Govt to import 100,000 tonnes of rice and wheat

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The government will procure 100,000 tonnes of rice and wheat through international tender to increase the country's food stocks.

Moreover, proposals were approved for the purchase of 5,000 tonnes of sugar and two cargoes (one cargo equals 33,60,000 MMBtu) of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

A government purchase council comprising the interim government advisers, in a meeting chaired by Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed, gave approvals to the

separate proposals yesterday.

"We have approved importing rice, wheat, sugar and LNG so that there is no shortage of the essential items,"

As per one of the proposals from the food ministry, the government floated tender and settled on procuring some 50,000 tonnes of non-aromatic rice from Indian enterprise M/S Pattabhi Agro Foods Private Limited at a cost of \$477 per tonne.

The government also floated tender and settled on importing 50,000 tonnes of wheat from M/S Agrocorp International Pte Ltd in Singapore at \$301 per tonne.

4-day fair on textile, garment solutions opens in Purbachal

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The 23rd edition of a four-day Textile Series of Exhibitions kicked off at Bangladesh China Friendship Exhibition Centre in Dhaka yesterday, organised by multinational exhibition and convention organiser CEMS-Global USA. A diverse range of solutions and products on textile

garment machinery, yarn, fabric, apparel, trims, accessories, dyestuff and chemicals were put on display.

Nasreen Jahan, secretary to the Ministry of Civil

Aviation and Tourism, inaugurated the events as chief guest, according to a press release.

The events will serve as a gateway for foreign companies to expand into Bangladesh's vibrant textile and garment manufacturing market, helping to strengthen the country's position as a global leader in the textile supply chain, she said. These exhibitions will not only be a platform for showcasing products and technologies but also a forum for fostering meaningful connections between industry players, she added.

Presiding over the ceremony, Meherun N Islam, president and group managing director of CEMS-Global USA and Asia-Pacific, said the fairs brings together manufacturers and suppliers from around the world to showcase their latest products.



Banks will have to provide 40 percent of their net outstanding loans to green and sustainable ventures in the private sector from next year. PHOTO: MOKAMMEL SHUVO

Banks get higher target for lending to green, sustainable ventures

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Bangladesh Bank has revised the lending target for green and sustainable ventures as banks in the country recently achieved the previous benchmark in this regard.

As such, banks will have to disburse more loans for green and sustainable initiatives from next year as Bangladesh aims to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and attain the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

In a directive, the central bank yesterday said that banks must provide 40 percent of their net outstanding loans to green and

sustainable ventures in the private sector from 2025. Out of 40 percent, 5 percent of the fund must go to green

initiatives, it said. The directive comes as the overall financial sector crossed the previous benchmark for disbursing loans to green and sustainable projects. Until now, banks were given targets to provide 20 percent

of their total loans to eco-friendly sectors. Sustainable finance accounted for more than 30 percent of the total loan disbursement in the first half of 2024, said Chowdhury Liakat Ali, director of the central bank's Sustainable Finance Department.

"As the disbursement has increased, we have revised the limit to assist the government to meet the SDGs and Nationally Determined Contribution [NDC] targets," he added.

Bangladesh is aiming for net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

India's economic activity remains strong

Cenbank governor says

REUTERS, Mumbai

Economic activity in India remains strong, with the agriculture and services sectors doing well, India's central bank governor said on Wednesday, commenting on fears of slowing growth.

Inflation, however, remains a challenge and the next move on interest rates must be weighed carefully, Shaktikanta Das, governor of the Reserve Bank of India, said at

"(Economic) data which is coming in is mixed. But the positives outweigh the negatives and, by and large, underlying activities remain strong," Das said.

Corporate earnings for the July-September quarter have shown weakness in urban consumption, with fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) firms reporting flat or declining volume growth.

High-frequency indicators, such as the purchasing managers index for manufacturing and services, slowed in September but rebounded in October. Das said he would not "rush to say

the economy is slowing".

Star journo Ahsan, 18 others win ERF awards

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The Daily Star's Senior Staff Correspondent Ahsan Habib and 18 other journalists were honoured in nine categories at the Best Reporting Award-2023, organised jointly by the Economic Reporters' Forum (ERF) and Nagad on November 5.

Habib won first prize in the private sector category for his series of reports on how various sectors fared in the face of the two economic shocks: the Covid-19 pandemic and the war between Russia and Ukraine.

Babu Kamruzzaman, special correspondent of News24, also received the best reporting award in the same category. Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed,

Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur and Nagad Chairman KAS Murshid handed over the awards at a ceremony at Pan Pacific Sonargaon in the capital.

Fakhrul Islam Harun, special correspondent of Prothom Alo, and Jebun Nesa Alo, special correspondent of The Standard, Business jointly won the award in the macroeconomy category.

Salah Uddin Mahmud, staff correspondent of The Business Standard, won the award in the capital market category.

In the agriculture and food security category, Arifur Rahman, senior reporter of Prothom Alo, received the award.

Sajjadur Rahman, deputy editor of The Business Standard, and Md Shofiqul Islam, senior reporter of Dhaka Post, jointly got the award in the bank and insurance category.

In the digital economy category, Doulot Akter Mala, special correspondent of the Financial Express, and Tauhid Hossain Papon, senior reporter of Jamuna Television, got the prize.

In the investigative reporting category, Obaidullah Rony, special correspondent of The Daily Samakal, and Sadrul Hasan, special correspondent of UNB, jointly won the award.

In the objective economy category, Rajib Ahmed, deputy head of online reporting of Prothom Alo; Iqbal Ahsan, special correspondent of Channel24, and Md Ismail Ali, executive editor of Daily Sharebiz, jointly won the award.

In the revenue collection category, Mohammad Jahangir Shah Kajol, special correspondent of Prothom Alo, and Ziadul Islam, senior reporter of Amader Shomoy, got the award.

What does Trump 2.0

during Trump's first term.

When Trump imposed higher tariffs on Chinese goods in may also attract some foreign imposed a 25 percent tariff on January 2018, apparel exports direct investment (FDI) with Chinese goods in January 2018, from Bangladesh to the US turned investments shifting from China Chinese exporters faced a 3.08 egative between July 2019 and February 2020, Razzaque said.

The global economic slowdown, which could result in purchasing power contraction and a demand slump in the US apparel market, would affect apparel exports by Bangladesh, commented the RAPID chairman.

Moreover, he said Trump's protectionist trade policy could raise uncertainty on the global stage and create a gloomy outlook for global investment.

On top of it, global economic cooperation may be affected, including the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which could impact rising economies like Bangladesh.

On an optimistic note, Razzaque Ukraine and the Middle East, might global supply chain.

Masrur Reaz, chairman of the percent. Policy Exchange Bangladesh, also said garment work orders may shift Multi-Fibre Arrangement in 2004,

from China to Bangladesh due to Bangladesh has not benefited from the higher duties on Chinese goods tariff hikes on imports of Chinese any tariff preferences on garment goods by the US.

In the long run, Bangladesh to other countries due to Trump's imposition of higher tariffs on the US. Chinese goods, Reaz said.

Khandoker Rafiqul former president of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), believes that Trump's pledge to impose a 60 percent tariff on Chinese goods would surely benefit Bangladesh.

With a 15.62 percent tariff, Bangladesh exported \$8.27 billion worth of garment items to the US

Under both Democratic and administrations, Republican garment exports from Bangladesh to the US remained quite stable.

During Trump's presidency from 2017 to 2021, Bangladesh's believes Trump's stance on global share of garment exports to the affairs, such as his opposition to US fluctuated between 17 percent the continuation of conflicts in and 18.90 percent, according to the BGMEA. Under Democratic bring stability in those regions and President Joe Biden, the share did eventually contribute to a smoother not change dramatically, varying between 21.15 percent and 18.12

Since the expiration of the

exports to the US.

Before the Trump administration percent duty on garment exports to

According to the Hong Kong Islam, Ministerial Declaration of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the US was supposed to provide duty-free market access for all products from least Developed Countries (LDCs).

However, the US government allowed duty-free market access to only 97 percent of products.

As an LDC, Bangladesh's garment exports were expected to be included in the 97 percent dutyfree category, but apparel products were excluded from this package.

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banking sector workforce, and the third on recovering money laundered abroad.

Lawvers and consultants from different countries are being recruited in the taskforces, she added.

Bangladesh saw a fall in inflation in September, when it came down to 9.92 percent from August's 10.49 percent, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Shikha, also a BB executive director, credited policy rate hikes by the central bank for the inflation drop.

The policy rate, which now hovers around 10 percent, has been increased thrice since the beginning of the interim government's tenure,

Inflation may come down to around 6 percent if the price downtrend continues for the next six months, the BB spokesperson said.

NBR allows

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The neighbouring country recently imposed a 20 percent export duty to curb exports due to its own domestic shortages, leading to a further hike in the import costs, which influenced local onion prices.

Bangladesh harvests roughly 2.6 million tonnes of onion annually and the local production can meet up to 80 percent of domestic requirement.

Onion prices shot up 27 percent in the last one month, according to data of the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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retrieve Tk 873cr FROM PAGE B1 After the news made headlines, people rushed to withdraw their central bank. deposits, crippling the bank's ability

Govt to devise plan to

to conduct its daily operations. In January 2019, Farmers Bank was renamed Padma Bank as the troubled lender looked to sweep the gross irregularities and loan scams under the carpet and get an image

loans at the private commercial bank stood at Tk 3,071 crore, up from Tk

723 crore in 2017. The issue of recovering the money owed to the BCCT resurfaced at a meeting of the Advisory Council on September 12.

At the meeting, it was decided this money and formulate a specific possible initially."

roadmap on a priority basis after discussing it with representatives of all parties concerned, including the

Speaking to The Daily Star, Bangladesh Bank Executive Director scheduled.

"At the meeting, we will listen to As of September 2018, default representatives from the BCCT and Padma Bank. We will then decide on the next course of action," he

> director of the BCCT, said they will seek ways to recover the money from the Bangladesh Bank.

"Apart from that, we will also to prioritise the issue of liquidating urgently try to get as much money as

she said.

Saiful Islam, who will preside over today's meeting, confirmed that the meeting would likely be held as

added. Md Rafiqul Islam, managing