

Banking commission by next month: Muhith: Finance Minister AMA Muhith said on Monday the upcoming budget will see increase in taxes in a few areas as the national election looms. "The new taxes are a very few. The rate of increase will also be very low," he said. The minister said a bank commission will be set up by this month. "The banking sector expanded a lot. It has both sides-good and bad," he said.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banking-commission-by-next-month-muhith-1528133613>

Banks' provision shortfall swells by 18% in Q1: Overall shortfall in provision against both classified and unclassified loans in the country's banking system swelled by nearly 18% or BDT 11.91 billion in the first quarter (Q1) of the current calendar year. The aggregate amount of provisioning shortfall rose to BDT 79.58 billion during the January-March period of 2018 from BDT 67.67 billion three months ago, according to the central bank's statistics. "Fresh classified loans pushed up the volume of provision shortfall with the banks," a senior official of the Bangladesh Bank (BB) told the FE on Monday

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Budget session begins today: The budget session for fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 begins today (Tuesday). This will be the 21st session of the 10th parliament and the last budget of the Awami League-led government. President M Abdul Hamid on May 16 summoned the session. The proceedings of the House will begin at 11:00 am with Speaker Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury in the chair.

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Govt allows import of cleaner furnace oil for power plants: The government has allowed import of cleaner-graded furnace oil for consumption in the power plants to generate electricity. The Energy and Mineral Resources Division (EMRD) under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources (MPEMR) issued a circular on May 31. It gave directive for consumption of furnace oil with 2.0% sulfur instead of 3.5% in the power plants, said a senior MPEMR official.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-allows-import-of-cleaner-furnace-oil-for-power-plants-1528129919>

Secondary trading of t-bills, bonds drops in April: Secondary trading of the treasury bills (t-bills) and treasury bonds (t-bonds) declined sharply in the month of April this year. Central bank statistics showed that total turnover of t-bills and t-bonds declined to BDT 6.50 billion in April from BDT 27.78 billion in March this year. Banks and financial institutions are the main buyers of these fixed income government securities. T-bills are short-term in nature and t-bonds are long-term.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/secondary-trading-of-t-bills-bonds-drops-in-april-1528116734>

DSE sees BDT 2.83b net foreign fund withdrawal last month: The net withdrawal of foreign funds invested in shares listed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) hit BDT 2.83 billion (283 crore) in May last. The foreign investors were in a selling mood throughout the month. They sold shares worth BDT 6.24 billion (624 crore) against the purchase worth BDT 3.41 billion in the month, according to the DSE statistics.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/dse-sees-BDT-283b-net-foreign-fund-withdrawal-last-month-1528088013>

BSEC approves new rules: The securities regulator on Sunday approved the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Substantial Share Acquisition, Takeover and Control) Rules 2018. The seal of approval was given at a meeting at the office of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC). The BSEC approved the draft rules on April 24.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bsec-approves-new-rules-1528087129>

Inflation lowest in 13 months: Inflation fell to 5.57% in May, the lowest in the last 13 months, riding on a decline in food prices, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics. Last month's rate is the lowest since May 2017 when the figure was 5.76%, showed the data from the state agency. In April this year, inflation stood at 5.63%.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/inflation-lowest-13-months-1586473>

Index Summary

	4/06/18	3/06/18	Point Change	% Change
DSEX	5,313.71	5,316.97	(3.26)	-0.06%
DS30	1,973.01	1,965.46	7.55	0.38%
DSES	1,235.03	1,228.18	6.84	0.56%

Market Activities

	4/06/18	3/06/18	% Change
Mkt. Turnover (BDT mn)	4,020.55	4,254.99	-5.51%
Mkt. Turnover (USD mn)	49.90	52.80	-5.51%
Total No of Trade	108,240	106,593	1.55%
Trade Volume (mn)	83.78	94.74	-11.57%

Market Valuation

	4/06/18	3/06/18	% Change
Mkt. Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,776.80	3,775.34	0.04%
Mkt. Capitalization (USD bn)	46.87	46.85	0.04%
Trailing Market P/E*	16.38	16.37	0.05%
Annualized Market P/E**	17.84	17.83	0.05%
Market P/BV	2.05	2.05	0.05%
Dividend Yield	3.66%	3.66%	-0.05%

Fresh bailout for state banks: The government may again allocate BDT 2,000 crore to state-run banks in the upcoming budget to help them meet capital deficit, continuing its years-long “go easy” attitude towards the lenders despite their irresponsible lending practices. In the current budget, around BDT 2,000 crore was allocated to these banks as part of a recapitalisation plan. However, the amount has not been disbursed yet. The figure may remain unchanged in the upcoming budget, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/fresh-bailout-state-banks-1586557>

India-funded projects going on at snail's pace: The implementation of the projects funded by the Indian line of credit (LoC) is going on at a snail's pace. Even the slow progress is reported to have irked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. A document on the progress of the LoC projects shows that until last month, half of the first LoC remained undisbursed.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/india-funded-projects-going-on-at-snails-pace-1528134002>

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