

Govt unveils new 5-year plan to bolster fiscal governance

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The Finance Division under the finance ministry has launched its third Public Financial Management (PFM) Reform Strategy, a five-year plan designed to shift fiscal governance from system-based reforms to outcome-driven accountability and service delivery.

For the first time, the plan mainstreams climate smart PFM, gender-responsive budgeting, and sector-specific reforms in health, education, and social protection, reads a press statement issued by the division yesterday.

The strategy, unveiled by Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed, comes as

the country grapples with rising public expenditure, climate pressures, and global economic volatility.

Speaking at the ceremony, he stressed that the framework is intended to strengthen transparency and ensure citizens receive tangible benefits from public spending.

The Finance Division states that the 2025-2030 roadmap sets out 15 reform pillars, ranging from fiscal sustainability and debt management to procurement, oversight, and digital transformation.

Finance Secretary Md Khairuzzaman Mozumder described the strategy as the product of “sustained and collaborative efforts” across ministries, constitutional

bodies, and development partners.

Comptroller and Auditor General Md Nurul Islam underscored the role of independent audit in ensuring fiscal discipline and citizen-focused services.

Jean Pesme, World Bank’s Division Director for Bangladesh and Bhutan, highlighted progress in reforms such as iBAS++ and pension digitalisation, which have enhanced oversight and credibility.

Yet, he cautioned that institutional capacity, fiscal management, and public debt remain pressing challenges.

Bangladesh’s tax-to-GDP ratio is among the lowest in South Asia, while liabilities from state-owned enterprises and contingent risks continue to expand,

the Finance Division noted.

The new framework emphasises resilience through improved macro fiscal forecasting, integrated debt management, and transparent reporting of fiscal risks, it added.

The division expects the PFM Reform Strategy to position public finance as a cornerstone of economic governance, equity, and public trust as Bangladesh advances toward upper-middle-income status.

Its success will depend on sustained political commitment, stronger inter-agency coordination, and investment in public sector capacity, it added.

CDBL declares 22% cash dividend

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The Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd (CDBL) has approved a 22 percent cash dividend for the 2024-25 fiscal year for its shareholders.

The declaration was made yesterday at the company’s annual general meeting held at the DSE building in Dhaka.

The meeting was presided over by AKM Habibur Rahman, director of CDBL, while other directors — Naser Ezaz Bijoy, Md Shakil Rizvi, and Niranjan Chandra Debnath — were also present, along with Md Abdul Mutaleb, managing director and CEO of CDBL.

Last year, the company’s profits grew by 8 percent year-on-year to Tk 65 crore.

Meanwhile, its earnings per share stood at Tk 3.25, up from Tk 2.99 in the previous fiscal year.

CDBL’s net asset value per share was Tk 42.18 at the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year, compared to Tk 40.31 at the end of the previous year.

US unemployment rises further

AFP, Washington

The US jobless rate picked up again in November, hovering at its highest level in four years, official data showed Tuesday in a report underscoring a labor market cooldown in the world’s biggest economy.

The report, delayed by a lengthy government shutdown, also indicated that the US economy lost 105,000 jobs in October.

Hiring picked up again in November with a gain of 64,000 jobs, but this was still a slower pace than before, according to the Labor Department figures.

“Employment rose in health care and construction in November, while (the) federal government continued to lose jobs,” the department said.

There was a sharp decline of 162,000 government jobs in October, “as some federal employees who accepted a deferred resignation offer came off federal payrolls,” the report added.

In November, unemployment climbed to 4.6 percent from 4.4 percent in September. It is the highest rate since September 2021.

There was no October jobless rate as officials were unable to retroactively collect data after the shutdown, which lasted until November 12. The figures will be closely scrutinized for their potential bearing on US interest rates.



PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Jobseekers speak with recruiters at a job fair in Sunrise, Florida. Hiring picked up in November with a gain of 64,000 jobs, but this was still a slower pace than before.

The Federal Reserve has cut rates three times in a row this year as employment weakened, but hinted that the bar is likely higher for further cuts.

A rapidly deteriorating jobs market could nudge the central bank to lower rates more to boost the economy, despite some policymakers’ worries that higher inflation could become persistent.

While President Donald Trump’s tariffs have not sparked a broad inflation surge, firms say they have caused business costs to grow and fueled uncertainty.

Trump’s chief economic adviser Kevin Hassett told reporters Tuesday that government workers who took buyouts “are staying in the labor force and looking for work.”

He said he expects “that they’ll be very successful with it.”

Elizabeth Warren, the top Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee, slammed Trump’s “chaotic tariffs” and economic policies, saying they were “hammering the labor market.”

“With wages struggling to keep up with higher costs, it’s no wonder Americans are more anxious about the economy than ever,” she said.

In November, average hourly earnings climbed 0.1 percent to \$36.86, while wages rose 3.5 percent on an annual basis. But both numbers represent a slowdown from the prior month.

In another sign that the economy appears to be cooling, a separate report released Tuesday by the Commerce Department said that retail sales were flat in October at \$732.6 billion.

This came on the back of sales declines at motor vehicle and parts dealers, and gasoline stations. Consumers also pulled back at restaurants and bars.

“Americans are feeling squeezed,” said Heather Long, chief economist at the Navy Federal Credit Union, adding that consumers were shifting to spending more on necessities.

On employment, Long said: “The US economy is in a jobs recession. The nation has added a mere 100,000 in the past six months.”

Energy efficiency saved \$3.3b in FY24

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energy than households or industry, its reliance on air conditioning makes efficiency gains critical as rising temperatures are expected to increase demand.

The report noted that stronger enforcement of appliance standards and labelling is needed to secure real savings.

It also warned that recent rises in import duties could undermine efficiency gains by making efficient appliances more expensive.

Customs duties on key components of LED lights were raised sharply in FY2025-26, potentially pushing price-sensitive consumers towards cheaper, lower-quality products.

Similarly, higher minimum import duties on inverter-based compressors for energy-efficient air conditioners and refrigerators could also slow adoption

of efficient cooling technologies, it said.

IEEFA clarified that the \$3.3 billion figure represents avoided fuel import costs rather than direct budgetary savings and does not appear as a line item in government accounts.

The report concluded that without stronger enforcement of efficiency standards and faster modernisation of industry and buildings, the country risks locking itself into higher fuel costs despite recent gains.

“For Bangladesh, energy efficiency is a strategic necessity to curb unchecked energy consumption and strengthen the resilience of its energy system. Achieving these gains will require a coordinated effort among regulatory authorities, industries, financial institutions, and technology providers,” it said.

Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director

Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division

Department of Environment

E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

Memo. No. 22.02.0000.020.14.002.25.117

Date: 17.12.2025

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		
2	Agency	Department of Environment		
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division.		
4	Procuring entity district	Dhaka		
5	Invitation for	Transport hiring (Jeep)		
6	Issued date	17.12.2025		
7	Invitation Ref. No.	22.02.0000.020.14.002.25.117		
8	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM); National Competitive Tender (NCT)		
9	Budget and source of funds	World Bank		
10	Project/program name	Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division.		
11	Tender Package No.	S-11 (Non-Consulting Service))		
12	Tender package name	Transport hiring (Jeep)		
13	Tender document last selling date	28/12/2025 (office hours)		
14	Tender closing date and time	29-12-2025 at 3:00pm		
15	Tender opening date and time	29-12-2025 at 3:30pm		
16	Name and address of the office of selling the tender document	Office of the Project Director, Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division, 1st Floor, Room-211, E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		
17	Name and address of the office of receiving & opening tender document	Office of the Project Director, Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division, 1st Floor, Room-211, E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		
18	Pre-tender meeting place, date and time	N/A		
19	Eligibility of tenderer	As per Tender Document		
20	Brief description of service	Transport hiring (Jeep), (including driver and fuel)		
21	Price of tender document	Tk.1000/- (one thousand) only [non-refundable]		
22	Identification of tender package	Location	Tender security amount (in Taka)	Completion time
	Transport hiring (Jeep)	Department of Environment, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207	Tk. 90,000/- (Taka ninety thousand) only	Duration of contract will be one year from the date of signing contract.
23	Name of official inviting tender	Md. Samsuzzaman Sarker		
24	Designation of official inviting tender	Project Director, Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division, 1st Floor, E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		
25	Address of official inviting tender	Office of the Project Director, Comprehensive Environmental Impact and Damage Assessment of Rohingya Influx in Cox’s Bazar and Bhasanchar of Chattogram Division, 1st Floor, E-16, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change		
26	Contact details of official inviting tender	Telephone: 88-(02)-222218378, E-mail: helpdoepd@gmail.com		
27	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Tenders.			

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Date: 15/12/2025

Re-e-Tender Notice (OTM)

e-Tenders are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of

Sl. No.	Tender ID No./Package No. & Reference No.	Name of the works	Document last selling date & time	Tender closing/opening date & time
01.	1192954 , 46.10.0000.037.14.482.24 date: 26.12.2024	Supply of Telescopic Type Brand New 05 (Five) Nos. Hydraulic Beam Lifter for DNCC.	29-Dec-2025 12:00	29-Dec-2025 14:00

This is an online Re-Tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<https://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender document from the National e-GP System Portal have to be deposited online through any registered bank’s branches. Further information and guidelines are available in National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS/ INVESTORS

[Transfer of Unpaid/Unclaimed Cash Dividend for the year 2021-2022 to the Capital Market Stabilization Fund]

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Directive No. BSEC/CMRRCD/2021-386/03 dated 14 January 2021 and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Capital Market Stabilization Fund) Rules, 2021, cash dividend, which remains unpaid or unclaimed or unsettled or undistributed for a period of 3 (three) years from the date of declaration or approval or record date or date of subscription or refund, as the case may be, are required to be transferred by the Company to the Capital Market Stabilization Fund (CMSF).

The concerned Shareholders/Investors are requested to claim the unpaid/ unclaimed cash dividend amount for the year 2021-2022 on or before 17 January 2026 with proper supporting documents at the Share Office of the Company.

Pursuant to the said BSEC Rules, the details of the concerned Shareholders/ Investors whose dividend amount are subject to transfer to CMSF have already been published on the Company’s website: www.blil.com.bd

The Shareholders/Investors are requested to note that in case the Company does not receive any valid claim by 17 January 2026, the Company shall with a view to comply with the requirements of the said BSEC Directive and Rules, initiate the necessary actions to transfer the said dividend to the CMSF within the stipulated time.

For Bangladesh Lamps PLC.

Dhaka 18-12-2025

Mohammad Ruhan Miah
Company Secretary