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Fortnightly of Major Economic Indicators

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Broad money increased by 2.65 percent to BDT 19,37,241.80 crore during July-March FY24. This increase mainly stemmed from the higher contribution of net domestic assets (NDA) during the period.

Domestic credit increased by 5.69 percent to BDT 20,36,449.10 crore during July-March FY24 driven by the rise of both credit to the public and credit to the private sector. Credit to the public sector increased by 1.25 percent at the end of March 2024 over June 2023. The positive credit growth in the public sector emerged from the rise of net credit to govt. sector and credit to other public sector in March 2024.

Government borrowing from the banking system increased by BDT 32,020.30 crore during 01 July to 31 March 2024, against the increase of BDT 57,040.06 crore during the same period of the previous year.^{ⓄP}

Credit to the private sector increased by 6.98 percent to BDT 15,98,529.80 during July-March FY24 against the increase of 7.07 percent during July-March FY23.

Bank deposits edged up by 5.06 percent to BDT 16,76,046.60 crore at the end of March 2024 from June 2023, stemmed from the increase of both the demand deposits and the time deposits during the period.

Reserve money decreased by 6.99 percent to BDT 3,56,789.20 crore at the end of March 2024 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 15.27 percent to BDT 2,59,958.00 crore during July-March of FY24, which was BDT 2,25,513.09 crore during July-March of FY23. The target for NBR tax revenue collection was set at BDT 4,10,000.00 crore in the budget for FY24. NBR tax revenue collection during July-March of FY24 was 63.40 percent of the revised target set for FY24.

Exports surged by 4.39 percent to USD 43.55 billion during July-March of FY24 compared to 8.07 percent to USD 41.72 billion during July-March 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 15.54 percent during July-March of FY24 compared to 12.37 percent decrease during July-March of FY23. Meanwhile, opening & settlement of import LC decreased by 4.23 percent and 13.93 percent respectively during July-February of FY24. A notable depreciation of BDT against USD and import monitoring by BB might have contributed to the negative growth of imports.

Inward Remittances edged up by 6.48 percent to USD 17.07 billion during July-March of FY24 compared to 4.82 percent to USD 16.04 billion during July-March of FY23. The increased inflow of remittance might be the outcome of 2.50 percent cash incentive by banks in addition to existing 2.50 percent facility by the government.

Current account balance improved and recorded a surplus of USD 5.80 billion during July-March of FY24, against the deficit of USD 3.30 billion during July-March of FY23. The surplus in the current account balance occurred because of sharply narrowed down trade deficit.

Foreign exchange reserves came down to USD 25.23 billion as on 31 March 2024 from USD 31.17 billion as on 30 March 2023.

Headline Inflation (Point to point) edged up to 9.81 percent in March 2024 from 9.67 percent in February 2024. Besides, **headline inflation (twelve-month average)** also went up to 9.69 percent in March 2024 from 9.66 percent in February 2024. 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 (both point to point & twelve-month average).

Detailed fortnightly information available up to 31 March 2024 is annexed herewith.

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Detailed Information of Major Economic Indicators on 31 March 2024

I. Money and Credit

(Taka in crore)

Particulars	June 2022	March 2023	June 2023 ^R	March 2024 ^P	July-March, 2023-24	July-March, 2022-23
1	2	3	4	5	6=(5-4)	7=(3-2)
1. Broad money (M2)	1708122.30	1778659.80	1887168.10	1937241.80	50073.70	70537.50
	(+9.43)	(+4.13)	(+10.48)	(+2.65)		
2. Bank deposits[#]	1471673.30	1523991.30	1595254.60	1676046.60	80792.00	52318.00
	(+8.90)	(+3.56)	(+8.40)	(+5.06)		
3. Domestic credit (A+B)	1671749.00	1815957.30	1926770.90	2036449.10	109678.20	144208.30
	(+16.10)	(+8.63)	(+15.25)	(+5.69)		
A. Public sector (including govt.) (i+ii)	320513.30	369149.00	432514.60	437919.20	5404.60	48635.70
	(+27.67)	(+15.17)	(+34.94)	(+1.25)		
i. Net credit to govt. sector	283314.50	324561.90	387349.90	390401.50	3051.60	41247.40
	(+28.18)	(+14.56)	(+36.72)	(+0.79)		
ii. Credit to other public sector	37198.90	44587.10	45164.70	47517.70	2353.00	7388.20
	(+23.92)	(+19.86)	(+21.41)	(+5.21)		
B. Credit to private sector	1351235.60	1446808.30	1494256.20	1598529.80	104273.60	95572.70
	(+13.66)	(+7.07)	(+10.58)	(+6.98)		
4. Reserve money @	347162.10	345601.80	383585.20	356789.20	-26796.00	-1560.30
	(-0.26)	(-0.45)	(+10.49)	(-6.99)		

Source: 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			
	31 March 2023	31 March 2024 ^P	16-31 March 2023	16-31 March 2024 ^P	01 July to 31 March, 2022-23	01 July to 31 March, 2023-24 ^P
1. A. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from Bangladesh Bank	110317.46	127553.47	579.38	6040.79	50324.26	-30086.37
B. Net outstanding position of govt. borrowing from banking sector(including BB)	331352.42	425798.34	9244.53	10466.08	57040.06	32020.30
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 2023	March 2024 ^P	March 2023	March 2024 ^P	July-March, 2022-23	July-March, 2023-24
	416320.71	432541.95	(-)530.35	(+)1028.21	(+)4125.65	(+)12695.05
3. Govt. tax revenue collection (NBR portion)	March 2023	March 2024 ^P	July-March, 2022-23		July-March, 2023-24	
	29473.24 (+4.32)	33371.44 (+13.23)	225513.09 (+8.30)		259958.00 (+15.27)	

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	March 2023	March 2024	July-March, 2022-23	July-March, 2023-24
1. Custom based import (c&f)	6084.50 (-21.23)	5108.90 (-16.03)	58274.70 (-12.37)	49217.00 (-15.54)
	February 2023[^]		July-February, 2023-24[^]	
2. Opening of Import L/C	4728.57		44476.12 (-4.23)	
3. Settlement of Import L/C	4588.25		44318.38 (-13.93)	
	March 2023	March 2024	July-March, 2022-23	July-March, 2023-24
4. Inward Remittances	2022.47 (+8.75)	1997.07 (-1.26)	16035.08 (+4.82)	17074.46 (+6.48)
	March 2023	March 2024	July-March, 2022-23	July-March, 2023-24
5. Exports	4643.94 (-2.48)	5102.57 (+9.88)	41721.62 (+8.07)	43554.78 (+4.39)
	July-March, 2022-23		July-March, 2023-24	
6. Current Account Balance	-3298.00		5799.00	
	30 March 2023	14 March 2024	31 March 2024	
7. Foreign Exchange Reserve	31167.92 (-29.40)	25184.27 (-19.50)	25231.67 (-19.05)	
IV. Price Index				
	March 2023 (Base: FY 2005-06=100)	February 2024 (Base: FY 2021-22=100)	March 2024 (Base: FY 2021-22=100)	
a. Point to point basis	9.33	9.67	9.81	
b. Twelve month average basis	8.39	9.66	9.69	

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

[^]Data retrieved from OIMS on 10.03.2024

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

P=Provisional