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Macro:**Panel formed to address post-LDC subsidy shift**

- The finance ministry has formed a 16-member committee to identify alternatives to cash subsidies that comply with the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO), as such facilities will be phased out following Bangladesh's graduation from least developed country (LDC) status. Among its key priorities are four sectors identified as having high export potential in the post-LDC era: leather and leather goods, jute products, agriculture and agro-processing, and pharmaceuticals, according to a circular issued by the Ministry of Finance on Tuesday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/panel-formed-address-post-ldc-subsidy-shift-3951951>

Bepza secures investment deals worth USD 497 Mn in FY25

- The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) witnessed substantial growth in exports and employment during the fiscal year (FY) 2024–25, primarily driven by a surge in foreign investment. It received investment proposals worth USD 497.48 Mn in FY25, with the potential to generate employment for an estimated 59,408 Bangladeshi nationals.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bepza-secures-investment-deals-worth-497m-fy25-3951696>

NBR's FY'25 tax-to-GDP ratio falls

- Bangladesh's tax (NBR part)-to-GDP ratio declined by 0.66% in the 2024-25 financial year, raising concern over waning domestic revenue in comparison with the nominal GDP. The ratio fell to 6.56% in FY25 from 7.2% in FY 24, available data showed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbrs-fy25-tax-to-gdp-ratio-falls-1753896041>

Policy rate may remain at 10%

- Amid a record fall in the private sector credit demand, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) is set to unveil the monetary policy statement (MPS) for the first half (H1) of this financial year (FY26) today by setting the target to reduce inflation to 6.50%

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/policy-rate-may-remain-at-10pc-1753896253>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | BB issues 17-point cybersecurity directive amid rising threats**

- In an attempt to counter growing cyber threats targeting the financial sector, Bangladesh Bank has issued a sweeping 17-point cybersecurity directive for all banks, non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), and mobile financial service (MFS) providers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/bb-issues-17-point-cybersecurity-directive-amid-rising-threats-3951996>

FUEL & POWER | Kafco clears BDT 9.50 Bn dues to gas distributor

- Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited (Kafco) has paid its dues of around BDT 9.50 Bn to the gas distributor, which had been mounting since August 2023 when the previous contract expired. The Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited (KGDCL) yesterday signed a fresh gas sales agreement with Kafco to supply around 55 Mn cubic feet of gas per day (mmcf).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/kafco-clears-tk-950-crore-dues-gas-distributor-3951741>

LEATHER | CA orders immediate upgrading of leather sector for export diversification

- Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus emphasised upgrading leather sector to accelerate export diversification and directed officials to heal the challenges facing the "potential" industry.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/ca-orders-immediate-upgrading-of-leather-sector-for-export-diversification-1753895871>

Stocks:**RECKITT BEN | Reckitt Benckiser Q2 profit drops slightly to BDT 140 Mn**

- The profits of Reckitt Benckiser (Bangladesh) PLC slightly declined in the April-June quarter of 2025. The multinational fast-moving consumer goods company reported a profit of BDT 140 Mn in the second quarter of 2025, down 1% year-on-year, according to its financial statements. The company's earnings per share stood at BDT 29.71 for the three months this year, compared to BDT 30.12 during the same period in 2024.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/reckitt-benckiser-q2-profit-drops-slightly-tk-14cr-3951916>

MARICO | Marico's Q1 profit rises 13%

- Marico Bangladesh saw an increase in its profit in the April-June quarter, saying it was driven by a rise in revenue and cost efficiency. The multinational company's financial year starts in April. It posted a profit of BDT 1.95 Bn in the first quarter of its financial year 2025-26, marking 13% year-on-year growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/maricos-q1-profit-rises-13-3951906>

BATASHOE | Bata posts BDT 100 Mn Q2 loss as store vandalism hits sales

- Bata Shoe, one of Bangladesh's leading footwear manufacturers, reported a loss of approximately BDT 100 Mn for the April-June quarter of the current year, as sales declined sharply following the widespread disruption and damage to several of its retail outlets, the company has said. The listed multinational shoe producer's sales plummeted by 39% to BDT 1.58 Bn in the quarter, according to its half-yearly financial reports published today.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bata-posts-tk-10-crore-q2-loss-store-vandalism-hits-sales-3951716>

DBH | DBH Finance's profit up 12% on higher investment income

- Leading non-bank financial institution DBH Finance posted a 12% year-on-year rise in profit to BDT 264.16 Mn for the second-quarter to June, driven by higher investment income. Earnings per share rose to BDT 1.30 in April-June this year from BDT 1.16 in the same quarter last year, according to a stock exchange filing on Wednesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dbh-finance-profit-up-12pc-on-higher-investment-income-1753892847>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 69.99	(USD 1.44)	-2.02%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 73.12	(USD 1.27)	-1.71%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,295.43	USD 686.95	26.34%
DSEX	5,352.20	135.76	2.60%
S&P 500	6,362.90	455.96	7.72%
FTSE 100	9,136.94	1,015.93	12.51%
BSE SENSEX	81,481.86	3,281.93	4.20%
KSE-100	138,412.25	23,153.25	20.09%
CSEALL	19,566.15	3,621.54	22.71%

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