banks in Bangladesh:

Islami Bank, Al-Arafah Islami Bank, Shahjalal Islami Bank, Exim Bank, Social Islami Bank, First Security Islami Bank, Union Bank, Standard Bank, Global Islami Bank and ICB Islami Bank <sup>9</sup>





# **BANK AND NBFI**

## Risks of Becoming A Loan Guarantor

- ➤ In **5** years, guarantors file **13,641** writs to halt auctions
- ➤ Almost **80**% of orders go in favor of guarantors
- > Around **BDT 40,000 crore** involved in the cases against defaulters 10

# First Security Islami Bank's Sponsor to Sell His Entire Holding

- The sponsor Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal holds **2,425,500** shares of the bank out of the total **104.60 crore** shares
- Entire share selling value is BDT 2.38 crore at the market price
- In the January-March quarter of 2023, its net profit after tax declined by 32% to BDT 38.71 crore
- The bank has recommended a 10% stock dividend 11





# CORPORATE

### **Bkash Posts BDT 35.85 Crore Net Profit in First Quarter**



- **bKash** reported net profit of **BDT 35.85 crore** in the January-March of 2023.
- ☐ Previous year, it incurred a loss of **BDT 28.78 crore** <sup>12</sup>

## **Grameen Uniqlo Winding Up Operations**



- ☐ Grameen Uniqlo started in 2013
- ☐ Investment in the venture was USD 4.6 million and the company employs 150 people <sup>13</sup>

## **BATBC** Registers 9.35% Profit Growth



- BATBC registered **9.35**% year-on-year profit growth to **BDT 4.56 billion** in January-March
- ☐ Revenue jumped 16% year-on-year to BDT 22.68 billion 14

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