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Macro:**JS passes BDT 9.38 Tn FY27 budget amid high hopes, tough challenges**

- Parliament today (30 June) passed the BDT 9.38 Tn national budget for FY27, approving the BNP government's first full-year spending plan despite lingering concerns over inflation, revenue mobilisation and implementation. The new fiscal plan takes effect today with the beginning of the new fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/budget/parliament-passes-tk938-lakh-crore-budget-fy27-1476256>

Monetary policy signals caution, not enough conviction

- Bangladesh Bank's Monetary Policy Statement (MPS) for July-December 2026 arrives at a difficult moment for the economy. Inflation remains elevated, private credit growth is below 5%, and economic growth has slowed to around 4%. Together, these point to symptoms of stagflation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/monetary-policy-signals-caution-not-enough-conviction-4212201>

DCCI says tight monetary policy may blunt benefits of private sector-focused budget

- The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) has expressed concern that the country's tight monetary policy could undermine the intended benefits of the growth-oriented national budget aimed at boosting the private sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dcci-says-tight-monetary-policy-may-blunt-benefits-private-sector-focused-budget-1476536>

BB flags four near-term macroeconomic challenges

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has identified slow GDP growth, persistent inflation, limited fiscal space, and financial stress as the key near-term macroeconomic challenges facing Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-flags-four-near-term-macroeconomic-challenges-4212176>

Govt fixes flat VAT on gold, diamond, silver

- The government has imposed a fixed VAT structure for the jewellery sector, taxing gold and platinum at BDT 2,500 per bhorī, silver at BDT 100 per bhorī, and diamonds at BDT 2,500 per gramme.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/govt-fixes-flat-vat-gold-diamond-silver-4212621>

Three dozen listed firms still have not filed FY25 reports

- As many as 36 listed companies have yet to publish their annual financial statements for fiscal year 2024-25, although around a year has passed since the end of the reporting period, leaving thousands of investors in the dark.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/three-dozen-listed-firms-still-have-not-filed-fy25-reports-4212626>

Oil set to end June down by about 20%, with investors focused on Doha

- Oil prices dipped around 1% on Tuesday, reversing the previous session's gains, and were poised for a monthly decline, with investors eyeing potential US-Iran talks in Doha amid a strained interim ceasefire in the four-month-old war.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/oil-set-end-june-down-about-20-investors-focused-doha-4212071>

A-chalan mandatory for all govt receipts from July 1

- The government has made the use of automated receipts, known as A-chalan, mandatory for depositing all public revenues and other charges from July 1, 2026, with the aim of ensuring real-time receipts and strengthening public cash management.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chalan-mandatory-all-govt-receipts-july-1-4212006>

Karnaphuli Tunnel costs twice the toll revenue

- Road Transport and Bridges Minister Shaikh Rabiul Alam yesterday informed the parliament that the monthly expenditure for operation and maintenance of the Karnaphuli Tunnel is nearly double the revenue generated from its tolls.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/karnaphuli-tunnel-costs-twice-the-toll-revenue-4211681>

Furnace oil price cut by BDT 4.44 per litre

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has reduced the retail price of furnace oil by BDT 4.44 per litre while keeping the prices of diesel and kerosene unchanged for July.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/furnace-oil-price-cut-tk444-litre-1476316>

CCC unveils BDT 22.6 Bn budget

- The Chattogram City Corporation yesterday announced a BDT 22.6 Bn budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year, prioritising self-reliance, mosquito control, and solving the port city's long-standing waterlogging problem.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/ccc-unveils-tk-2260cr-budget-4212641>

Ctg Port handles record 3.52 Mn TEUs containers in FY26 as cargo, revenue hit new highs

- The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) handled a record 3.52 Mn twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of containers in the 2025-26 fiscal year, while cargo throughput, vessel calls and revenue also reached new highs, reflecting continued growth in the country's busiest seaport.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/ctg-port-handles-record-352m-teus-containers-fy26-cargo-revenue-hit-new-highs-1476501>

Padma Bridge toll collection reaches BDT 34.29 Bn: Bridge Secretary

- Padma Bridge has generated BDT 34.29 Bn in toll revenue from 26,862,808 vehicles until 29 June, said Mohammad Abdur Rouf, Secretary of the Bridges Division and Executive Director of the Bangladesh Bridge Authority.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/padma-bridge-toll-collection-reaches-tk3429cr-bridge-secretary-1476211>

Deltaport Footwear to invest USD 21.6 Mn in Bepza Economic Zone

- Deltaport Footwear Limited, a venture of Italian and Irish investors, will invest USD 21.6 Mn to set up a footwear manufacturing plant at the Bepza Economic Zone in Mirsharai, Chattogram.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/deltaport-footwear-invest-216m-bepza-economic-zone-1476196>

World Bank drops climate finance targets in new plan

- The World Bank on Monday extended its climate change policy framework indefinitely, but dropped its targets for the percentage of financing that must have climate-related impacts, according to a statement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/world-bank-drops-climate-finance-targets-new-plan-4212596>

Sector and Industries:**REGULATOR | Cenbank cuts private sector credit growth target to 6.8% for December**

- The Bangladesh Bank has lowered its private sector credit growth target to 6.8% for December under its Monetary Policy Statement for the first half of FY2026-27.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bank-cuts-private-sector-credit-growth-target-68-dec-1476146>

REGULATOR | Cenbank keeps tight monetary policy, sets 18-month plan to cut default loans

- The Bangladesh Bank has unveiled an 18-month plan to reduce a significant portion of defaulted loans in the banking sector, while maintaining its contractionary monetary policy stance to bring inflation under control.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-keeps-tight-monetary-policy-sets-18-month-plan-cut-default-loans-1476606>

REGULATOR | Bangladesh Bank projects 6.1% GDP growth for FY27, below govt's 6.5% target

- Bangladesh Bank has projected the country's economy to grow by 6.1% in FY27, lower than the government's 6.5% target set in the national budget, while keeping key policy interest rates unchanged in an effort to rein in inflation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-projects-61-gdp-growth-fy27-below-governments-65-target-1476326>

REGULATOR | BB to allow waiver of BDT 1.0 Tn interest on default loans to clean balance sheet

- The Bangladesh Bank has come up with a mega offer of waiving interest for defaulters as most loans regularised under special rescheduling policy for 10 to 12 years since 2024 turned defaulted again.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-allow-waiver-tk1-lakh-crore-interest-default-loans-clean-balance-sheet-1476641>

REGULATOR | BB appoints Sarwar Hossain as deputy governor

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has appointed its Executive Director Md Sarwar Hossain as a deputy governor on a three-year contractual term, according to a government notification today.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-appoints-sarwar-hossain-deputy-governor-4212216>

REGULATOR | Bangladesh Bank holds key rate at 10% to rein in inflation

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) today unveiled its monetary policy for the July-December period of the 2026-27 financial year, keeping the policy rate unchanged at 10% as part of its battle to tame persistent inflation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-holds-key-rate-10-rein-inflation-4212141>

INSURANCE | Sri Lanka's Softlogic to acquire Diamond Life Insurance

- Softlogic Life Insurance PLC, the second-largest life insurer in Sri Lanka, is set to acquire Diamond Life Insurance Company, a relatively new player in Bangladesh's life insurance market, which generates more than BDT 120 Bn in annual gross premiums.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sri-lankas-softlogic-acquire-diamond-life-insurance-4212631>

Stocks:**UCB | UCB gets two new DMDs**

- United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) has promoted Mohammad Shafiqur Rahman and Md Ridwanul Hoque to the post of deputy managing director (DMD).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/ucb-gets-two-new-dmds-4212571>

BATASHOE | Bata shareholders approve 248% cash dividend for 2025

- Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Limited shareholders have approved a 248% cash dividend for 2025, comprising a 143% interim dividend already paid and a 105% final dividend for the last quarter of the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bata-shareholders-approve-248-cash-dividend-2025-1476546>

BESTHLDING | Best Holdings' bad year: Dividend skipped as profit down due to political unrest

- Best Holdings PLC, the parent company of Le Méridien Dhaka, saw its profit plunge 79% in FY2024-25 amid nationwide political unrest. Citing the steep decline in profit, the company's board has recommended zero dividends for shareholders this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/best-holdings-bad-year-dividend-skipped-profit-down-due-political-unrest-1476551>

EXCHANGE | DSEX surges 19% in FY26 as reform-led rally breathes new life into Dhaka bourse

- The Dhaka stock market rebounded sharply in fiscal year 2025-26, with the benchmark DSEX index jumping 19%, its best yearly performance in years, on the back of sweeping reforms and renewed investor confidence.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-surges-19-fy26-reform-led-rally-breathes-new-life-dhaka-bourse-1476561>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 69.80	USD 12.37	21.54%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 73.25	USD 12.40	20.38%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,984.42	(USD 356.58)	-8.21%
DSEX	5,762.83	897.49	18.45%
S&P 500	7,499.36	600.54	8.70%
FTSE 100	10,497.12	565.74	5.70%
BSE SENSEX	76,478.67	-8,314.91	-9.81%
KSE-100	180,301.70	6,247.40	3.59%
CSEALL	22,263.26	-361.05	-1.60%

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