## Fortnightly Trends of Major Economic Indicators: Updates on 31 May 2022

**Broad money** increased by Tk 102809.30 crore or 6.59 percent over end June 2021 to Tk 1663704.60 crore in April 2022 against the increase of Tk 126706.50 crore or 9.22 percent over end June 2020 to Tk 1500441.50 crore in April 2021. Broad money increased during the reported period mainly due to increase in domestic credit.

**Domestic credit** increased by 11.12 percent over end June 2021 to Tk 1600069.60 crore in April 2022 against the increase of 5.70 percent over end June 2020 to Tk 1382231.70 crore in April 2021. Domestic credit growth stood higher as compared to the previous year due to higher growth of both credit to public and private sector. Growth of credit to public sector (15.69%) stood higher as compared to the previous year (3.58%) due to higher growth of both credit to govt. sector and credit to other public sector. As per the latest available data, government overall borrowing from the banking system increased by Tk 32652.24 crore from 01 July 2021 to 31 May 2022 against the increase of Tk 2935.65 crore during the same period of the preceding fiscal year. Credit to private sector increased by 10.16 percent in April 2022 over end June 2021 against the increase of 6.11 percent in April 2021 over end June 2020.

**Reserve money** stood lower at Tk 330285.40 crore as on 31 May 2022 compared to Tk 337790.70 crore as on 12 May 2022. Reserve money however decreased by 5.11 percent as on 31 May 2022 over end June 2021 against the increase of 15.24 percent during the same period of the preceding fiscal year. Reserve money decreased due mainly to the fall of the Net Foreign Assets (NFA) of Bangladesh Bank during the reported period.

**NBR tax revenue** collection stood higher at Tk 204008.15 crore during July-March of FY22 compared to Tk 178257.40 crore during July-March of FY21. In another way, NBR tax revenue collection increased by Tk 2364.03 crore or 9.39 percent to Tk 27549.69 crore in the month of March 2022 as compared to the increase of 22.65 percent to Tk 25185.66 crore in the month of March 2021.

**Inward Remittances** decreased by 15.95 percent to US\$ 19194.41 million in July-May of FY22 against the increase of 39.48 percent to US\$ 22836.90 million in July-May of FY21. Government has already enhanced cash incentives from 2.00 percent to 2.50 percent with a view to attracting inward remittances through formal legal banking channel. Moreover, BDT has been depreciated following higher market demand of USD. Hopefully, remittances will be trended up in the coming days.

**Export**s increased by 34.09 percent to US\$ 47174.63 million during July-May of FY22 against the increase of 13.64 percent to US\$ 35180.82 million during the corresponding period of FY21. Exports seem to increase with the rise of exports demand from abroad. However, economic fallout from the Ukraine-Russia war may create uncertainty thereby export growth fall in the near future.

**Current account balance** recorded a deficit of US\$ 15317.00 million in July-April of FY22 against the deficit of US\$ 1653.00 million in July-April of FY21. Current account balance is in deficit mainly for the larger deficit in trade balance which means import is higher than export; and lower workers' remittances.

The **foreign exchange reserves** of BB stood at US\$ 42.20 billion as on 31 May 2022 which was US\$ 44.96 billion as on 31 May 2021. As per latest available data, foreign exchange reserves of BB stood at US\$ 41.75 billion as on 07 June 2022.

**Inflation** on twelve-month average basis (Base: FY2005-06=100) increased to 5.81 percent in April 2022 from 5.75 percent in March 2022. Point to point general inflation also increased to 6.29 percent in April 2022 from 6.22 percent in March 2022. Inflation has been showing uptrend since July 2021 due to higher commodity prices in the global market, oil price hike and rise in domestic demand after Covid-19 situation.

Detailed fortnightly information available up to 31 May 2022 is annexed herewith.

## **Detailed Information on Trends of Major Economic Indicators upto 31 May 2022**

## I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

| Particulars                               | June 2020  | April 2021    | June 2021  | March 2022 R | April 2022 P | July-April FY22 P | July-April FY21 R |
|---|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1   | 2          | 3             | 4          | 5            | 6            | 7                 | 8                 |
| 1. Broad money (M2)                       | 1373735.00 | 1500441.50    | 1560895.30 | 1629906.20   | 1663704.60   | 102809.30         | 126706.50         |
|   | (+12.64)   | (+9.22)       | (+13.62)   | (+4.42)      | (+6.59)      | (-18.86)          | (+19.02)          |
| 2. Bank deposits <sup>#</sup>             | 1181620.60 | 1308030.60    | 1351377.60 | 1417219.50   | 1426912.70   | 75535.10          | 126410.00         |
|   | (+10.92)   | (+10.70)      | (+14.37)   | (+4.87)      | (+5.59)      | (-40.25)          | (+52.08)          |
| 3. Domestic credit (A+B)                  | 1307633.80 | 1382231.70    | 1439899.10 | 1562710.80   | 1600069.60   | 160170.50         | 74597.90          |
|   | (+14.02)   | (+5.70)       | (+10.11)   | (+8.53)      | (+11.12)     | (+114.71)         | (-41.07)          |
| A. Public sector (including govt.) (i+ii) | 210365.90  | 217900.40     | 251043.70  | 271272.30    | 290438.80    | 39395.10          | 7534.50           |
|   | (+53.97)   | (+3.58)       | (+19.34)   | (+8.06)      | (+15.69)     | (+422.86)         | (-87.78)          |
| i. Net credit to govt. sector             | 181150.80  | 187168.10     | 221025.90  | 235493.50    | 254529.30    | 33503.40          | 6017.30           |
| -   | (+59.92)   | (+3.32)       | (+22.01)   | (+6.55)      | (+15.16)     | (+456.78)         | (-89.08)          |
| ii. Credit to other public sector         | 29215.10   | 30732.30      | 30017.80   | 35778.80     | 35909.50     | 5891.70           | 1517.20           |
|   | (+25.09)   | (+5.19)       | (+2.75)    | (+19.19)     | (+19.63)     | (+288.33)         | (-76.88)          |
| B. Credit to private sector               | 1097267.90 | 1164331.40    | 1188855.30 | 1291438.50   | 1309630.80   | 120775.50         | 67063.50          |
|   | (+8.61)    | (+6.11)       | (+8.35)    | (+8.63)      | (+10.16)     | (+80.09)          | (+3.31)           |
| 4. Reserve money @                        | 284483.40  | 327852.50 *** | 348071.80  | 337790.70 ** | 330285.40 *  | -17786.40         | 43369.10          |
|   | (+15.56)   | (+15.24)      | (+22.35)   | (-2.95)      | (-5.11)      | (-141.01)         | (+80.32)          |

Source: Statistics Department, BB.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis of column no 2 to 6 of data from left indicate percentage changes over the previous June.

Figures in the parenthesis of column no 7 & 8 indicate percentage changes over corresponding period of the last year.

Growth Rate in this table is calculated with the formula: ((Current-Previous)/|Previous|)x 100

P= Provisional, @=excluding F.C. clearing account, R=Revised

<sup>\*</sup>Figure as of 31 May 2022, \*\*Figure as of 12 May 2022, \*\*\*Figure as of 31 May 2021.

<sup>#</sup> Including both demand and time deposits (excluding inter-bank)

II. Government Financing (Taka in crore)

| Particulars  | As on                |                          | Flow for the period of |                         |                              |                             |  |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| r ai ucuiai s  | 31 May 2021          | 31 May 2022 <sup>P</sup> | 13-31 May 2021         | 13-31 May 2022          | 01 July 2020 to 31 May 2021  | 01 July 2021 to 31 May 2022 |  |
| 1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank           | 11299.14             | 26717.89                 | -9637.57               | -4196.41                | -33054.36                    | 2175.75                     |  |
| B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB) | 180758.66            | 234767.33                | -2744.84               | 1369.14                 | 2935.65                      | 32652.24                    |  |
|  | As of end            |                          | Flow for the month of  |                         | Flow for the period of       |                             |  |
|  | March 2021           | March 2022 <sup>P</sup>  | March 2021             | March 2022 <sup>P</sup> | July-March FY21              | July-March FY22             |  |
| 2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*                  | 376100.72            | 405329.85                | (+)3546.51             | (+)2712.70              | (+)35111.38                  | (+)20059.87                 |  |
|  | March 2021           | March 2022 <sup>P</sup>  | July-March FY21        |                         | July-March FY22 <sup>P</sup> |                             |  |
| 3. Govt. tax revenue collection (NBR portion)                                    | 25185.66<br>(+22.65) | 27549.69<br>(+9.39)      | 178257.40<br>(+7.31)   |                         | 204008.15<br>(+14.45)        |                             |  |

Source: Research Department & Statistics Department, BB and National Board of Revenue.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over the same period of the previous year P= Provisional

<sup>\*</sup> Excludes saving certificates held by the banks and includes T.bills & T.bonds held by non-bank financial institutions.

## (In million US\$)

| Particulars   | April 2021        | April 2022                   | July-April FY21 <sup>R</sup> | July-April FY22 <sup>P</sup> |  |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 1.Custom based import (c&f)                                   | 6260.00           | 7721.50                      | 52489.90                     | 74220.20                     |  |
|   | (+119.00)         | (+23.35)                     | (+13.02)                     | (+41.40)                     |  |
| 2. Opening of Import L/C R#                                   | 5939.85           | 7256.79                      | 52961.84                     | 76651.47                     |  |
|   | (+236.16)         | (+22.17)                     | (+14.56)                     | (+44.53)                     |  |
| 3. Settlement of Import L/C <sup>R#</sup>                     | 5297.55           | 7269.91                      | 45737.26                     | 67868.04                     |  |
| -   | (+111.75)         | (+37.23)                     | (+3.48)                      | (+48.25)                     |  |
|   | May 2021          | May 2022                     | July-May FY21 <sup>R</sup>   | July-May FY22 <sup>P</sup>   |  |
| 4. Inward Remittances   | 2171.03           | 1885.34                      | 22836.90                     | 19194.41                     |  |
|   | (+44.29)          | (-13.16)                     | (+39.48)                     | (-15.95)                     |  |
|   | May 2021          | May 2022                     | July-May FY21 <sup>R</sup>   | July-May FY22 <sup>P</sup>   |  |
| 5. Exports  | 3108.09           | 3830.29                      | 35180.82                     | 47174.63                     |  |
|   | (+112.11)         | (+23.24)                     | (+13.64)                     | (+34.09)                     |  |
|   |                   | July-April FY21 <sup>R</sup> | July-April FY22 <sup>P</sup> |                              |  |
| 6. Current Account Balance                                    | -1653.00          |                              | -15317.00                    |                              |  |
|   | 31 May 2021       | 12 May 2022                  | 31 M                         | ay 2022                      |  |
| 7. Foreign Exchange Reserve <sup>®</sup>                      | 44960.48 41913.90 |                              | 42202.00                     |                              |  |
|   | (+24.76)          | (-9.65)                      | 9.03)                        |                              |  |
| IV. Price Index   |                   |                              |                              |                              |  |
| 1. CPI inflation at national level<br>(Base : FY 2005-06=100) | April 2021        | March 2022                   | April 2022                   |                              |  |
| a. Twelve month average basis                                 | 5.60              | 5.75                         | 5.81                         |                              |  |
| b. Twelve month point to point basis                          | 5.56              | 6.22                         | 6.29                         |                              |  |

Source: Statistics Department and Accounts & Budgeting Department, BB and Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over the same period of the preceding year.

P=Provisional, @ Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over the previous June.

III. External Sector