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International:**BSEC extends female independent director appointment deadline to Dec**

- Amid the failure of some companies, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has extended the deadline by eight months for listed companies to appoint at least one female independent director to their boards. To comply with the corporate governance code issued by the regulator, listed companies were mandated to appoint one female independent director in their board by 29 April this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-extends-female-independent-director-appointment-deadline-dec-1206311>

Macro:**Restoring business confidence biggest of challenges ahead**

- Listing challenges facing the economy ahead, like high inflation, unemployment, energy shortage and higher US tariffs, Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed says restoring business confidence tops it all. On the achievements of the post-uprising interim government on the economic front so far, he told reporters Wednesday that the country's economy had been lifted from the edge of an abyss.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/restoring-business-confidence-biggest-of-challenges-ahead-1754504602>

Splitting big packages for tendering to be restricted

- To check fraudulent practices and scams, the government is set to restrict project implementing agencies from splitting a big public procurement package into small parts for tendering, officials said. It is also going to restrict the line ministry's power to approve small packages and recommend getting approval from the Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/splitting-big-packages-for-tendering-to-be-restricted-1754505016>

BD receives USD 328 Mn in remittances in 5 days of August

- Bangladesh received USD 328 Mn remittance in the first 5 days of August of the fiscal year 2025-26, reports UNB. According to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank, in the same period of the previous fiscal year, the amount was USD 181 Mn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bd-receives-328m-in-remittances-in-5-days-of-august-1754502839>

DSCC unveils budget for fiscal year 2025-2026

- The Dhaka South City Corporation (DSCC) has approved a budget of BDT 38.41 Bn for the fiscal year 2025-26, with a revenue target of BDT 13.20 Bn. The budget was passed at the 7th DSCC Steering Committee meeting. It allocates BDT 6.35 Bn for operating expenses, BDT 8.76 Bn for development from DSCC's own funds, and BDT 14.69 Bn for total development from DSCC, government, and foreign assistance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/dsc-cc-unveils-budget-fiscal-year-2025-2026-1205846>

Forex reserves cross USD 25 Bn again

- Country's foreign exchange reserves have crossed the USD 25 Bn mark for the second time this year, thanks to an increased inflow of foreign currency from remittance and exports.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/forex-reserves-cross-25b-again-3957061>

S Korean company to invest USD 8 Mn in Mongla EPZ

- OCF Co. Ltd., a South Korean company, is set to invest USD 8 Mn in the Mongla Export Processing Zone (Mongla EPZ) to establish a manufacturing industry for tents, tent accessories, camping furniture, furniture accessories, and bags.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/s-korean-company-invest-8-million-mongla-epz-3956906>

Dhaka plans to seek DFQF access for select items

- Bangladesh plans to seek duty-free quota-free (DFQF) or preferential access to the Pakistani market for agricultural and processed products, as well as jute and jute goods, sources said. The proposal is likely to be placed at the upcoming meeting between the commerce adviser of Bangladesh's interim government and the commerce minister of Pakistan.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dhaka-plans-to-seek-dfqf-access-for-select-items-1754505130>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | RMG export to US records a robust growth in H1 of 2025**

- Bangladesh's apparel export to the United States, its single-largest market, recorded a robust 25.13% growth in the first half of this year. According to US official count, the exports grew both in terms of value and volume in the six months of 2025.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rmg-export-to-us-records-a-robust-growth-in-h1-of-2025-1754504652>

NBFI | NBFIs' earnings growth in H1 relies on Treasury income, asset quality

- Only four non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) out of the 15 that have published financial reports for January-June this year posted a year-on-year profit growth, driven by a surge in investment income. IPDC Finance, IDLC Finance, DBH Finance and United Finance stand out in the industry for their consistently good financial performance. Their operating efficiency, low amounts of toxic loans, and higher investment income helped them stay on the growth trajectory even in an adverse business climate.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/nbfis-earnings-growth-in-h1-relies-on-treasury-income-asset-quality-1754502682>

RMG | Amfori unveils new plan to reduce supply chain audit repetition

- Amfori, a global risk management facilitator, on Wednesday presented its new action plan aimed at reducing the repetition of audits in the supply chain and the resulting financial burden. John Stellansson, Amfori's head of business development and network, disclosed the new plan when he met with the acting president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Enamul Haque Khan at the apparel apex body's Uttara office in the city, according to a statement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/amfori-unveils-new-plan-to-reduce-supply-chain-audit-repetition-1754503654>

RMG | Bangladesh to boost cotton imports from US to USD 1 Bn: BTMA

- The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has announced that the country plans to increase its cotton imports from the United States to USD 1 Bn to help reduce the trade deficit between the two nations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-boost-cotton-imports-us-1b-btma-1206316>

INSURANCE | Profits shrink for most listed insurers in January-June

- Most general insurance companies in the country suffered a decline in profits in the first half of this year, due mainly to a drop in marine and fire insurance policies amid ongoing challenges in the business sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/profits-shrink-most-listed-insurers-january-june-3957346>

Stocks:**MTB | Swedfund invests in MTB for MSME growth, climate action**

- With an investment of USD 20 Mn in Mutual Trust Bank (MTB), Swedfund is set to help secure long term financing for Bangladesh's MSMEs, climate action, and marginal women entrepreneurs. The loan will contribute to growth and job creation and the biggest share of the proceeds will be directed towards Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), according to a press statement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/swedfund-invests-in-mtb-for-msme-growth-climate-action-1754502784>

BEXIMCO | Beximco Textiles gets a lifeline: USD 20 Mn Japanese deal to reopen factories

- The long-shuttered factories of Beximco Textiles Limited are poised to reopen under a tripartite lease agreement involving Japanese firm Revival Project Limited, Janata Bank, and Beximco Group. The initiative, backed by policy-level support from the Bangladesh government, aims to revive one of the country's largest textile operations and generate employment for nearly 25,000 workers, according to sources in the labour ministry.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/beximco-textiles-gets-lifeline-20m-japanese-deal-reopen-factories-1206346>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 64.96	(USD 6.47)	-9.06%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.45	(USD 6.94)	-9.33%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,377.94	USD 769.46	29.50%
DSEX	5,471.16	254.71	4.88%
S&P 500	6,345.06	438.12	7.42%
FTSE 100	9,164.31	1,043.30	12.85%
BSE SENSEX	80,543.99	2,344.06	3.00%
KSE-100	145,088.50	29,829.50	25.88%
CSEALL	19,804.80	3,860.19	24.21%

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