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Macro:**USD 2.56 Bn remitted home in October, up by 7.0%**

- Bangladesh's remittances rose to USD2.56 Bn in October, recording a 7% year-on-year growth and giving a fresh boost to the economy, reports UNB. According to the latest data released by Bangladesh Bank, expatriates sent USD 2.56 Bn in remittances in October 2025, up from USD 2.39 Bn recorded in the corresponding month a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/256b-remitted-home-in-october-up-by-70pc-1762109536>

Bangladesh to present 'Just Transition' agenda

- For the first time, Bangladesh will introduce the concept of a 'Just Transition', a framework that integrates climate-affected communities into decent employment, at the upcoming COP30 summit in Belém, Brazil, on November 10-21. The move signals a shift in Bangladesh's climate strategy towards a more socially inclusive and equitable transition to a low-carbon economy.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-to-present-just-transition-agenda-1762109957>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Pvt credit growth hits historic low of 6.29% in September**

- Formal credit growth for the private sector fell to a historical low of 6.29% in September, signalling a deep slowdown in the country's business activities. The decline is attributed to banks becoming more cautious amid rising non-performing loans (NPLs) and private borrowers losing their credit appetite due to multiple anti-business factors, including the energy crisis, lawlessness, higher lending costs, exchange rate shocks, and potential political uncertainty ahead of next year's general election.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/pvt-credit-growth-hits-historic-low-of-629pc-in-september-1762109856>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Telcos can sell phones on instalments by locking all SIMs

- In a bid to make smartphones affordable to all, the authorities have approved a major policy shift allowing mobile operators such as Grameenphone, Robi, and Banglalink to sell regulator-approved smartphones on instalments with the option to keep all SIM/network slots locked until payments are completed. In a bid to make smartphones affordable to all, the authorities have approved a major policy shift allowing mobile operators such as Grameenphone, Robi, and Banglalink to sell regulator-approved smartphones on instalments with the option to keep all SIM/network slots locked until payments are completed.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/telcos-can-sell-phones-instalments-locking-all-sims-4025716>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Mobile, internet subscription fall continues in Sept

- Bangladesh saw a continued decline in both mobile and mobile internet subscribers in September 2025, according to the latest data released by the telecom regulator. The figures show a downward trend in subscriber numbers across major operators and internet service categories, extending a slowdown observed in recent months.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/mobile-internet-subscription-fall-continues-in-sept-1762110053>

BANK | IMF asks why loss-making banks still paying salaries and bonuses

- The issue came to light during a meeting held in Dhaka yesterday between an IMF delegation and Bangladesh Bank officials, chaired by Deputy Governor Zakir Hossain Chowdhury. IMF representatives asked why financially distressed banks with high NPLs and significant capital deficits were not being liquidated.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/imf-asks-why-loss-making-banks-still-paying-salaries-and-bonuses-1275651>

FUEL & POWER | Probe finds glaring graft, bloated payouts to power plant owners

- Most private-sector power plants implemented during the previous Awami League government's tenure were steeped in blatant "corruption, fraud and irregularities" in the process of executing deals, investigators found. A national committee formed after the fall of the past government in a student-mass uprising last year to dig out suspected anomalies in power-plant deals revealed such findings in its report submitted Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/probe-finds-glaring-graft-bloated-payouts-to-power-plant-owners-1762109433>

Stocks:**BERGERPBL | Berger Paints raises investment plan for new Mirsarai factory**

- Berger Paints Bangladesh has increased its planned investment to BDT 9.80 Bn, up from the previously declared BDT 8.13 Bn, for a new factory at the National Special Economic Zone (NSEZ) in Mirsarai, Chattogram.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/berger-paints-raises-investment-plan-new-mirsarai-factory-4025276>

EHL | Eastern Housing approves 25% cash dividend

- The shareholders approved the Accounts for the year ended on June 30, 2025, Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon. The shareholders also approved a 25% cash dividend. The company achieved net sales of BDT 3.03 Bn as against BDT 2.74 Bn in the previous year. Net profit after tax increased to BDT 770 Mn from BDT 563 Mn of previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-housing-approves-25pc-cash-dividend-1762107782>

RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank slips into deep loss as non-performing loans surge

- Rupali Bank has reported hefty losses for the third quarter through September this year due to rising non-performing loans. The lone listed state-run lender suffered a loss of BDT 1.68 Bn in the quarter to September this year, as against a profit of BDT 31 Mn in the same quarter a year ago.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rupali-bank-slips-into-deep-loss-as-non-performing-loans-surge-1762107491>

KOHINOOR | Kohinoor Chemical profit up 33% in Jul-Sep

- Kohinoor Chemical Company Bangladesh reported higher profit in the July-September quarter of 2025 as sales rose, according to its financial statements. Its net profit increased by 33% year-on-year to BDT 167 Mn in the quarter. Revenue from net sales climbed 11% to BDT 1.7655 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/kohinoor-chemical-profit-33-jul-sep-4025301>

EXIMBANK | Exim Bank cuts quarterly loss by 41%, still faces cash crunch

- Export Import (Exim) Bank of Bangladesh PLC has reported a significant improvement in its financial performance, with consolidated losses narrowing by 41% year-on-year to BDT 3.33 Bn in the July-September quarter of 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/exim-bank-cuts-quarterly-loss-41-still-faces-cash-crunch-1275621>

STANDBANKL | BSEC rejects Standard Bank's plan to raise funds thru' bond

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected Standard Bank's proposal to raise BDT 5 Bn through the issuance of a subordinated bond. Last week, the market regulator turned down the proposal, stating that it was not in a position to process the bond issuance application.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-rejects-standard-banks-plan-raise-funds-thru-bond-1275641>

EXCHANGE | 91-day T-bill yield jumps to 10.24%

- The yields on treasury bills (T-bills), particularly the short-term ones, rose sharply on Sunday as banks appeared reluctant to invest their excess liquidity in risk-free government securities ahead of the year-end closing. The cut-off yield, generally referred to as the interest rate, on the 91-day T-bills climbed to 10.24% from the previous 9.53%, while that on the 182-day instrument inched up to 9.99% from 9.98%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/91-day-t-bill-yield-jumps-to-1024pc-1762110148>

EXCHANGE | BSEC seeks to remove IPO discounts for retail investors, tighten valuation

- The revised public issue rules propose the removal of the provision that allows retail investors to purchase primary shares at a discount to the cut-off price determined by eligible investors (EIs) through institutional bidding. The market watchdog has sought public opinion on the drafted rules titled "Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Public Offer of Equity Securities) Rules, 2025," designed not only to attract new listings but also to protect investors from fraud and scams.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-seeks-to-remove-ipo-discounts-for-retail-investors-tighten-valuation-1762107460>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 61.30	(USD 10.13)	-14.18%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.11	(USD 9.28)	-12.47%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,005.11	USD 1,396.63	53.54%
DSEX	5,115.88	-100.56	-1.93%
S&P 500	6,840.20	933.26	15.80%
FTSE 100	9,717.25	1,596.24	19.66%
BSE SENSEX	83,938.71	5,738.78	7.34%
KSE-100	161,631.73	46,372.73	40.23%
CSEALL	22,804.84	6,860.23	43.03%

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