

## CRISIS IN A CYLINDER

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Gas cylinder prices have surged recently, hitting Tk 1,940 for a 12 kg LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) cylinder by mid-April 2026. Distributors often charge far above the official rate which is up to Tk 2,300 per cylinder in Dhaka. Industry insiders blame private syndicates and global supply strains. As

March 2026 saw 211,000 tonnes of LPG (up 38% year-on-year) handled by about 10 major private. The government, which directly supplies only about 1.33% of demand via by-product propane, plans to intervene by bulk-importing LPG to stabilize the market. In the short term, analysts say much depends on global factors as Middle East conflicts are disrupting tankers for which

back-to-back price hikes are straining household budgets. This persistent gap between policy and the marketplace is a symptom of a much larger crisis involving global warfare, a domestic currency crunch, and a supply chain that is struggling to find its footing under immense pressure.

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