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Macro:**Bangladesh GDP misses BDT 6.7 Tn in unpaid work**

- Bangladesh GDP misses a whopping BDT 6.7 Tn or 18.9% in economic value of unpaid work, the womenfolk contributing the highest amount, according to latest official statistics. Of the total unaccounted-for economic value in terms of gross domestic product, women's share is 16.14% which is equivalent to BDT 5.7 Tn, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) survey report shows.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-gdp-misses-tk-67tn-in-unpaid-work-1757452888>

Lower project costs with softer loans: Japan urged

- Bangladesh's interim government has formally requested Japan to review its funded projects in different sectors, including metro rails, for lowering the costs with easier-terms of loans. A high-level delegation led by Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed visited Japan last week and showed government's willingness to continue long-term relationship of Bangladesh and Japan with more investment from the developed country of Asia, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/lower-project-costs-with-softer-loans-japan-urged-1757437426>

BB buys USD 265 Mn more from banks

- The central bank purchased USD 265 Mn more through auction from 17 banks in the interbank spot market on Tuesday aiming to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the local currency stable. The USD 265 Mn were bought on the day under the Multiple Price Auction method and the cutoff was BDT 121.75 per American greenback, according to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-buys-265m-more-from-banks-1757437571>

NBR eases customs assessment for export industries

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has relaxed customs assessment procedures for the export-oriented industries on import of their raw materials. In an order, the NBR instructed the customs officials not to obstruct the imported raw materials under bonded warehouse facility in case of variation in HS code or product description.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-eases-customs-assessment-for-export-industries-1757437492>

Partial exporters to soon get bank-backed bond facility

- To boost export diversification and earnings, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) is set to introduce a temporary duty-free bond facility for partial exporters against bank guarantees. At the same time, the revenue board is moving towards full automation of bond services, which will permanently replace manual procedures.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/partial-exporters-soon-get-bank-backed-bond-facility-1232681>

As funds run out, labour data collection stops

- Labour data collection remains halted this year after the survey project ran out of funds, leaving policymakers without up-to-date figures at a time when unemployment is rising. The last available quarterly data covers the October-December quarter of 2024, when the number of unemployed rose to 2.73 Mn, up from 2.66 Mn in the July-September period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/funds-run-out-labour-data-collection-stops-3982086>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Overall deposit growth weak, yet strong banks slash rates**

- While overall deposit growth in the banking sector remains low, with clients moving funds from weaker to stronger banks, several well-positioned banks are lowering deposit rates. Other factors are also at play: the downward trend in government treasury bill and bond yields, along with limited investment opportunities, has prompted banks with strong liquidity to cut rates, according to industry insiders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/overall-deposit-growth-weak-yet-strong-banks-slash-rates-1231766>

FOOTWEAR | BD footwear export to US in Jan-July posts exponential 74% growth

- Bangladesh's footwear exports to the US market posted an exponential growth of over 74% in the first seven months of 2025 as tariff spikes make Americans diversify sourcing destinations and reduce China reliance. During the January-to-July period, the country's emerging export sector fetched USD 209.61 Mn that marks a 74.21% growth year on year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-footwear-export-to-us-in-jan-july-posts-exponential-74pc-growth-1757438715>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS | Starlink goes live for businesses in Bangladesh, over 20 firms sign up

- Bangladesh has stepped into a new era of connectivity with the launch of Starlink's satellite-based internet service for corporate customers. Eastern Bank became the first in the banking sector to adopt the service yesterday among more than 20 organisations including Ibn Sina Group, Channel 24, and Ananta Group. The service is being delivered from a ground station in Kaliakoir, Gazipur, which is set to host 80 antennas, making it the largest Starlink ground station anywhere in the world.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/tech/starlink-goes-live-businesses-bangladesh-over-20-firms-sign-1232706>

BANK | Working committee formed for bank merger

- The interim government has formed an eight-member working committee to implement the merger of five Shariah-based banks. Md Kabir Ahmed, a deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, will lead the committee. The other members are: Mohd Rashedul Amin, joint secretary of the finance division; Sheikh Farid and Mohammad Saidul Islam, joint secretaries of the FID; Mohammad Zahir Hussain, a director of Bangladesh Bank; Farid Ahmed, deputy secretary of the finance division; and Kazi Arif Uz Zaman and Md Nazim Uddin, additional directors of the BB.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/working-committee-formed-bank-merger-3981926>

FUEL & POWER | Govt to buy BDT 10 Bn worth of LNG

- The government has approved the purchase of two cargoes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the spot market at a total cost of BDT 10.01 Bn. The Energy and Mineral Resources Division will buy BDT 4.98 Bn worth of LNG at USD 11.85 per Mn British thermal units (MMBtu), which will be supplied by Aramco Trading Singapore Pte Ltd.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-buy-tk-1000-crore-worth-lng-3981846>

Stocks:**SAFKOSPINN | Regulator fines 12 individuals for manipulating Safko Spinning shares**

- The securities regulator has imposed fines totaling BDT 35.55 Mn on 12 individuals for manipulating the stock of Safko Spinning Mills Limited. According to the investigation, between May 2 and June 20 of 2021, the accused colluded to artificially inflate the company's share price through a series of trades, generating significant profits.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulator-fines-12-individuals-for-manipulating-safko-spinning-shares-1757433564>

ISLAMIBANK, ARAMITCEM | Islami Bank to auction Aramit Cement assets to recover BDT 5.88 Bn default loans

- To recover defaulted loans of BDT 5.8893 Bn (as of 21 July), Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has moved to auction the mortgaged assets of Aramit Cement PLC, a company in which former land minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury is a major stakeholder. The country's largest private bank announced that bids have been invited until 28 September, with prospective buyers being asked to participate in the auction process, according to the auction notice issued by the Chattogram Jubilee Road Branch of the bank on 4 September.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-auction-aramit-cement-assets-recover-tk588cr-default-loans-1232696>

EHL | Eastern Housing posts 37% profit growth in FY25 on robust sales

- Eastern Housing secured an impressive 37% year-on-year growth in profit, reaching BDT 772 Mn in FY25, as apartment and land sales increased amid zero finance costs, defying the broader economic slowdown. The listed realtor's earnings per share (EPS) stood at BDT 8.27 for the year through June, up from BDT 6.04 the previous year, according to price-sensitive information published on Tuesday. Eastern Housing declares 25% cash dividend for FY25.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-housing-posts-37pc-profit-growth-in-fy25-on-robust-sales-1757433850>

NTC | National Tea Company seeks cenbank help over BDT 190 Mn unpaid funds from Padma Bank

- The National Tea Company, a quasi-government firm listed on the capital market and facing a financial crisis, is raising capital through a private placement share issuance to repay loans and expand its business. However, Padma Bank PLC, a fourth-generation private bank that began operations in 2019 and was formerly known as Farmers Bank, has failed to return BDT 192.8 Mn deposited by buyers of the NTC shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/national-tea-company-seeks-cenbank-help-over-tk19cr-unpaid-funds-padma-bank-1232816>

EXCHANGE | Merger of five Islami banks could drag Dhaka bourse down by 59 points

- The benchmark equity index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is likely to fall by about 59 points, according to EBL Securities, as the merger of five ailing Islami banks may lead to their de-listing. These banks - First Security Islami Bank, Social Islami Bank, Union Bank, Global Islami Bank, and Exim Bank - are expected to be de-listed as the Bangladesh Bank plans to take them over and consolidate them into the largest state-owned Shariah-compliant lender.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/merger-of-five-islami-banks-could-drag-dhaka-bourse-down-by-59-points-1757433204>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 63.14	(USD 8.29)	-11.61%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 66.90	(USD 7.49)	-10.07%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,634.49	USD 1,026.01	39.33%
DSEX	5,538.25	321.81	6.17%
S&P 500	6,512.61	605.67	10.25%
FTSE 100	9,242.53	1,121.52	13.81%
BSE SENSEX	81,101.32	2,901.39	3.71%
KSE-100	156,563.53	41,304.53	35.84%
CSEALL	20,674.11	4,729.50	29.66%

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