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Macro:**IMF expects FDI inflows as polls timeline firms up**

- The International Monetary Fund has expressed optimism that foreign investment into Bangladesh will begin to flow again as the country's election timeline has removed a key source of uncertainty for investors.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/imf-expects-fdi-inflows-polls-timeline-firms-3928776>

Remittance flows over USD 30 Bn in FY25

- Remittance inflows crossed the USD 30 Bn mark on Saturday, two days before the fiscal year is due to end, making it the highest receipts yet in Bangladesh's history.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/remittance-flows-over-30-billion-fy25-3928491>

IMF to team up with WB to 'turn the corner'

- After setting an "ambitious" but "achievable" revenue mobilisation target for Bangladesh, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Sunday said it would jointly work with the World Bank to assist the South Asian nation in achieving the target.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/imf-to-team-up-with-wb-to-turn-the-corner-1751218374>

NBR strike ends with biz leaders' help

- Trade-disrupting shutdown at the revenue board ends as the NBR Reform Unity Council called off its protest programme on Sunday evening following government's preventive stance and business leaders' mediation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-strike-ends-with-biz-leaders-help-1751218313>

Govt borrows BDT 117.94 Bn thru T-bills in single day

- The government on Sunday borrowed BDT 117.94 Bn in a single day by issuing three types of treasury bills to partly finance its budget deficit. The amount borrowed is well above the pre-auction target of BDT 80 Bn, according to the auction results.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-borrows-tk-11794bn-thru-t-bills-in-single-day-1751218520>

Push for enhanced policy support to boost MSME sector

- Speakers at a discussion marking International Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day 2025 stressed the need for enhanced policy support, easier access to finance, and nationwide expansion of services to strengthen the MSME sector as a key driver of inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/push-for-enhanced-policy-support-to-boost-msme-sector-1751214931>

Two digital platforms launched to enhance access to policy-relevant data

- Two prototype digital platforms—the Bangladesh Energy Dashboard (BED) and the Bangladesh Social Protection Dashboard (BSD)—were unveiled today to enhance access to timely, policy-relevant data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/two-digital-platforms-launched-enhance-access-policy-relevant-data-3928531>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Bond boom contributes half of bank income**

- Fifty banks saw a 45%, or BDT 123.32 Bn, surge in income from treasury bonds last year, as they turned to risk-free, high-yield investments and stepped back from core lending amid economic headwinds, a review of their financial statements shows.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bond-boom-contributes-half-bank-income-3928816>

TRADE | Trade halts as customs shutdown paralyses sea, land ports

- Export and import activities at sea and land ports across the country ground to a near halt, as a nationwide shutdown by revenue officials entered its second day yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/trade-halts-customs-shutdown-paralyses-sea-land-ports-3928811>

Stocks:**Deshbandhu | Deshbandhu secures USD 370 Mn FDI**

- Marking a significant development in Bangladesh's industrial and financial sectors, Deshbandhu Group is set to bring in foreign direct investment (FDI) worth about USD 370 Mn. The group also plans to restructure its bank loans through this funding, which amounts to over BDT 45 Bn. This direct investment is expected to play an important role in boosting the national economy, says a statement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/deshbandhu-secures-370m-fdi-1751214663>

TITASGAS | Titas Gas to issue shares to govt amid mounting losses

- Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution is going to issue 282.75 Mn non-cumulative preference shares against funds received from the government earlier as share money deposits. According to its financial statement for FY23, Titas had received share money deposits worth BDT 2.83 Bn, which rose to BDT 3.52 Bn by FY24.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/titas-gas-to-issue-shares-to-govt-amid-mounting-losses-1751214643>

BAYLEASING | Bay Leasing incurs BDT 4.40 Bn loss in 2024

- Bay Leasing and Investment Ltd, a non-bank financial institution, reported a loss of BDT 4.40 Bn in 2024, which was 429% higher than the previous year's loss. Bay Leasing faced a loss for the first time in 2021, and since then, it has been unable to return to profitability.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bay-leasing-incurs-tk440cr-loss-2024-1177046>

STANDBANKL | Standard Bank to issue BDT 5 Bn bond

- Standard Bank, a private sector lender, has decided to raise BDT 5 Bn through issuing bonds, aiming to enhance its capital base. According to its price-sensitive statement filed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the floating rate non-convertible mudaraba subordinate bond aimed at raising regulatory capital (tier-2) is expected to help the bank fulfil its Basel-III requirements.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/standard-bank-issue-tk500cr-bond-1177041>

LHB | Sinha Fashions to sell 3 Mn LafargeHolcim shares

- Sinha Fashions Ltd – a corporate sponsor of LafargeHolcim Bangladesh – has announced its intention to reduce its stake in the cement manufacturer by selling 3 Mn shares. A subsidiary of the once-prominent apparel conglomerate Sinha-Medlar Group, Sinha Fashions owns 23.1 Mn shares in the multinational company, according to its disclosure filed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sinha-fashions-sell-30-lakh-lafargeholcim-shares-1177036>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.13	(USD 6.30)	-8.82%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.57	(USD 6.82)	-9.17%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,280.47	USD 671.99	25.76%
DSEX	4,839.78	-376.66	-7.22%
S&P 500	6,173.07	266.13	4.51%
FTSE 100	8,798.91	677.90	8.35%
BSE SENSEX	84,058.90	5,858.97	7.49%
KSE-100	124,379.07	9,120.07	7.91%
CSEALL	17,872.74	1,928.13	12.09%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.25 BDT

1 GBP = 167.73 BDT

1 Euro = 143.31 BDT

1 INR = 1.43 BDT

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