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Macro:**BB holds policy rate on inflation risks, weak economy**

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has kept its main interest rate unchanged at 9.5% for the October-December quarter, saying inflation risks ahead are still large and the economy is weak. The risks include higher global energy prices, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, the recent fuel price hike and partial implementation of the new pay scale for public employees.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-holds-policy-rate-inflation-risks-weak-economy-4287336>

85% of large taxpayers fail to meet targets

- Around 85% of large corporate taxpayers, including cigarette, cement, gas, and mobile-phone companies, failed to meet the government's ambitious VAT targets last year amid a sluggish business environment and lower-than-expected consumption.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/85pc-of-large-taxpayers-fail-to-meet-targets-1790792600>

Tax on microsavings interest worries MFIs

- A move by field offices of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to collect tax on interest earned from microsavings has raised concerns among microfinance institutions (MFIs), which say the measure could discourage poor people from saving.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tax-microsavings-interest-worries-mfis-4287326>

Govt seeks private investment to expand Pangaon terminal

- Amid increasing container flow at the Pangaon Inland Container Terminal (PICT) in Dhaka, the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has taken the initiative to expand facilities at the terminal, which has failed to attract exporters and importers for years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-seeks-private-investment-expand-pangaon-terminal-4287301>

Govt to launch Farmers Card pilot tomorrow

- The government will launch the pilot phase of the Farmers Card programme, distributing the much-talked-about cards to more than 100,000 landless, marginal and small farmers. Each Farmers Card carries benefits worth BDT 2,500 for agricultural inputs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-launch-farmers-card-pilot-tomorrow-4287211>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Bangla QR-based P2P transactions from Nov**

- Bangla QR-based person-to-person transactions will be introduced from November, allowing customers to transfer funds interoperably by scanning another customer's Bangla QR code or uploading an image of the code through the relevant mobile app. Bangla QR payments has now risen to around 350,000 payments a day, with an average transaction value of approximately BDT 1.44 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangla-qr-based-person-person-transactions-start-nov-1558251>

BANK | City Group faces default risk as banks balk at BDT 60.0 Bn fresh funding

- City Group faces the risk of loan classification as its 36 lenders remain divided over the group's proposal to reschedule loans for 12 years while providing an additional BDT 60.0 Bn in working capital. If the extension is not granted, BDT 260.0 Bn loans could be classified from 1 October, triggering a massive provisioning requirement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/city-group-faces-default-risk-banks-balk-tk6000cr-fresh-funding-1558021>

RMG | Some major apparel brands shifting orders from BD

- Some major international fashion retailers are overhauling their global supply networks to buffer against operational, geopolitical, and energy vulnerabilities. The strategic pivot is causing a reallocation of garment orders away from Bangladesh, posing fresh challenges for the country's RMG industry.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/some-major-apparel-brands-shifting-orders-from-bd-1790791694>

PAYMENT | NAGAD, UCB JOIN HANDS TO EXPAND DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Under the partnership, Nagad will facilitate swift and seamless delivery of inward remittances routed through UCB to beneficiaries' mobile wallets across the country, particularly in rural and remote regions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/nagad-ucb-join-hands-to-expand-digital-financial-services-1790788776>

ENERGY | Petrobangla sees no LNG shortage as 19 cargoes due in Oct-Nov

- Petrobangla has secured 19 LNG cargoes for October and November, ensuring uninterrupted supply and ruling out any shortage during the two-month period. Of the total, 10 cargoes are scheduled to arrive in October and the remaining nine in November.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/petrobangla-sees-no-lng-shortage-as-19-cargoes-due-in-oct-nov-1790788793>

ENERGY | Furnace oil price raised by BDT 11.92 per litre

- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the price of furnace oil by BDT 11.92 per litre to BDT 108.78 with effect from Wednesday midnight. The new rate is 12.30% higher than the previous price of BDT 96.86, according to an order issued by the regulatory body.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/furnace-oil-price-raised-by-tk-1192-per-litre-1790791367>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | CSE50 Index revised, new composition effective Oct 11**

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has revised its CSE50 Index based on the performance of CSE-listed companies, with the new composition set to take effect from October 11, 2026.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/430022>

REGULATOR | Phased implementation stressed for proposed BSEC governance framework

- Market experts, regulators, academics and corporate leaders have called for a phased and practical implementation of the proposed BSEC Corporate Governance Rules 2026, saying board oversight must remain realistic while strengthening investor confidence in Bangladesh's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/experts-call-practical-phased-rollout-bsec-governance-rules-1558731>

IBNSINA | IBN Sina Pharma earns record profit in FY26

- IBN Sina Pharmaceuticals posted a record annual profit of BDT 794 Mn in FY26, supported by higher sales and improved operational efficiency. The drug maker reported consolidated EPS of BDT 25.43 for the year, up from BDT 20.27 in the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ibn-sina-pharma-earns-record-profit-in-fy26-1790788053>

EBL | EBL arranges USD 10 Mn financing for Samuda Shipping

- Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has arranged a USD 10 Mn Shariah-compliant term finance facility for Samuda Shipping Limited (SSL), a concern of T.K. Group of Industries. The financing will fund the acquisition of MT Samuda edible oil tanker to support crude palm oil imports from key regional markets, including Indonesia and Malaysia.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eb1-arranges-10m-financing-for-samuda-shipping-1790788119>

ONEBANKPLC | ONE Bank to issue subordinated bond worth BDT 4.0 Bn

- ONE Bank PLC has received approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission for issuance of BDT 4.0 Bn subordinated bond with a tenure of seven years.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/316052/one-bank-to-issue-subordinated-bond-worth-tk-400cr>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 89.61	USD 32.18	56.03%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 97.32	USD 36.47	59.93%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,169.70	(USD 171.30)	-3.95%
DSEX	5,550.44	685.10	14.08%
S&P 500	7,651.54	752.72	10.91%
FTSE 100	10,606.00	674.62	6.79%
BSE SENSEX	72,480.29	-12,313.29	-14.52%
KSE-100	169,969.30	-4,085.00	-2.35%
CSEALL	20,812.93	-1,811.38	-8.01%

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