



Bangladesh staring at \$1.07b extra LNG subsidy

IEEFA projects for this quarter, warns of higher gas, power prices

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Bangladesh will likely have to pay an additional \$1.07 billion, or about Tk 13,134 crore, in LNG subsidies during the April-June quarter if global prices remain elevated, according to a new study by a US-based international non-profit.

The report by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) highlighted the risks, raising fears of domestic electricity and gas tariff hikes.

It noted that Bangladesh's dependence on imported fossil fuels is exposing the country to volatile international markets and sharply increasing fiscal stress.

LNG SUBSIDY BURDEN

In Tk crore

	LNG IMPORT COST	PETROBANGLA INCOME	SUBSIDY REQUIREMENT
April	7,384	3,164	4,220
May	7,729	3,815	3,914
June	7,550	3,688	3,861
Total	22,664	10,668	11,996

SOURCE: PETROBANGLA

For example, the ongoing US-Israel war on Iran has disrupted global fuel supply chains and driven up prices of LNG, coal, and oil.

If disruptions persist through the summer, the country could incur the additional subsidy burden at an assumed spot LNG price of \$20 per MMBtu, according to the report. The figure could rise further once regasification and transmission costs are included.

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Power tariff hike looms

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The people will once again have to bear the rising costs driven by idle power generation capacity and soaring global prices of liquefied natural gas, coal, and furnace oil as regulators begin reviewing proposals for a new round of electricity tariff hikes.

The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) on Tuesday formed a technical committee to assess proposals submitted by the Bangladesh Power Development Board (PDB) and other transmission and

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A farmer transports his recently harvested paddy by boat to keep it in a dry and safe place yesterday. Two days of heavy rain have submerged the fields where farmers in Sunamganj's Dekhar Haor dry their paddies, forcing them to scramble to save both their crops and cattle feed amid fears of severe losses.

PHOTO: SHEIKH NASIR

Peace deal hope rises

Sources say US, Iran working on a one-page MOU; Trump halts plan to guide ships thru Hormuz

President Trump says Iran deal 'very possible'

Rubio says offensive stage of Iran war is 'over'

Oil prices fall sharply on hopes of end to disruption

China says will play 'greater role' in ending fighting

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The United States and Pakistan, a key mediator in the Middle East war, expressed new hope of talks leading to a peace deal with Iran yesterday, after sources said Washington and Tehran were closing in on a one-page memorandum to end the war in the Gulf.

An Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson, cited by Iran's ISNA news agency, said Iran would convey its response soon via Pakistan.

Adding more hope, President Donald Trump halted a plan to guide ships through the Strait

of Hormuz.

In an early morning social media post, Trump gave no details of any specific proposal but said the war could end if "Iran agrees to give what has been agreed to". He later told the New York Post it was still too soon to consider face-to-face meetings to sign an agreement.

Late yesterday, he said that a deal with Iran was "very possible" following "very good talks" over the past day.

"We've had very good talks over the last 24 hours, and it's very possible that we'll make a

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DCs told to recover nearly 10,000 guns not surrendered

On final day of conference, home boss says July cases will be probed quickly

BAHARAM KHAN

Deputy commissioners have been instructed to recover and seize the nearly 10,000 firearms that have not yet been surrendered despite directives, and to take legal action against those concerned, Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed said.

Speaking at a press briefing following a session related to the home ministry on the final day of the four-day DC Conference at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium yesterday, he also said the cases filed during the interim government's tenure are under district-wise review.

The home minister said letters were issued asking licence holders to return firearms licensed before January 6, 2009, and after August 5, 2024, and that district-level

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Hawkers continue to occupy sidewalks and parts of roads in the capital's Gulistan, disrupting the movement of vehicles and pedestrians despite, various initiatives by the two Dhaka city corporations to clear walkways and rehabilitate street vendors. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: MEHEDI HASAN

Mamata to challenge poll results in SC

4 deaths reported in West Bengal in post-polls violence

PARAMASHISH GHOSH ROY

Mamata Banerjee, outgoing West Bengal chief minister and Trinamool Congress supreme, yesterday announced plans to take the 2026 West Bengal poll mandate to the Supreme Court, alleging major electoral malpractice by the BJP and the Election Commission of India.



A day after refusing to resign, Mamata, addressing a closed-door meeting with newly elected party legislators at her Kalighat residence, declared she would

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Measles deaths more than reported

Mymensingh, Barishal data show 34 suspected measles deaths missing in DGHS tally

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

The actual number of measles deaths is likely higher than the central tally, as data from two divisional offices of the health directorate show at least 34 more suspected deaths than reported in the official figures.

No suspected deaths were reported from Mymensingh division, according to central data from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). The division recorded two confirmed deaths until 8:00am yesterday.

However, data from the office of the DGHS director for Mymensingh division show that 25 suspected deaths were reported there in addition to the two confirmed deaths by this time.

All the suspected deaths occurred at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital (MMCH), said Mainuddin Khan, the hospital's assistant director (administration).

He confirmed the total deaths to be 25 as of Tuesday and the data has been sent to the DGHS headquarters.

DGHS's Mymensingh Director Pradip Kumar Saha said they

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এতদ্বারা ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন (ডিএসসিসি) এলাকার সকল সম্মানিত নাগরিক, সরকারি-বেসরকারি প্রতিষ্ঠান, শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, এডিস মশাবাহিত ডেঙ্গু ও চিকুনগুনিয়া প্রতিরোধ এবং নগরীকে পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখার লক্ষ্যে মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী কর্তৃক ঘোষিত সাপ্তাহিক পরিচ্ছন্নতা দিবসকে ফলপ্রসূ করার লক্ষ্যে ডিএসসিসি প্রশাসক বীর মুক্তিযোদ্ধা মোঃ আবদুস সালাম প্রতি মাসের প্রথম শনিবারকে 'ক্লিনিং ডে' হিসেবে ঘোষণা করেছেন।

এই ঘোষণা অনুযায়ী, আগামী ৯ মে ২০২৬ খ্রি. (শনিবার) ডিএসসিসি এলাকায় প্রথমবারের মতো আনুষ্ঠানিক ভাবে 'ক্লিনিং ডে' পালন করা হবে।

'ক্লিনিং ডে' তে করণীয়

সকল সম্মানিত নাগরিককে নিজ নিজ বাসভবন, ভবনের ছাদ এবং বাসার চারপাশ পরিষ্কার করার অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে। ফুলের টব, টায়ার, ডাব বা নারিকেলের খোসায় বা অন্য কোথাও জমে থাকা পানি অপসারণের মাধ্যমে মশার প্রজননক্ষেত্র নিমূল করতে হবে। মনে রাখবেন এডিস মশা পরিষ্কার ও স্বচ্ছ পানিতে ডিম পাড়ে।

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আসুন, প্রতি মাসের প্রথম শনিবার 'ক্লিনিং ডে' সফল করি, ডেঙ্গু মুক্ত পরিচ্ছন্ন ঢাকা গড়ি

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