

# China-based firm to invest \$30.47m in Bepza EZ

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Green Pure Houseware (BD) Co Ltd, a China (Hong Kong)-based company, is set to invest \$30.47 million to set up a manufacturing plant in the Bepza Economic Zone.

Md Tanvir Hossain, executive director (investment promotion) of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) and Wang Shenyu, managing director of Green Pure Houseware, signed a land lease agreement on behalf of their respective sides at the Bepza Complex in Dhaka yesterday, according to a press release.

The company will mainly produce greenhouse hydroponics tents — specialised portable structures for soil-less cultivation.

Additionally, EVA cabinet mats,

cartons, and PE packaging films will also be manufactured at the facility. The products will be exported to major international markets, including the US, Europe, the UK, Canada, and Japan.

The project is expected to create 3,000 jobs for Bangladeshi nationals. Major General Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, executive chairman of Bepza, witnessed the signing ceremony. He welcomed the investors and reaffirmed Bepza's commitment to providing seamless services and a business-friendly environment.

Senior Bepza officials, including Abdullah Al Mamun, member (engineering), ANM Foyzul Haque, member (finance), and ASM Anwar Parvez, executive director (public relations), were also present.

# Gold nears one-month high

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Gold rose to near a one-month high on Friday and was headed for a seventh straight month of gains, supported by geopolitical tensions after the United States and Iran extended nuclear talks, while softer US Treasury yields further boosted bullion.

Spot gold was up 0.8 percent at \$5,230.56 an ounce by 01:38 p.m. ET (1838 GMT), hitting its highest level since January 30 earlier in the session. Prices have climbed 7.6 percent so far in February.

US gold futures for April delivery settled 1 percent higher at \$5,247.90.

"There's a lot of nervousness surrounding geopolitics, you have all the set-up for a high probability of a military operation over the weekend, so it's a risk-off in a flight to safety," said Phillip Streible, chief market strategist at Blue Line Futures.

The US and Iran made progress in Thursday's nuclear talks, mediator Oman said, but hours of negotiations ended without a breakthrough that could avert possible US strikes amid a major military buildup. Meanwhile, the US Embassy in Jerusalem also permitted non-emergency staff and families to leave Israel citing safety risks.

US 10-year Treasury yields slipped to a three-month low, making non-yielding gold more attractive by lowering its opportunity cost.

Gold's next likely upside target is \$5,450, with key support near \$5,120, Streible said.

# Big LPG importers sidelined

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Omera Petroleum Limited, which led imports until 2024, fell to second place in FY2025. Its share rose from 18.6 percent in FY2023 to 20.5 percent in FY2024 before declining to 15 percent in FY2025.

Md Rukunuzzaman, head of sales at Omera Petroleum, said strict banking rules had reshaped the market. "Many companies could not open letters of credit. As a result, some firms sourced LPG from major importers instead of importing directly. This inflated import volumes for certain companies but did not necessarily reflect retail market share," he said.

Apart from banking, official documents say "reluctance" by major players in shipping contributed to the market shift.

While the changes reshaped the market, retail prices of a 12-kg LPG cylinder rose to Tk 1,800, far above the government-fixed rate of Tk 1,341. In some cases, prices nearly doubled rates set by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC).

Traders said supply is improving as alternative shipments arrived amid geopolitical tensions in the Middle East start to arrive.

According to the LPG Operators Association

of Bangladesh (IOAB), 52 companies hold LPG business licences, but only 28 are active. Of these, 23 can import directly, yet just 9-10 account for most imports.

Smaller operators usually buy in bulk from major importers and sell under their own brands, a pattern that has strengthened amid banking issues, said IOAB. Several new players who had earlier received approval but had not imported entered the market in early 2026.

In 2026, imports from the United Arab Emirates fell sharply to 2 percent, while those from Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Iraq have also declined.

Aminul Haque, president of IOAB, said financing challenges weakened many established companies. "Many companies faced complexities and could not secure financing from banks, which allowed newer firms to expand their presence," he said. "This transition contributed to market instability, but conditions are improving."

He added that geopolitical tensions in the Middle East disrupted traditional supply chains and ongoing conflicts could further complicate the market.

Haque said the US is likely to remain the dominant supplier. "The United States remains the single largest source of LPG imports, and trade agreements may increase imports further. Importers will continue sourcing from whichever countries offer the most reliable and cost-effective supply," he said.

# Ongoing reforms

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a business and manufacturing-friendly environment to generate 1 crore new jobs.

He also stressed the productive use of distressed assets arising from bad loans, including reopening closed factories for new manufacturing or service ventures.

Arefin said the new governor spoke about the "One Village, One Product" initiative.

"This is about how banks can help, say, Ashogram's famous cheese reach global markets. This can be done district by district, village by village, for many other products," the governor told them.

"As ABB chairman, this is when I highlighted the importance of SME financing and the need for continued central bank support to SMEs through refinancing packages," Arefin added.

Another managing director of a private commercial bank said the governor pledged that the central bank would

respond more promptly to issues raised by ABB, aiming for faster decisions to reduce the cost of doing business — a key priority of the new government.

He also mentioned that the BB plans to move towards selective deregulation, beginning with allowing banks to negotiate rental and lease agreements independently within defined regulatory guidelines.

Efforts will also be made to expedite the release of overdue funds related to exporters' incentives, EDF reimbursements, and remittance incentives, he added.

Arefin said, "We are professionals, and we want the governor to succeed. He described bank CEOs as key stakeholders. We also appreciated his idea of the central bank and commercial banks jointly hosting a 'Bangladesh Day' this year for our foreign correspondents and lenders."

BB officials, including deputy governors, were also present at the meeting.

# Attacks on Iran

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He noted that the DSEX initially plunged over 200 points as panicked investors rushed to sell, before recovering somewhat as calmer investors stepped back in.

"The capacity of our investors to analyse global events is comparatively weak, which is why panic tends to set in quickly," he said.

"If the conflict prolongs, oil prices will rise, the global economy will suffer, and inflation may climb further. All sectors will be affected... but by how much depends on careful analysis. Some sectors may remain unscathed. Investment decisions should be based on analysis, not fear," he added.

For instance, he pointed out that in Gulf markets, shares of oil companies actually rose during the selloff, buoyed by expectations of higher oil

prices in the wake of the conflict.

Striking a similar tone, Saiful Islam, president of the DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh, said, "Investors here were panicked, fearing broader economic damage from the US and Israel's invasion of Iran."

Gulf markets, he explained, were partly cushioned by optimism around future oil company profits, while markets in other countries were stabilised by the active participation of mutual funds and institutional investors.

"In Bangladesh, mutual funds, which act as shock absorbers, are not functioning at the level seen elsewhere. That gap amplified the market's reaction," Islam said.

Yesterday, turnover on the DSE also fell sharply, dropping 18 percent to Tk 775 crore.

# BSC tells its vessel

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The state-owned operator has also directed the vessel to maintain sufficient provisions and water on board and to follow all port security instructions while keeping BSC informed of developments.

Crew members have been briefed on emergency safety procedures, including designated "take cover" locations in case of any port-side incidents, BSC officials said.

Malek noted that the state minister for shipping and the director general of shipping have been informed of the situation.

The corporation described crew safety as its top priority as it continues to monitor developments in the region.

SHIPPING COMPANIES ADVISE VESSELS TO

AVOID THE GULF Global shipping companies on Saturday advised vessels to avoid navigation through the Gulf as conflict flared between the United States, Israel, and Iran.

France's CMA CGM, the world's third largest container line, issued an advisory for its customers considering the evolving security situation in the Middle East and the restrictions on maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz.

In the advisory, CMA CGM instructed all vessels inside and bound for the Persian Gulf to proceed to shelter with immediate effect.

It also suspended passage through the Suez Canal until further notice and asked vessels to reroute via the Cape of Good Hope.

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1223735	Supply of Monohari & Office Accessories for the 50 Bed Upazila Health Complex, (Gouripur) Daudkandi, Cumilla, for the FY 2025-2026	02-Mar-2026 07:00	15-Mar-2026 10:00	15-Mar-2026 12:00
1223728	Procurement of Linen washing and cleaning materials for the 50 Bed Upazila Health Complex, (Gouripur) Daudkandi, Cumilla, for the FY 2025-2026	02-Mar-2026 07:00	15-Mar-2026 10:00	15-Mar-2026 12:00

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**Invitation for Tenders**

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
2	Agency	Department of Environment
3	Procuring Entity Name	Mohammed Hasan Hasibur Rahman, Focal Point, Global Biodiversity Framework-Early Action Support Project
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka
6	Invitation for	NBSAP GD 01: Publication of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan of Bangladesh 2025-2030
7	Invitation Ref No	22.02.0000.040.14.08.26-04
8	Date	26.02.2026
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement Method	NCT, OTM
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development
11	Development Partners	GEF through UNDP
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	Global Biodiversity Framework-Early Action Support Project
14	Tender Package No.	NBSAP GD 01
15	Tender Package Name	NBSAP GD 01: Publication of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan of Bangladesh 2025-2030
16	Tender Publication Date	02.03.2026
17	Tender Last Selling Date	11.03.2026
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	12.03.2026, 12:00 PM
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	12.03.2026, 12:30 PM
20	Name & Address of selling tender	Office of the Focal Point, Global Biodiversity Framework-Early Action Support Project, Room-1101, 10th Floor, Paribesh Bhavan, E-16, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207
21	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	N/A
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER		
22	Brief Eligibility and Qualification of Tenderer	1. The minimum of years of general experience of the Tenderer in the supply of Goods and related services as Supplier shall be 05 years. 2. The minimum specific experience as Supplier in supply of similar Goods of at least 01 contract(s) successfully completed within the last 3 years, each with a value of at least Tk. 15.00 (Fifteen) Lakh. 3. Others requirement as per Tender Documents.
23	Brief Description of Goods	NBSAP GD-01: Publication of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan of Bangladesh 2025-2030
24	Brief Description of Related Services	Mentioned in Tender Document
25	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	BDT 1000.00
26	Tender Security (Tk)	BDT 55,000.00 (Fifty Five Thousand) in favor of Focal Point, Global Biodiversity Framework-Early Action Support Project
27	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Mohammed Hasan Hasibur Rahman
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director, Planning, Department of Environment and Focal Point, NBSAP
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Room-1101, 10th Floor, Paribesh Bhavan, E-16, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207
30	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 02-22375020, e-mail address: m.h.rahman@gmail.com
31	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings	

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