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Macro:**Bangladesh's export outlook still sensitive: BRAC EPL**

- The overall export outlook of Bangladesh remains sensitive to broader global tariff realignments despite the reciprocal tariff cut offering relief, BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage said in a special brief. The report said Bangladesh has secured parity with major garment exporters like Vietnam, Pakistan, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka in the US apparel market following the reduction.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-export-outlook-still-sensitive-brac-epl-3953696>

Shippers face Aug 7 deadline to enjoy tariff exemptions

- The US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has set a strict deadline for shipments to qualify for exemption from new tariffs imposed on imports, including those from Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/shippers-face-aug-7-deadline-to-enjoy-tariff-exemptions-1754154810>

As Trump tariff tempest calms, US buyers begin activating trade

- Apparel exporters and their US buyers are gathering wits for full-steam resumption of trade as the Trump tariff tempest calms with the United States deciding to settle on a pared-down 20-percent reciprocal tariff on Bangladeshi exports.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/as-trump-tariff-tempest-calms-us-buyers-begin-activating-trade-1754154771>

Cenbank to inject taka via dollar purchases: Governor

- The Bangladesh Bank will inject liquidity into the money market by buying US dollars instead of printing money, Governor Ahsan H Mansur said today (31 July).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-inject-taka-dollar-purchases-governor-1201651>

Macroeconomic challenges likely to persist in H1 of FY26: BB

- Bangladesh's economy is set to navigate a challenging landscape in the first half of Fiscal Year 2025-26 (July-December), with persistent inflation, pre-election uncertainties, and a slowdown in key economic indicators casting shadows on the immediate outlook, the Bangladesh Bank said in its Monetary Policy Statement

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/macroeconomic-challenges-likely-persist-h1-fy26-bb-1201311>

Revenue collection plummets in June amid NBR officials' strike

- The country's revenue collection suffered a major setback in June as strikes by officials of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) brought tax collection activities to a near standstill, resulting in a record shortfall for the month.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/revenue-collection-plummets-june-amid-nbr-officials-strike-1203186>

Sector & Industries:**BANKS | Deposits secure in merging banks; govt to get back investment with profit: Governor**

- Deposits in banks undergoing mergers are completely safe and the government will recover its financial assistance with profit, Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur assured today (31 July).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/deposits-secure-merging-banks-govt-get-back-investment-profit-governor-1201616>

RMG | Bangladesh to use more US cotton to evade 20% reciprocal tariff: BGMEA boss

- Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) is gearing up its efforts to use more US raw materials in making garments to evade additional 20% reciprocal tariff.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bangladesh-use-more-us-cotton-evade-20-reciprocal-tariff-bgmea-boss-1203151>

RMG | Sigh of relief for RMG exporters as held-up orders start coming back after US tariff cut

- Bangladeshi exporters and their buyers in the United States are expressing a sense of relief after the US lowered its reciprocal tariff rate on Bangladeshi products, with a new rate that is now more competitive than those for key rivals like China and India.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/sigh-relief-rmg-exporters-held-orders-start-coming-back-after-us-tariff-cut-1203166>

FUEL & POWER | Govt provides sovereign guarantee to WB for LNG import financing

- The government has extended a sovereign and indemnity guarantee to the World Bank (WB) to support Petrobangla's costly liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, ensuring payment if the state-run company fails to repay its loans on time.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-provides-sovereign-guarantee-to-wb-for-lng-import-financing-1754155112>

ENGINEERING | Rod prices hit 3-year low as demand dries up

- Steel rod prices have fallen below BDT 90,000 per tonne for the first time in more than three years, as construction demand continues to fall amid reduced government spending and economic uncertainty. Before the political changeover in August last year, the country consumed around 6.5 Tn of MS rod each month, according to the Bangladesh Steel Manufacturers Association (BSMA). Since then, demand has steadily declined to about 4 Tn in recent months, a drop of roughly 35%.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rod-prices-hit-3-year-low-demand-dries-3953936>

Stocks:**ICICL | Islami Commercial Insurance declares 10% dividend**

- The declaration was made during the insurer's 25th annual general meeting (AGM), held at the Institution of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh (IDEB) Bhaban in the capital's Kakrail recently, according to a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/islami-commercial-insurance-declares-10-dividend-3953931>

BSCPLC | Bangladesh Submarine Cables co hits 4 Tbps bandwidth

- Bangladesh Submarine Cables PLC (BSCPLC) has reached a significant milestone, with its real-time internet traffic capacity hitting 4 terabytes per second (Tbps) as of 1 August 2025, according to a company press release.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bangladesh-submarine-cables-co-hits-4-tbps-bandwidth-1754151148>

SIBL | SIBL posts BDT 3.21 Bn loss in Q2 amid NPL pressure, cash flow crisis

- Social Islami Bank (SIBL) reported a consolidated loss of BDT 3.21 Bn for the April-June quarter of 2025, primarily due to a sharp decline in interest income amid a rise in non-performing loans (NPLs). According to the bank's financial statement, the loss per share (LPS) for the quarter stood at BDT 2.93, compared to earnings per share (EPS) of BDT 0.33 in the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sibl-posts-tk321cr-loss-q2-amid-npl-pressure-cash-flow-crisis-1203126>

SHAHJABANK | Shahjalal Islami Bank's Q2 profit down 5%

- Shahjalal Islami Bank posted a slight decline in its profit for the April-June quarter of 2025, even as investment income edged higher. The bank reported a 5% year-on-year drop in profit to BDT 159.40 crore during the second quarter, according to its recently released financial statements. The bank's consolidated earnings per share for the period were BDT 1.43, a decrease from BDT 1.50 recorded in the same quarter of the previous year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/shahjalal-islami-banks-q2-profit-down-5-3954081>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 67.33	(USD 4.10)	-5.74%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 69.67	(USD 4.72)	-6.34%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,363.48	USD 755.00	28.94%
DSEX	5,443.42	226.97	4.35%
S&P 500	6,238.01	331.07	5.60%
FTSE 100	9,068.58	947.57	11.67%
BSE SENSEX	80,599.91	2,399.98	3.07%
KSE-100	141,034.98	25,775.98	22.36%
CSEALL	19,914.25	3,969.64	24.90%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.30 BDT****1 GBP = 162.37 BDT****1 Euro = 141.76 BDT****1 INR = 1.40 BDT**

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