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Macro:**Dev spending hits rock-bottom low at BDT 1.53 Tn**

- Development spending in Bangladesh hit rock bottom in the past fiscal year as agencies under the post-uprising government trailed far behind even the pared-down BDT 2.26 Tn Annual Development Programme. Latest official statistics show the ADP-implementation rate in the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 recorded a 20-year low, raising concerns about the country's economic development and job generation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dev-spending-hits-rock-bottom-low-at-tk-153t-1753291639>

Taka weakens further as central bank intervention

- The Bangladesh Taka (BDT) continues to weaken against the US dollar as the central bank's ongoing interventions in the foreign exchange market aimed at stabilising the exchange rate. As part of its efforts, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) purchased USD10 Mn from a leading commercial bank through an auction held on Wednesday. The cut-off rate for the latest transaction was BDT 121.95 per dollar, up from BDT 121.50 set during the previous intervention, according to central bank officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/taka-weakens-further-as-central-bank-intervention-1753293442>

Bepza contributes 17.03% to national exports in FY25

- The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) has reinforced its pivotal role in the country's export landscape, accounting for 17.03% of total national exports in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024–25—an increase from 15.9% in the previous year. Alongside this surge in export earnings, over 33,000 new employment opportunities were created within the zones, bringing the total workforce to 533,527 as of June 2025, up from 500,110 a year earlier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/bepza-posts-16-export-growth-adds-33000-jobs-fy25-1195271>

Tax return not mandatory for 'Savings Certificates' up to BDT 1 Mn

- The government has announced that individuals could purchase 'Savings Certificates' up to BDT 1 Mn without showing income tax return submission documents, reports UNB.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/tax-return-not-mandatory-for-savings-certificates-up-to-tk-10m-1753294684>

USTR yet to give date for final tariff talks

- The United States Trade Representative (USTR), the chief trade negotiation body of the American government, is yet to provide a specific date and time to Bangladesh for the launch of the third and final round of tariff negotiations, although time is running out.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ustr-yet-give-date-final-tariff-talks-3946546>

Sector & Industries:**AGRICULTURE | Govt buys costly US wheat before next tariff bargain**

- Ahead of next negotiation with the Trump administration on tariff reduction, the government approved procurement of 220,000 tonnes of wheat from the United States at a price much higher than international-market rates.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-buys-costly-us-wheat-before-next-tariff-bargain-1753291737>

AUTOMOBILE | Luxury car sales plunge amid political, economic uncertainty

- Sales of luxury sedans and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) have dropped significantly over the past six months, as economic and political uncertainties continue to reshape consumer behaviour, according to industry insiders. Although there is no official data specific to premium vehicles, figures from the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) show that around 871 SUVs were registered on average each month between January and June of this year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/luxury-car-sales-plunge-amid-political-economic-uncertainty-3946551>

Stocks:**LHB | LafargeHolcim's profit jumps 20% in April-June**

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh, a multinational cement manufacturer, posted 20% year-on-year growth in profit in the second quarter of this year. According to the company's financial statement, its consolidated net profit stood at BDT 967 Mn in April-June quarter of 2025, up from BDT 804 Mn in the same quarter previous year. During the quarter, its revenue grew by 5% to BDT 6.46 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lafargeholcim-bangladeshs-profit-jumps-20-april-june-period-1195206>

KPCL | Khulna Power to sell second plant to Turkish firm

- Khulna Power Company has signed an agreement with Turkey's Aksa Enerji Uretim AS to sell its second power plant – an 115MW facility that has remained non-operational since March 2024 due to the non-renewal of its power purchase agreement with the government.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/khulna-power-sell-second-plant-turkish-firm-1195506>

ISLAMIBANK | Dr Zubaidur Rahman new chair of Islami Bank

- Six days after the resignation of Obayed Ullah-Al Masud, Professor Dr M Zubaidur Rahman has been elected chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC. He was elected chairman of the country's largest unconventional commercial bank at a board meeting of the bank held on Wednesday, according to a press release of the bank.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/dr-zubaidur-rahman-new-chair-of-islami-bank>

NBL | National Bank posts BDT 7.63 Bn loss in Q2

- National Bank Ltd's losses piled up in the second quarter of 2025 as its inability to recover loans from defaulters and higher interest on deposits dented its bottom line. Its loss per share stood at BDT 2.37 for the second quarter, up from a restated BDT 0.51 loss per share in April-June 2024, according to a disclosure on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) website today.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/national-bank-posts-tk-763cr-loss-q2-3946176>

EXCHANGE | BSEC slaps penalties on Vanguard Asset, BGIC, Regent Textile

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed significant penalties on Vanguard Asset Management, Bangladesh General Insurance Company (BGIC), Regent Textile Mills, and a sponsor of Southeast Bank for breaching securities regulations. The decision was made at a commission meeting held on 22 July at its headquarters, chaired by BSEC Chairman Khondoker Rashed Maksud, according to a press release issued today (23 July).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-slaps-penalties-vanguard-asset-bgic-regent-textile-1195461>

EXCHANGE | NBR closely monitoring trade activities for ease of business

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is closely monitoring activities to ensure that traders can conduct their businesses with ease, said Md Abdur Rahman Khan, secretary of the Internal Resources Division and chairman of the NBR

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbr-closely-monitoring-trade-activities-ease-business-3946136>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.43	(USD 6.00)	-8.40%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 68.66	(USD 5.73)	-7.70%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,384.06	USD 775.58	29.73%
DSEX	5,363.95	147.50	2.83%
S&P 500	6,358.91	451.97	7.65%
FTSE 100	9,061.49	940.48	11.58%
BSE SENSEX	82,726.64	4,526.71	5.79%
KSE-100	139,254.36	23,995.36	20.82%
CSEALL	19,243.08	3,298.47	20.69%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.57 BDT****1 GBP = 165.09 BDT****1 Euro = 143.18 BDT****1 INR = 1.41 BDT**

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