

# সমকাল

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## ই-কমার্স ইএক্সপি ফরম ছাড়াই ১০০০ ডলারের পণ্য রপ্তানির সুবিধা

■ সমকাল প্রতিবেদক



ক্ষুদ্র ও ই-কমার্স  
রপ্তানিকারকদের  
জন্য এখন থেকে  
ইএক্সপি ফরম  
ছাড়াই সর্বোচ্চ  
এক হাজার  
মার্কিন ডলার বা

সমপরিমাণ বৈদেশিক মুদ্রা পর্যন্ত মূল্যের পণ্য  
গ্রাহক পর্যায়ে রপ্তানি করতে পারবে ই-কমার্স  
প্রতিষ্ঠান। বুধবার জারি করা এক সার্কুলারে এ  
সুযোগ দিয়েছে কেন্দ্রীয় ব্যাংক। আগে এ সীমা  
ছিল ৫০০ ডলার।

একই দিনে জারি করা অন্য এক সার্কুলারে  
ডিজিটাল পদ্ধতিতে রপ্তানি আয়ের  
প্রত্যাশাসনের কাঠামোও সংশোধন করেছে  
বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক। এখন থেকে যেসব  
রপ্তানির ক্ষেত্রে ইএক্সপি ফরমে ঘোষণা  
প্রয়োজন হয় না, সেসব রপ্তানির মূল্য বিকাশ,  
নগদ, রকেটসহ লাইসেন্সপ্রাপ্ত ডিজিটাল  
ওয়ালেট সেবা প্রদানকারী এমএফএস বা  
পেমেন্ট সার্ভিস প্রোভাইডারের (পিএসপি)  
মাধ্যমে দেশে আনা যাবে।

এর ফলে ই-কমার্স প্রতিষ্ঠান সহজে বিদেশি  
ক্রেতাদের কাছে পণ্য বিক্রি করে এমএফএসের  
মাধ্যমে পণ্যমূল্য নিতে পারবে। আগে শুধু  
তথ্যপ্রযুক্তিভিত্তিক সেবা রপ্তানির আয় এই  
চ্যানেলের মাধ্যমে আনা যেত। অবশ্য বাংলাদেশ  
ব্যাংকের নির্দেশনায় বলা হয়েছে, মনোনীত  
ব্যাংকগুলোকে এসব লেনদেন প্রাসঙ্গিক  
অন্যান্য নিয়মকানুন মেনে চলতে হবে।



# বণিক বার্তা

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## বিজিএমইএর সঙ্গে বৈঠক পোশাক খাতের ভবিষ্যৎ ঝুঁকি সম্পর্কে অবহিত হয়েছে আইএমএফ

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক ■

বাংলাদেশের সামষ্টিক অর্থনীতির স্থিতিশীলতা সম্পর্কে নিশ্চিত হওয়ার জন্য পোশাক খাতের বর্তমান অবস্থা ও ভবিষ্যৎ ঝুঁকিগুলো সম্পর্কে অবহিত হয়েছে আন্তর্জাতিক মুদ্রা তহবিল (আইএমএফ)। এ লক্ষ্যে গতকাল বাংলাদেশ পোশাক প্রস্তুতকারক ও রফতানিকারক সমিতির (বিজিএমইএ) সঙ্গে একটি বৈঠক করেছে সংস্থাটি। এ তথ্য উল্লেখ করে এক সংবাদ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতে বিজিএমইএ জানিয়েছে, আইএমএফ প্রতিনিধি দল বাংলাদেশের অর্থনৈতিক স্থিতিশীলতা ও উন্নয়ন এজেন্ডায় পোশাক খাতের অবদানের প্রশংসা করেছে।

এতে আরো বলা হয়েছে, আইএমএফের একটি প্রতিনিধি দল বিজিএমইএর সভাপতি মাহমুদ হাসান খানের সঙ্গে সাক্ষাৎ করেছেন। রাজধানীর উত্তরায় বিজিএমইএ দপ্তরে অনুষ্ঠিত এ বৈঠকে আরো উপস্থিত ছিলেন সংগঠনের সিনিয়র সহসভাপতি ইনামুল হক খান, সহসভাপতি মো. রেজোয়ান সেলিম, সহসভাপতি ভিদিয়া অমৃত খান এবং পরিচালক নাফিস-উদ-দৌলা ও ড. রশিদ আহমেদ হোসাইনী।

আইএমএফ প্রতিনিধি দলে ছিলেন সিনিয়র ইকোনমিস্ট কিয়াও চেন ও রুইফেং ঝাং এবং ইকোনমিস্ট আয়া সাইদ। সংস্থাটির দিক থেকে এ বৈঠকের মূল উদ্দেশ্য ছিল বাংলাদেশের সামষ্টিক অর্থনীতির স্থিতিশীলতা সম্পর্কে নিশ্চিত হওয়ার জন্য পোশাক খাতের বর্তমান অবস্থা ও ভবিষ্যতের ঝুঁকিগুলো সম্পর্কে অবহিত হওয়া। এ সময় বৈশ্বিক অস্থিরতা সত্ত্বেও শিল্পের প্রবৃদ্ধির কৌশলগত উপায় নিয়ে উভয় পক্ষের মধ্যে আলোচনা হয়। বিজিএমইএ জানিয়েছে, বৈঠকে পোশাক

রফতানিতে মার্কিন শুল্কের সম্ভাব্য প্রভাব, বাংলাদেশের আসন্ন স্বল্পোন্নত দেশ থেকে উত্তরণের (এলডিসি গ্র্যাজুয়েশন) প্রভাব, শিল্পের টেকসই প্রবৃদ্ধি, মূল্য-সংযোজিত পণ্যে বৈচিত্র্যকরণের কৌশল ও বৈশ্বিক অর্থনৈতিক পরিস্থিতির সম্ভাব্য প্রভাব প্রভৃতি বিষয়গুলো বিশেষভাবে গুরুত্ব পায়। এ সময় বিজিএমইএ প্রতিনিধিরা জাতীয় অর্থনীতিতে পোশাক শিল্পের অবদানসহ শিল্পের বিভিন্ন দিক আইএমএফ প্রতিনিধি দলকে অবহিত করেন। তারা শিল্পের কৌশলগত রূপকল্প তুলে ধরে জানান, পোশাক শিল্প বর্তমানে শ্রমনির্ভর মডেল থেকে বেরিয়ে এসে মূল্য-সংযোজিত পণ্য, উদ্ভাবন ও প্রযুক্তিগত মানোন্নয়নের মাধ্যমে একটি উচ্চমূল্যের মডেলে স্থানান্তরিত হওয়ার লক্ষ্যে কাজ করছে। এর অংশ হিসেবে ম্যান-মেড ফাইবার ও টেকনিক্যাল টেক্সটাইলভিত্তিক পোশাক তৈরিতে সক্ষমতা বৃদ্ধি এবং শ্রমিকদের দক্ষতা উন্নয়নের ওপর বিশেষভাবে জোর দেয়া হয়েছে।

বৈঠকে বিজিএমইএ প্রতিনিধিরা জানান, বর্তমান বোর্ড এরই মধ্যে শিল্পে নিরবচ্ছিন্ন বিদ্যুৎ ও গ্যাস সরবরাহ, বন্দর ব্যবস্থাপনার দক্ষতার উন্নয়ন, কাস্টমস ও বন্ড প্রক্রিয়া সহজীকরণ, সুদের হার সিঙ্গেল ডিজিটে আনয়ন এবং ঢাকা-চট্টগ্রাম মহাসড়কসহ গুরুত্বপূর্ণ অবকাঠামোগত উন্নয়ন দ্রুত সম্পন্ন করার জন্য সরকারকে সুপারিশ করেছে। তারা আরো জানান, বিজিএমইএ বোর্ড এলডিসি গ্র্যাজুয়েশনের পর শুল্ক সুবিধা বজায় রাখতে ইউরোপীয় ইউনিয়ন, যুক্তরাজ্য, জাপান ও কানাডাসহ বিভিন্ন দেশের সঙ্গে মুক্ত বাণিজ্য চুক্তি (এফটিএ) এবং অর্থনৈতিক অংশীদারত্ব চুক্তি (ইপিএ) করার বিষয়ে সরকারকে অনুরোধ করেছে।



E-COMMERCE CONSIGNMENT

# BB eases rules to promote small exporters

## FE REPORT

The central bank has doubled the permissible export limit that can be made without a formal declaration, in a move aimed at supporting small and digital exporters.

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) raised the declaration-free export ceiling to US\$1,000 or equivalent, up from the previous \$500, to promote cross-border e-commerce and low-value export transactions.

Officials say the changes will make it easier for small traders and online entrepreneurs to receive export proceeds securely through formal channels.

The central bank announced the revised limit through a notification issued on Wednesday.

On the same day, the BB also issued another circular expanding the digital repatriation framework for export proceeds.

Under the new provisions, payments for shipments that do not require an 'EXP Form' declaration can now be repatriated through Mobile Financial Service Providers (MFSPs) and Payment Service Providers (PSPs) licensed by the central bank. Officials said the initiative will simplify the process of receiving export earnings, particularly for small exporters and online merchants handling low-value consignments.

Nominated banks have been instructed to facilitate such transactions in line with the updated regulatory framework. Previously, MFSPs and PSPs were only allowed to handle repatriation of income from exports of IT-related services. With the latest directive, their scope has been broadened to include small-value physical goods exports as well.

Industry insiders have welcomed the move, describing it as a significant step towards modernising export procedures, empowering small and digital exporters, and enhancing the flow of foreign currency through legitimate financial channels.

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Export declaration threshold doubled from **\$500** to **\$1,000**

Small goods exports allowed through mobile, payment service providers for first time

Millions of potential e-commerce, cottage exporters expected to benefit



# Second drone manufacturing project now at BEPZA EZ

The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has approved another milestone investment in high-tech manufacturing, welcoming AeroSynth Limited to establish a drone manufacturing facility at the BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ) in Mirsharai, Chattogram, reports BSS.

This will be the second drone manufacturing project at the BEPZA EZ.

The lease agreement was signed by Md Ashrafur Kabir, Member (Investment Promotion) of BEPZA, and Hu Dandan, Authorised Representative of AeroSynth Limited, at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka on Wednesday.

BEPZA Executive Chairman Major General Mohammad Moazzem Hossain witnessed the signing ceremony.

This Chinese owned company will invest \$ 3.5 million to produce a variety of drones, including toy drones, fishing drones, and drones for delivering lightweight products. The company aims for an annual production target of 150,000 units, creating job opportunities for 70 Bangladeshi nationals.



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The first drone manufacturing project at the BEPZA EZ, which is already under implementation, focuses on producing drones for agricultural pesticide spraying, firefighting, emergency rescue, product delivery, cinematography, and mapping.

Together, these projects represent BEPZA's continued diversification into advanced and future-oriented industries.

In his remarks, the Executive Chairman thanked AeroSynth Limited for choosing BEPZA Economic Zone as the

investment destination for such a high-tech venture. He reaffirmed BEPZA's commitment to providing round-the-clock support to ensure seamless business operations.

As of September 2025, six companies at the BEPZA Economic Zone have already started production and export while development work continues. These operational industries have created employment for nearly 4,000 workers and exported products worth around \$ 19.92 million.

Several more companies are

preparing to commence production soon, further expanding the zone's industrial diversity.

The signing ceremony was attended by Abdullah Al Mamun, Member (Engineering); A N M Foyzul Haque, Member (Finance); Md Khorshid Alam, Executive Director (Enterprise Services); Lt Col Mohammad Arifur Rahaman, Executive Director (Security); Samir Biswas, Executive Director (Admin); ASM Anwar Parvez, Executive Director (Public Relations), along with representatives of AeroSynth Limited.



# Chinese drone maker plans \$3.5m factory at Bepza EZ

STAR BUSINESS DESK

AeroSynth Limited, a company based in China, has announced plans to invest \$3.5 million to set up a drone manufacturing factory in the Bepza Economic Zone at Mirsharai, Chattogram.

The company plans to produce around 150,000 drones annually, including those meant to be children's toys, for fishing, and for lightweight product delivery. The project will create employment opportunities for 70 people, according to a press release.

Md Ashraful Kabir, member (investment promotion) of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza), and Hu Dandan, an authorised representative of AeroSynth Limited, signed an agreement in this regard at the Bepza Complex in Dhaka yesterday.

Maj Gen Mohammad Moazzem Hossain, executive chairman of Bepza, thanked AeroSynth Limited for

choosing the Bepza Economic Zone to make the investment in the high-tech venture.

He reaffirmed Bepza's commitment to provide round-the-clock support to ensure smooth business operations.

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Several more companies are preparing to initiate production processes soon, the press release added.



## BGMEA urges govt to sign trade deals with major partners

### STAR BUSINESS REPORT

Garment manufacturers have urged the government to pursue free trade agreements and economic partnership agreements with the European Union, the UK, Japan, and Canada alongside other potential trading partners.

The deals are required for retaining preferential trade benefits once Bangladesh attains the status graduation from a least developed country (LDC) to a developing one in November 2026, said the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).

The BGMEA leaders said this in response to queries from a visiting delegation of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) during a meeting at the BGMEA office in Dhaka yesterday.

The leaders informed the IMF delegation that the current BGMEA board has already recommended that the government take several measures.

These include ensuring an uninterrupted supply of electricity and gas to industries, improving port efficiency, simplifying customs and bond procedures, reducing interest rates to a single digit, and expediting key infrastructure projects such as the Dhaka-Chattogram Highway.

The IMF delegation met with BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan to discuss Bangladesh's preparedness for LDC graduation and other economic issues.

They also discussed the potential impact of US reciprocal tariffs on garment exports, the implications of LDC graduation, strategies for sustainable

industrial growth and diversification into value-added products, and the possible effects of the evolving global economic landscape.

The BGMEA leaders highlighted the industry's contribution to the national economy and shared insights into various aspects of the sector, according to a statement from the association.

They outlined the industry's strategic vision, noting that it is transitioning from a labour-intensive model to a higher-value model driven by innovation, value addition, and technological advancement.

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As part of this transformation, the industry is focusing on expanding its capacity in man-made fibre and technical textile-based apparel, as well as improving workers' skills.

Both parties also discussed measures to reduce the cost of doing business and improve the ease of doing business in Bangladesh, the BGMEA statement added.



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## BB doubles limit for export without declaration to \$1,000

E-COMMERCE - BANGLADESH

### TBS REPORT

The Bangladesh Bank has doubled the ceiling for exports that can be made without declaration on an EXP Form to \$1,000 or equivalent, up from the previous limit of \$500.

The central bank announced the revision through a circular issued yesterday, saying the move aims to facilitate small-scale and e-commerce exporters and promote digital export transactions.

In a separate circular, the Bangladesh Bank also expanded the digital repatriation framework. Under the new rules, export proceeds from shipments not requiring an EXP declaration

can now be repatriated through Mobile Financial Service Providers (MFSPs) and Payment Service Providers (PSPs) licensed by the central bank.

This initiative is expected to simplify the process of receiving export payments, particularly for small and online exporters dealing in low-value consignments.

Nominated banks have been instructed to facilitate these transactions in line with the terms outlined in the regulatory framework.

Previously, MFSPs and PSPs were authorised only to repatriate income earned from IT and IT-enabled service exports. With the latest directive, their scope has been expanded to include small-value goods exports as well.



# AeroSynth to establish \$3.5m drone facility in Bepza EZ



Md Ashraful Kabir and Hu Dandan at the lease signing of AeroSynth Limited's drone facility in the Bepza Economic Zone, Dhaka, on 5 November. PHOTO: COURTESY

## INVESTMENT - BANGLADESH

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for an annual production of 150,000 units, creating employment opportunities for 70 Bangladeshi nationals.

The first drone manufacturing initiative at the Bepza Economic Zone, already underway, focuses on drones for agricultural pesticide spraying, firefighting, emergency rescue, product delivery, cinematography, and mapping. Together, these projects reflect Bepza's continued commitment to diversifying into advanced, future-oriented industries.

The lease agreement was signed on 5 November at the Bepza Complex, Dhaka, by Md Ashraful Kabir, member (Investment Promotion) of Bepza, and Hu Dandan, authorised representative of AeroSynth Limited. Bepza Executive Chairman Major

General Mohammad Moazzem Hosain, witnessed the ceremony.

The Executive Chairman thanked AeroSynth Limited for selecting the Bepza Economic Zone for such a high-tech venture and reaffirmed Bepza's commitment to providing round-the-clock support to ensure smooth business operations.

The signing ceremony was attended by Abdullah Al Mamun, member (Engineering); ANM Foyzul Haque, member (Finance); Md Khorshid Alam, executive director (Enterprise Services); Lt Col Mohammad Arifur Rahman, executive director (Security); Samir Biswas, executive director (Admin); ASM Anwar Parvez, executive director (Public Relations), along with representatives of AeroSynth Limited.

