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Macro:**Free raw material import, 3-year bond licence for non-RMG sectors likely**

- The government is considering a package of fresh facilities for non-RMG export sectors in the upcoming budget as part of efforts to diversify exports and reduce dependence on the garment industry. One of the key measures under consideration is transferring the authority to issue utility declarations (UDs) from customs bond offices to relevant trade associations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/budget/free-raw-material-import-3-year-bond-licence-non-rmg-sectors-likely-1452871>

Bangladesh's LDC graduation likely to be deferred

- Bangladesh's LDC graduation is poised to be deferred as the UN body concerned endorses government's request for a delay for three more years until November 24, 2029 amid local and global adversities. However, the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (CDP) has emphasised on implementing key domestic reforms including financial-sector stability, increasing tax revenue, strengthening domestic resource mobilisation, enhancing productive capacities, promoting economic diversification, and preparing the private sector for graduation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladeshs-ldc-graduation-likely-to-be-deferred-1780423960>

Phased raise to enlarge tax-free ceiling to BDT 0.45 Mn

- In the upcoming budget, the Finance Minister may outline the plan to raise tax-free income to BDT 0.40 Mn for the fiscal year 2028-29 and 2029-30 and BDT 0.45 Mn for FY 2030-31, officials have said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/phased-raise-to-enlarge-tax-free-ceiling-to-tk-045m-1780424097>

Govt to charge 0.25% fee on sovereign loan guarantees

- The government has decided to introduce a 0.25% fee on guarantees issued against loans taken by state-owned, autonomous, and government-controlled entities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-charge-025-fee-sovereign-loan-guarantees-1452811>

Govt to launch UHC in next budget: Khosru

- Finance Minister has said the government will introduce Universal Health Care (UHC) in the next budget to strengthen healthcare access, as well as protect low-income and marginalised people.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-launch-uhc-in-next-budget-khosru-1780424052>

Foodgrain imports near record high

- Bangladesh is on course to record its second-highest foodgrain-import volume in FY26, driven largely by a surge in wheat imports as stable global prices. Data from Bangladesh Bank showed that foodgrain import expenditure rose by 33% through March of FY2026, reaching USD 2.24 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/foodgrain-imports-near-record-high-1780424213>

Govt to deploy project dashboards with direct penalties for bureaucratic delays: Khosru

- The government is set to install digital tracking dashboards across all ministries, including the Prime Minister's Office, to monitor the daily progress of public development schemes and enforce immediate punitive measures against officials responsible for project stagnation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-deploy-project-dashboards-direct-penalties-bureaucratic-delays-khosru-1452856>

Sector and Industries:**ENERGY | Power tariffs set for fresh hike today**

- BPDB and its subsidiary companies sought increases in retail electricity tariffs ranging from 15% to 29% for different categories of consumers, including households, irrigation pumps, the construction sector, educational institutions, hospitals, commercial establishments, industries and battery-charging stations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/power-tariffs-set-for-fresh-hike-today-1780423888>

ENERGY | Tenders floated for 3 more spot LNG cargoes

- Bangladesh will buy three more liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes from the spot market by early July amid the persistent Middle East crisis and Strait of Hormuz disruptions. Total LNG cargo purchase from the spot market this year will reach 28, with 26 of them bought after the start of the Middle East war.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tenders-floated-for-3-more-spot-lng-cargoes-1780424464>

ENERGY | LPG price cut by BDT 55 for June, 12kg cylinder now BDT 1,885

- BERC fixed the retail price of private LPG at BDT 157.06 per kg, down from BDT 161.71 per kg in May, reflecting a decline in the international benchmark Saudi Aramco Contract Price (CP).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/lpg-price-cut-BDT55-june-12kg-cylinder-now-BDT1885-1452536>

BANK | NPL volume swells to BDT 5.89 Tn

- With such fresh buildup of non-performing loans (NPLs), the aggregate bloats to around BDT 5.89 Tn by the end of March 2026, accounting for 32.26% of the entire loans worth BDT 18.25 Tn disbursed by the country's all commercial banks.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/npl-volume-swells-to-BDT-589t>

BANK | BASIC Bank seeks low-cost deposits to cut funding expenses

- State-owned BASIC Bank has sought government approval to open and operate accounts of government and donor-funded projects as part of efforts to strengthen its deposit base, lower funding costs and improve its overall financial health. At present, government and donor-funded project accounts are mainly maintained by Sonali Bank, Janata Bank, Agrani Bank and House Building Finance Corporation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/basic-bank-seeks-low-cost-deposits-to-cut-funding-expenses-1780419751>

TELECOM | BTRC to auction more lower-band spectrum

- The telecom regulator has decided to allocate additional lower-band spectrum to mobile operators through an auction process, aiming to improve network coverage, indoor connectivity and rural service quality.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/telecom/news/btrc-auction-more-lower-band-spectrum-4189151>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | Finance minister promises professional, politics-free securities commission**

- The entire commission of the securities regulator will be replaced within two weeks by non-political professionals with adequate knowledge of the capital market, the finance minister said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/finance-minister-promises-professional-politics-free-securities-commission-1780419329>

EXCHANGE | Cost cuts, commission removal drive non-life insurance profits higher in Q1

- Stakeholders noted that regulators have long received complaints about irregularities involving individual agents, including excessive commissions, mis-selling of policies, misleading customers, unnecessary policy sales, and artificially inflated premium income shown on paper.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cost-cuts-commission-removal-drive-non-life-insurance-profits-higher-q1-1452771>

EXCHANGE | Auditors flag financial breaches at non-life insurers

- Auditors have exposed a series of financial reporting irregularities, regulatory breaches, and governance weaknesses at several listed general insurers, raising fresh concerns over transparency and compliance standards in the country's insurance sector. The audit reports cover Eastern Insurance, Bangladesh General Insurance, Central Insurance, Phoenix Insurance, Dhaka Insurance, Union Insurance, and Standard Insurance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/auditors-flag-financial-breaches-at-non-life-insurers-1780419378>

NAHEEACP, ANLIMAYARN | Nahee Aluminum, Anlimayarn deny any PSI behind sharp share price rallies

- Nahee Aluminum Composite, currently traded in the 'B' category, saw its share price jump by a staggering 72% over the last thirty days. The scrip rose a further 4.27% to settle at BDT39.10 yesterday. However, the company's recent financial performance appears disconnected from its stock market rally.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/nahee-aluminum-anlimayarn-deny-any-psi-behind-sharp-share-price-rallies-1452786>

MEGHNA PET | Meghna PET shares soar 245% despite remaining shuts since 2002

- Over the past three months, the company's stock has surged by nearly 245%, raising the eyebrows of market insiders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/meghna-pet-shares-soar-245-despite-remaining-shuts-2002-1452766>

PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank drives deposit growth to sustain customer confidence

- The Premier Bank PLC has attracted BDT 16.78 Bn in new deposits in just 38 working days under its 'Deposit and Recovery Campaign 2026'.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/premier-bank-drives-deposit-growth-sustain-customer-confidence-1452721>

ALARABANK | Al-Arafah Islami Bank launches drive to boost investment recovery

- Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC has initiated a drive to recover classified investments, aiming to bolster its financial position and inject renewed vigor into its investment management.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/al-arafah-islami-bank-launches-drive-boost-investment-recovery-1452676>

GP | GP appoints Andreas Høgberg as CSTO

- Grameenphone has appointed Andreas Høgberg as its Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer (CSTO). In the new role, Høgberg will lead the company's strategic transformation agenda and oversee the execution of its five-year strategy. His responsibilities include driving innovation, setting strategic priorities, and steering organizational transformation to ensure sustainable growth and future readiness.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/gp-appoints-andreas-hogberg-as-csto-1780419455>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 95.05	USD 37.62	65.51%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 97.20	USD 36.35	59.74%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,470.55	USD 129.55	2.98%
DSEX	5,406.20	540.87	11.12%
S&P 500	7,609.78	710.96	10.31%
FTSE 100	10,373.51	442.13	4.45%
BSE SENSEX	74,649.84	-10,143.74	-11.96%
KSE-100	171,021.77	-3,032.53	-1.74%
CSEALL	22,177.65	-446.66	-1.97%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.75 BDT

1 GBP = 165.35 BDT

1 Euro = 142.79 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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