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Macro:**Economists, elites deplore stalling of pledged reforms**

- Economists and elites deplored the stalling of the post-uprising interim government's reform agenda, despite months of pledges and discussions, as they grouped in a watchdog on reforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/economists-elites-deplore-stalling-of-pledged-reforms-1756751053>

BD seeks USD 1.5 Bn from AIIB to strengthen climate policies

- Bangladesh has sought USD 1.5 Bn in credit from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) under its climate policy-based budget-support programme. The proposed budget support aims to strengthen climate policies as part of government measures for pursuing sustainable development objectives.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-seeks-15b-from-aiib-to-strengthen-climate-policies-1756751386>

Post-LDC graduation pressure among structural challenges for economy

- Experts have identified five long-standing structural challenges facing Bangladesh's economy, cautioning that these could undermine the country's growth prospects. The five challenges are post-least developed country (LDC) graduation pressure, lack of diversification, inefficient trade facilitation, low investment, and weak global value-chain participation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/post-ldc-graduation-pressure-among-structural-challenges-for-economy-experts-1756751202>

Remittances up 8.9% to USD 2.42 Bn in August

- Bangladesh received USD 2.42 Bn in remittances in August 2025, an 8.9% increase from USD 2.22 Bn in August 2024, reflecting a steady growth in migrant workers' contributions. According to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, cumulative inflows reached over USD 4.9 Bn during July-August in the fiscal year 26, up from more than USD 4.14 Bn in the same period last fiscal year -- an 18.4% increase.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/remittances-up-89pc-to-242b-in-august-1756751325>

Govt forms pre-NICAR secretarial committee

- The government has issued a notification forming the pre-NICAR (National Implementation Committee for Administrative Reforms) committee headed by the cabinet secretary to provide suggestions for constituting new ministry, city corporation, municipality, division, district and upazila and approval of manpower.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-forms-pre-nicar-secretarial-committee-1226346>

High-level committee formed to merge investment agencies

- The government has formed a high-level eight-member committee to scrutinise the possibilities as it plans to merge six agencies that deal with investment in the country. The six agencies under consideration for merger are: Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza), Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (Beza), Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA), Public-Private Partnership Authority (PPPA), and Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-level-committee-formed-merge-investment-agencies-1226101>

Govt issues revised ordinance on the split and abolition of NBR

- The government has issued a revised ordinance on the split of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) into two separate divisions paving the way for revenue officials to head the top and senior positions of the Revenue Policy Division. Now, officials with experience working on the macroeconomy, trade policy and planning can serve as the secretary of the Revenue Policy Division, one of the two divisions that will be formed after the dissolution of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) as per the new law issued last night.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-issues-revised-ordinance-the-split-and-abolition-nbr-3976626>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Bank credits to CMSMEs hit fresh compliance hurdles**

- Access to formal credits by cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises is strewn with fresh hurdles stemming from ramped-up general provision requirement that discourages commercial banks from such highly supervised lending. Such regulatory change in general provisioning came at a time when most commercial banks in Bangladesh have been rebalancing their investment portfolios with high focus cast on funding to CMSMEs to avoid corporate-lending-dominated non-performing loan (NPL) buildup in the banking industry.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bank-credits-to-cmsmes-hit-fresh-compliance-hurdles-1756750916>

ENGINEERING | Steelmakers struggle amid demand slump

- Steelmakers across Bangladesh struggle to keep afloat mainly for demand slump amid economic slowdown, political uncertainty and sluggish construction works especially in public sector, insiders say and seek remedies. They have said large-scale millers have substantially scaled down price as a means of survival with hope of rebound in future while a number of smaller factories have suspended manufacturing. There are nearly 200 steel mills, including 40 large-scale ones, operating in the country. The widely known major steel companies are affiliated with Bangladesh Steel Manufacturers Association (BSMA).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/steelmakers-struggle-amid-demand-slump-1756751162>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Bangladesh enters 5G era with limited rollout

- Bangladesh has finally entered the 5G era, as the country's top two mobile operators (Robi, GP) yesterday announced the limited launch of the technology, aiming to provide ultra-fast internet, low latency, improved connectivity, and support for smart services and digital innovation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-enters-5g-era-limited-rollout-3976221>

BANK | Govt's bank borrowing falls amid weak ADP spending

- Government borrowing from banks has slowed in the first weeks of the current fiscal year thanks to sluggish development spending curbing the appetite for funds. From July to August 18 of the current fiscal year, the government took out BDT 47.03 Bn from the banking system, a 77% drop compared with the same period a year earlier, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govts-bank-borrowing-falls-amid-weak-adp-spending-397653>

Stocks:**SONALILIFE | Sonali Life Insurance upgraded to 'A' category as AGM approves dividend**

- Sonali Life Insurance Company Limited has been reclassified to the 'A' category from the 'Z' category on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), effective from yesterday, following the company's successful annual general meeting (AGM) and approval of a 10% cash dividend for the year ended 31 December 2023.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sonali-life-insurance-upgraded-category-agm-approves-dividend-1226501>

CITYBANK | City Bank chairman to purchase 0.23 Mn shares

- Hossain Khaled, the newly elected chairman of City Bank, has announced his intention to purchase 0.23 Mn shares of the bank at the prevailing market price from the Public Market within the next 30 working days, according to a disclosure by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-chairman-purchase-225-lakh-shares-1226436>

NHFIL | National Housing Finance revises 10% cash dividend to stock dividend amid profit decline

- National Housing Finance PLC, a non-bank financial institution, has revised its previously declared 10% cash dividend to a stock dividend for 2024.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-housing-finance-revises-10-cash-dividend-stock-dividend-amid-profit-decline>

LIBRAINFU | DSE confirms Libra Infusions still in operation

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has confirmed that Libra Infusions Limited is currently operational, following a site inspection at the company's head office and factory premises.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-confirms-libra-infusions-still-operation-1226426>

NTC | BSEC bars NTC chief from taking unsubscribed placement shares

- The securities regulator has asked National Tea Company (NTC) not to issue any unsubscribed placement shares to its incumbent Chairman Mamun Rashid following criticism of the board's decision in this regard. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has conveyed its decision verbally to the board of the loss-making company.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-bars-ntc-chief-from-taking-unsubscribed-placement-shares-1756749226>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 64.99	(USD 6.44)	-9.02%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 68.50	(USD 5.89)	-7.92%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,494.44	USD 885.96	33.96%
DSEX	5,583.79	367.34	7.04%
S&P 500	6,460.26	553.32	9.37%
FTSE 100	9,196.34	1,075.33	13.24%
BSE SENSEX	80,364.49	2,164.56	2.77%
KSE-100	149,971.12	34,712.12	30.12%
CSEALL	21,062.45	5,117.84	32.10%

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