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আনসার-ভিডিপি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংক নির্বাহী কমিটির ২০৮তম সভা অনুষ্ঠিত

আনসার-ভিডিপি উন্নয়ন ব্যাংকের পরিচালনা পর্যদের নির্বাহী কমিটির ২০৮তম সভা অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে। সম্প্রতি আয়োজিত এ সভায় ব্যাংকের চেয়ারম্যান এবং বাংলাদেশ আনসার ও গ্রাম প্রতিরক্ষা বাহিনীর মহাপরিচালক মেজর জেনারেল আবদুল মোতালেব সাজ্জাদ মাহমুদ সভাপতিত্ব করেন। এ সময় ব্যাংকের এমডি মীর মোফাজ্জল হোসেনসহ পরিচালক মো. আতোয়ার হোসেন, মো. রফিকুল ইসলাম ও মো. রাশেদুজ্জামান উপস্থিত ছিলেন। সভায় ব্যাংকের অপারেশনাল কার্যক্রম গতিশীল করতে বিভাগীয় কার্যালয় কার্যকর স্থাপনসহ গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিভিন্ন সিদ্ধান্ত নেয়া হয়। —বিজ্ঞপ্তি



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Tribune Desk

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AMCHAM BREAKFAST MEETING

Boosting RMG, export diversification stressed

Bangladesh Sangbad Sangdha, Dhaka

SPEAKERS at a meeting on Thursday underscored the need for export diversification, enhancing productivity and competitiveness to withstand future trade challenges and maintain global market access alongside framing proactive policies to build resilience.

They were speaking at a breakfast meeting organized by the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) on 'Bangladesh's RMG Sector: The Way Forward' at a hotel in the capital.

Mahmud Hasan Khan, president, BCGMEA, along with Faisal Samad, director, BCGMEA, attended the breakfast meeting to discuss a market change for RMG an AmCham press release here.

Speaking on the occasion, AHM Ahsan, chairperson, Bangladesh Competition Commission, emphasised vertical diversification within the RMG sector moving from low to high value production to build export resilience.

With the US tariff hike and upcoming LDC graduation, he described the situation as a 'wake-up' call for enhancing productivity and competitiveness to withstand future trade challenges and maintain global market access.

chairman, EPB, highlighted policy reforms, including a proposed bank-backed bond facility to support partial exporters, enabling duty-free imports with bank guarantees.

He said strengthened US-Bangladesh ties offer new export opportunities, while a new \$100 billion RMG Export Cell will streamline coordination on energy, banking, and tax issues with BCGMEA, BKMEA, and others.

With enhanced collaboration and sector diversification, Anwar believed that Bangladesh can reach \$100 billion in exports by 2027.

Mahmud Hasan Khan, president, BCGMEA, highlighted energy shortages as a major challenge for RMG growth, particularly for gas-dependent backward linkage industries, with only two PSUs (Floating Storage and Regasification Unit) currently operational.

He urged infrastructure expansion and criticized the abrupt cancellation of 54 LDCs, calling for renegotiation to protect investors' confidence.

In his opening remarks, Syed Ershad Ahmed, President, AmCham, highlighted Bangladesh's heavy reliance on exports, with garments accounting for 81.5 per cent of total exports and 11 per cent of GDP.

The EU and US take over 40 per cent and 17.6 per cent of exports respectively, leaving the economy highly exposed to global trade shifts, he added.

With a 1 per cent tariff rise reducing global trade by 0.5-1 per cent he stressed the need for diversification and proactive policies to build resilience.

Other participants highlighted key challenges in Bangladesh's export sector, including energy insecurity, lack of major global sportswear brands, and weak backward linkages.

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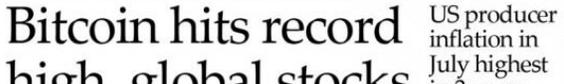
and weak risk governance were also raised, with calls for stronger collaboration, skills development, and actionable roadmaps to boost productivity, attract investment, and drive sustainable growth beyond garments.

Gazi AKM Fazul Haque, director general (investment ecosystem), Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and Mohammad Nazim Rahman Mash, first secretary (customs: export and bond), National Board of Revenue (NBR) also contributed to the dialogue.

Paul Frost, commercial counselor, US Embassy, and Leena Khan, labor attaché from US Embassy were also present in the dialogue.

The dialogue concluded with a call to foster more such discussions where key challenges can be openly raised and considered by relevant ministries and regulatory bodies.

These platforms are essential for bridging the gap between government institutions and businesses, enabling all stakeholders to work collaboratively toward practical, coordinated solutions.



"Bangladesh's RMG Sector: The Way Forward"

American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh president Syed Ershad Ahmed speaks at a breakfast meeting on Bangladesh's RMG sector at a hotel in the capital on Thursday.

—BSS photo

Bitcoin hits record high, global stocks diverge

Agence France-Presse - London

BITCOIN hit a record high Thursday and European and Asian stock markets diverged on the eve of landmark talks between US president Donald Trump and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on potentially ending the Ukraine war.

Most European equity indices climbed after major Asian peers ended lower.

Bitcoin hit a new peak at \$124,514.59 in Asian trading, before cooling to around \$121,500.

The world's biggest cryptocurrency is benefitting from expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut US interest rates before 2026, which is weighing on the dollar.

Bitcoin is also winning investor support thanks to strong backing for the cryptocurrency sector from Trump.

cut last week with another reduction this year.

The currency's rise weighed on London's FTSE 100 index of top companies, some of which earn in dollars.

Britain's economy performed better than expected in the second quarter as it weathered the impact of US tariffs and a higher UK business tax, official data showed Thursday.

On Friday, Putin and Trump are to discuss ways to settle the Ukraine conflict during a summit in Alaska, the Kremlin said.

The meeting will be the first between sitting US and Russian presidents since 2021, and comes as Trump seeks to broker an end to Russia's nearly three-and-a-half year offensive.

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US PRODUCER price inflation bounced in July to its highest reading since 2022, government data showed Thursday, with an uptick in services costs exceeding that in goods, as policymakers seek to gauge effects from President Donald Trump's tariffs.

The producer price index (PPI) rose 0.9 per cent on a month-on-month basis, hotter than analysts expected, after a flat reading in June, said the Department of Labour.

The cost uptick in goods was 0.7 per cent while that of services was 1.1 per cent, marking the biggest such jump since March 2022.

An analyst consensus forecast by Investing.com had expected an overall jump of 0.2 per cent.

While the advance was 'trend-based' in July, more than three-quarters of it can be traced to services, the Labour Department report said.

And much of this was due to trade services.

But prices for final demand goods also made a big advance, with 40 per cent of the July increase traced to foods.

A quarter of the July advance in the index for final demand goods can be traced to prices for fresh and dry vegetables, which jumped 38.9 per cent, the report said.



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—AFP photo



Ansar-VDP Unnayan Bank chairman Major General Abdul Motaleb Sazzad Mahmud presides over the bank's 208th executive committee meeting on Wednesday.

PPP Authority, ADB Unnayan Bank holds 208th EC meeting

Business Desk

THE Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Authority on Wednesday welcomed a consultation mission led by Monica Mei V Carino-Young from the Asian Development Bank to discuss innovative partnership opportunities aimed at improving the quality of life for rural communities in Bangladesh.

In the meeting with Muhammad Rafiqul Islam, chief executive officer (secretary) of the PPP Authority, the ADB team also sought co-operation to explore the installation of solar power generation facilities along the N8 Highway (Dhaka-Mawa-Bhanga), which would contribute to Bangladesh's renewable energy capacity, reduce carbon emissions and promote energy access in underserved regions.

Speaking at the meeting, Muhammad Rafiqul Islam emphasised the importance of these initiatives in aligning with Bangladesh's development priorities.



Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Authority chief executive officer Muhammad Rafiqul Islam welcomes a consultation mission led by Monica Mei V Carino-Young from the Asian Development Bank at his office in Dhaka on Wednesday.

—Press release

PRAN Dairy hosts seminar on safe milk

Business Desk

PRAN Dairy on Thursday held a seminar titled 'Safe Milk: Coordinated efforts of farmers and stakeholders' at Chalmohar in Pabna, said a press release.

The seminar was attended by farmers, stakeholders and experts in the relevant field. The main objective of the event was to raise awareness among farmers about ensuring safety at every stage of milk production and to foster effective collaboration among stakeholders.

Coordinated efforts from farmers, local administration, the Department of Livestock, milk collection agencies and other stakeholders are essential to ensure safe milk production, experts said in the seminar.



PRAN Dairy chief operating officer Maksudur Rahman, among others, attends a seminar titled 'Safe Milk: Coordinated efforts of farmers and stakeholders' organised by PRAN Dairy on Thursday.

—Press release

SNIPPETS FROM BOURSES

Trading of the City Bank Perpetual Bond will be allowed only in the Spot Market and Block transaction will also be settled as per spot settlement cycle with cum benefit on August 17 and 18 and trading of City Bank Perpetual Bond will remain suspended on record date August 19.

Trading of the shares of Pragati Life Insurance will be allowed only in the Spot Market and Block transaction will also be settled as per spot settlement cycle with cum benefit on August 17 and 18 and trading of the shares will remain suspended on record date August 19.

Hakkani Pulp has informed that there is no undivided profit sensitive information of the company for recent unusual price hike and increase in volume of shares.

Alpha Credit Rating P.L.C. has assigned a rating of BB+ to the rating of BD Finance as 'AA' in the long term and 'St1-2' in the short term along with Stable outlook based on audited financial statement as on December 31, 2024 and relevant qualitative information till August 12, 2025.

Greenem One: Scheme Two The Trustee Committee of the Greenem One: Scheme Two fund has approved 7.5 per cent Dividend considering present year realized profit, previous retained earnings and reserves for distribution of profit for the year ended June 30, 2025. Record date is September 3.

The Trustee Committee of the SEML EBEL Shariah Fund has declared No Dividend for the year ended June 30, 2025.

First Security Islami Bank has informed that the Board of Directors has supported Abu Raza Md Yusaf as managing director (current charge) of the company for the period of three months with effect from August 15, 2025.

Record date for entitlement of coupon payment of 20Y BGTB 25/02/2029 and 20Y BGTB 25/08/2030 Government Securities is August 24.

S&P upgrades India rating

Agence France-Presse - Mumbai

S&P upgraded India's long-term sovereign credit rating on Thursday, with the agency citing New Delhi's 'commitment to fiscal consolidation' and its 'buoyant economic growth'.

The US rating agency said it was upgrading the world's fifth-largest economy from BBB- to BB+, adding that it expects the impact of US president Donald Trump's tariff blitz on India to be 'manageable'.

The outlook on the long-term rating, S&P noted, is 'stable'.

The upgrade of India reflects its buoyant economic growth, against the backdrop of an enhanced monetary policy environment, and anchors 'inflationary expectations,' S&P said in a statement.

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