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Fortnightly of Major Economic Indicators

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Broad money slightly increased by 0.12 percent to BDT 18,89,423.10 crore as of November 2023 from June 2023. This increase mainly stemmed from the higher contribution of net domestic assets (NDA) during the period.

Domestic credit slightly increased by 1.60 percent to BDT 19,57,595.80 crore during July-November 2023 driven by the rise of credit to the private sector. On the other hand, credit to the public sector declined by 4.82 percent at the end of November 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 increased by BDT 2,015.55 crore during 01 July to 30 November 2023, against the increase of BDT 26,042.46 crore during the same period of the previous year.

Credit to the private sector increased by 3.46 percent to BDT 15,45,941.20 during July-November 2023, which increased by 4.11 percent during July-November 2022.

Bank deposits inched up by 2.87 percent to BDT 16,40,981.40 crore at the end of November 2023 from June 2023, stemmed from the increase of the time deposits during the period.

Reserve money decreased by 11.27 percent to BDT 3,40,370.20 crore as of November 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 14.27 percent to BDT 1,32,349.18 crore during July-November of FY24, which was BDT 1,15,817.67 crore during July-November 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-November of FY24 was 35.77 percent of the target set for FY24.

Exports surged by 1.30 percent to USD 22.23* billion during July-November of FY24 compared to 10.89 percent to USD 21.95* billion during July-November 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 21.02 percent during July-November of FY24 compared to 4.35 percent rise during July-November of FY23. Opening of import LC decreased by 14.06 percent during July-November of FY24, compared to 9.58 percent fall during July-November of FY23. Settlement of import LC also declined by 27.32 percent during July-November of FY24, compared to 26.87 percent rise during July-November of FY23. A notable depreciation of BDT against USD and import monitoring by BB might have contributed to the negative growth of imports.

Inward Remittances slightly edged up by 0.24 percent to USD 8.81 billion during July-November of FY24 compared to 2.15 percent rise during July-November 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.

*Source: Export Promotion Bureau

Current account balance improved and recorded a surplus of USD 0.58 billion during July-November of FY24, against the deficit of USD 5.67 billion during July-November of FY23. The surplus in the current account balance occurred because of sharply narrowed down trade deficit.

Foreign exchange reserves came down to USD 24.89 billion as on 30 November 2023 from USD 33.75 billion as on 30 November 2022.

Headline Inflation (Point to point) edged down to 9.49 percent in November 2023 from 9.93 percent in October 2023. On the other hand, **headline inflation (twelve-month average)** went up to 9.42 percent in November 2023 from 9.37 percent in October 2023. Supply bottleneck due to the Russia-Ukraine war, failure of getting the benefit from recent global commodity price decline due to large depreciation of domestic currency; 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 November 2023 is annexed herewith.

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Detailed Information of Major Economic Indicators on 30 November 2023

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	June 2022	November 2022	June 2023 ^R	November 2023 ^P	July-November 2023-24	July-November 2022-23
1	2	3	4	5	6=(5-4)	7=(3-2)
1. Broad money (M2)	1708122.30	1740472.40	1887168.10	1889423.10	2255.00	32350.10
	(+9.43)	(+1.89)	(+10.48)	(+0.12)		
2. Bank deposits[#]	1471673.30	1487490.40	1595254.60	1640981.40	45726.80	15817.10
	(+8.90)	(+1.07)	(+8.40)	(+2.87)		
3. Domestic credit (A+B)	1671749.00	1745374.00	1926769.40	1957595.80	30826.40	73625.00
	(+16.10)	(+4.40)	(+15.25)	(+1.60)		
A. Public sector (including govt.) (i+ii)	320513.30	338659.60	432514.60	411654.60	-20860.00	18146.30
	(+27.67)	(+5.66)	(+34.94)	(-4.82)		
i. Net credit to govt. sector	283314.50	299232.80	387349.90	363992.40	-23357.50	15918.30
	(+28.18)	(+5.62)	(+36.72)	(-6.03)		
ii. Credit to other public sector	37198.90	39426.80	45164.70	47662.30	2497.60	2227.90
	(+23.92)	(+5.99)	(+21.41)	(+5.53)		
B. Credit to private sector	1351235.60	1406714.40	1494254.70	1545941.20	51686.50	55478.80
	(+13.66)	(+4.11)	(+10.58)	(+3.46)		
4. Reserve money @	347162.10	346365.80	383585.20	340370.20	-43215.00	-796.30
	(-0.26)	(-0.23)	(+10.49)	(-11.27)		

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			
	30 November 2022	30 November 2023 ^P	16-30 November 2022	16-30 November 2023 ^P	01 July to 30 November 2022	01 July to 30 November 2023
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	99849.49	130335.76	9318.84	2525.19	39856.29	-27304.08
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	300354.82	395793.59	-2387.57	-353.97	26042.46	2015.55
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	October 2022	October 2023 ^P	October 2022	October 2023 ^P	July-October 2022-23	July-October 2023-24
	414953.62	432023.21	(-)546.37	(+)8675.04	(+)2749.41	(+)12167.16
3. Govt. tax revenue collection (NBR portion)	November 2022	November 2023 ^P	July-November 2022-23		July-November 2023-24	
	24900.00 (+13.57)	28351.20 (+13.86)	115817.67 (+14.05)		132349.18 (+14.27)	

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.

III. External Sector**(In million US\$)**

Particulars	November 2022	November 2023	July-November 2022-23	July-November 2023-24
1. Custom based import (c&f)	6654.70 (-15.28)	5962.70 (-10.40)	35151.60 (+4.35)	27762.90 (-21.02)
2. Opening of Import L/C^{R#}	4632.07 (-39.61)	5233.04 (+12.97)	32035.48 (-9.58)	27532.27 (-14.06)
3. Settlement of Import L/C^{R#}	6474.36 (-6.88)	5421.63 (-16.26)	38467.37 (+26.87)	27958.46 (-27.32)
	November 2022	November 2023	July-November 2022-23	July-November 2023-24
4. Inward Remittances	1595.17 (+2.67)	1930.04 (+20.99)	8793.56 (+2.15)	8814.55 (+0.24)
	November 2022	November 2023	July-November 2022-23	July-November 2023-24
5. Exports	5092.56 (+26.01)	4784.81 (-6.04)	21946.06 (+10.89)	22232.28 (+1.30)
	July-November of FY23		July-November of FY24	
6. Current Account Balance	-5668.00		579.00	
	30 November 2022	15 November 2023	30 November 2023	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve[@]	33747.74 (-24.81)	25262.08 (-26.23)	24894.58 (-26.23)	
IV. Price Index				
1. CPI inflation at national level	November 2022 (Base: FY 2005-06=100)	October 2023 (Base: FY 2021-22=100)	November 2023 (Base: FY 2021-22=100)	
a. Point to point basis	8.85	9.93	9.49	
b. Twelve month average basis	7.48	9.37	9.42	

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

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

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