Fortnightly Trends of Major Economic Indicators: Updates on 31 January 2022

Broad money increased by Tk 59739.70 crore or 3.83 percent over end June 2021 to Tk 1620635.00 crore in December 2021 against the increase of Tk 104949.50 crore or 7.64 percent over end June 2020 to Tk 1478684.50 crore in December 2020. Broad money increased during the reported period mainly due to the higher contribution of Net Domestic Assets (NDA).

Domestic credit increased by 6.41 percent over end June 2021 to Tk 1532188.00 crore in December 2021 against the increase of 4.28 percent over end June 2020 to Tk 1363575.60 crore in December 2020. Domestic credit growth is higher as compared to the previous year due to a higher growth of both credit to the public and the private sector. Credit to public sector growth (7.13%) is higher as compared to the previous year (5.66%) due to a higher growth of both net credit to government sector and credit to other public sector. As per the latest available data, government overall borrowing from the banking system increased by Tk 12681.03 crore from 01 July 2021 to 31 January 2022 against the decrease of Tk 5630.10 crore during the same period of the preceding fiscal year. Credit to private sector increased by 6.26 percent in December 2021 over end June 2021 against the increase of 4.01 percent in December 2020 over end June 2020. Credit to private sector increased due to come back normalcy in economic activities of the country.

Reserve money stood at Tk 322700.90 crore as on 31 January 2022 which was Tk 323248.70 crore as on 13 January 2022. Reserve money decreased by 7.13 percent as on 31 January 2022 over end June 2021 against the increase of 5.93 percent during the same period of the preceding fiscal year. Reserve money decreased due to the less contribution of Net Foreign Assets (NFA) of Bangladesh Bank during the reported period.

NBR tax revenue collection stood at Tk 21104.62 crore in November 2021 which was Tk 19064.57 crore in November 2020. NBR tax revenue increased by Tk 2040.05 crore or 10.70 percent in November 2021 which was also increased by 2.52 percent in November 2020.

Inward Remittances decreased by 19.87 percent to US\$ 11943.98 million in July-January 2021-22 against the increase of 34.95 percent to US\$ 14906.66 million in July-January 2020-21. Remittance declined due to the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic situation. During this period, many Bangladeshi migrants have lost their jobs, some migrants have been laid off by their companies and many others who returned to Bangladesh couldn't go back due to suspended international flights. Also, after the resumption of international flights many migrants could have sent their hard earned money through informal channels.

Exports increased by 30.34 percent to US\$ 29548.92 million in July-January 2021-22 against the decrease of 1.09 percent to US\$ 22670.24 million in July-January 2020-21. Exports increased with the reopening of economic activities home & abroad and also getting orders from abroad.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 8183.00 million in July-December 2021 against the surplus of US\$ 3515.00 million in July-December 2020. 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\$ 44.95 billion as on 31 January 2022 which was US\$ 42.86 billion during the same period of the preceding fiscal year. As per latest data, foreign exchange reserves of BB stood at US\$ 45.55 billion as on 10 February 2022.

Inflation on twelve-month average basis (Base: FY2005-06=100) marginally increased to 5.54 percent in December 2021 from 5.48 percent in November 2021. Also point to point general inflation slightly increased to 6.05 percent in December 2021 from 5.98 percent in November 2021. Inflation increased in December mainly due to higher commodity prices in the global market, oil price hike and depreciation of Bangladesh Taka against US dollar.

Detailed fortnightly information available up to 31 January 2022 are annexed herewith.

Detailed Information on Trends of Major Economic Indicators upto 31 January 2022

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	June 2020	December 2020	June 2021	November 2021 R	December 2021 P	July-December 2021 P	July-December 2020 R
1. Broad money (M2)	1373735.00	1478684.50	1560895.30	1602532.30	1620635.00	59739.70	104949.50
* ` `		(+7.64)		(+2.67)	(+3.83)	(-43.08)	(+40.26)
2. Bank deposits [#]	1181620.60	1291221.50	1351377.60	1394235.90	1409911.90	58534.30	109600.90
_		(+9.28)		(+3.17)	(+4.33)	(-46.59)	(+51.12)
3. Domestic credit (A+B)	1307633.80	1363575.60	1439899.10	1507410.20	1532188.00	92288.90	55941.80
		(+4.28)		(+4.69)	(+6.41)	(+64.97)	(-40.31)
A. Public sector (including govt.) (i+ii)	210365.90	222272.50	251043.70	273164.50	268940.50	17896.80	11906.60
		(+5.66)		(+8.81)	(+7.13)	(+50.31)	(-76.57)
i. Net credit to govt. sector	181150.80	191282.60	221025.90	240082.20	234544.10	13518.20	10131.80
		(+5.59)		(+8.62)	(+6.12)	(+33.42)	(-76.76)
ii. Credit to other public sector	29215.10	30989.90	30017.80	33082.30	34396.40	4378.60	1774.80
		(+6.07)		(+10.21)	(+14.59)	(+146.71)	(-75.45)
B. Credit to private sector	1097267.90	1141303.00	1188855.30	1234245.70	1263247.50	74392.20	44035.10
		(+4.01)		(+3.82)	(+6.26)	(+68.94)	(+2.66)
4. Reserve money @	283862.40	300697.40 ***	347485.30	323248.70 **	322700.90 *	-24784.40	16835.00
		(+5.93)		(-6.97)	(-7.13)	(-247.22)	(+262.81)

Source: Statistics Department, BB.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis of column no two, four and five of data from left indicate percentage changes over the previous June.

Figures in the parenthesis of last two columns of data from left indicate percentage changes over July to December.

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

^{*}Figure as of 31 January 2022, **Figure as of 13 January 2022, ***Figure as of 31 January 2021.

[#] 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 ucuiais	31 January 2021	31 January 2022 ^P	16-31 January 2021	16-31 January 2022	01 July 2020 to 31 January 2021	01 July 2021 to 31 January 2022	
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	6772.76	10068.93	-9818.87	123.14	-37580.74	-14473.21	
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	172192.91	214796.12	-5746.97	-3829.38	-5630.10	12681.03	
	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of		
	December 2020	December 2021 ^P	December 2020	December 2021 ^P	July-December 2020-21	July-December 2021-22	
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	363933.50	396843.98	(+)40295.06	(+)3050.38	(+)22944.16	(+)11774.03	
	November 2020	November 2021 ^P	July-November 2020-21		July-November 2021-22 ^P		
3. Govt.revenue collection (NBR portion)	19064.57 (+2.52)	21104.62 (+10.70)	87194.68 (+3.31)		100573.84 (+15.34)		

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

^{*} Excludes saving certificates held by the banks and includes T.bills & T.bonds held by non-bank financial institutions.

(In million US\$)

III. External Sector				(In million US		
Particulars	November 2020	November 2021	July-'November 2020-21 ^R	July-'November 2021-22 ^P		
1.Custom based import (c&f)	4818.40	7854.60	21880.70	33685.80		
	(+9.70)	(+63.01)	(-8.81)	(+53.95)		
Particulars	December 2020	December 2021	July-'December 2020-21 ^R	July-'December 2021-22 ^P		
2. Opening of Import L/C ^{R#}	5502.54	7739.04	28691.54	44075.43		
	(-3.91)	(+40.64)	(-0.93)	(+53.15)		
3. Settlement of Import L/C ^{R#}	5135.92	7821.56	25030.65	38390.00		
	(-2.72)	(+52.29)	(-9.30)	(+52.91)		
	January 2021	January 2022	July-January 2020-21 ^R	July-January 2021-22 ^P		
I. Inward Remittances	1961.91	1704.45	14906.66	11943.98		
	(+19.74)	(-13.12)	(+34.95)	(-19.87)		
	January 2021	January 2022	July-January 2020-21 ^R	July-January 2021-22 ^P		
5. Exports	3436.79	4850.37	22670.24	29548.92		
	(-4.99)	(+41.13)	(-1.09)	(+30.34)		
	July	-December 2020-21 ^R	July-December 2021-22 ^P			
6. Current Account Balance		3515.00	-8183.00			
	31 January 2021	13 January 2022	31 January 2022			
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve [®]	42862.96	42862.96 45079.05		44951,22		
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IV. Price Index						
1. CPI inflation at national level Base : FY 2005-06=100)	December 2020	November 2021	December 2021			
a. Twelve month average basis	5.69	5.48	5.54			
b. Twelve month point to point basis	5.29	5.98	6.05			

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.

NA= Not Available, due to the general holiday; R#=Revised by FEOD due to system generated data from "Online Import Monitoring System" for FY 20 and FY 19.