

US consumer inflation slows in July

AFP, Washington

US consumer prices jumped again in July, as spiking gasoline prices continue to fuel inflation, prompting the White House on Wednesday to call for oil producers to open the taps to boost supply.

However, overall inflation came in at a slower pace than the prior month as some impacts of the pandemic shutdowns appeared to dissipate, according to government data released Wednesday.

President Joe Biden hailed the report saying it showed signs of progress as prices begin to come down. The consumer price index (CPI) rose 0.5 per cent last month, seasonally adjusted, after a 0.9 per cent surge in June, the Labor Department said.

Energy prices collapsed in 2020 when the Covid-19 restrictions forced business and transport largely to shut down, but have surged recently as widespread vaccinations allowed the economy to begin to return to normal.

Gasoline prices jumped 2.4 per cent last month, and spiked 41.8 per cent compared to July 2020, the report said.

Prices at the pump have become a political liability for Biden, and the White House called on the OPEC+ producers -- the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies -- to boost supply to ease the prices spikes.

"Higher gasoline costs, if left unchecked, risk harming the ongoing global recovery," US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said in a statement Wednesday.

The recent OPEC+ agreement to increase output is "simply not enough" to fully offset cuts imposed during the pandemic, he said.

Sullivan's statement comes three weeks after the OPEC+ group unveiled an agreement to boost output by 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) each month from August.



Chowdhury Nafeez Sarafat, chairman of Padma Bank, virtually chaired its board of directors' meeting recently. Md Abu Kaiser and Tamim Marzan Huda, directors, Md Ehsan Khasru, managing director and CEO, Faisal Ahsan Chowdhury, deputy managing director, and Md Ataur Rahman Prodhon, managing director and CEO of Sonali Bank, Md Abdus Salam Azad, managing director and CEO of Janata Bank, Mohammad Shams-ul Islam, managing director and CEO of Agrani Bank, Obayed Ullah Al Masud, managing director and CEO of Rupali Bank, and Md Abul Hossain, managing director of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, were present.

Focus more on agro-processing

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Educated youths should be given the opportunity to develop as agri-entrepreneurs and loans, insurance, credit guarantees will have to be ensured for them, Atiur said.

Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, chairman & CEO of Pran-RFL Group, said, "We need to do more work on food safety and create awareness about it."

It is necessary to produce better quality and more value-added agricultural products to compete in the international market, he said.

Addressing the event as chief guest, Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman has thought and worked for the development and welfare of agriculture and farmers throughout his life.

Therefore, immediately after independence, Bangabandhu took landmark decisions and initiatives for the development of the miserable and oppressed farmers of the country, he said.

Following the foundation laid by Bangabandhu, the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is continuously adopting and implementing agri-friendly policies, he said.

The minister said the next challenge in agriculture was the marketing of agricultural products. Marketing of agricultural products is very important in making agriculture profitable and ensuring farmers get a fair price, he said.

"If the market for agricultural products cannot be increased in the country and abroad, the development that has taken place in agriculture will not be sustainable. That is why we have to come forward in agro-industrialisation to increase agricultural processing and marketing," he added.

Ahsan H Mansur, executive director of the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh, said food processing agencies need to come forward to export agricultural products.

State Minister for Planning Prof Shamsul Alam said Bangabandhu laid the institutional foundation for the success that has come in today's agriculture. "Because agriculture is the main basis of development," he said.

FBCCI President Jashim Uddin, Senior Vice President Mostafa Azad Chowdhury and media personality Shykh Seraj also spoke at the programme.

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11	Package Name	Package-02					
13	Important Date and Time of Tender	1 st extended	2 nd Extended	1 st extended	2 nd Extended	1 st extended	2 nd Extended
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DSE index nears 6,700 points

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Stocks of Beximco rose 4.78 per cent to Tk 107.5 yesterday. The Beacon stocks jumped 7.27 per cent to Tk 213.

Beacon Pharmaceuticals informed that Syria issued it a good manufacturing practice certificate for registering it to avail medicine.

Last March, the drug maker informed that a technical team of the government of Syria inspected the manufacturing plant of Beacon Pharmaceuticals.

"If the Syrian government approves, we may export \$5 million worth of pharmaceuticals to Syria by December, 2021 and have the potential to increase exports to \$10 million within one year," the company added.

Newly listed South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce Bank topped the gainers' list, rising 10 per cent, followed by CVO Petrochemical Refinery, Shyampur Sugar Mills, C&A Textiles and Ring Shine Textiles.

Stock of Beximco were traded the most, worth Tk 259 crore, followed by LankaBangla Finance, IFIC Bank, Alif Industries and Beximco Pharmaceuticals.

IFIL Islamic Mutual Fund One shed the most, falling 5.55 per cent, followed by Paper Processing and Packaging, Prime Insurance and Bangladesh Monospool Paper and Manufacturing.

The port city bourse also rose yesterday.

The CASPI, the general index of Chittagong Stock Exchange, advanced 237 points, or 1.23 per cent, to 19,515.

Among 323 stocks to undergo trade, 192 advanced, 104 dropped, and 27 remained unchanged.

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