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International:

Trade tensions still cloud global economic outlook: IMF

• The International Monetary Fund warned on Friday stated that risks related to trade tensions continue to cloud the global economic outlook and uncertainty remains high despite some increased trade and improved financial conditions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/trade-tensions-still-cloud-global-economic-outlook-imf-1752946921

Macro:

Dhaka to seek G2G coal import, investment in solar plants in CA's visit to Jakarta

• Bangladesh is gearing up its efforts to foster closer economic ties with Indonesia, with plans to explore investment opportunities in Indonesian coal mines and facilitate the entry of the Southeast Asian country's state-owned oil giant, Pertamina, into Bangladesh's energy market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dhaka-seek-g2g-coal-import-investment-solar-plants-cas-visit-jakarta-1191981

Bangladesh spends BDT 200 Bn yearly on cash management

• Bangladesh has to pay a penalty for overlooking digital finance as it spends approximately BDT 200 Bn annually on cash management for a lack of a robust cashless infrastructure, policy framework, digital literacy and adoption.

https://today.the financial express.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-spends-tk-200b-yearly-on-cash-management-1752950025

Sector & Industries:

CERAMICS | China, Bangladesh firms explore ceramic sector collaboration

• Leading ceramic companies and technology experts from China have expressed their willingness to explore investment opportunities in Bangladesh and share technical know-how.

https://www.the daily star.net/business/news/china-bangladesh-firms-explore-ceramic-sector-collaboration-3943316

TRADE | Poor monitoring causing commodity price hikes: businesses

Consumers, along with businesses, are suffering from sudden hikes in essential commodity prices due to the absence of effective market supervision, artificial crises, extortion, insecurity in goods transportation, and complexities in the import process, analysts said today.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/poor-monitoring-causing-commodity-price-hikes-businesses-3943281

NBFI | Liquidation of troubled NBFIs may cost govt BDT 120 Bn in taxpayer money

• The Bangladesh government is bracing for a substantial financial outlay, potentially needing to spend up to BDT 300 Bn from public funds to address the widespread distress in the country's non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) and troubled Islamic banks.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/liquidation-troubled-nbfis-may-cost-govt-tk12000cr-taxpayer-money-1191976



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BANKS | Private firms' foreign loans rise again

Private sector's foreign loans started rising again as firms are showing interest in borrowing from the international market to benefit from the falling interest rate.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/private-firms-foreign-loans-rise-again-3943471

BANKS | RAKUB seeks BDT 6.75 Bn capital injection

• In a bid to scale up lending to agriculture and agro-based industries, and bolster food security, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) has sought an additional BDT 6.75 Bn in paid-up capital from the government, according to sources.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/rakub-seeks-tk-675b-capital-injection-1752946676

RMG | BD RMG exports slip as China targets EU market

Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) sector may face rising competition in the European Union (EU), its top export market, as exports declined in May and China redirects its focus to the region amid high US tariffs, according industry insiders.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-rmg-exports-slip-as-china-targets-eu-market-1752950078

Stocks:

RENATA | Renata's Mirpur factory gets EU approval

Renata PLC, one of the leading pharmaceutical companies in Bangladesh, has secured European Union Good Manufacturing Practice (EU GMP) approval for its Mirpur potent product facility.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/renatas-mirpur-factory-gets-eu-approval-3943116

MERCANBANK | Mercantile Bank sees 8 % profit drop in H1

• Mercantile Bank PLC has reported an 8% year-on-year drop in its consolidated net profit for the first half of 2025, driven by mounting non-performing loans and a significant provision shortfall.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mercantile-bank-sees-8-profit-drop-h1-1191971

RENATA | Drug-making not viable without price adjustment

• Renata PLC, one of the country's leading pharmaceutical companies, discontinued nearly 30 % of its product line in the last fiscal year after production costs outpaced selling prices, according to the company's chief executive officer (CEO).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/interview/news/drug-making-not-viable-without-price-adjustment-3943486

UNIONBANK | Union Bank gets new DMD

• Mizanur Rahman, a veteran banker with 34 years of experience, has recently joined the Shariah-based Union Bank as Deputy Managing Director, says a press statement.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/union-bank-gets-new-dmd-1752946755

EXCHANGE | Brokers call for overhaul of DSE board structure

Stockbrokers have called for a reduction in the number of independent directors on the board of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), arguing that many such appointees lack relevant experience and are politically biased.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/brokers-call-overhaul-dse-board-structure-3943481





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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 67.34	(USD 4.09)	-5.73%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 69.28	(USD 5.11)	-6.87%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,349.94	USD 741.46	28.42%
DSEX	5,132.48	-83.96	-1.61%
S&P 500	6,296.79	389.85	6.60%
FTSE 100	8,992.12	871.11	10.73%
BSE SENSEX	81,757.73	3,557.80	4.55%
KSE-100	138,597.36	23,338.36	20.25%
CSEALL	18,973.70	3,029.09	19.00%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.64 BDT

1 GBP = 163.15 BDT

1 Euro = 141.42 BDT

1 INR = 1.41 BDT



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