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Macro:**Bepza showcases investment potential in Bangladesh at Tokyo seminar**

- The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) hosted a high-level investment seminar today (25 June) in Tokyo, Japan, inviting Japanese investors to explore opportunities in Bangladesh's Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ). The event follows the recent visit of Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus to Japan, which resulted in the signing of several MoUs aimed at strengthening bilateral cooperation in investment, energy, and technology, reads a press release.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bepza-showcases-investment-potential-bangladesh-tokyo-seminar-1174161>

Business leaders recommend unifying trade services under single authority to boost efficiency

- Business leaders and entrepreneurs have urged the government to bring all trade-related services under a single authority to ensure sustainable industrial and trade development, enhance competitiveness, and simplify business processes in Bangladesh. The recommendation was made during a meeting held today (24 June) at the FBCCI's Gulshan office between the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Tracking Tools Mission, reads a press release.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/business-leaders-recommend-unifying-trade-services-under-single-authority-boost-efficiency>

USD 4 Bn Chinese loan deals face delay as Dhaka, Beijing struggle to agree terms

- Approvals of nine development projects with proposed Chinese loans worth USD 4.06 Bn are being delayed as officials in Dhaka and Beijing could not agree on terms, particularly concerning currency choice and interest rates, according to Economic Relations Division (ERD) officials. For the past two years, there has been a deadlock between the two sides over China's proposal to shift its development loans from fixed-rate dollar-based terms to either market-based dollar interest rates or loans in yuan (RMB).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/4b-chinese-loan-deals-face-delay-dhaka-beijing-struggle-agree-terms-1174271>

Finance adviser hopeful about FDI rise

- Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed expressed his hope that foreign direct investment (FDI) would increase significantly if a stable regulatory situation persists in the country. He said the inflow of foreign investment still remains at slow lane. But the foreigners are now observing that foreign-exchange market is now stable and reserves increased in Bangladesh due to inflow of budget supports.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/finance-adviser-hopeful-about-fdi-rise-1750873778>

Macroeconomic indicators show early signs of stability

- Bangladesh's macroeconomic landscape is showing early signs of stability after months of volatility, as inflation appears to have peaked, foreign exchange reserves are steady, the taka has firmed up, and export performance is improving, according to Standard Chartered Bangladesh. The bank made the observations at its "Global Research Briefing" in Dhaka yesterday, where private sector leaders, policymakers and clients convened to assess the country's economic trajectory, according to a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/macroeconomic-indicators-show-early-signs-stability-3925746>

Sector & Industries:**FUEL & POWER | Govt to buy BDT 5.69 Bn worth LNG from spot market**

- The government is set to import one cargo of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the spot market through international quotation collection under the Public Procurement Rules, 2008. The proposal was recommended for approval today at the 24th meeting of the Advisory Council Committee on Government Procurement for 2025. The Energy and Mineral Resources Division placed the proposal, which involves purchasing LNG from Vitol Asia Pte Ltd of Singapore.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-buy-tk-569-crore-worth-lng-spot-market-3925361>

FUEL & POWER | Adani seeks finance adviser's intervention to get USD 900 Mn dues

- India's Adani Power Limited (APL) has sought Bangladesh Finance Adviser's intervention in expediting the process of settling its more than USD 900 Mn worth of outstanding dues. Managing Director of the group Anil Sardana recently made a request in this regard in a letter to Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, according to officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adani-seeks-finance-advisers-intervention-to-get-900m-dues-1750873836>

FUEL & POWER | USD 1 Bn a year needed to hit 2030 green energy goal

- Bangladesh needs to expand its renewable energy capacity by 21% annually to meet its latest green energy target by 2030, requiring nearly USD 1 Bn in yearly investment, according to a study by the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA). The country will need up to USD 1.4 Bn a year until 2040 to reach the new goals set by the government this month, said the study.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/1b-year-needed-hit-2030-green-energy-goal-3925781>

INSURANCE | Govt set to adopt Insurer Resolution Ordinance 2025 to safeguard customer interest

- The government is set to adopt the "Insurer Resolution Ordinance 2025" to protect the interests of insurance sector customers and maintain public confidence in the financial system. In the resolution, "insurer" will be referred to as insurance company. The new law will allow regulators to transfer the insurer's shares, assets, and liabilities to third parties, and even give them the power to liquidate the company, sources say.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-set-adopt-insurer-resolution-ordinance-2025-safeguard-customer-interest-1174186>

RMG | Bangladesh no longer just a volume player but a global hub for sustainable RMG products: Commerce secy

- Being the second-largest apparel exporter, Bangladesh will continue to attract international interest with its high-quality, value-added manufacturing capabilities, Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman said today (25 June). "Bangladesh is no longer just a volume player — it's fast emerging as a global hub for sustainable, value-added apparel manufacturing. With strategic investment in innovation, compliance, and skilled workforce, the country is well-positioned to lead the next chapter of responsible fashion and textile sourcing," he said as the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony of 16th edition of Intex Bangladesh Expo-2025 at the International Convention City Bashundhara.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bangladesh-no-longer-just-volume-player-global-hub-sustainable-rmg-products-commerce>

BANK | BB expands scope for non-resident clients

- In a move aimed at boosting foreign-currency earnings, the central bank has permitted all scheduled banks to broaden their offshore-banking operations by offering a wider range of services to non-resident customers. Offshore banking units (OBUs) can now extend services -- including trade-related functions such as advising, collection, and settlements -- to non-resident customers maintaining accounts with them, according to a notification issued by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Wednesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-expands-scope-for-non-resident-clients-1750874105>

BANK | ACC seeks info on 15yr banking irregularities; 3 ex-governors, conglomerates in crosshairs

- The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has sought detailed information from the Bangladesh Bank on banking sector irregularities over the past 15 years, focusing on the role of senior central bank officials in easing loan policies and the conglomerates that allegedly benefited. This includes details on three former governors, five deputy governors, and a former head of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), along with 10 business groups.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/acc-seeks-info-15yr-banking-irregularities-3-ex-governors-conglomerates-crosshairs>

Stocks:**LHB | LafargeHolcim Bangladesh inks 10-year gas deal with Jalalabad**

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh and Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution System have signed two new Gas Sales Agreements (GSAs) — one for industrial use and another for captive power — for ten years, effective from 18 January 2026. According to the agreement, Jalalabad Gas will supply a total of 16 MMCF of gas to the multinational cement manufacturer — at BDT 40 per cubic meter for its cement plant and BDT 42 per cubic meter for its captive power plant, as per the new rates set by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lafargeholcim-bangladesh-inks-10-year-gas-deal-jalalabad-1174151>

UNITEDFIN | UNITED FINANCE AGM APPROVES 10% CASH DIVIDEND

- The 36th Annual General Meeting of United Finance PLC was held on a digital platform on Tuesday. The shareholders approved a cash dividend of 10% for 2024 at the AGM. Chairman of United Finance Najmul Hasan; Directors Moinuddin Hasan Rashid, Mahenoor Sultana Rashid, Khondaker Zayed Ahsan, Kayes Khalil Khan and Ormaan Rafay Nizam, Independent Directors, Dr. Mahfuzul Hoque, Dr. Mohammad Omar Farooq and Md Jahidur Rahman along with Managing Director Mohammad Rafiqul Islam were present.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/united-finance-agm-approves-10pc-cash-dividend-1750876172>

SONARBAINS | Sonar Bangla Insurance posts lowest earnings in 2024

- Sonar Bangla Insurance has reported a profit of BDT 8.4 Mn for 2024, the lowest since its listing in the stock market, thanks to a sharp fall in premium income after the political changeover in August last year. The company's profit was BDT 16.7 Mn the year before, marking a 50% decline year-on-year in 2024.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/sonar-bangla-insurance-posts-lowest-earnings-in-2024-1750875741>

HIMADRI | Himadri Ltd to expand cold storage capacity with BDT 56.3 Mn investment

- Himadri Limited, a concern of the Ejab Group, has planned to invest around BDT 56.3 Mn to expand its cold storage capacity by adding a new chamber at its Joypurhat unit, according to a stock exchange filing on Wednesday (25 June). The firm, listed on the SME board of both the Dhaka and Chittagong stock exchanges, expects the expansion to boost its rental income by approximately BDT 18.2 Mn in the 2025–26 fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/himadri-ltd-expand-cold-storage-capacity-tk563cr-investment-1174136>

EXCHNAGE | Taskforce to push large firms toward stock listing

- A joint taskforce is going to be formed to introduce legal changes that would make it mandatory for large companies to go public if their loans or turnover cross a certain threshold, said the stock market regulator yesterday. "We are forming a committee comprising representatives from Bangladesh Bank, BSEC, and the Financial Institutions Division (FID)," said Khondoker Rashed Maqsood, chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/taskforce-push-large-firms-toward-stock-listing-3925776>

EXCHANGE | Foreign firms should share profits with the public: ICB chief

- The chief of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) on Wednesday urged the securities regulator to actively pursue the listing of profitable multinational companies. Speaking at a discussion organised by the DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) at the DSE Tower in the capital's Nikunja, Professor Dr. Abu Ahmed, chairman of the state-run investment bank, criticized the reluctance of foreign firms to go public while generating substantial profits in Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/foreign-firms-should-share-profits-with-the-public-icb-chief-1750875827>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.19	(USD 6.24)	-8.74%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.90	(USD 6.49)	-8.72%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,339.13	USD 730.65	28.01%
DSEX	4,767.64	-448.80	-8.60%
S&P 500	6,092.16	185.22	3.14%
FTSE 100	8,718.75	597.74	7.36%
BSE SENSEX	82,755.51	4,555.58	5.83%
KSE-100	122,761.64	7,502.64	6.51%
CSEALL	17,535.62	1,591.01	9.98%

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