## Fortnightly of Major Economic Indicators: Updated up to 30 September 2023

Broad money declined by 0.53 percent to BDT 18,77,245.70 crore as of September 2023 from June 2023. This decline mainly stemmed from the decline of net foreign assets (NFA) during the period.

Bank deposits inched up by 1.79 percent to BDT 16,23,740.40 crore at the end of September 2023 from June 2023, stemmed from the increase of the time deposits during the period.

Credit to the private sector increased by 1.26 percent to BDT 15,13,053.90 during July-September 2023, which increased by 2.09 percent during July-September 2022.

**Domestic credit** slightly increased by 0.20 percent to BDT 19,30,570.70 crore during July-September 2023. The increase in credit to the private sector led to a rise in domestic credit. Credit to the public sector declined by 3.47 percent at the end of September 2023 over June 2023. The lower credit growth in the public sector was due to negative net credit growth to govt. sector. As per the latest available data, government borrowing from the banking system decreased by BDT 3,777.85 crore during July-September 2023, against the increase of BDT 10,509.16 crore during the same period of the previous year.

Reserve money decreased by 10.42 percent to BDT 3,43,621.00 crore as on 27 September 2023 from the end of June 2023. Reserve money declined due mainly to the decrease in Net Foreign Assets (NFA) of Bangladesh Bank under review.

NBR tax revenue collection grew by 14.34 percent to BDT 76,751.30 crore during July-September of FY24, which was BDT 67,127.47 crore during July-September of FY23. The target for NBR tax revenue collection was set at BDT 4,30,000.00 crore in the budget for FY24. NBR tax revenue collection during July-September of FY24 was 17.85 percent of the target set for FY24.

Exports surged by 9.51 percent to USD 13.69\* billion during July-September of FY24 compared to 13.38 percent to USD 12.50\* billion during July-September of FY23. Exports increased mainly due to increasing demand for ready-made garment products from abroad and the depreciation of taka against US dollar.

Custom-based imports decreased by 23.90 percent during July-September of FY24 compared to 11.67 percent rise during July-September of FY23. Opening of import LC decreased by 18.03 percent during July-September of FY24, compared to 5.06 percent fall during July-September of FY23. Settlement of import LC also declined by 25.40 percent during July-September of FY24, compared to 29.70 percent rise during July-September of FY23. A notable depreciation of BDT against USD and import monitoring by BB might have contributed to the negative growth of imports.

\*Source: EPB

**Inward Remittances** edged down by 13.34 percent to USD 4.92 billion during July-September of FY24 compared to 4.89 percent rise during July-September of FY23. The reduced inflow of remittance might be the outcome of persistent high inflation around the world over the past year, along with speculative expectation about the depreciation of BDT against USD.

**Current account balance** improved and recorded a surplus of USD 0.89 billion during July-September of FY24, against the deficit of USD 3.68 billion during July-September of FY23. The surplus in the current account balance occurred because of sharply narrowed down trade deficit.

**Foreign exchange reserves** came down to USD 26.91 billion as on 27 September 2023 from USD 36.46 billion as on 27 September 2022.

**Headline Inflation (Point to point)** edged down to 9.63 percent in September 2023 from 9.92 percent in August 2023. On the other hand, **headline inflation (twelve-month average)** went up to 9.29 percent in September 2023 from 9.24 percent in August 2023. Supply bottleneck due to the Russia-Ukraine war, higher commodity prices in the international market; fuel, electricity and gas prices upward adjustment in the domestic market along with BDT depreciation and market imperfection could have contributed to the increase in headline inflation (twelve-month average).

Detailed fortnightly information available up to 30 September 2023 is annexed herewith.

## **Detailed Information of Major Economic Indicators upto 30 September 2023**

## I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	June 2022	September 2022	June 2023 R	September 2023 <sup>P</sup>	July-September 2023-24	July-September 2022-23
1	2	3	4	5	6=(5-4)	7=(3-2)
1. Broad money (M2)	1708122.30	1722827.50	1887168.10	1877245.70	-9922.40	14705.20
	(+24.34)	(+0.86)	(+10.48)	(-0.53)		
2. Bank deposits <sup>#</sup>	1471673.30	1482829.30	1595254.60	1623740.40	28485.80	11156.00
	(+24.55)	(+0.76)	(+8.40)	(+1.79)		
3. Domestic credit (A+B)	1671749.00	1710072.80	1926769.40	1930570.70	3801.30	38323.80
	(+27.85)	(+2.29)	(+15.25)	(+0.20)		
A. Public sector (including govt.) (i+ii)	320513.30	330659.70	432514.60	417516.80	-14997.80	10146.40
	(+52.36)	(+3.17)	(+34.94)	(-3.47)		
i. Net credit to govt. sector	283314.50	292492.10	387349.90	370920.90	-16429.00	9177.60
	(+56.40)	(+3.24)	(+36.72)	(-4.24)		
ii. Credit to other public sector	37198.90	38167.60	45164.70	46595.90	1431.20	968.70
	(+27.33)	(+2.60)	(+21.41)	(+3.17)		
B. Credit to private sector	1351235.60	1379413.00	1494254.70	1513053.90	18799.20	28177.40
	(+23.15)	(+2.09)	(+10.58)	(+1.26)		
Particulars	30 June 2022	30 September 2022	30 June 2023	27 September 2023	July-September 2023-24	July-September 2022-23
4. Reserve money @	347162.10	339404.00	383585.20	343621.00	-39964.20	-7758.10
	(-0.26)	(-2.23)	(+10.49)	(-10.42)		

Source: Statistics Department, BB.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis of column no 2 to 5 of data indicate percentage changes over the previous June

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

# Including both demand and time deposits

II. Government Financing (Taka in crore)

Particulars	As on		Flow for the period of				
r ai ucuiais	27 September 2022	27 September 2023 <sup>P</sup>	15-27 September 2022	15-27 September 2023 <sup>P</sup>	01 July to 27 September 2022	01 July to 27 September 2023	
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	70859.30	128152.80	1338.07	-550.54	10866.10	-29487.04	
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	284821.52	390000.19	1585.25	2185.68	10509.16	-3777.85	
	As of end		Flow for th	ne month of	Flow for the period of		
	September 2022	September 2023 <sup>P</sup>	September 2022	September 2023 <sup>P</sup>	July-September 2022-23	July-September 2023-24	
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	415499.99	423348.17	(+)2874.95	(-)1101.90	(+)3295.78	(+)3492.12	
	September 2022	September 2023 <sup>P</sup>	July-September 2022-23		July-September 2023-24		
3. Govt. tax revenue collection (NBR portion)	26834.02 (+7.67)	30553.78 (+13.86)	67127.47 (+15.69)		76751.30 (+14.34)		

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.

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## (In million US\$)

III. External Sector				(In million U	
Particulars	September 2022	September 2023	July-September 2022-23	July-September 2023-24	
1.Custom based import (c&f)	7191.90	5277.20	20905.30	15909.40	
	(+2.86)	(-26.62)	(+11.67)	(-23.90)	
2. Opening of Import L/C R#	6538.18	4759.65	19386.11	15891.27	
	(-17.68)	(-27.20)	(-5.06)	(-18.03)	
3. Settlement of Import L/C <sup>R#</sup>	6962.95	4627.80	22113.41	16496.54	
<u>.</u>	(+10.58)	(-33.54)	(+29.70)	(-25.40)	
	September 2022	September 2023	July-September 2022-23	July-September 2023-24	
4. Inward Remittances	1539.60	1343.66	5672.85	4916.26	
	(-10.84)	(-12.73)	(+4.89)	(-13.34)	
	September 2022	September 2023	July-September 2023-24	July-September 2023-24	
5. Exports	3905.07	4310.33	12496.88	13685.44	
	(-6.25)	(+10.38)	(+13.38)	(+9.51)	
	Jul	y-September of FY23	July-September of FY24		
6. Current Account Balance		-3678.00	892.00		
	27 September 2022	14 September 2023	27 Septe	ember 2023	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve <sup>®</sup>	36463.46	27536.49	26908.40		
	(-21.07)	(-25.85)	(-26.20)		
IV. Price Index					
1. CPI inflation at national level	September 2022 (Base: FY 2005-06=100)	August 2023 (Base: FY 2021-22=100)	<u>.</u>		
a. Point to point basis	9.10	9.10 9.92 9.63		9.63	

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

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

b. Twelve month average basis

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