

Fortnightly Trends of Major Economic Indicators: Updates on 31 December 2018

As per the latest available information, **broad money** increased by Tk. 21522.10 crore or 1.94 percent in November 2018 over end June 2018 against the increase of Tk. 24289.10 crore or 2.39 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Broad money slightly slowed down due to subdued growth in net domestic assets during the period under review.

Reserve money stood at Tk. 233957.20 crore as on 31 December 2018 which was Tk. 228818.70 crore as on 13 December 2018. Reserve money increased by 0.42 percent as on 31 December 2018 over end June 2018 as compared to the decrease of 3.43 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Domestic credit increased by 3.97 percent and stood at TK. 1062174.80 crore in November 2018 over end June 2018 as compared to the increase of 5.28 percent to Tk. 937688.30 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year. Domestic credit growth slowed down during the reported period due to decrease in credit to private sector. Credit to Private sector increased by only 3.89 percent in November 2018 over the end June 2018 as compared to the increase of 6.56 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year. However, Public sector credit growth increased by 4.63 percent in November 2018 over the end June 2018 which decreased by 3.38 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Government borrowing from the banking system including BB decreased by Tk. 548.95 crore during the period of 16-27 December 2018 as compared to the decrease of Tk. 3371.06 crore in the same period of the previous year. However, as per the latest data, government overall borrowing from the banking system increased by Tk. 3847.62 crore during the period of 01 July-27 December 2018 while it was decreased by Tk. 7658.88 crore during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

NBR tax revenue collection increased by 6.07 percent (y-o-y) and stood at Tk. 62129.29 crore during July-October 2018 as compared to the increase of 22.43 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Inward Remittances increased by 8.03 percent and stood at US\$ 7489.13 million during July-December 2018 against the increase of 12.41 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Exports increased by 14.42 percent and stood at US\$ 20499.87 million during July- December 2018 against the increase of 7.15 percent during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of US\$ 2558 million in July-November 2018 as compared to the deficit of US\$ 4744 million during the same period of the previous year. Lower deficit in current account emerged from decrease in deficit both in trade account and service account.

Foreign exchange reserves of BB increased by US\$ 0.59 billion and stood at US\$ 32.02 billion as on 27 December 2018 from US\$ 31.43 billion as on 13 December 2018.

Inflation on twelve-month average basis (Base: FY2005-06=100) decreased to 5.54 percent in December 2018 from 5.58 percent in November 2018 mainly due to decrease in food inflation. However, point to point general inflation decreased marginally to 5.35 percent in December 2018 from 5.37 percent in November 2018 due to decrease in both food and non-food inflation.

Detailed fortnightly information upto 31 December 2018 are given at annex-1.

Detailed Information on Trends of Major Economic Indicators upto 31 December 2018

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	November 2017	October 2018 ^R	November 2018 ^P
1. Broad money (M2)	1040365.20	1125825.00	1131503.10
	(+2.39)	(+1.43)	(+1.94)
2. Reserve money @	216313.40 ***	228818.70 **	233957.20 *
	(-3.43)	(-1.79)	(+0.42)
3. Bank deposits^{##}	913482.00	986746.90	992393.90
	(+3.98)	(+1.82)	(+2.41)
4. Domestic credit (A+B)	937688.30	1048242.30	1062174.80
	(+5.28)	(+2.61)	(+3.97)
A. Public sector (including govt.) (a+b)	110744.70	115897.30	119381.40
i. Net credit to govt. sector	92603.10	95669.00	97786.70
	(-3.38)	(+1.58)	(+4.63)
	(-4.86)	(+0.82)	(+3.05)
ii. Credit to other public sector	18141.60	20228.30	21594.60
	(+4.98)	(+5.36)	(+12.47)
B. Credit to private sector	826943.60	932345.00	942793.50
	(+6.56)	(+2.73)	(+3.89)

Source: 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 31st December 2018, **Figure is as of 13th December 2018, ***Figure is as of 31st December 2017.

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

II. Government Financing

Particulars	As on		Flow for the period of			
	27 December 2017	27 December 2018	16-27 December 2017	16-27 December 2018	01 July -27 December 2017	01 July -27 December 2018
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	10493.31	24381.87	-4206.62	1228.52	-5235.50	736.23
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	82057.62	92105.29	-3371.06	-548.95	-7658.88	3847.62
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	November 2017	November 2018 ^P	November 2017	November 2018 ^P	July-November 2017	July-November 2018 ^P
	238432.36	287075.39	(+)3639.58	(+)5046.97	(+)21850.57	(+)23001.00
3. Govt.revenue collection (NBR portion)	October 2017	October 2018 ^P	July-October 2017		July-October 2018 ^P	
	14946.59 (+20.86)	16268.79 (+8.85)	58574.87 (+22.43)		62129.29 (+6.07)	

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	November 2017	November 2018 ^P	July-November 2017	July-November 2018 ^P
1. Custom based import (c&f)	5222.20 (+23.70)	5081.60 (-2.69)	23748.80 (+27.57)	25326.50 (+6.64)
2. Opening of Import L/C	16365.97 (+330.46)	5170.86 (-68.40)	35751.08 (+91.25)	24681.40 (-30.96)
3. Settlement of Import L/C	4397.00 (+13.24)	4902.14 (+11.49)	20592.10 (+8.25)	22545.67 (+9.49)
	December 2017	December 2018 ^P	July-December 2017	July-December 2018 ^P
4. Inward Remittances	1163.82 (+21.39)	1202.85 (+3.35)	6932.36 (+12.41)	7489.13 (+8.03)
5. Exports	3353.11 (+8.42)	3426.11 (+2.18)	17916.02 (+7.15)	20499.87 (+14.42)
	July-November 2017 ^P		July-November 2018 ^P	
6. Current Account Balance	-4744.00		-2558.00	
	28 Decemeber 2017	13 December 2018	27 December 2018	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve [#]	33226.86 (-0.79)	31433.02 (-4.58)	32016.25 (-2.81)	

IV. Price Index

1. CPI inflation at national level (Base : FY 2005-06=100)	December 2017	November 2018 ^P	December 2018
a. Twelve month average basis	5.70	5.58	5.54
b. Twelve month point to point basis	5.83	5.37	5.35

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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