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Macro:**Russia wants to export milling wheat to BD under G2G**

- US sanction-hit Russia wants to export 0.5 Mn tonnes of milling wheat to Bangladesh under a government-to-government (G2G) arrangement, sources say. Prodintorg, a subordinate organisation under the agriculture ministry of the Russian Federation with 100% state participation, sent a proposal in this regard a few months back.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/russia-wants-to-export-milling-wheat-to-bd-under-g2g-1757096692?date=06-09-2025>

Bangladesh Bank buys USD 134 Mn thru auctions

- Bangladesh Bank (BB), as part of its foreign- exchange market intervention, bought USD 134 Mn through auctions from five commercial banks to stabilise the dollar-taka exchange rate, taking the total volume of purchased dollars past the USD 1 Bn mark. With the latest intervention, the central bank has bought a total of USD 1,129.50 Mn since July 13 under the prevailing free-floating exchange rate regime.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-bank-buys-134m-thru-auctions-1757009638?date=05-09-2025>

USD 16 Bn on avg stolen from BD every year

- Under the authoritarian regime, USD 16 Bn was stolen from Bangladesh on average every year, Transparency International (TI) Chair François Valérien said on Thursday, the last day of his first visit to Dhaka.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/16b-on-avg-stolen-from-bd-every-year-1757009581?date=05-09-2025>

Govt moves to expedite BDT 380 Bn bad loan cases

- The interim government has moved to expedite long-pending lawsuits filed by 10 institutions, including state-owned banks and a non-bank financial institution (NBFI), against loan defaulters, in a bid to speed up the recovery of defaulted loans.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-moves-expedite-tk-38000cr-bad-loan-cases-3978976>

Govt to ink 2 deals with ITFC next week

- Bangladesh for the first time is set to receive loans from the Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) to import fertiliser, officials said on Thursday. The government would sign two deals with the Jeddah-based corporation next week to get the first instalment of the USD 100 Mn credit to import fertiliser and major agricultural inputs, Economic Relations Division (ERD) officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-ink-2-deals-with-itfc-next-week-1757009474?date=05-09-2025>

A two-year strategy to cure economic ills underway

- A strategic crash programme is being framed to tackle mounting economic vulnerabilities like persistently high inflation, rising unemployment, declining household incomes, growing poverty and weak governance in the financial and institutional sectors.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/a-two-year-strategy-to-cure-economic-ills-underway-1757008928>

South Korea turns to Bangladesh, Southwest Asia in bid to cut reliance on US, China

- South Korea is stepping up efforts to expand trade with Southwest Asia, targeting Bangladesh as a key partner, as Seoul seeks to reduce its heavy reliance on the United States and China, its top trade negotiator said. South Korea and Bangladesh launched talks in August on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which would cover investment, services, intellectual property and regulatory issues beyond tariffs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/asia/south-korea-turns-bangladesh-southwest-asia-bid-cut-reliance-us-china-1229706>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | Robust growth in RMG export to US, outlook looks better**

- Bangladesh's apparel export to the United States posted a robust 21.68% growth in the first seven months of 2025 and exporters expect a better tomorrow as Trump tariff turmoil changes trade equations. According to US official count, the export to the country's single-largest market grew both in terms of value and volume during the period-even under shadows of much-talked-about oncoming tariff hikes.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/robust-growth-in-rmg-export-to-us-outlook-looks-better-1757096210>

TEXTILE | Mandatory 40% local value addition spurs textiles rebound

- Bangladesh looks poised to reap multiple benefits from the resolution of US tariff issues as mandatory higher local value addition to exports spurs textiles rebound while pared-down duty on apparel promises its trade expansion.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/mandatory-40pc-local-value-addition-spurs-textiles-rebound-1757009103>

BANK | Bureaucrats barred from public banks, FIs' boards

- No top bureaucrat can be chairman or director of public-sector commercial banks and financial institutions under a new rulebook in the making to rectify past misrule that bred massive scams, officials said. The post-uprising Bangladesh government is preparing the guidelines for appointing Chairman and Directors at these institutions as part of its vast reform recipe, including in banking and financial sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/bureaucrats-barred-from-public-banks-fis-boards-1757096071>

BANK | One more bank espouses merger, another shuns bailout

- Crisis-ridden Global Islami Bank (GIB) also accepts the mergers and acquisitions (M&A) option while Social Islami Bank Limited (SIBL) now disagrees to espouse such bailout package launched by the regulator for banking-sector revamp. Instead of embracing the M&A recipe, SIBL sought time from the central bank for turnaround from its severe liquidity crunch in a meeting with Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Ahsan H. Mansur and his deputies at the BB headquarters on Thursday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/one-more-bank-espouses-merger-another-shuns-bailout-1757009180>

FUEL & POWER | Interim govt finally cancels approval for 34 solar power plants

- Approvals for 34 solar-power plants are finally rescinded following the repeal of a special-provision act by an ordinance promulgated by the post-uprising government, generating frustrations in the entrepreneurs. Officials said Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) cancelled the approvals on "clear instructions" from the Power Division.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/interim-govt-finally-cancels-approval-for-34-solar-power-plants-1757096144>

FUEL & POWER | LNG re-gasification nears saturation level

- Bangladesh's liquefied natural gas (LNG) re-gasification has reached almost the saturation level to around 1,053 Mn cubic feet per day (mmcf) with the country's two operational floating-storage and re-gasification units (FSRUs) running at 95.72% capacity. With the present infrastructure the country has the capacity to re-gasify around 1,100 mmcf in maximum, provided that both the FSRUs run in full capacity, a senior Petropangla official said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/lng-re-gasification-nears-saturation-level-1757009399?date=05-09-2025>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Govt approves telecom policy 2025 to simplify licensing framework

- The government has approved the Telecommunication Networking and Licensing Policy 2025, a major reform initiative aimed at overhauling Bangladesh's telecom licensing system. Officials described the move as a long-awaited breakthrough to replace the outdated, rigid and multi-layered licensing regime with a simplified, technology-neutral framework.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-approves-telecom-policy-2025-to-simplify-licensing-framework-1757009803?date=05-09-2025>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Internet, mobile subscriptions rise modestly in July: BTRC

- Bangladesh's telecom sector posted modest growth in July this year as both internet and mobile subscriptions increased, although the numbers remain below the highs recorded a year earlier, according to fresh data released by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC). The country's total internet subscribers reached 135.99 Mn in July, up from 133.61 Mn in June. Of them, mobile internet users rose to 121.53 Mn, while fixed-line subscribers through ISPs and PSTN providers stood at 14.46 Mn, showing little change. This represents a 1.8% monthly increase and a gain of nearly 6 Mn users since the beginning of the year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/internet-mobile-subscriptions-rise-modestly-in-july-btrc-1757009683?date=05-09-2025>

BANK | More banks set to launch Google Pay within six months

- Several more banks in Bangladesh are preparing to introduce Google Pay services to its customers within the next six months, following the lead of City Bank, which introduced the digital wallet in June this year in partnership with Google, Mastercard and Visa.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/more-banks-set-launch-google-pay-within-six-months-1229356>

Stocks:**BRACBANK, MJLBD | BRAC Bank extends financing to two ocean-going oil tankers for MJL**

- BRAC Bank has extended landmark financing to MJL Bangladesh PLC for the acquisition of two ocean-going 'Aframax' oil tankers -- the largest vessels registered under the Bangladeshi flag to date. This transaction represents the largest single-ticket foreign currency (FCY) offshore banking term loan ever arranged by a local private bank in Bangladesh for this industry, says a press statement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-extends-financing-to-two-ocean-going-oil-tankers-for-mjl-1757087037?date=06-09-2025>

ROBI | Robi partners with Starlink to bring satellite internet to Bangladesh

- Robi Axiata has signed an agreement with Starlink, becoming the nation's first telecom operator to be an authorised enterprise reseller of Starlink products and services in Bangladesh. As part of the agreement signed on Thursday, Robi will be able to offer two service tiers of Starlink — Local Priority and Global Priority — catering to both fixed and portable use cases.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/robi-partners-with-starlink-to-bring-satellite-internet-to-bangladesh-1757007031?date=05-09-2025>

MIDLANDBNK | Trust deed signed for Midland Bank sponsored new mutual funds

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission approved the draft trust deed of two new mutual funds -- Midland Bank Growth Fund and Midland Bank Balanced Fund -- to be sponsored by Midland Bank, according to a press release. Each fund has an initial size of BDT 250 Mn, with Midland Bank contributing 10% as the sponsor.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/trust-deed-signed-for-midland-bank-sponsored-new-mutual-funds-1757007155?date=05-09-2025>

EXCHANGE | SME stocks' artificial gains erased amid regulatory crackdown fears

- The SME board of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has plunged since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led regime in August last year, while the main market has been in recovery mode. According to market analysts, investors started selling off SME stocks following the appointment of the new chairman, Khondoker Rashed Maqsood, at the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), as speculation ran rife that the new commission would take tougher measures to curb price manipulation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/sme-stocks-artificial-gains-erased-amid-regulatory-crackdown-fears-1757007006?date=05-09-2025>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 61.87	(USD 9.56)	-13.38%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.50	(USD 8.89)	-11.95%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,586.69	USD 978.21	37.50%
DSEX	5,614.28	397.84	7.63%
S&P 500	6,481.50	574.56	9.73%
FTSE 100	9,208.21	1,087.20	13.39%
BSE SENSEX	80,710.76	2,510.83	3.21%
KSE-100	154,277.19	39,018.19	33.85%
CSEALL	20,991.98	5,047.37	31.66%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.83 BDT****1 GBP = 164.33 BDT****1 Euro = 142.77 BDT****1 INR = 1.38 BDT**

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