

# 31 cars of ex-MPs to be used for public service

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Thirty-one luxury cars imported by members of the dissolved 12th parliament have been handed over to the Department of Government Transport for public use, after the former lawmakers failed to clear them from Chattogram port.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) issued a special order this week instructing Custom House, Chattogram to transfer the vehicles for public use, citing public interest and failed auction attempts.

"This will not only save money on new vehicle purchases but also prevent the cars from being wasted at the port," HM Kabir, deputy commissioner of the customs house, told The Daily Star.

The high-end vehicles, with engine capacities ranging from 3,000cc to 4,000cc, had been lying at the port for months, losing value and attracting little buyer interest, customs officials said.

As the importers failed to clear the required dues, the vehicles were auctioned under Section 94(3) of the Customs Act, 2023. When the auction failed, the NBR moved to



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transfer the vehicles for official use.

According to estimates by the revenue board, the total payable duties and taxes on the 31 vehicles amount to Tk 269.62 crore. The highest payable amount on a single car stands at Tk 9.44 crore, and the lowest at Tk 8.62 crore.

In January, the Chattogram customs house attempted to auction the cars but received bids far below the reserve value of around Tk 9 crore each. Under auction rules, vehicles cannot be sold for less than 60 percent of the

reserve value. The highest bids came in below Tk 2 crore, prompting the authorities to halt the process.

Subsequently, an inter-ministerial meeting recommended transferring the cars to the government transport pool, a proposal later endorsed by the Finance Division. The Department of Government Transport will bear the port and freight charges from its budget for the fiscal year 2025-26, according to official documents seen by The Daily Star.

On September 24, the NBR issued an order instructing Chattogram customs house to take necessary steps for the handover.

The latest NBR order, however, allows importers to reclaim their vehicles by paying full duties and taxes as per customs valuation and laws. In that case, the Department of Government Transport will return the respective vehicles to Chattogram customs for lawful release.

Earlier, the NBR clarified that duty-free benefits would not apply to these vehicles, as the former MPs' privileges ceased with the dissolution of parliament. The importers were advised that the cars could only be released upon payment of all applicable customs duties and taxes.

## Essential food imports get 90-day credit window

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Bangladesh Bank yesterday permitted the commercial import of several essential commodities on deferred payment terms, in a move aimed at stabilising the domestic market and ensuring an adequate supply of key food items during the month of Ramadan.

According to a circular issued yesterday, businesses are now allowed to import rice, wheat, onion, pulses, edible oil, sugar, chickpeas, peas, and dates under supplier's or buyer's credit arrangements with a usance period of up to 90 days.

The central bank stated that this facility will remain valid until March 31, 2026, providing flexibility to importers in managing their payment obligations.

Earlier, Bangladesh Bank also allowed flexibility in determining LC margins for these same essential commodities based on banker-customer relationships.

## Traders decry police silence

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At the event, former FBCCI director Chowdhury voiced concern over high bank interest rates. "It had soared to 18 percent. Why cannot they be brought down to a single digit?" he asked.

### CORPORATES WANT CONSISTENT ENERGY SUPPLY

Representatives of major companies said energy shortages and logistical issues continue to hamper production.

Meghna Group Deputy General Manager Taslim Shahriar said low gas pressure during winter affects sugar production.

"If gas supply remains stable, mills can produce enough sugar and keep prices normal," he said.

TK Group Director Shaiful Athar Taslim proposed that the government directly import 400,000 to 500,000 tonnes of sugar and edible oil before Ramadan.

"If the government imports, the burden on private companies will ease, and traders will face less harassment," he said.

### LOGICAL CONCERN

At the programme, Farida Yasmin,

## Govt approves

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These unsafe recovery practices not only pose severe health risks to workers but also release toxic pollutants into the soil and water.

Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb, the special assistant to the chief adviser with executive authority over posts, telecommunications, and ICT, told The Daily Star that the project's initial consultancy report suffered from serious shortcomings.

"After evaluating the deficiencies, we held several meetings with local experts and potential investors in the waste management sector," he said.

"We extensively revised the DPP, adding around 50 pages of inputs. These included detailed use cases, identification of raw material sources, definitions of finished products, supply chain structures, investment models, and clear implementation guidelines for PPP companies," he added.

Taiyeb further said the goal was to ensure that private partners cannot act arbitrarily and must follow a structured, outcome-based model built around the principles of reuse and recycling.

## Bangladesh to be 2nd largest

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In contrast, Pakistan has been facing financing constraints that have delayed terminal expansion and reduced LNG purchases in recent years.

In countries with mature domestic gas production, such as Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, and Bangladesh, LNG is a logical replacement for declining domestic gas, the outlook said.

The report said Asia will remain the key driver of global LNG demand growth amid slowing domestic gas production, accounting for more than 75 percent of total imports by 2035.

"These include Southeast Asia, where LNG imports rise from 35 bcm today to 135 bcm in 2035," it said.

"Lower-priced LNG flows to other parts of the world where affordability is a key consideration, notably India and other parts of South and Southeast Asia," it said, adding that

the price would be 40 percent lower than today by that time.

The weighted average gas import prices in emerging markets and developing countries in Asia would be around \$7.5 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) in the 2030-2035 period.

For importers like Bangladesh, this glut offers an opportunity to secure long-term supplies at more competitive prices, though the agency warns that excessive dependence on imported gas could expose developing economies to volatility in global markets.

"Even at prices near to the short-run marginal cost of supply, LNG remains a premium fuel in a number of markets in Asia," it said.

"Abundant supply may offer these countries significant optionality for security of supply reasons and may help them manage periods of system stress," it said.

## Justification

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and small island nations. Composed of officials and independent experts, it is here to conduct a ground-level evaluation.

During the meeting, ERD officials presented the government's Smooth Transition Strategy (STS) and its monitoring framework. They also highlighted the National Tariff Policy, which is being operationalised, and ongoing reforms within the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to strengthen revenue collection.

However, ministry representatives also acknowledged several challenges, particularly the slow progress in export diversification.

As part of Bangladesh's Graduation Readiness Assessment, the UN team has distributed questionnaires to ministries, private sector representatives, academics, and research institutions.



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