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STATE OF
INVESTMENT CLIMATE
BANGLADESH



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Economic Update



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Progress Report

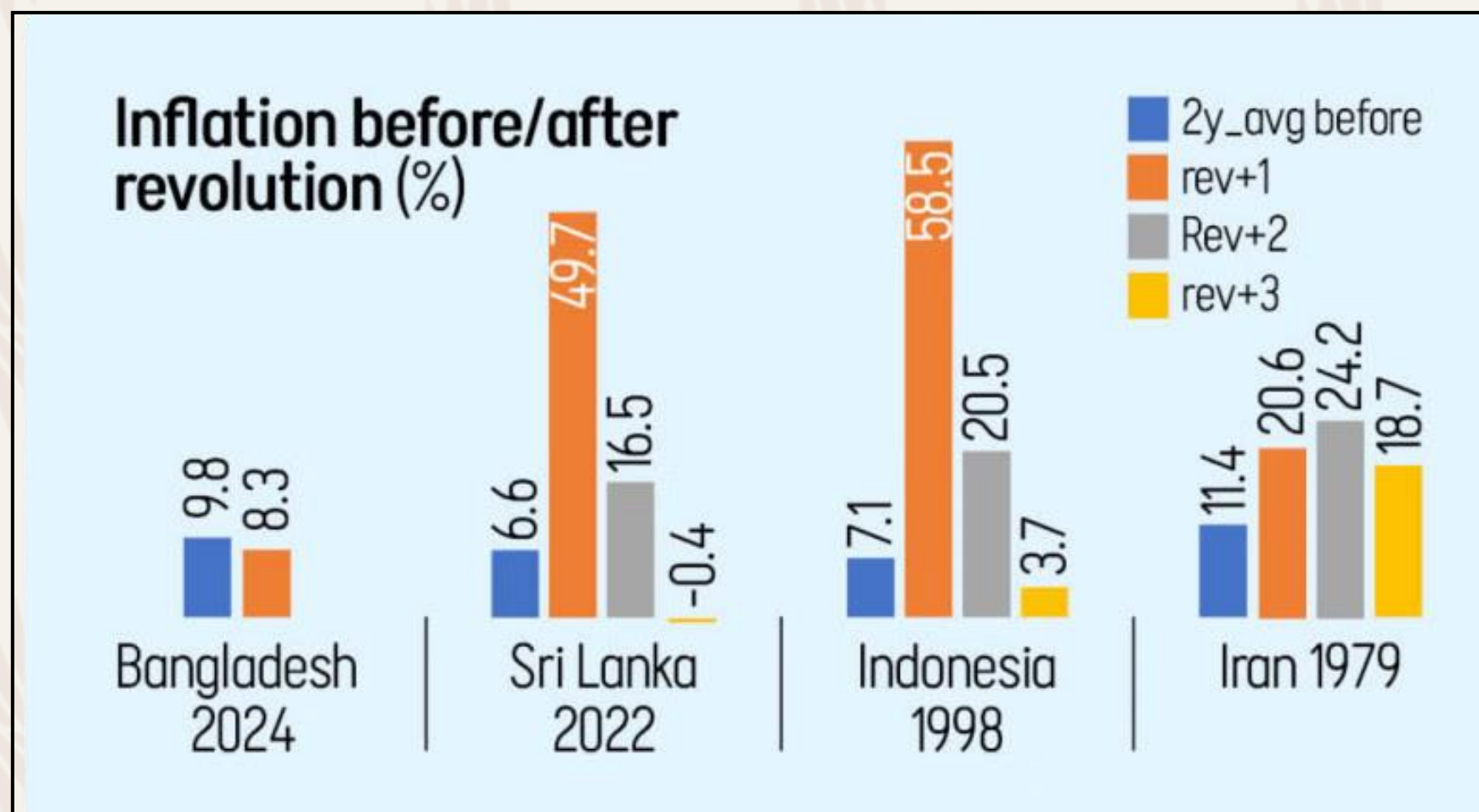


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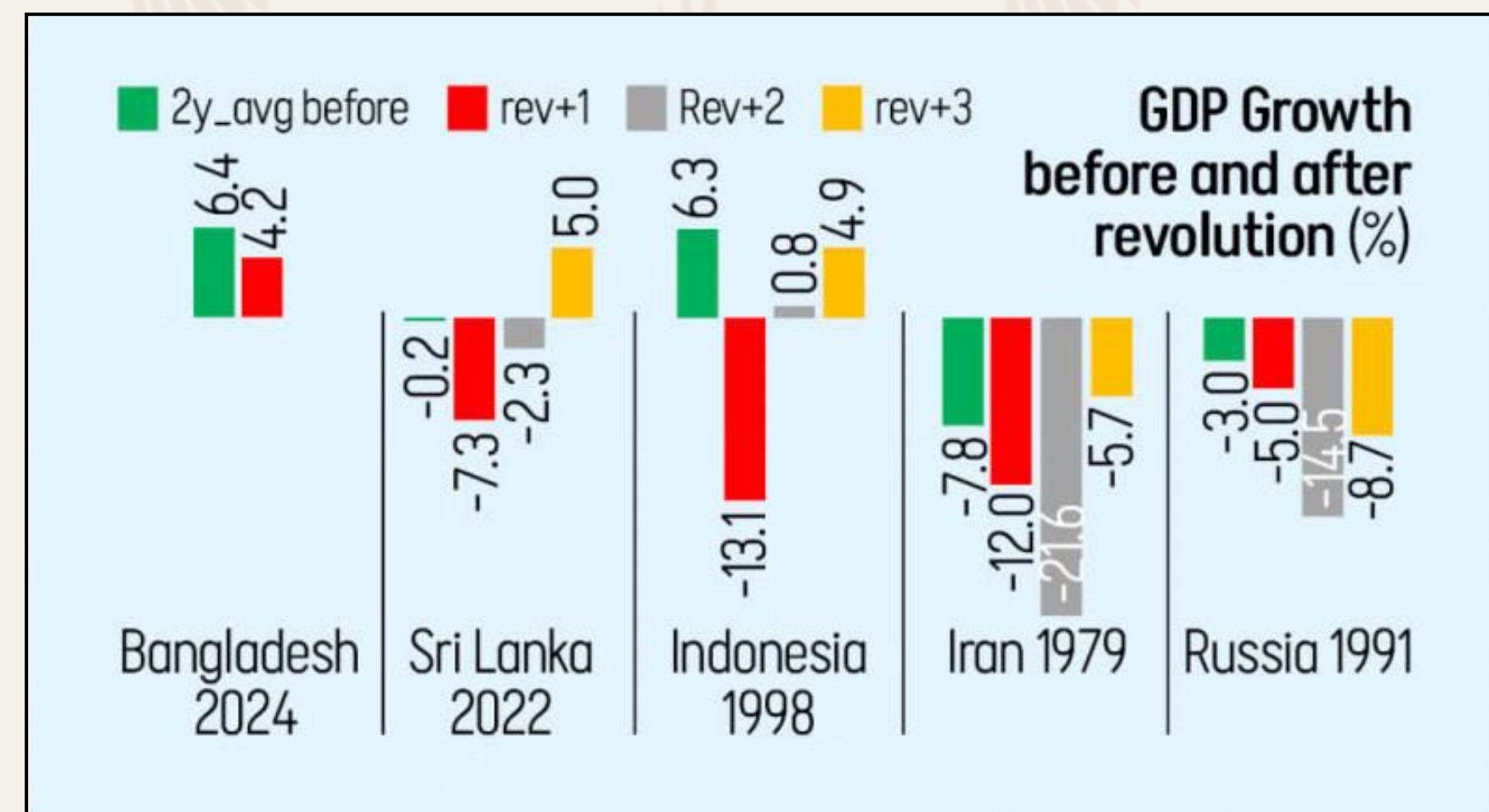
In Conversation with
**Muhammad
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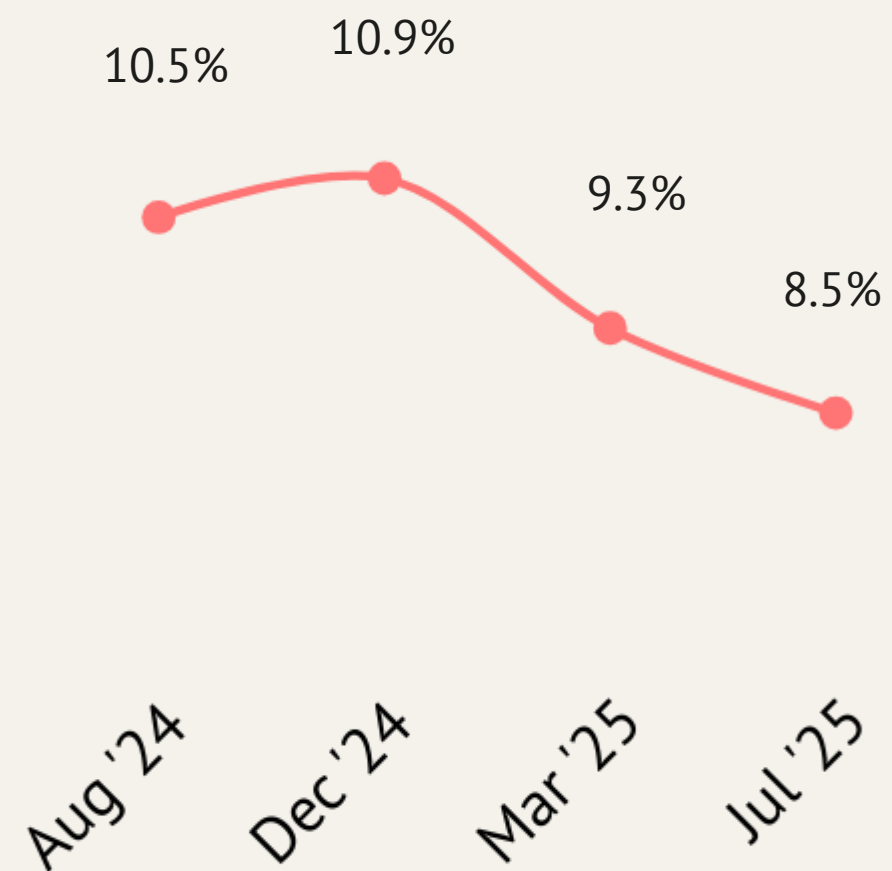
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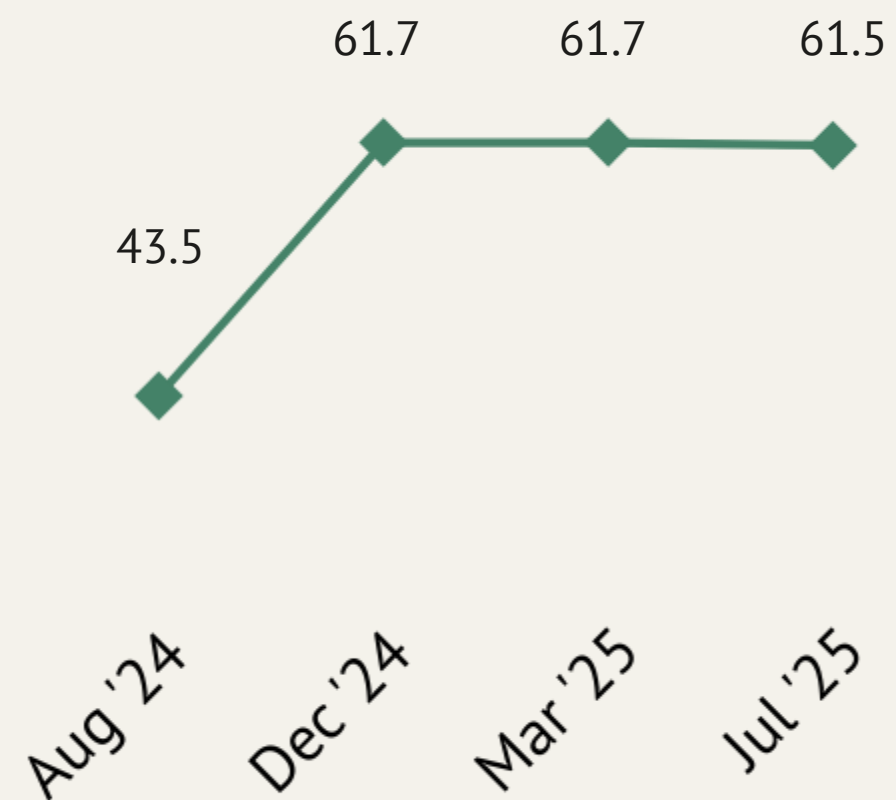


Inflation Easing



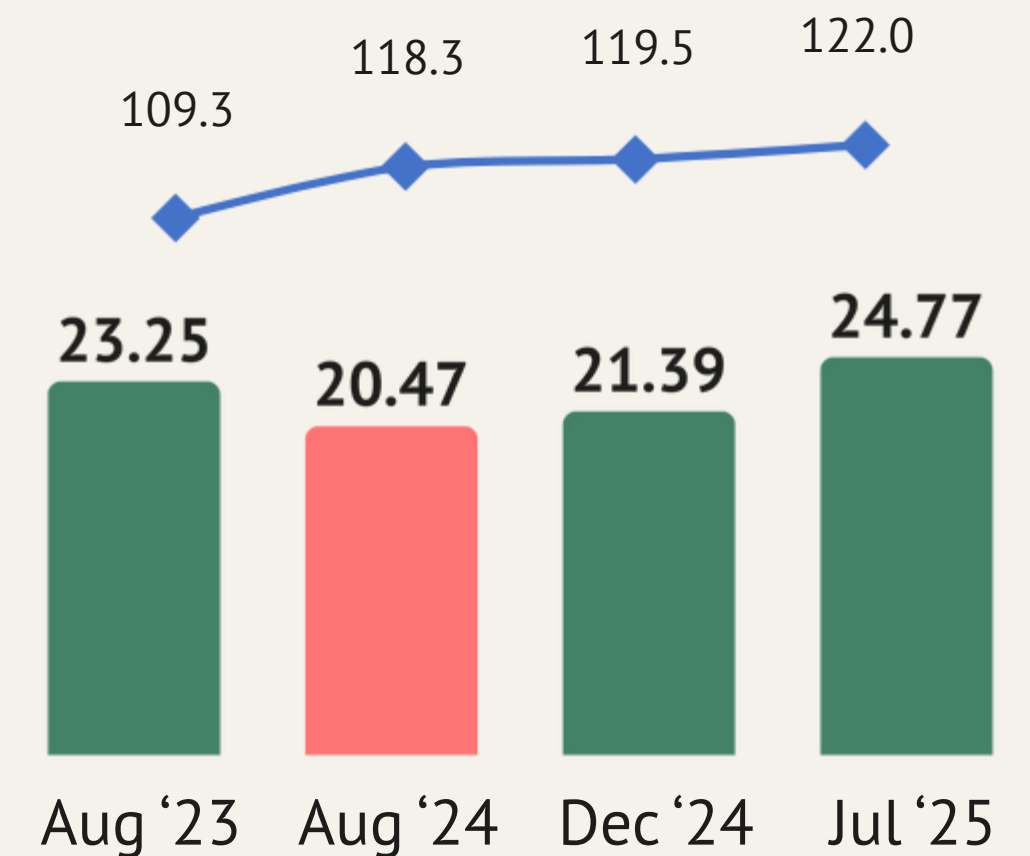
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PMI Stabilising



Bangladesh PMI

Reserves Increasing

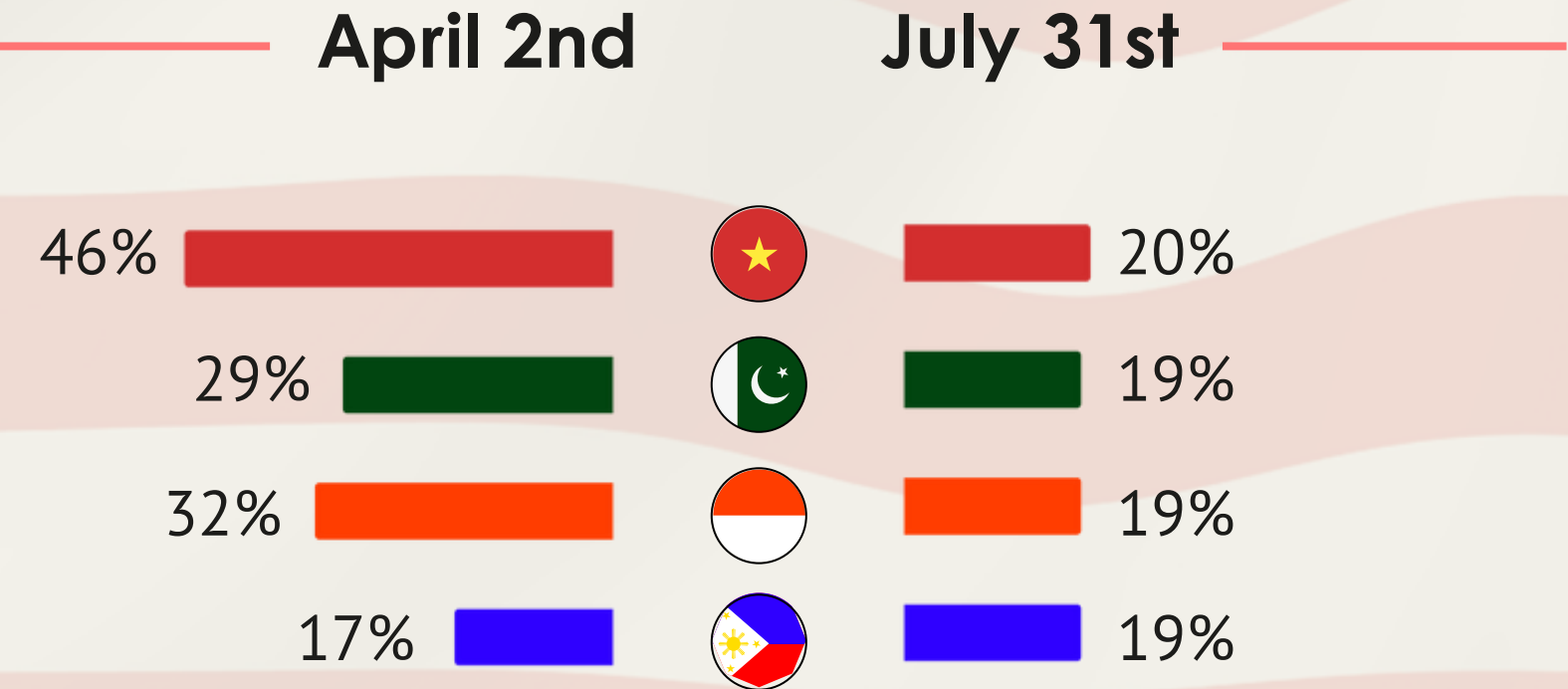
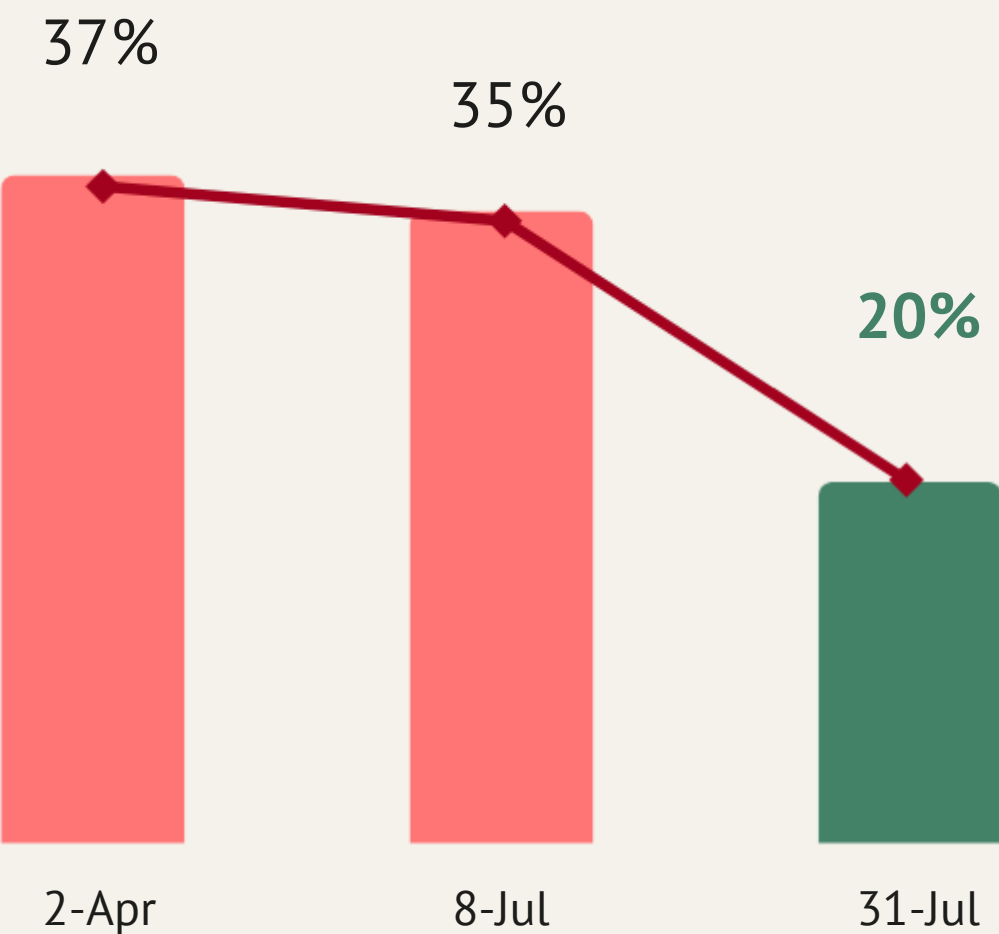


Reserve
in USD Bn

FX (USD to BDT)
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Successful Tariff Negotiation



All values are incremental

Impact of reciprocal tariffs
Non-leather shoe exports to US triple in July amid tariff shifts

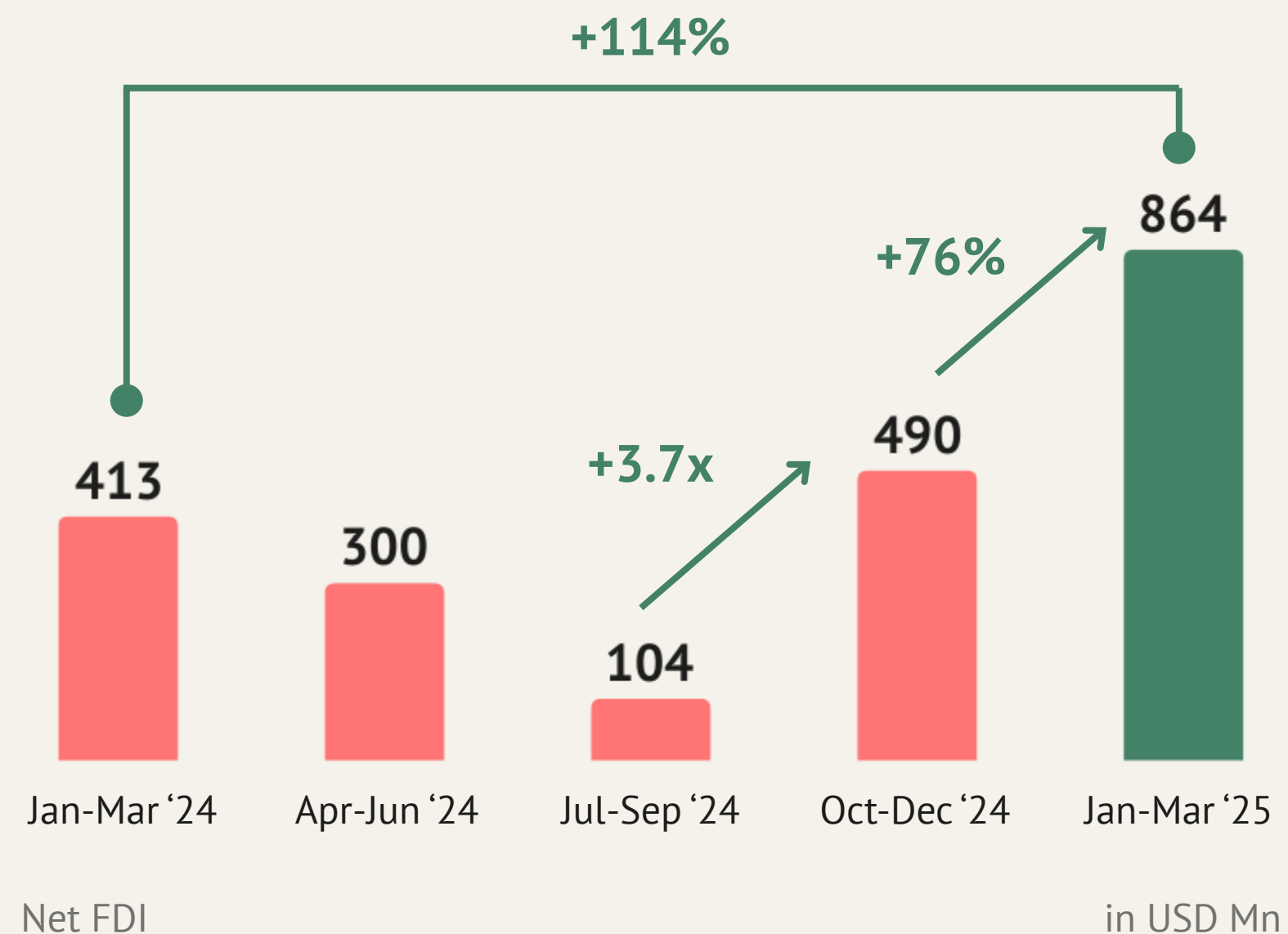
US tariffs: An opportunity in disguise for Bangladesh's apparel industry

Bangladesh gains edge after US tariff cut

MORE RMG BUYERS FLOCK TO BANGLADESH AFTER TRUMP TARIFF ON CHINA, INDIA



FDI Considerably Rebuilding



>>> \$250 M

LESSO

>>> \$32 M

OCF Co. Ltd

>>> \$8 M

KAI XI
凯熙服饰

>>> \$40 M



The momentum is building



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REFORM
INITIATIVES

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COMPLETED

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IN PROGRESS

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BEHIND SCHEDULE

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ABANDONED



Q4'24

National FDI Strategy & Pipeline

GoB coordination committee

Ease of foreign currency financing

Onboarding / Starter experience

Communication platform

Service performance dashboard

Right sizing economic zones

Ambassador Program

Institutional excellence: research unit

Institutional excellence: daycare

Institutional excellence: canteen

H1'25

Authorized Economic Operator & NSW

National port strategy

Energy supply strategy

Licensing documentation review

FDI outreach

Investor summit

Investor relationship management team

FDI Incentive scheme

Work permits & visa issuance

Single landing platform

Colocation of agencies

H2'25

Integration within government

Private sector advisory council

Capital repatriation rules

M&A transaction rules

BIDA organisational structure review

Setting up specialized zones
(new)

BIDA rep office in China (new)

Tax rules : Policy continuity

Privatisation of SoEs

Institutional excellence: Act review



Completed Behind Schedule
In Progress Abandoned

BIDA'S NEW INVESTOR RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT TEAM

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

JOHARY BIN AKHTER
Associate
Relationship Manager

IMRAN HOSSAIN
Senior Business Development
Manager (Coverage)

NAFISA ZAMAN
Business Development
Manager

FATEMA TUJ ZOHORA
Senior Relationship
Manager



1st public-private exchange program in govt.



Single service point throughout investor journey



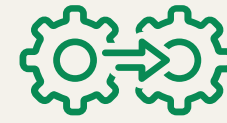
Pilot model to be scaled at BIDA & other govt. agencies if successful





Work Permit Simplification

- Process review and benchmarking via international consultants
- Targeted interventions identified; go live from September.
- Capacity building & training for field-level officials in Q4'25.



IPA Integration

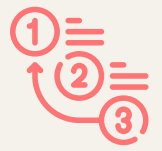
- National committee formed to oversee process
- Single & unified governing board in phase 1
- Int'l mgmt. consultant appointment to be completed



FDI Incentive Scheme

- Open for all Bangladeshis - local and NRB
- SOP finalisation & vetting in progress
- Target: Go live on Q4'25

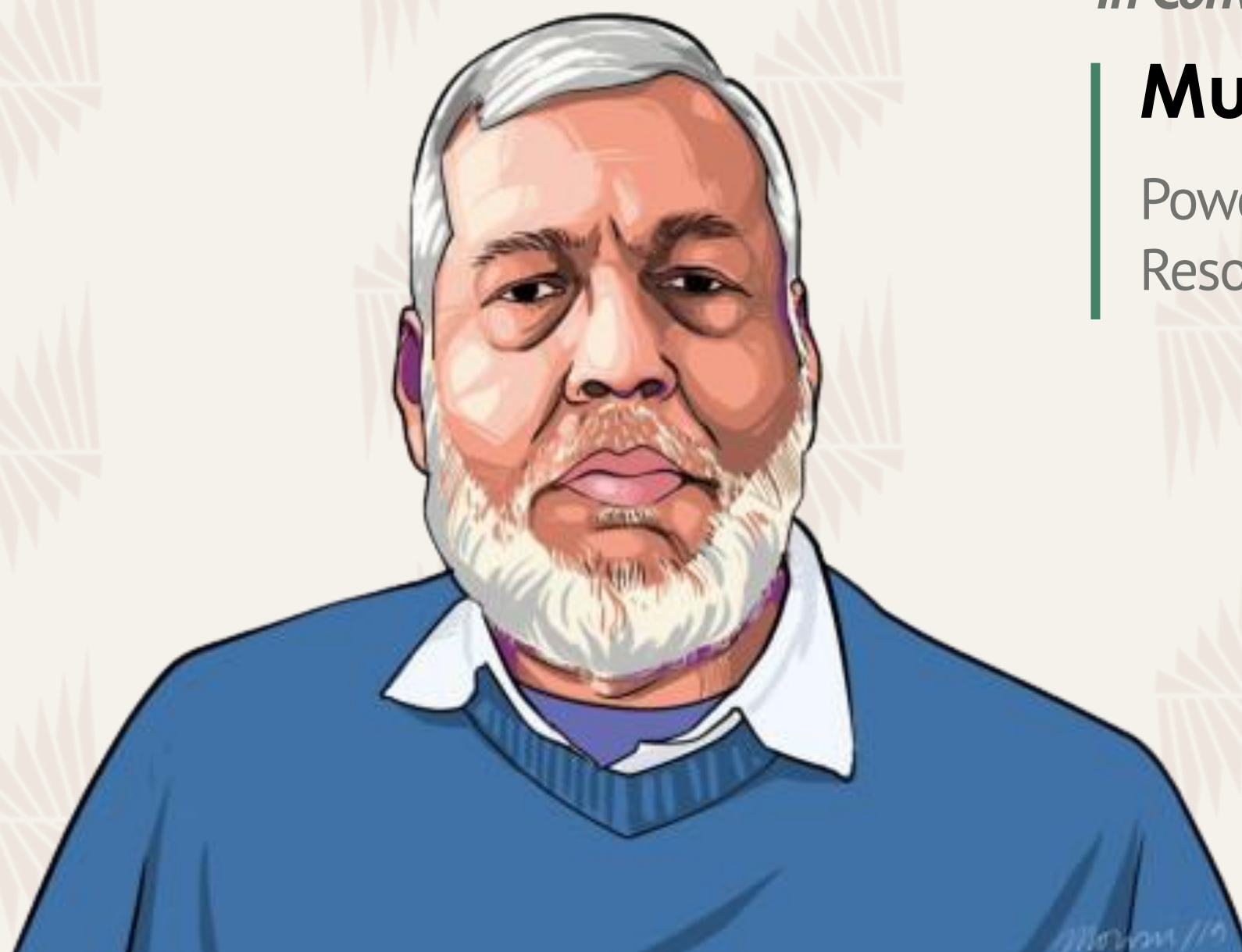




Key priorities for next few months

- Complete pending reform initiatives
- Materialise high-priority investors
- Outreach initiatives :
 - Diaspora connect in USA (September)
 - G2B / B2B engagements in Turkey & Korea (October)
 - Quarterly visit to China (November)
- Capacity building and training of in-house agency employees





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