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Broad money slightly decreased by 0.40 percent during July-September FY25 and stood at BDT 20,25,148.70 crore at the end of September 2024 compared to the end of June 2024. This decrease mainly stemmed from the decrease in net foreign assets (NFA) during the period.

Domestic credit inched down by 0.44 percent during July-September FY25 and stood at BDT 21,06,299.80 crore at the end of September 2024 compared to the end of June 2024. The decrease in domestic credit has been driven by the decreased credit to the public sector. Credit to the public sector decreased by 4.27 percent during July-September FY25 and stood at BDT 4,54,055.70 crore at the end of September 2024 compared to the end of June 2024. The negative credit growth in the public sector emerged from the fall of both net credit to govt. sector and credit to other public sector.

Credit to the private sector slightly increased by 0.67 percent during July-September FY25 and stood at BDT 16,52,244.10 crore at the end of September 2024 compared to the end of June 2024.

Bank deposits slightly inched down by 0.07 percent during July-September FY25 and stood at BDT 17,41,595.30 crore at the end of September 2024 compared to the end of June 2024. The decrease in bank deposits emerged from the decrease in demand deposits during the period.

Reserve money decreased by 13.36 percent during 01 July-15 October FY25 and stood at BDT 3,58,398.72 crore as on 15 October 2024 compared to the end of June 2024. Reserve money decreased due to decrease in both Net Foreign Assets (NFA) and Net Domestic Assets (NDA) of Bangladesh Bank under review.

Government borrowing from the banking system increased by BDT 14,266.78 crore during 01 July – 15 October FY25 against the decrease of BDT 5,637.19 crore during 01 July-15 October FY24[Ⓔ].

NBR tax revenue collection decreased by 6.07 percent and stood at BDT 70,902.90 crore during July-September FY25 compared to BDT 75,487.70 crore during July-September FY24. The target for NBR tax revenue collection was set at BDT 4,80,000.00 crore in the budget for FY25. NBR tax revenue collection during July-September FY25 was 14.77 percent of the target set for FY25.

Exports[Ⓗ] increased by 7.62 percent to USD 11.66 billion during July-September FY25 compared to the same period of the preceding fiscal year. Exports increased mainly due to increase in manufactured products exports during the period.

Custom-based imports increased by 1.64 percent to USD 16.17 billion during July-September FY25 compared to 23.90 percent decrease during the same period of the previous fiscal year. On the other hand, opening of import LC and settlement of import LC decreased by 2.24 percent and 1.03 percent respectively during July-September FY25. A notable depreciation of BDT against USD and import monitoring by BB might have contributed to the negative growth of both opening of import LC and settlement of import LC during the reported period.

Source: [Ⓔ] = Money and Banking Wing, Research Department, Bangladesh Bank. P=provisional

[Ⓗ] = Data revised by NBR, Compiled by Statistics Department, Bangladesh bank.

Inward Remittances increased by 34.71 percent to USD 7.85 billion during 01 July-15 October FY25 compared to 9.53 percent decrease during the same period of the previous fiscal year. The consistent inflow of remittances can be linked to the interim government's initiatives aimed at persuading remitters to use formal banking channels instead of informal channels like hundi. Furthermore, expatriates might be sending money to aid flood victims in Bangladesh.

Current account balance recorded a deficit of USD 0.13 billion during July-September FY25, against the deficit of USD 1.83 billion during July-September FY24. The deficit in the current account balance mainly emerged from trade deficit.

Foreign exchange reserves came down to USD 25.14 billion as on 15 October 2024 from USD 26.75 billion as on 15 October 2023.

Headline Inflation (Point to point) edged down to 9.92 percent in September 2024 from 10.49 percent in August 2024. On the other hand, **headline inflation (twelve-month average)** edged up to 9.97 percent in September 2024 from 9.95 percent in August 2024. The ease of inflation in September 2024 was primarily driven by a notable decline in food prices. This reduction may be linked to the normalization of the political unrest situation after the establishment of the interim government.

Detailed fortnightly information available up to 15 October 2024 is annexed herewith.

Detailed Information of Major Economic Indicators 01-15 October 2024

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	June 2023	September 2023	June 2024 ^R	September 2024 ^P	Flow of July-September of FY25	Flow of July-September of FY24
1	2	3	4	5	6=(5-4)	7=(3-2)
Broad money (M2)	1887168.10	1877245.80	2033234.00	2025148.70	-8085.30	-9922.30
	(+10.48)	(-0.53)	(+7.74)	(-0.40)		
Currency Outside Banks (COB)	291913.50	253505.40	290436.50	283553.40	-6883.10	-38408.10
	(+23.46)	(-13.16)	(-0.51)	(-2.37)		
Bank deposits[#]	1595254.60	1623740.40	1742797.50	1741595.30	-1202.20	28485.80
	(+8.40)	(+1.79)	(+9.25)	(-0.07)		
Domestic credit	1926770.80	1930570.70	2115524.90	2106299.80	-9225.10	3799.90
	(+15.25)	(+0.20)	(+9.80)	(-0.44)		
Public sector (including govt.)	432514.60	417516.80	474296.20	454055.70	-20240.50	-14997.80
	(+34.94)	(-3.47)	(+9.66)	(-4.27)		
Net credit to govt. sector	387349.90	370920.90	424877.10	406813.70	-18063.40	-16429.00
	(+36.72)	(-4.24)	(+9.69)	(-4.25)		
Credit to other public sector	45164.70	46595.90	49419.10	47242.00	-2177.10	1431.20
	(+21.41)	(+3.17)	(+9.42)	(-4.41)		
Credit to private sector	1494256.20	1513053.90	1641228.70	1652244.10	11015.40	18797.70
	(+10.58)	(+1.26)	(+9.84)	(+0.67)		
Particulars	30 June 2023	15 October 2023	30 June 2024 ^R	15 October 2024	Flow of 01 July-15 October of FY25	Flow of 01 July-15 October of FY24
Reserve money @	383585.20	338566.91	413647.00	358398.72	-55248.28	-45018.29
	(+10.49)	(-11.74)	(+7.84)	(-13.36)		

Source: Monetary Policy Department and Statistics Department, Bangladesh Bank.

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			
	15 October 2023	15 October 2024 ^P	01-15 October 2023	01-15 October 2024 ^P	01 July to 15 October of FY24	01 July to 15 October of FY25
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	124569.31	117427.67	-2983.67	4173.33	-33070.53	-38620.49
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector (including BB)	388140.85	488756.38	779.62	9852.27	-5637.19	14266.78
2. Net outstanding position of non-bank borrowing of the govt.*	As of end		Flow for the month of		Flow for the period of	
	September 2023	September 2024 ^P	September 2023	September 2024 ^P	July-September FY24	July-September FY25
	423339.01	455474.46	1659.98	11006.22	3492.11	22733.62
3. Govt. tax revenue collection (NBR portion)	September 2023	September 2024 ^P	July-September FY24		July-September FY25	
	28426.93 (+5.94)	29002.68 (+2.03)	75487.70 (+12.45)		70902.90 (-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.

III. External Sector

(In million USD)

Particulars	September 2023	September 2024	July-September of FY24	July-September of FY25
1. Exports ^u	3296.90 (NA)	3800.54 (+15.28)	10832.60 (NA)	11657.90 (+7.62)
2. Custom based import (c&f)	5277.18 (-26.62)	5651.30 (+7.09)	15909.38 (-23.90)	16170.60 (+1.64)
	September 24	September 24	July-September of FY24	July-September of FY25
3. Opening of Import L/C [^]	5203.83 (NA)	5517.64 (+6.03)	16737.02 (NA)	16361.30 (-2.24)
4. Settlement of Import L/C [^]	4715.69 (NA)	5853.62 (+24.13)	16614.25 (NA)	16442.58 (-1.03)
	15 October 2023	15 October 2024	01 July-15 October of FY24	01 July-15 October of FY25
5. Inward Remittances	922.00 (+19.74)	1310.00 (+42.08)	5828.95 (-9.53)	7852.03 (+34.71)
	July-September of FY24		July-September of FY25	
6. Current Account Balance	-1829.00		-127.00	
	15 October 2023	30 September 2024	15 October 2024	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve	26749.72 (-26.13)	24862.97 (-7.61)	25140.83 (-6.01)	
IV. Real Sector				
1. Headline Inflation	September 2023	August 2024	September 2024	
a. Point to Point Inflation	9.63	10.49	9.92	
b. Twelve Month Average Inflation	9.29	9.95	9.97	

Source: Statistics Department, Accounts & Budgeting Department, Foreign Exchange Operations Department of Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics and Export Promotion Bureau of Bangladesh.

^uData retrieved from OIMS on 12.11.2024

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

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NA=Not Available