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**Macro:****Govt plans new austerity steps amid energy crisis**

- The government has planned to increase energy austerity further by introducing three-day online classes in educational institutions and by intensifying nationwide recovery of hoarded fuel oil on the back of continued sufferings of consumers in long queues at filling stations.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/Country/295334/govt-plans-new-austerity-steps-amid-energy-crisis>

**Fuel prices remain unchanged in April**

- Despite pressures on the energy sector from ongoing Middle East conflicts, the government has kept retail fuel prices unchanged for April.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/fuel-prices-remain-unchanged-in-april>

**Remittance inflows hit record USD 3.62 Bn in March**

- Bangladesh's remittance inflows have reached a historic high, recording USD 3.62 Bn in the first 30 days of March 2026. This surge, fueled by expatriates' increasing transfers ahead of the Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations, has pushed the foreign exchange reserves to a robust USD 34.05 Bn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflows-hit-record-362-billion-in-march>

**NBR to introduce quarterly tax filing**

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is going to introduce a year-round, quarterly tax return submission system starting from the upcoming fiscal year 2026-27, said its Chairman.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nbr-introduce-quarterly-tax-filing-4140406>

**Tax on the wealthy may rise; inheritance tax under review**

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is considering raising taxes on wealthy individuals in the budget, plans review the wealth tax, and introduce an inheritance tax to boost government revenue collection, said the NBR Chairman.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/tax-on-the-wealthy-may-rise-inheritance-tax-under-review>

**Govt to hold high-level consultation amid push for 2029 timeline**

- The government is set to hold a high-level national multi-stakeholder consultation to assess Bangladesh's progress towards graduating from the Least-Developed Country (LDC) category, sources said, as Bangladesh has recently sought to defer its final graduation timeline by three years, shifting the target date from 2026 to 2029.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-hold-high-level-consultation-amid-push-for-2029-timeline-1774980322>

**LDC graduation could cost Bangladesh USD 17.5 Bn in exports: UNCTAD**

- Bangladesh could lose more than USD 17.5 Bn in exports following its graduation from LDC category, which represents nearly a third of the country's USD 54.8 Bn in total exports recorded in 2023.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/lcd-graduation-could-cost-bangladesh-175b-exports-unctad-4140501>

**Sector & Industries:****NBFI | Finance ministry to release funds for liquidating 6 NBFIs in July: BB governor**

- Bangladesh Bank Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman has said he expects to receive funds from the finance ministry in July this year to liquidate six non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/finance-ministry-release-funds-liquidating-6-nbfis-july-bb-governor-1398266>

**ENERGY | Tanker carrying 30,000 tonnes of diesel from Malaysia reaches Ctg Port**

- A vessel carrying 30,000 tonnes of refined diesel has arrived at Chittagong Port from Malaysia amid concerns over energy supply linked to Middle East tensions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/tanker-carrying-30000-tonnes-of-diesel-from-malaysia-reaches-ctg-port>

**AUTOMOBILE | Motorcycle sales slow amid fuel supply concerns**

- The motorcycle industry in Bangladesh is witnessing cautious consumer sentiment and slowing sales, even as Eid and promotional offers provided a temporary boost to demand. Industry leaders report that nearly 20% of prospective buyers have postponed purchase decisions, as geopolitical uncertainty and fuel supply concerns dampen consumer confidence.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/motorcycle-sales-slow-amid-fuel-supply-concerns-1774975878>

**Stocks:****ISLAMIBANK | Governor assures Islami Bank board of assistance for smooth operations**

- Bangladesh Bank Governor Mostaqur Rahman met with the board of Islami Bank today (31 March), where the bank presented several demands, including the recovery of nearly BDT 100 Bn owed by five Shariah-based banks, and the governor assured full support for smooth operations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/governor-assures-islami-bank-board-assistance-smooth-operations-1399251>

**BSC | BSC set to acquire 2 oil tankers at BDT 14.66 Bn**

- Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) is set to acquire two modern product oil tankers, each with a capacity of 40,000-55,000 deadweight tonnes (DWT), at an estimated cost of BDT 14.66 Bn, to reduce reliance on foreign vessels and strengthen fuel-import capacity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bsc-set-to-acquire-2-oil-tankers-at-tk-1466b-1774980502>

**EXCHANGE | Dhaka bourse bets on Nasdaq tech to modernise trading**

- The Dhaka bourse has decided to purchase expensive matching engines from Nasdaq in a bid to take the market to the next level, as the technology currently in place will expire in December next year. The deal with US-based Nasdaq will cost the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) BDT 2.9 Bn, covering relevant technology and services for a period of 10 years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-bourse-bets-on-nasdaq-tech-to-modernise-trading-1774974776>

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<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 103.07	USD 45.64	79.47%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 105.90	USD 45.05	74.03%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,698.70	USD 357.70	8.24%
DSEX	5,178.31	312.97	6.43%
S&P 500	6,528.52	-370.30	-5.37%
FTSE 100	10,176.45	245.07	2.47%
BSE SENSEX	71,947.55	-12,846.03	-15.15%
KSE-100	148,743.31	-25,310.99	-14.54%
CSEALL	21,066.18	-1,558.13	-6.89%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 122.65 BDT****1 GBP = 162.37 BDT****1 Euro = 141.85 BDT****1 INR = 1.31 BDT**

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