Non-traditional exports outpace overall growth

BSS, *Dhaka*

Bangladesh's non-traditional exports recorded significantly higher growth than overall exports during the first four months of the current fiscal year, indicating gradual progress in diversifying the country's export basket.

According to the latest data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), the country's total export earnings increased by 5.88 percent year-on-year to $17.09 billion during July-October of fiscal year (FY) 2026-27.

While the readymade garment (RMG) sector continued to dominate export earnings, several non-traditional sectors posted growth rates ranging from more than twice to nearly five times the national average.

Among them, chemical products recorded the highest growth of 27 percent, followed by jute and jute goods at 24.88 percent, specialised textiles at 16.52 percent, leather and leather products at 12.47 percent, and engineering products at 12.44 percent.

The performance reflects the growing contribution of diversified industries to export growth and highlights their potential to reduce the country's heavy dependence on the RMG sector.

CHEMICALS LEAD EXPORT GROWTH

Chemical products emerged as the fastest-growing sector, with export earnings reaching $157.15 million during the four-month period, marking a 27 percent increase from the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

The pharmaceutical industry played a significant role in the growth, earning $101.73 million, up 36.44 percent year-on-year.

Industry insiders attributed the growth to improved compliance with international standards, expansion into new markets and increasing recognition of Bangladeshi pharmaceutical products in overseas markets.

Talking to BSS, Mohammad Hasan Arif, vice-chairman and chief executive (additional secretary) of the EPB, said the performance demonstrated the country's growing capacity in value-added manufacturing.

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He said the chemical sector, particularly pharmaceuticals, was gradually emerging as a promising driver of export diversification, with considerable potential for future expansion.

Jute goods benefit from global demand for sustainable products

Exports of jute and jute goods rose by 24.88 percent to $346.37 million during July-October, making the sector the second-fastest-growing category among the major emerging export industries.

Growing international demand for environmentally friendly and biodegradable alternatives to plastic has created new opportunities for Bangladesh's jute industry.

The EPB vice-chairman said the global shift towards sustainable products offered significant prospects for Bangladeshi jute manufacturers, particularly in developed economies.

Islami Bank launches three new foreign currency accounts

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Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has launched three new foreign currency accounts to provide expatriate Bangladeshis with diversified savings and investment opportunities.

The newly introduced accounts are the Mudaraba Non-Resident Convertible Taka (NRCTA) Savings Account, Al-Wadeeah Non-Resident Convertible Taka (NRCTA) Current Account and Mudaraba Non-Resident Convertible Taka (NRCTA) Term Deposit Account.

Mohammad Zahir Hussain, chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC and an executive director of Bangladesh Bank, inaugurated the accounts at Islami Bank Tower in Dhaka yesterday as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his speech, Zahir said Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC had maintained its leading position in the country's remittance inflows, contributing approximately 17 percent of total remittances.

He also highlighted the bank's significant contribution to the country's economic development and the growth of foreign exchange reserves.



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He further said the introduction of the three new NRCTA accounts would create greater opportunities for expatriate Bangladeshis to save and invest their foreign currency earnings.

"The accounts offer opportunities to earn shariah-compliant profits, repatriate funds abroad along with the principal and profits, and operate accounts through digital channels," he added.

The programme was presided over by Md Altaf Hossain, acting managing director of Islami Bank Bangladesh.

City Bank posts 20% profit growth in Jan-Sept



Mashrur Arefin, managing director and CEO of City Bank PLC, and Md Mahbubur Rahman, additional managing director and chief financial officer of the bank, attend the bank's earnings webcast yesterday. PHOTO: **CITY BANK**

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City Bank PLC's consolidated profit after tax rose 20.1 percent year-on-year to Tk 867.38 crore in the first nine months of 2026, driven by improved financial performance.

The bank disclosed the figures at its earnings webcast yesterday, where it presented its financial performance for the third quarter (Q3) of 2026.

The event was held digitally to engage existing and potential investors, researchers, analysts and other participants in the capital market from across the globe, according to a press release.

The bank's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk 4.96 for January-September 2026, compared with Tk 4.13 (diluted) in the same period last year.

The webcast began with a presentation on the bank's Q3 2026 financial performance by Md Mahbubur Rahman, additional managing director and chief financial officer of the bank.

Mashrur Arefin, managing director and CEO of the bank, then spoke about its current and future strategies.

Mesbaul Asif Siddiqui, deputy managing director and head of wholesale banking, and Mohammad Firoz Alam, chief risk officer, also attended the event.

The bank has attracted considerable attention from the global investment community in recent years through its strong market presence and growth.

Following the presentation, a question-and-answer session was held, during which participants raised queries and shared their views.

The webcast was part of the bank's ongoing efforts to strengthen investor relations.

DBBL partners with Pragati Insurance for non-life cover

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Dutch-Bangla Bank (DBBL) has partnered with Pragati Insurance PLC to offer non-life insurance products through its bancassurance operations.

The two organisations signed a corporate agent agreement at DBBL's head office on November 2, according to a press release.

Md Ahteshamul Haque Khan, managing director and chief executive officer of Dutch-Bangla Bank, and SM Shah Alom, managing director and chief executive officer of Pragati Insurance, were present at the signing ceremony. Senior officials from both organisations also attended.

Under the agreement, bank customers will be able to access various non-life insurance products, including motor, travel, group health and crop insurance.

Both organisations have also committed to ensuring a simple and customer-friendly claims settlement process, with a focus on prompt, transparent and fair settlements.

The partnership will enhance customers' financial protection and further strengthen DBBL's bancassurance operations.



Md Ahteshamul Haque Khan, MD and CEO of Dutch-Bangla Bank, and SM Shah Alom, MD and CEO of Pragati Insurance PLC, exchange signed agreement documents at DBBL's head office on November 2 to offer non-life insurance products through bancassurance. PHOTO: **DBBL**

Shimanto Bank holds orientation programme for probationary officers

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Shimanto Bank PLC recently held an orientation programme for the first batch of its probationary officers at the bank's head office in Dhaka.

Maj Gen Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui, chairman of the bank and director general of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), inaugurated the programme as the chief guest, according to a press release.

In his address, Ashrafuzzaman congratulated the newly appointed probationary officers and offered them valuable guidance for their professional careers.

He emphasised the importance of professionalism, integrity, dedication and continuous development in achieving excellence in the banking sector.

He also encouraged the officers to uphold the highest standards of commitment and contribute meaningfully to the bank's continued growth and institutional success.

Md Nurul Azim, managing director and CEO of the bank; Brig Gen Momtazur Rahman, additional director general (headquarters) of BGB and director of the bank; and Brig Gen Syed Naufel Mahmud, additional director general (medical) of BGB and director of the bank, along with members of the bank's senior management team, were also present.



Maj Gen Mohammad Ashrafuzzaman Siddiqui, chairman of Shimanto Bank PLC and director general of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), poses for a photograph with the bank's probationary officers after inaugurating the orientation programme at the bank's head office in Dhaka recently. PHOTO: **SHIMANTO BANK**

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e-Tender Notice Date: 05/11/2026

SL No.	Tender ID	Invitation Reference No	Name of Works	Tender Last Selling date & Time	Tender Closing date & Time
1.	1366775	PKB/HO//CSED/WC/2026	Printing and Supply of 25000 Pcs of Wall Calender with 500 Pcs of Envelops For 2027 For Probashi Kallyan Bank, Dhaka	15-November-2026, 15:00	15-November-2026, 17:00

This is an online tender which will be published on 05.11.2026 at 10.00AM, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the national e-GP system portal (https://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 in the branches of any registered bank branches. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Meghna Bank opens 21st sub-branch in Cumilla

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Meghna Bank PLC has opened a new sub-branch at Companiganj Bazar in Muradnagar, Cumilla recently.

This is the bank's 21st sub-branch, according to a press release.

Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director of the bank, inaugurated the sub-branch as the chief guest.

The opening of the Companiganj sub-branch marks another step in Meghna Bank's ongoing efforts to expand its nationwide presence, strengthen customer relationships and extend quality banking services to more communities across the country, he said.

The bank's distribution network now comprises 75 across the country.



Syed Mizanur Rahman, managing director of Meghna Bank PLC, inaugurates the bank's 21st sub-branch at Companiganj Bazar in Muradnagar, Cumilla recently. PHOTO: **MEGHNA BANK**

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Corrigendum Notice for e-Tender

Ref No: 26.05.0000.016.08.239.26.4073; Date: 04 November, 2026

For the Fiscal year 2026-2027, the e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP portal (http://www.eprocure.gov.bd) for the procurement of the following package has been given corrigendum due to PE's need;

Tender ID	Name of Item & Tender Package No	Description	As per Original Tender Notice	As per Corrigendum Tender Notice
1352867	3,000 (Three Thousand) M. Ton/ 32,60,870 (Thirty-Two Lac Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy) Liter Refined Rice Bran Oil & Package No: e-Tender/TCB/Imp-023/Rice Bran Oil/2026-27.	Tender Documents last selling Date & Time	12-11-2026 11.00 AM	19-11-2026 11.00 AM
		Tender Closing & Opening Date & Time	12-11-2026 12.00 PM	19-11-2026 12.00 PM

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Special Instruction
a) All other terms and conditions related to the tender and product details are mentioned in the tender document will remain unchanged.
b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any tender in whole/in part without assigning any reason.

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