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World Bank's Economic Outlook

- GDP: **4%** in FY25, recovering to **5.5%** in FY26
- Inflation: **9%** in FY25, **7.5%** in FY26; driven by food & energy costs
- Fiscal: Deficit at **4.3%** of GDP, current account deficit improved
- Reforms Needed: Governance, employment, financial stability ¹

European Investment Bank's Commitment

- **€2 Billion** pledged for reforms, infrastructure, and green energy
- Emphasized human rights, democracy, and rule of law
- Economic growth fell to **1.8%** amid turmoil
- Supports regional energy integration ²

Bangladesh Seeks BDT 36.96 Billion AIIB Loan for CMSMEs

- Bangladesh plans to borrow **BDT 36.96 billion** financing, with repayment over 20 years.
- The central bank favors RMB due to lower interest rates (**2.78%**) compared to USD (**6.43%**) and Euro (**4.06%**)³

Govt Revenue Shortfall May Hit BDT 1.05 Trillion

Revenue Growth: Only **4.4%** (Jul-Dec FY25), target unreachable

CPD Proposals:

- Tax Reforms: Raise tax-free income to BDT 4L, highest rate to **30%**
- VAT Cut: Reduce **15%** → **10%** to curb evasion
- SME Boost: Expand bonded-warehouse benefits

Economic Concerns:

- Fiscal deficit 4x higher, GDP growth below **5.5%**
- Higher export tariffs post-2026, rising foreign borrowing costs⁴

VENTURE CAPITAL

Bangladesh Edtech Market

- 300+ edtech companies, led by 10 Minutes School & Shikho in K-12
- **USD 6 million** raised in 2022
- **BYJU's** collapse made investors cautious
- New comers like **Keeron** focuses on community-based learning
- Startups must prove ROI & sustainability to secure funding ⁵

Anchorless Bangladesh: Startup Growth Partner

- Funded **Loop Freight (USD 600K)** & **Gaze AI (USD 830K)**
- Bangladesh's startup ecosystem could add **2%** to GDP by 2025
- Targets Seed to Series B startups with tech-driven scalability
- Supports regional expansion & collaboration ⁶

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Prime Bank Dividend Announcement

- **20% Dividend Declared** – 17.50% cash & 2.50% stock for 2024
- **54% NPAT Growth** – BDT 745 crore in 2024 vs. BDT 484 crore in 2023
- **EPS at BDT 6.58**, NAV per share BDT 34.27, NOCFPS BDT 3.06
- **Total Assets BDT 54,812 crore**, CRAR at 17.37% ⁷

Linde Bangladesh Declares 4500% Cash Dividend

- **Dividend Breakdown:** 400% final cash dividend + 4,100% interim dividend
- **EPS Surge:** BDT 421.94 in 2024 vs. BDT 15.02 in 2023
- **NAV Per Share:** BDT 229.34 (down from BDT 371.27 in 2023)
- **Capital Gains:** BDT 600 crore earned from divesting Linde Industries Pvt Ltd
- **Share Price Impact:** Dropped 3.01% to BDT 1,041.60 on DSE
- **Ownership:** 60% held by sponsor-directors, 40% by general investors ⁸

BDT 28 Crore Scam in BSEC's RIS Project

- ACC & BSEC uncovered **BDT 28 crore** irregularities in the RIS project
- Completion report lacked BSEC chairman's signature
- ACC probe found RIS software not installed
- Project director Saifur Rahman forced into retirement ⁹

Square Pharma Chairman to Buy Over BDT 32 Crore Shares

- Samuel S Chowdhury plans to acquire shares worth **BDT 32 crore**
- Follows similar purchases by sponsor directors Tapan & Anjan Chowdhury
- Samuel's stake to rise from **9.32%** to **9.49%**
- Square Pharma's Q2 net profit rose **26%** YoY to **BDT 660 Crore** ¹⁰

BANK AND NBFIs

Bank Deposits Recover, Inflation Drops

- **Bank deposits** grew 8.28% in January to BDT 17.81T, signaling recovery
- **Inflation** dropped to 9.32% in February from 9.94% in January
- **Loan disbursements** reached BDT 21.89T in January
- **Dollar rate** surged to BDT 122, reflecting forex pressure ¹¹

BB to Print BDT 2,500 Crore More

- **BDT 2,500 crore** liquidity support approved for Social Islami Bank & First Security Islami Bank
- Total bailout reaches **BDT 29,910 crore** for nine struggling banks
- Economists warn of inflation risks from money printing ¹²

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MNCs' Profits Decline

- Impact: 4 of 9 MNCs saw lower profits; 1 faced higher losses



Profit down **43%** to BDT 51 crore



Loss widened to **BDT 54 crore** (from BDT 15 crore)



Profit slightly down to **BDT 428 crore**



Sales hit by lower disposable income ¹³

RFL's BDT 200 crore Factory for Global Expansion

- Investment: **BDT 200 crore** for plastic production
- Annual Exports: Expected **BDT 450 crore**
- Jobs: **2,500** new opportunities
- Markets: India, US, Canada, Germany, Australia, UAE, UK
- Major Order: **USD 6 million** from a US company ¹⁴

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