

Realtors seek Tk 3,000cr special fund from BB

Association demands productive sector recognition

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The Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) has sought a Tk 3,000 crore special fund from Bangladesh Bank (BB) to keep the housing sector afloat amid the ongoing US-Israel war on Iran and its potential impact.

REHAB made the call during a meeting with BB Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman yesterday.

Global economic uncertainty stemming from the Middle East conflict has begun affecting the country's housing sector, Md Wahiduzzaman, president of REHAB, told reporters after the meeting.

"To keep the sector operational in this situation, we have requested a Tk 3,000 crore special fund from the central bank," he said, adding that the governor listened to the proposals and gave a positive response.

Wahiduzzaman also urged the central bank to bring down home loan interest



rates to single digits so that more people can afford to buy houses.

Food, clothing, and shelter are basic human needs, he said, adding that affordable housing loans are crucial

to meeting this demand. However, the current high interest rates have made it difficult for many middle-income people to purchase homes.

The association placed several

other proposals during the meeting, such as introducing special financing facilities for green buildings, solar power installations, and environmentally friendly construction, as well as providing dedicated funding for housing projects in district and upazila towns.

REHAB further suggested expanding low-cost housing loans outside Dhaka to ease population pressure on the capital.

According to the association, the housing and construction sector is currently listed as an unproductive sector in the central bank's classification. The sector employs around 4 million people and has no history of labour unrest, REHAB noted, and therefore should be recognised as a productive sector.

The association said implementing these proposals would help revitalise the housing sector, make home ownership more accessible for ordinary people, and contribute positively to the national economy.

Banks to remain shut on Mar 18 ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr

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Banks across the country will remain shut on March 18 ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr, the largest religious festival of Muslims.

In a circular issued yesterday, Bangladesh Bank said the decision followed a government notification declaring a public holiday on March 18.

However, banking services would remain available on a limited scale on March 18 and 19 to support the payment of wages, bonuses and other allowances to workers employed in export-oriented industries, including garments, textiles, leather, jute and other sectors.

According to the circular, bank offices will operate from 10:00am to 2:00pm, with a Zuhr prayer break from 1:15pm to 1:30pm, while customer transactions will be conducted from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Bangladesh Bank also instructed that branches and sub-branches located in sea, land and airport areas, as well as customs zones, will remain open during the Eid holidays to facilitate international trade.

These branches will provide banking services for import and export activities, including the submission and settlement of shipping documents, in coordination with customs authorities and relevant government offices.

Dollar steadies

REUTERS, Hong Kong

The dollar steadied against major currencies on Tuesday after retreating earlier, following comments from US President Donald Trump that the Iran war could end "very soon."

At 157.73 yen and \$1.1632 per euro, the greenback was mostly firm in Asian trade, down from Monday peaks. Global markets were sent into a frenzy on Monday on worries that a prolonged Iran conflict could trigger a global energy shock.

Iran's Revolutionary Guards dismissed Trump's remarks as "nonsense." Brent crude futures traded at \$93 a barrel, well above pre-war levels, but beneath highs that were near \$120 on Monday.

"Our sense is that we haven't seen the end of the volatility ... there's still the potential for events to trigger bouts of risk aversion," said Rodrigo Catril, senior currency strategist at National Australia Bank in Sydney.

Prioritise energy security

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the energy sector, where mounting losses and heavy dependence on imported LNG are weakening fiscal stability.

Fahmida said the FY27 budget must combine targeted short-term measures while also laying the foundation for medium-term reforms to stabilise the economy.

REVENUE MOBILISATION REMAINS WEAK

CPD identified major shortcomings in revenue

collection and said that the government is unlikely to meet its targets for the current fiscal year.

"In the case of tax collected by NBR [National Board of Revenue], revenue mobilisation growth remained at only 12.9 percent during July-January of FY26," said Fahmida.

The annual growth target for FY26 was set at 34.5 percent. To reach that goal, tax collection would need to rise by 59.4 percent during the February-June period, a pace that appears highly unlikely given the current trend.

Professor Rahman said the government should focus on reducing revenue leakage. He called for greater digitalisation of tax administration and a strict stance against tax evasion.

To strengthen fiscal capacity, CPD proposed a series of reforms to increase domestic resource mobilisation.

The CPD paper said Bangladesh's tax-to-GDP ratio remains among the lowest in comparable economies.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has set a target of raising the ratio to 15 percent by 2035 from 6.8 percent in FY25. To achieve that target, the think tank suggested exploring new tax bases.

"Meaningful taxation of wealth and property and taxes on the expanding digital economy should be considered," suggested Fahmida.

The think tank also advised the government to phase out ad-hoc tax incentives and improve mechanisms for resolving tax disputes.

BUDGET EXECUTION SLOWS SHARPLY

CPD also pointed to weaknesses in public spending, especially in the implementation of the annual development programme (ADP).

During the July-January period of FY26, the ADP implementation rate reached only 20.3 percent, the lowest level in fifteen years, it said.

CPD added the slowdown may reflect "poor project management, institutional inefficiency and the government's deliberate attempt to curtail overcapitalised development projects."

At the same time, the government has relied increasingly on bank borrowing to finance the fiscal deficit, a trend that could crowd out private sector credit.

CPD expressed concern about falling investment, saying that the trend threatens job creation and long-term economic growth.

Private investment dropped to 22.03 percent of GDP in the last fiscal year, the lowest level in a decade.

Foreign direct investment has also remained very low.

The decline suggests that the economy is not creating enough jobs at a time when large numbers of young people enter the labour market each year.

INFLATION CONTINUES TO STRAIN HOUSEHOLDS

Inflation remains another pressing challenge for policymakers. During the first eight months of FY26, general inflation largely stayed between 8 percent and 9 percent across national, rural and urban levels.

Stubbornly high prices are placing additional pressure on middle-income households.

CPD said the upcoming budget will require more realistic fiscal targets. "The targets set for the macroeconomic framework in recent budgets appeared to be overly optimistic," said Fahmida.

The think tank said the experience of the current fiscal year highlights the need for more credible projections and better alignment between targets and implementation capacity.

RETHINKING SPENDING PRIORITIES

CPD also urged the government to reassess spending priorities.

It recommended allocating greater resources to sectors that directly support vulnerable groups, including food production, social protection, agriculture subsidies, health and education.

At the same time, unproductive projects should continue to be removed from the development budget, it said.

The think tank called for reforms to improve the business climate and support employment. It also recommended building a digital platform that simplifies procedures for businesses.

"The government should establish an integrated digital one-stop service platform for business registration, licensing, taxation and regulatory compliance," CPD said.

CPD also proposed tax relief for small and medium enterprises. It suggested abolishing Advance Income Tax and Advance VAT on imports of capital machinery and raw materials used by SMEs.

According to CPD, the FY27 budget offers the new government an opportunity to demonstrate leadership in fiscal management.

Restoring macroeconomic stability must remain the central objective, it added.

Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director of CPD, was also present at the briefing.

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