Bangladeshi firms promote products at Korean expo

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Bangladesh showcased its export potential at the three-day Korea Import Expo 2026, with 32 companies displaying products ranging from apparel and leather goods to IT solutions and processed food.

Jointly organised by the Korea-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KBCCI), in collaboration with the Embassy of Bangladesh in Seoul, the expo held at COEX Hall B in Seoul attracted foreign embassies, international companies, Korean importers, distributors and trade-related organisations, according to a press release.

The Bangladeshi exhibitors featured apparel, textiles and garment accessories; leather goods and footwear; jute, eco-friendly biodegradable products and handicrafts; agro and processed food; information technology and AI-driven software solutions; and logistics services.

Around 200 booths at the exhibition showcased a broad range of products, including food and beverages, cosmetics, consumer goods, household products, health and wellness items, electronics, industrial materials and innovative technologies.

The exhibition was jointly inaugurated by Young Mi Youn, chairman of the Korea Importers Association, and Toufiq Islam Shatil, Bangladesh ambassador to the Republic of Korea, the press release added.

A 41-member business delegation, led by KBCCI President Shahab Uddin Khan, travelled to Seoul to represent Bangladesh at the event.

The Bangladesh pavilion attracted strong interest from buyers and visitors under the theme, "Invest in Bangladesh: Advancing Trade and Investment Through Strong Bilateral Relations", highlighting the country's growing export potential.

The Bangladesh ambassador pledged the embassy's full support to KBCCI and the business delegation in strengthening trade and investment ties between Bangladesh and South Korea.

Among those present were Lee Yun Young, vice-president of Korea International Cooperation Agency and former ambassador of South Korea to Bangladesh; Park Young Sik, former ambassador of South Korea to Bangladesh; and David Kim, honorary consul general of Bangladesh in Incheon, South Korea.

Pakistan keen to export rice, pulses, fertiliser to Bangladesh

STAR BUSINESS REPORT

The Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) is interested in exporting rice, pulses, fertiliser and edible oil to Bangladesh, according to a Ministry of Commerce press statement issued yesterday.

Bangladesh's jute and jute goods enjoy strong demand in Pakistan's market, TCP Chairman Aasim Azim Siddiqui said at a meeting with Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir at the Ministry of Industries in Dhaka.

Aasim led a Pakistani delegation. Imran Haider, Pakistan's high commissioner to Dhaka, was also present at the meeting.

The TCP chairman said a memorandum of understanding between the Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) and TCP to facilitate government-to-government food trade was in its final stages, with the signing expected in the first week of July.

Commerce Minister Muktadir said stronger trade ties were essential for sustainable economic development, adding that greater coordination between the public and private sectors would create fresh investment and business opportunities.

Both sides agreed to expedite the Bangladesh-Pakistan Joint Working Group, exchange business delegations, and deepen cooperation in agriculture and industry.

BB sees room

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In the report's foreword, BB Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman said inflation stood at 9.42 percent in May 2026, up from 8.48 percent in June 2025.

He said Bangladesh's economy had shown resilient signs of recovery in FY26 despite domestic structural challenges and dual global headwinds, including escalating geopolitical tensions and reciprocal tariff measures.

The review noted that the global economy performed better than expected in 2025, supported by strong demand, resilient trade, fiscal stimulus in major economies, and increased investment in technology and artificial intelligence.

However, it cautioned that growth prospects remain constrained by weak private investment, slowing export momentum, and external headwinds.

As per the report, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East continue to pose significant short-term risks. Global inflation is also expected to edge up in 2026 due to disruptions in energy supplies, higher commodity prices, renewed exchange-rate pressures, and rising transportation costs.

As a commodity-importing economy, it said, Bangladesh remains exposed to global energy and food price shocks that could push up import costs and strain the external sector.

Despite these challenges, BB remains optimistic that government social protection programmes, continued support for productive sectors, and its Tk 60,000 crore stimulus package would boost domestic consumption, encourage private investment, and support exports.

The central bank said it would continue to closely monitor both domestic and external developments to maintain price stability and safeguard macroeconomic stability.

The governor expects Bangladesh's economic outlook to improve significantly, supported by the successful implementation of ongoing initiatives, structural and institutional reforms undertaken by the current government, and well-coordinated monetary and fiscal policies.

BB caps

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To address the issue, Bangladesh Bank has directed banks to maintain the weighted average spread between lending and deposit rates at no more than 4 percentage points for all loans, except those extended through credit cards and consumer finance.

The central bank issued the instruction under the powers vested in it by the Bank Companies Act, 1991, and said the directive takes effect immediately.

Gold slips

REUTERS, *Bengaluru*

Gold prices eased on Monday as recent US-Iran strikes in the Gulf pushed oil prices higher, while expectations of US Federal Reserve interest rate hikes further weighed on the non-yielding metal.

Spot gold was down 0.7 percent at $4,061.51 per ounce, as of 0747 GMT. US gold futures for August delivery lost 0.5 percent to $4,076.20. The metal was headed for a fourth consecutive monthly loss of 10.5 percent.

"US and Iran were at it again over the weekend, with fresh military strikes reported from both parties, which casts further doubt over how long oil can stay at these subdued levels and therefore over the broader inflation and interest rate outlook," said Tim Waterer, chief market analyst at KCM Trade.

Dollar rises

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In May, however, remittance inflows reached $3.42 billion, marking a 15.34 percent year-on-year increase as migrant workers and Bangladeshis living abroad sent more money home ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

The treasury head of a private commercial bank told The Daily Star that banks are currently busy settling LCs for government imports and debt servicing before the June-end closing, which has pushed up demand for the US dollar.

He, however, said the increase in the dollar's exchange rate is unlikely to be sustained, as remittance inflows are expected to pick up in the coming days.

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An e-Tender has been invited for the following work through e-GP Portal and that will be visible from 28.06.2026 Only the Person/Organization registered by e-GP portal can visit (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for clear observation.

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Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI)

For

Individual Consultant Service as Project Executive and Coordinator (Implementation of Common Activities of NBR & Coordination of Overall Project Implementation)

Assignment Title: Providing Individual Consultant Service as Project Executive and Coordinator (Implementation of Common Activities of NBR & Coordination of Overall Project Implementation) for Strengthening Domestic Revenue Mobilization Project (SDRMP).

Reference Number: SDRM/PIU/S-1

1. The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GOB) has received financing from the World Bank for implementing Strengthening Domestic Revenue Mobilization Project (SDRMP), a part of Strengthening Institutions for Transparency and Accountability (SITA).
2. The Project Executive and Coordinator will be responsible for ensuring effective overall management and coordination of the SDRM Project under the direct supervision of the Project Director, with primary focus on facilitating common activities related to Income Tax, VAT and Customs administration. The broad scope of consulting services ("the Services") includes but not limited to carrying out following in the project:
   - Provide strategic and technical support to the Project Director to ensure all project goals and objectives are met.
   - Develop, review, and monitor annual work plans to ensure that both short-term and long-term actions are on track.
   - Support the development of technical Terms of Reference (ToR) and the recruitment process for project staff, consultants, and specialized firms.
   - Assist in the preparation and revision of project planning documents including PC-1/TAPP/DPP, as required, ensuring alignment with approved project scope, budget, and implementation schedule.
   - Maintain an organized project documentation and filing system, ensuring all project records, correspondence, reports, and supporting documents are properly archived and retrievable.
   - Coordinate and oversee the establishment of the Competency Center, including office setup, networking, and the procurement of hardware.
   - Supervise the setup of the ICT Help Desk and AI-Based Call Center, ensuring successful integration of telephony, Natural Language Processing (NLP) capabilities, and speech recognition tools.
   - Coordinate, monitor, and provide non-voting technical/administrative support, without approving, evaluating, or deciding procurement matters and installation of state-of-the-art Digital Forensic Lab equipment (hardware and software) to investigate digital financial crimes and illicit financial flows.
   - Liaise with and support training institutions recruited to conduct local and international programs for both VAT and Income Tax systems.
   - Support the Training Specialist in conducting training needs assessments and evaluating the impact of the capacity-building initiatives.
   - Coordinate, monitor, and provide non-voting technical/administrative support, without approving, evaluating, or deciding procurement matters of outsourcing firms for the supply of manpower, ensuring compliance with GoB and World Bank labor and procurement guidelines.
   - Supervise and guide consultants (individual and firms) recruited for technical assistance, system strengthening, and infrastructure development.
   - Coordinate with the NBR, the World Bank, and other relevant stakeholders and organize regular meetings to monitor and manage the progress of project implementation.
   - Coordinate with ERD, IMED, Planning Commission, Finance Division, and other relevant government agencies to facilitate project approvals, reporting, and compliance with GoB procedures.
   - Prepare agenda, meeting materials, and minutes for Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Project Implementation Committee (PIC) meetings, and ensure timely follow-up on decisions and action points.
   - Prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual activity progress reports, and ensure timely submission of reports to the Project Director, the World Bank, IMED, and other relevant authorities.
   - Assist the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Specialist in tracking project indicators and developing tools for data collection and quality monitoring.
   - Coordinate and assist in the preparation of relevant documentation for internal and external audits, including GoB and World Bank audit processes.
   - Any other responsibilities assigned by Project Director
3. The expected date for commencement of the services is 15 August, 2026 and the tentative duration of the entire assignment is about 24 (Twenty-four) man-months. Detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) and other information will be available upon request from the address provided below either through email or in person. The TOR can be found at www.nbr.gov.bd.
4. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) under Internal Resources Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh now invites eligible individuals to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested individual should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the services.

The selection criteria are:

Area	Requirement
Academic Qualification	Master's degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Social Sciences, Economics, or any other relevant discipline.
General Experience	More than 15 years of professional experience in public sector and/or related fields, of which at least 8 years must be in public sector project implementation.
Specific Experience	Experience in working with various government and non-government agencies and development partners. Demonstrated experience in coordinating with ERD, IMED, Planning Commission, and Finance Division. Familiarity with GoB project cycle management including PC-1/TAPP/DPP preparation, revision, and reporting to IMED and Planning Commission. Experience in managing or coordinating World Bank-financed projects or projects supported by ADB, IMF, UNDP, JICA or other development partners will be given preference.
Technical Knowledge	Familiarity with ICT project coordination, procurement processes, training management, monitoring and evaluation, and public sector project administration. Knowledge of PSC/PIC meeting management, agenda preparation, and minute-writing. Understanding of GoB financial rules, procurement regulations (PPA/PPR), and World Bank procurement and disbursement procedures. Proficiency in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.).
Language and Communication	Excellent written and oral communication skills in both Bangla and English, with ability to prepare clear technical and management documents.

5. The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (February 2025, Sixth Edition) setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
6. A Consultant will be selected following the Open Competitive Selection of Individual Consultants method set out in the World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers (February 2025, Sixth Edition). Shortlisting will be done based on qualifications and experience relevant to the assignment.
7. Interested consultants are invited to submit their Expression of Interest along with updated Curriculum Vitae (CV) demonstrating their qualifications and experience relevant to the assignment. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (09:00 AM to 04:00 PM Bangladesh Standard Time).
8. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Expression of Interest (EOI/ EOIs) without assigning any reason.
9. Consultants shall not be under suspension or debarment by the World Bank.
10. Expressions of Interest must be delivered in written form (in person, by mail, or by email) to the address below by 01:00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time), 21th July, 2026.

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