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Liquidity crisis brings cheer to state banks

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The ongoing liquidity crisis, which has become a bane for private banks and non-bank financial institutions, is turning out to be a boon for state lenders, which are flush with funds.

To cash in on the situation, state banks are lending to private banks on a short-term basis for 8 to 10 percent interest -- a safe return that no bank could earn even a year ago.

"These loans will help us earn more, but such income is temporary," said Mohammad Shams-Ul Islam, managing director of Agrani Bank, which has lent out the highest among the state banks.

Between December last year and March this year, Agrani lent out Tk 4,000 crore on a short-term basis for 9-10 percent interest.

As of December last year, Agrani's loan-deposit ratio stood at 57 percent and total deposits at Tk 54,000 crore.

Sonali Bank, the largest state lender in the country, lent out Tk 1,500 crore between December and March for an average interest of 9 percent.

As of December, its total deposits stood at Tk 1.07 lakh crore -- the highest. Its loan-deposit ratio was the lowest, at 39 percent.

It is a risk-free investment for state banks as there is no chance of the loans getting classified, said Shawkat Jahan Khan, chief financial officer of Rupali Bank, which has renewed its Tk 3,000 crore deposits parked with different private banks.

Rupali's loan-deposit ratio stood at 57 percent in December and total deposits at Tk 32,600 crore.

However, Janata Bank could not provide liquidity support to the market during the crisis period as the bank already has a high loan-deposit ratio of 67.5 percent, said a senior executive of the bank.

The bank declined borrowing proposals of Tk 2,700 crore made by 40 banks and financial institutions in February and March, according to a bank source.

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Manila refuses to hand over \$20m Rizal paid in fine

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The Philippines has refused to hand over to Bangladesh the \$20 million it realised from Rizal Bank in fines for its role in the \$81 million Bangladesh Bank cyber heist.

Rizal was fined one billion Philippine pesos (\$20 million) by the country's central bank for its failure to prevent the movement of the stolen money through it.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith requested Manila to give the money during his meeting with Philippines' Finance Secretary Carlos Dominguez II on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank in the Philippines capital last Thursday.

Dominguez told Muhith that the \$20 million fine was not just because of Rizal Bank's role in the cyber heist, but because of the bank's failure in following various rules of the land.

So, the amount belongs to the Filipino public, according to Dominguez.

On February 4, 2016, hackers broke into the Bangladesh Bank's systems and generated 70 fake payment orders for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York to draw about \$1.94 billion.

While the NY Fed's security system flagged the payment orders, five of them fell through, and \$101 million against them was released. Of the amount, \$81 million was wired to the Rizal Bank's branch in Manila and \$20 million to Sri Lanka.

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Potato prices go thru' the roof



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Potato in Dhaka markets has turned 41 percent pricier in a month as a large portion of the tuber was kept in cold storages leaving supplies tight.

Each kilogramme was going for Tk 20-24 yesterday, up from Tk 15-16 a month ago, according to the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh. A week ago the price was Tk 18-22.

"A large amount of potatoes has been kept in cold storages. As a result, supply has fallen," said greengrocer Emon of Shankar, Dhanmondi.

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NBR forms body to frame investor-friendly policies

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The revenue authority has formed a panel aiming to frame investment-friendly fiscal measures and improve the business climate to attract both foreign and domestic investors.

Termed as the Investment Promotion Team (IPT), the 21-member panel comprises representatives from investment promotion agencies and trade bodies, according to a notification issued by the National Board of Revenue last week.

The team will assess tax, duty and value-added tax-related proposals submitted by trade bodies and also recommend inclusions in the national budget, starting with the upcoming fiscal year of 2018-19.

The IPT can also suggest measures for other periods of the year. It will sit at least once every three months and submit recommendations.

The formation comes after trade bodies and investment promotion agencies last month suggested the NBR frame fiscal measures through detailed analysis of prospects and scenarios at industrial sectors to promote investment, particularly foreign ones.



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Abul Kasem Khan, *centre*, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, speaks at a press conference on the upcoming national budget, at the chamber building in the capital yesterday.

DCCI stresses tax cuts, low bank interest

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A leading chamber yesterday demanded cuts in tax and bank interest rates and easy access to finance for small and medium enterprises to raise the private investment-GDP ratio to 28 percent by 2021.

The contribution is estimated to reach 23.25 percent by the end of June this year, said Abul Kasem Khan, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI).

The ratio is insufficient to meet expectations for the economy to grow at 8 percent per annum and boost employment generation, he said.

"We need more private investment for higher economic growth. The private sector's contribution to the national economy is more than 77.5 percent."

The government should act quickly so that the country could earn a place on the list of top 100 countries in the ease of doing business index as soon as possible, he said at a press meet at the chamber building in Dhaka.

Bangladesh now ranks 177 among 190 nations in the index.

The event was organised to discuss the chamber's proposals for the upcoming national budget for 2018-19 before those are forwarded to the government.

In the existing business climate, an additional Tk 50,000 crore is required every year to bump up private investment-GDP ratio by 1 percent, Khan said.

The investment is taking place in Bangladesh, but the pace is slow due to poor infrastructure, inadequate energy supply, inefficient port operation and high price and scarcity of industrial lands, he said.

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Alibaba's annual net profit up 47pc

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Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba on Friday announced a massive 47 percent leap in net profit for the fiscal year 2017/2018, helped by a rise in smartphone and tablet transactions on its shopping platform.

Profit climbed to 63.985 billion yuan (\$10.2 billion), boosted by a 60 percent rise in revenue from its core business, the online retailer said.

The New York-listed firm added 98 million active consumers over the year ended March 31, to a total of 552 million using its e-commerce marketplaces.