

Fortnightly Trends of Major Economic Indicators: Updates on 15 May, 2018

As per the latest available information, **broad money** increased by Tk. 38037.20 crore or 3.74 percent and stood at Tk.1054113.20 crore in March 2018 over end June 2017 against the increase of Tk.48445.20 crore or 5.29 percent in the same period of the previous fiscal year. Broad money growth slowed down due mainly to a subdued growth in net foreign assets (NFA) and net repayment of Government debt to the banking sector during the period under review.

Reserve money stood at Tk. 211462.10 crore as on 15 May, 2018 which was Tk. 211544.90 crore as on 30 April, 2018. Reserve money decreased by 5.60 percent as on 15 May, 2018 over end June 2017 as compared to the increase of 0.89 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Domestic credit increased by 8.26 percent and stood at TK. 964205.10 crore in March 2018 over end June 2017 against the increase of 5.49 percent to Tk. 845241.30 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Domestic credit growth increased during the reported period due to a significant credit growth in the private sector. Credit to private sector recorded 12.29 percent growth during July-March 2017-18 as against 10.08 percent growth in the same period of the previous fiscal year. On the other hand, credit to public sector decreased by 19.06 percent during July-March 2017-18 which also decreased by 18.17 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Government borrowing from the banking system including BB increased by Tk. 1347.14 crore from 01 May, 2018 to 15 May, 2018 as compared to the increase of Tk. 1240.93 crore in the same period of the previous year. However, as per the latest data, government overall borrowing from the banking system during 01 July-15 May, 2017-18 decreased by Tk. 19588.50 crore which also decreased by Tk. 30793.62 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

NBR tax revenue collection increased by 14.51 percent (y-o-y) to Tk. 144963.63 crore during July-March 2017-18 as compared to the increase of 20.06 percent to Tk. 126594.57 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Inward Remittances increased by 17.51 percent and stood at US\$ 12088.18 million during July-April 2017-18 against the decrease of 16.03 percent to US\$ 10287.23 million during the same period of the previous year.

Exports increased by 6.41 percent and stood at US\$ 30406.41 million during July-April 2017-18 against the increase of 3.39 percent to US\$ 28575.20 million during the same period of the previous year.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 7083 million during July-March 2017-18 as compared to the deficit of US\$ 1372 million during July-March 2016-17. Larger deficit in current account balance emerged from increase in deficit both in trade and service account due mainly to a significantly larger growth of imports than exports during the period under report.

Foreign exchange reserves of BB decreased by US\$ 1.09 billion and stood at US\$ 32.02 billion as on 15 May, 2018 against US\$ 33.11 billion as on 30 April, 2018 as Bangladesh Bank made payments to Asian Clearing Union (ACU) amounted to US\$ 1389.61 million as on 08 May, 2018..

Inflation on twelve-month average basis (Base: FY2005-06=100) marginally increased to 5.83 percent in April 2018 from 5.82 percent in March 2018 due to slightly increase in both food and non-food inflation. On the other hand, point to point general inflation decreased to 5.63 percent in April 2018 from 5.68 percent in March 2018 due to decrease in both food and non-food inflation.

Detailed fortnightly information upto 15 May, 2018 are given at annex-1.

Detailed Information on Trends of Major Economic Indicators upto May 15, 2018**I. Money and Credit**

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	March, 2017	February, 2018 ^R	March, 2018 ^P
1. Broad money (M2)	964823.10	1051546.80	1054113.20
	(+5.29)	(+3.49)	(+3.74)
2. Reserve money @	194310.00 ***	211544.90 **	211462.10 *
	(+0.89)	(-5.56)	(-5.60)
3. Bank credit[#]	734711.10	854167.50	863355.70
	(+10.19)	(+13.09)	(+14.30)
4. Bank deposits^{##}	850713.20	923208.70	925980.10
	(+7.10)	(+5.08)	(+5.40)
5. Domestic credit (A+B)	845241.30	955853.00	964205.10
	(+5.49)	(+7.32)	(+8.26)
A. Public sector (including govt.) (a+b)	106600.40	93628.20	92773.70
	(-18.17)	(-18.31)	(-19.06)
 i. Net credit to govt. sector	90312.10	75069.40	74575.40
	(-20.93)	(-22.87)	(-23.38)
 ii. Credit to other public sector	16288.40	18558.80	18198.30
	(+1.48)	(+7.40)	(+5.31)
B. Credit to private sector	738640.80	862224.80	871431.50
	(+10.08)	(+11.10)	(+12.29)

Source: SBS from Statistics Department, BB.

Note: Figures in the parenthesis indicate percentage changes over corresponding end June.

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

*Figure is as of 15th May 2018, **Figure is as of 30th April 2018, ***Figure is as of 15th May 2017 .

Advances, import and inland bills. ## Demand and time deposits (excluding inter-bank)

II. Government Financing

Particulars	As on		Flow for the period of			
	May 15, 2017	May 15, 2018	May 01-15, 2016-17	May 01-15, 2017-18	July 01-May 15, 2016-17	July 01-May 15, 2017-18
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	11002.42	12685.70	3304.83	271.15	-10871.92	-3043.11
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	77896.07	70128.00	1240.93	1347.14	-30793.62	-19588.50
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	March, 2017	March, 2018 ^P	March, 2017	March, 2018	July-March, 2016-17	July-March, 2017-18 ^P
	200969.16	254279.41	(+)4055.86	(+)3513.41	(+)38072.67	(+)37697.62
3. Govt.revenue collection (NBR portion)	March, 2017	March, 2018 ^P	July-March, 2016-2017		July-March, 2017- 18 ^P	
	17327.66 (+23.13)	18606.17 (+7.38)	126594.57 (+20.06)		144963.63 (+14.51)	

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

Particulars	March, 2016- 17	March, 2017-18 ^P	July-March, 2016- 17	July-March, 2017-18 ^P
1. Custom based import (c&f)	4311.20 (+17.99)	4842.40 (+12.32)	34983.60 (+11.07)	43557.40 (+24.51)
2. Opening of Import L/C	4430.74 (+11.08)	5753.41 (+29.85)	35670.09 (+13.00)	55957.34 (+56.87)
3. Settlement of Import L/C	3790.07 (+12.61)	4565.76 (+20.47)	33635.67 (+11.30)	38407.72 (+14.19)
	April, 2017	April, 2018 ^P	July-April, 2016- 17	July-April, 2017-18 ^P
4. Inward Remittances	1092.64 (-8.27)	1327.18 (+21.47)	10287.23 (-16.03)	12088.18 (+17.51)
5. Exports	2758.60 (+2.85)	2954.86 (+7.11)	28575.20 (+3.39)	30406.41 (+6.41)
	July-March, 2016-17		July-March, 2017-18 ^P	
6. Current Account Balance	-1372.00		-7083.00	
	May 15, 2017	April 30, 2018	May 15, 2018	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve [#]	31849.96 (+5.57)	33109.53 (-1.14)	32022.52 (-4.39)	

IV. Price Index

1. CPI inflation at national level (Base : FY 2005-06=100)	April, 2017	March, 2018	April, 2018 ^P
a. Twelve month average basis	5.38	5.82	5.83
b. Twelve month point to point basis	5.47	5.68	5.63

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.

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