

## NBR to introduce quarterly tax filing

BSS, Dhaka

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is going to introduce a year-round, quarterly tax return submission system starting from the upcoming fiscal year 2026-27 as part of a comprehensive reform suite designed to drive Bangladesh's transition into a welfare state, said its Chairman Md Abdur Rahman Khan yesterday.

He announced the initiative during a pre-budget meeting, noting that the new system aims to revolutionise tax compliance while bolstering national revenue through structural changes, including the reintroduction of wealth tax and the potential launch of an inheritance tax.

The Newspaper Owners' Association of Bangladesh (NOAB) and the Association of Television Channel Owners (ATCO) placed their proposals at the pre-budget meeting for the fiscal year 2026-27 at the NBR headquarters.

Khan outlined the mechanism for the year-round submission system, which will be categorised into four distinct periods where taxpayers receive incentives in the first quarter, pay regular rates in the second quarter, and face progressively higher costs or surcharges for filings made during the third and fourth quarters.

Highlighting the strategic vision behind these reforms, the NBR chief stated that the current revenue-to-GDP ratio is insufficient to meet the massive demand for social safety nets, operational budgets, and employment-generating infrastructure.

He emphasised that the reintroduction of wealth tax is specifically intended to ensure those with a greater ability to pay contribute more to the national exchequer.

"While the government is committed to transforming Bangladesh into a welfare state, the current revenue generation is insufficient to meet the massive demand for social safety nets, operational budgets, and employment-generating infrastructure," he said.

To support these goals, he said, the NBR is leveraging advanced technological integration and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to curb evasion.

# BSEC approves country's first Orange bond worth Tk 158.5cr



STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the issuance of an Orange bond, the first of its kind in the country, by SAJIDA Foundation to raise Tk 158.5 crore to finance women's economic empowerment and accelerate progress towards gender equality.

The zero-coupon bond, a debt instrument that pays no interest but is sold at a deep discount, marks a major milestone in Bangladesh's capital market evolution, said

a press release from BRAC EPL Investments Ltd.

SAJIDA Foundation partnered with BRAC EPL Investments Ltd and Impact Investment Exchange (IIX), the Singapore-based global impact investing platform, to issue the Orange bond, a specialised investment tool designed to raise money specifically for empowering women, girls, and gender minorities while tackling climate change.

**Some 48 percent of the proceeds will be allocated to food security and agriculture, 32 percent to women-led SMEs, and 20 percent will be used for climate-resilient housing across 36 districts**

"The pioneering bond supports the transition toward more inclusive, resilient, and capital market-driven development finance solutions, and contributes

to broader efforts to develop the impact investment ecosystem in Bangladesh," said the press release.

BRAC EPL Investments Ltd said Bangladesh's bond market has long been dominated by government securities and bank subordinated debt.

This transaction breaks that mould by introducing thematic, impact-linked fixed income as a new asset class. The bond offers investors tax-exempt financial returns while enabling measurable social impact, particularly in supporting women and women-led businesses.

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"Impact will be tracked through independently verified annual reports aligned with international standards, ensuring transparency and tangible benefits for women's economic empowerment."

## Gold heads for biggest monthly drop in more than 17 years

REUTERS

Gold rose on Tuesday but stayed on track for its biggest monthly drop in more than 17 years as investors flocked to the dollar as the favoured safe haven amid the Middle East war that has raised inflation fears and bets for hawkish monetary policy response.

Spot gold climbed 0.9 percent to \$4,550.68 per ounce by 0727 GMT. US gold futures for April delivery gained 0.5 percent to \$4,580.70.

Bullion has declined more than 13 percent this month, putting it on track for its steepest decline since October 2008. Prices are, however, up about 5 percent for the quarter, having scaled a record high of \$5,594.82 on January 29. Prices are down 18.70 percent from record highs.

"Traders are still seeing gold through the lens of a value investment at these levels, given where the precious metal was trading just a few months ago. So, it's a combination of falling oil, a dip in the dollar and attractive buying levels, which has propelled gold higher today," said Tim Waterer, chief market analyst, KCM Trade.

Gold is typically seen as a hedge against inflation and geopolitical risks, but the war-driven surge in energy costs is also raising expectations for higher interest rates and boosting the dollar's appeal as the preferred safe haven.

The dollar was headed for its biggest monthly gain since July, making it as the strongest safe asset, supported by the US status as an energy exporter and investors' flight to cash over the past month of conflict.

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Memo No-160-(2)/Eng Dated-31/03/2026

### Invitation For e-GP Tender Notice (OTM)

e-GP tender is invited in the National e-GP System (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of works mentioned below under University of Dhaka.

SL No	Tender ID	Package No	Name of Work	e-Tender Last Selling Date & Time	e-Tender Closing Date & Time
1	1229402	XEN/Elect-2/DU/2025-26/OTM-7	Supply of 260 Nos 56-inch ceiling fans and necessary electrical goods to 130 rooms of students in the old building of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall, University of Dhaka	14-Apr-2026 17:0	15-Apr-2026 13:10
2	1229403	XEN/Elect-2/DU/2025-26/OTM-08	Supply and installation of 07 Nos split type air coolers for use in the auditorium of the newly constructed July Shaheed Smriti Bhawan of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall, University of Dhaka.	14-Apr-2026 17:00	15-Apr-2026 15:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no office/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online branches of any registered bank branches. Further information and guidance are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)

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## LDC graduation

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The EU has also moved to reform its GSP+ scheme to improve accessibility for vulnerable economies, including future LDC graduates. Some of the recent reforms aim to better accommodate populous graduating LDCs such as Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, the UK and Canada have introduced analogous preference programmes of their own, titled "Enhanced Preferences" and General Preferential Tariff Plus (GPTP), respectively.

**'STRUCTURAL WEAKNESSES EXPOSED'**  
An economist says the findings should serve as a wake-up call.

Ashikur Rahman, principal economist at the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI), said the UNCTAD projections highlight how deeply the country's trade competitiveness depends on preferential access.

"While this estimate does, on the surface, look very high, with more than 90 percent of exports benefiting from such preferences, the transition to a post-LDC regime will expose structural weaknesses, particularly our heavy reliance on a narrow set of products and markets," he said.

Rahman said the message is clear: graduation cannot be treated as a symbolic achievement alone.

"It must be accompanied by urgent and credible reforms: securing trade agreements, especially with the EU, improving logistics and energy reliability, and enabling firms to move up the value chain. Without this, preference erosion could translate into real economic stress."

"With the right reforms, however, graduation can become a turning point towards a more resilient and competitive export economy," he added.

## Govt approves

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A further 60,000 tonnes of 0.5 percent sulphur gasoil (diesel) will be imported from Indonesia's state-linked PT Bumi Siak Pusako Zapin (BSP Zapin) under a government-to-government (G2G) framework.

Earlier on March 26, the government authorised the emergency purchase of 3 lakh tonnes of diesel following two proposals from the Energy and Mineral Resources Division.

Before that, on March 22, the government wrote to the United States, requesting permission to import up to 6 lakh tonnes of refined fuel from Russia or, alternatively, to obtain a waiver for at least two months, according to the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.

Since the war started, Bangladesh has also

received some 17,000 tonnes of diesel from India under an existing arrangement.

Two additional shipments, each estimated at around 6,000 tonnes, are expected from Indonesia.

For the agriculture sector, the CCGP yesterday approved the import of 35,000 tonnes of MOP fertiliser from Russia's JSC Foreign Economic Corporation (Prodintorg).

The procurement, to be implemented by the Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC), is valued at Tk 154.89 crore, with each tonne priced at \$360.53.

While 10 proposals were placed before the committee, several, including the procurement of pulses and telecom equipment for the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, were withdrawn.

## FY27: NBR mulls

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The NBR also plans to deploy modern technology, including measures to counter counterfeit tax stamps, to curb evasion by illegal tobacco manufacturers.

On small business relief, Khan pledged to operationalise long-standing but largely unused tax exemptions for SMEs - covering turnover of up to Tk 50 lakh, and Tk 70 lakh for women entrepreneurs.

"Despite being in the law for years, not a single instance exists where anyone has benefited," he said on the matter, adding that the NBR intends to digitise the process and require certification from bodies such as the SME Foundation for proper

implementation. Separately, in response to a question, Khan said the NBR's broader reform agenda, particularly the proposed separation of tax policy and revenue administration, is awaiting a government decision.

He said, "We had reached an advanced stage but faced setbacks. With the new government, further deliberation is needed to make the reform practical."

At the discussion, ERF President Doulot Akter Mala presented a 37-point proposal for the next fiscal year, including a recommendation to process individual tax refunds through mobile financial services and to raise the tax-free income threshold to Tk 5 lakh to ease pressure on low-income earners.

**JAMUNA OIL COMPANY LIMITED**  
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### e-Tender Notice No.: 22/2025-26

Memo No: 28.24.0000.250.014.006.26 Date: 31/03/2026

e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP system portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following works.

Tender ID	Name of Works	Tender document last selling date & time	Tender closing date & time	Tender opening date & time
1250508	RENOVATION OF STORAGE TANK NO.-03 AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PIPE LINE WITH MOTOR-PUMP SET (FLAME PROOF) AT BAGHABARI DEPOT.	15/04/2026 17:00 hrs	16/04/2026 12:00 hrs	16/04/2026 12:00 hrs

This is an online tender, where only e-Tenders will be accepted in the National e-GP system portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted.

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**AHQ, E IN C'S BRANCH, WORKS DIRECTORATE, DHAKA CANTONMENT**  
**INVITATION FOR RE-TENDERS**

Notice no. 400/Ad/62/E-4/13 Date: 16 March 2026

### MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES

1.	Sponsoring Ministry/Division	Ministry of Defence			
2.	Agency	Military Engineer Services			
3.	Procuring Entity Name	E in C			
4.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka			
5.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)			
6.	Budget and source of Funds	GOB, Development Budget			
7.	Development Partners (if applicable)	None			
8.	Project/Programme Name (if applicable)	Infrastructure Development For Mongla Commander Flotilla West (Comflot West)			
9.	Selling of tender will commence from	02 April 2026 (During Office hour).			
10.	Selling of tender will Close on	26 April 2026 (During Office hour).			
11.	Last date & time of submission of Tender	27 April 2026 at 1200 hours.			
12.	Date & time of opening of Tender	27 April 2026 at 1230 hours.			
13.	Name & Address of the Office(s)				
	Selling Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka & AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment			
	Receiving Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka			
	Opening Tender Document	Tender Selling & Information Centre at GE (Army) Central Dhaka			
14.	Eligibility of Tenderer	a. MES enlisted contractors Class 'A' for lot no. 15(a). b. On receipt of DGF clearance with others Govt. Department (equivalent classes) contractors may also apply for tender. c. Contractors having experience in similar works with enlistment in other Govt., Semi Government & Autonomous Organization may also apply. d. Having experience of similar work mentioned in lot no. 15(a) amounting Tk. 15,70,00,000.00 for each lot in single tender during last 05 (Five) years.			
15.	Brief Description of Works				
Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Price of Tender Document (Non Refundable)	Tender Security in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay order/Bank Guarantee in favour of AHQ, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantt (Taka)	Completion Time in weeks/ Months
1	2	3	4	5	6
a.	Provision of remaining works of external electric supply line, sub-station equipment and Generating set including ancillary works for Mongla Commander Flotilla West (Comflot West) (GP-1)	Mongla	24,000.00	56,00,000.00	12 (Twelve) Months
16.	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Director of Works			
17.	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director of Works			
18.	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Army Headquarters, E in C's Branch, Works Directorate, Dhaka Cantonment. Web address : www.army.mil.bd			
19.	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel No. 9832870	Fax No. 9832882 e-mail- wkdsite@army.mil.bd		
20.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders				

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### Invitation for Enlistment

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance/Financial Institution Division	
2.	Procuring Entity Name	Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Procurement Department	
3.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka	
4.	Invitation for Enlistment Category-1 General	Enlistment for Supply of following items (Duration: May2026-June2027) 1. Printing Items: 1.1 General Items Printing 1.2 Security Items Printing 2. Furniture & Fixtures; 3. Office Equipments 4. Machineries (Money Counting Machine/Fake note detecting Machine/UV detecting Machine etc.) 5. Manufacturing/Replacement/Repair/Transport of Bank's Iron Safe (Vault), Locker and Security Door. 6. Supply of Table Stationary. 7. Crockeries 8. Toiletries and Related Products	
5.	Category-2 Social Procurement Category (Only For Micro & Small Enterprise, Women Owned Enterprise & New Enterprise)	Enlistment for Supply of following items (Duration: May2026-June2027) 1. Printing Items: 1.1 General Items Printing 1.2 Security Items Printing 2. Furniture & Fixtures; 3. Office Equipments 4. Machineries (Money Counting Machine/Fake note detecting Machine/UV detecting Machine etc.) 5. Manufacturing/Replacement/Repair/Transport of Bank's Iron Safe (Vault), Locker and Security Door. 6. Supply of Table Stationary. 7. Crockeries 8. Toiletries and Related Products	
5.	Invitation Ref No	HO/Procure-03(131) Part-36/2025-2028/978, Date:30-03-2026	
6.	Procurement Method	Enlistment for Limited Tendering Method	
7.	Application Closing Date and Time	Date 19-04-2026 Time: 3:00 - PM	
8.	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Address - Application Form Availability Procurement Department, Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Head Office, 6th Floor, 83-85, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000. - Receiving Application Form Procurement Department, Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Head Office, 6th Floor, 83-85, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000	
9.	9.1) Eligibility of Applicant (Both Category)	a) Must have valid & up-to-date Trade License b) Must have valid e-TIN c) Must have valid & Up-to date Income Tax Payment Certificate. d) Must have valid VAT Registration Certificate e) Must have up-to date Bank Solvency Certificate amounting Tk 5.00 lac. (03 months from publication of IFE.) f) Must have own business with own/hired Workshop/Factory/Printing press/Show room. Must submit address with telephone numbers of Workshop/Factory/Printing press/Show room	
	9.2) Eligibility For General (Category-1 General)	a) At least 2 (Two) years of General Experience in related field (years count down from publication of IFE.) b) Must have 2 (two) work completion certificates in last three years for related works/services in Banks/Financial Institutions/Govt. or Semi Govt. organization.	
	9.3) Eligibility For Social Procurement Category (Micro & Small Enterprise) (Category-2 Social Procurement Category)	a) Enterprise must have contract/contracts not more than 01 core over the preceding three years. (Micro & small enterprise) b) enterprise owned by a woman (women owned enterprise) c) Must have trade license first issued within last two years from publication of IFE.(New Enterprise)	
10.	Price of Application Form (Tk)	500.00 (Five hundred) Taka (non refundable) in the form of Payment Order/Demand Draft in favour of Bangladesh Krishi Bank For each category.	
11.	Enlistment / Renewal Fee (Tk)	TK (In the form of Pay Order in favour of Bangladesh Krishi Bank)	
		Type	Remarks
	5000.00	New Enlistment	Non-Refundable
	2000.00	Renew	Non-Refundable
	3000.00 (only for women owned enterprise)	New Enlistment	Non-Refundable
	1500.00 (only for women owned enterprise)	Renew	Non-Refundable
12.	Name of Official Inviting Application	Md. Shah Alam	
13.	Designation of Official Inviting Application	Deputy General Manager	
14.	Address of Official Inviting Application	Procurement Department, Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Head Office, 6th Floor, 83-85, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka-1000.	
15.	Contact details of Official Inviting Application	02223383535 dgmcsd@krishibank.org.bd	
16.	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all Applications		

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