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World Bank Projects 4.1% Growth for Bangladesh in FY25

- FY25 Growth Projection: **4.1%**
- FY26 Growth Projection: **5.4%**
- Growth assumptions: Political stability; Successful financial sector reforms; Improved business climate; Increased trade ¹

EIB Releases Bangladesh Economic Outlook for 2025

- Overall Economic Outlook Rating: **5.5/10** (weighted average)
- Key Constraints:
 - Political instability
 - High inflation
- Growth Initiatives:
 - Efforts to boost GDP growth
 - Mixed confidence in outcomes ²

FY24 GDP Growth Revised Down to 4.22%

-  GDP Growth: **4.22%** (down from 5.82% initial estimate)
-  Per Capita Income: **USD 2,738** (previous estimate: USD 2,784)
-  Inflation: Dropped below **10%**; expected to fall to **8%** by June and below **6.5%** in the future ³

Apparel Exports to US Grow to USD 7.34 Billion in 2024

-  Total Exports: USD **7.34** billion (+0.75% YoY)
-  US Market Share: **9.26%** (↓ from 9.37% in 2023)
-  Export Volume: **2.37** billion sq. metres (+4.89% YoY)
-  Biggest Monthly Growth: November (+42.14%) ⁴

VENTURE CAPITAL

Bangladesh Venture Capital Invests in Adeffi Ltd

- 📍 Bangladesh Venture Capital Limited invested in Adeffi Ltd to drive growth
- 🚗 Adeffi Ltd: OOH advertising tech startup, parent of Sticker Driver
- 📊 Tech Integration: Data-driven ad platform & impression count algorithm ⁵

New Investments in Start-ups Decline by 43% in 2024

- 📦 Total Funding: **USD 41.3 million** (-43% from \$72M in 2023)
- ▽ Deals Closed: **37** (amid political & economic uncertainties)
- 🌐 Foreign Investment: **USD 40.3 million** (98%)
- BD Local Investment: **USD 1 million** (2%) ⁶

Major Investment Recipients:



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Asia Frontier Capital Sees Positive Signs in Bangladesh Stock Market

AFC's Investment in Bangladesh:

- 📌 **Current:** ~10% of AFC's portfolio
- 📌 **Target:** Up to 20%
- 🏢 **Top Stocks:** Square Pharma, Beximco Pharma, BRAC Bank, BATB, Marico ⁷

GP Announces Highest-ever Dividend for 2024

- 💰 Total Dividend: BDT **33** per share (highest ever)
- 📊 Total Payout: BDT **4,455** crore (+22.73% YoY, exceeding net profit)
- 🏠 Annual Net Profit: BDT **3,631** crore (+9.8% YoY)
- 📅 CEO Yasir Azman: Focus on long-term value, sustainability, and AI innovation
 - **77.5%** of spending directed towards suppliers to reduce carbon footprint ⁸

BANK AND NBFI

BB Hires Global Firms for Asset Quality Review

- Central bank hires EY, Deloitte, KPMG
- USD 17 billion allegedly lost to regime-linked businesspeople under Sheikh Hasina
- Investigations target 10 businesses, Hasina, and her relatives
- Six banks under scrutiny, linked to tycoon Mohammed Saiful Alam ⁹




Liquidity Crisis Hits Bangladesh's NBFI Sector

- Major NBFIs, including IDLC, LankaBangla, IPDC, and Bangladesh Finance, facing higher non-performing loans
- Cost of funds rose to **8.12%** (from 7.34%) in a year
- Businesses withdrawing deposits for working capital due to inflation
- Corporate deposit withdrawals larger than retail withdrawals ¹⁰

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BANK AND NBFI

Southeast Bank to Issue BDT 1,000 Crore Bond

-  Bond Issuance: BDT **1,000** crore to strengthen Tier-II capital
-  Tenure: **7** years
-  Sixth bond issuance by the bank to enhance regulatory capital ¹¹



City Bank to Issue BDT 800 Crore Bond

-  Bond Issuance: BDT **800** crore to enhance Tier-II capital
-  Purpose: To fulfil Basel-III regulatory requirements
-  January-September 2024 Profit: BDT **450** crore, a **19%** increase YoY
-  EPS: BDT **3.35** (up from BDT 2.21 YoY)
-  NAV Per Share: BDT **29.91**
-  Net Operating Cash Flow Per Share: BDT **42.38**
-  **15%** cash & **10%** stock dividend ¹²



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Bangladesh Seeks to Renegotiate Adani Power Deal



- Bangladesh seeks to renegotiate Adani power deal amid court investigation
- Gautam Adani faces U.S. bribery allegations for India deals, denies charges
- Bangladesh pays high rates for Adani power, seeks price reduction ¹³

Nagad Finance PLC gets Bangladesh Bank approval



- 💰 Loan Interest Rate: Max **9%** – Targeting small entrepreneurs & marginal people
- 🏦 Deposits: Customers can deposit any amount
- 🌐 Sponsors:
 - Blue Heaven Ventures LLC (USA)
 - Osiris Capital Partners LLC
 - Zen Fintech LLC
 - Finclusion Ventures PTE Ltd (Singapore) ¹⁴

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