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**Macro:****Inflation eases to 8.29% in Aug**

- The rate of inflation on a point-to-point basis eased moderately in August but increased slightly on a month-to-month basis. On a point-to-point basis, inflation in August fell to 8.29% from 8.55% in July, the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) said Sunday. On the other hand, inflation on a month-to-month basis increased to 2.36% in August from 2.23% in July. The August inflation rate was the lowest in the last 37 months.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-eases-to-829pc-in-aug-1757266764>

**Economic expansion slows in Aug**

- Bangladesh's economic expansion slowed in August as both manufacturing and services sectors reported weaker growth, while agriculture and construction slipped back into contraction, according to the latest Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/economic-expansion-slows-in-aug-1757265356>

**Forex still over USD 30 Bn even after ACU payment**

- Bangladesh's gross foreign exchange (forex) reserves are still over USD 30 Bn, even after settling USD 1.50 Bn in import payment obligations to the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) member countries on Sunday. After the payment for the July-August period of 2025, the country's gross forex reserves came down to USD 30.31 Bn on the day, from USD 31.43 Bn on Wednesday, according to the traditional calculation of the Bangladesh Bank (BB). It was USD 31.19 Bn on Thursday last.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-still-over-30b-even-after-acu-payment-1757265124>

**Cotton-yarn import up despite land-port ban**

- Bangladesh's clothing industries saw a surge in cotton-yarn import, even after the government imposed in April a ban on its shipment through land ports, as apparel makers eye oncoming export-demand rise. The restrictions were aimed at curbing revenue losses caused by alleged miss-declaration by importers, which, however, could do little to stem the tide of cotton-made yarn from nearby amid the spree of preparation by factory owners to grab impending demand from western markets, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/cotton-yarn-import-up-despite-land-port-ban-1757266832>

**Rearing skilled post-LDC era trade negotiators pool starts**

- UK assures BD's free market access after LDC exit. Rearing a pool of skilled trade negotiators starts for sustaining export growth, diversifying markets and safeguarding Bangladesh's interests in an increasingly competitive global trading system. The urgency and initial development were unveiled at a meet in Dhaka on Sunday, with main government negotiators in the just-held intense trade-and tariff negotiations with the United States presenting their views.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rearing-skilled-post-ldc-era-trade-negotiators-pool-starts-1757265031>

**Bangladesh Bank targets USD 40 Bn in reserves to stabilise taka**

- The Bangladesh Bank is seeking to boost foreign exchange reserves to around USD 40 Bn by June to help stabilize the local currency, Governor Ahsan H Mansur said. "Our objective is to stabilize the exchange rate, not to fix the price," Mansur said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bank-targets-40-bln-reserves-stabilise-taka-1230981>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | Banks may be allowed to reschedule unpaid loans up to BDT 3.0 Bn**

- Banks will be free to take decision on rescheduling of unpaid loans up to maximum BDT 3.0 Bn on bank-client understanding. The regulator plans ceding part of the onus amid appeal buildups from businesses. Officials say the Bangladesh Bank (BB) plans to relieve pressure in dealing with mounting applications from struggling businesses seeking the central bank's policy supports for a getaway.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-may-be-allowed-to-reschedule-unpaid-loans-up-to-tk-30-billion-1757266317>

**BANK | Bank Company Act: BAB for lifting family director cap, proposes 9-year tenure**

- Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has submitted its recommendations to the central bank on the proposed 2025 amendment to the Bank Company Act, urging reforms that would broaden shareholder participation and ease governance restrictions. The association also proposed raising the maximum shareholding limit for a single family to 25% and relaxing restrictions on the number of directors from one family.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bank-company-act-bab-lifting-family-director-cap-proposes-9-year-tenure-1230946>

**RMG | Solar import taxes dim Bangladesh apparel's green ambitions**

- Bangladesh's apparel sector is keen to expand rooftop solar, but entrepreneurs say steep import taxes are inflating installation costs and slowing large-scale adoption which could save the government BDT 25 Bn each year on primary fuel imports. The government has pledged to raise the renewable share of power generation to 20% by 2030 from around 5% now.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/solar-import-taxes-dim-bangladesh-apparels-green-ambitions-1230971>

**RMG | Banking issues force 400 RMG factories to halt production: BGMEA**

- Around 400 ready-made garment (RMG) factories in Bangladesh have been forced to halt production due to banking sector-related problems, according to the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA). With the right policy support, these factories could reopen, potentially creating employment for an additional 100,000 workers, the trade body opined.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/banking-issues-force-400-rmg-factories-halt-production-bgmea-1230906>

**Stocks:****OAL | 30% mandatory holding: BSEC gets tough on Olympic Accessories**

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has taken a tough stance against Olympic Accessories, a listed firm on the capital market, for failing to maintain the mandatory 30% joint holding by its owners. According to letter of the commission, the regulator has decided to enforce its 2019 directive on mandatory shareholding, as Olympic Accessories' owners currently hold only 25.81%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/30-mandatory-holding-bsec-gets-tough-olympic-accessories-1230896>

**CONFIDCEM | Confidence Cement to divest Dhaka plant stake to ease financial strain**

- After failing to secure regulatory approval for issuing rights shares, Confidence Cement has decided to sell its entire stake in Confidence Cement Dhaka, an associate company, to meet its immediate financial obligations. The Chattogram-based listed cement manufacturer holds a 50% stake in Confidence Cement Dhaka, which it will sell to Confidence Power Holdings, another associate company under the Confidence Group, in order to repay expensive bank loans. The transaction involves 141 Mn ordinary shares of BDT 10 each, amounting to BDT 1.41 Bn in total, according to a stock exchange filing on Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/confidence-cement-to-divest-dhaka-plant-stake-to-ease-financial-strain-1757260038>

**HAKKANIPUL | Hakkani Pulp bets BDT 8.0 Mn for BDT 9.55 Mn annual profit boost**

- Hakkani Pulp and Paper Mills PLC is set to boost its profitability with an operational overhaul that will see it invest BDT 8.0 Mn in two new energy-efficient projects, expected to generate an additional BDT 9.55 Mn in annual profit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/hakkani-pulp-bets-tk80-lakh-tk955-lakh-annual-profit-boost-1230886>

**MJLBD | Omera Petroleum acquires Totalgaz Bangladesh for BDT 2.27 Bn**

- Omera Petroleum, a subsidiary of MJL Bangladesh PLC, has acquired almost all shares of Premier LP Gas Limited commonly known as Totalgaz Bangladesh — for BDT 2.27 Bn, subject to regulatory approval. With the transaction, Omera now holds 99.995% of Premier LP Gas.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/omera-petroleum-acquires-totalgaz-bangladesh-tk227cr-1230816>

**EXCHANGE | Govt borrows BDT 65 Bn thru' T-bill, yields fall slightly**

- The yields on treasury bills (T-bills) fell slightly on Sunday as banks preferred to invest their excess liquidity in the risk-free securities. The cut-off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the 91-Day T-bills came down to 10.07% on the day from 10.12% of the previous level while the yield on 182-day T-bills fell to 10.13% on the day from 10.29% earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-borrows-tk-65b-thru-t-bill-yields-fall-slightly-1757264698>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.61	(USD 8.82)	-12.35%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 66.28	(USD 8.11)	-10.90%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,591.83	USD 983.35	37.70%
DSEX	5,636.15	419.71	8.05%
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 = 121.63 BDT****1 GBP = 164.26 BDT****1 Euro = 142.50 BDT****1 INR = 1.38 BDT**

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