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Macro:

NBR revenue shortfall hits BDT 420 Bn in July-Sept

- The National Board of Revenue has fallen behind its revenue collection target, posting a shortfall of nearly BDT 420 Bn in Q1'FY27, as sluggish collection, particularly from value-added tax, weighed on overall performance.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/320870/nbr-revenue-shortfall-hits-tk-42000cr-in-july-sept

Ctg Customs House collects BDT 280 Bn in 4 months

- Driven by imports of fuel oil and luxury goods, the Chattogram Customs House collected roughly BDT 280 Bn in revenue during 4MFY27.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/320857/ctg-customs-house-collects-tk-28000cr-in-4-months

Demographic dividend fading

- Bangladesh's growing share of working-age people has supported economic growth over the past two decades, but that share is shrinking and will turn into a drag on growth from 2045, the World Bank has warned.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/demographic-dividend-fading-4315011

Govt faces BDT 11.58 Bn claims from Chinese contractors

- The government's decision to close the Dhaka Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project has exposed it to legal disputes with two Chinese contractors seeking an aggregate amount of BDT 11.58 Bn, including claims for alleged losses and damages and costs incurred during prolonged project delays.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-faces-tk-1158b-claims-from-chinese-contractors-1793730305

Energy subsidy may cross BDT 700 Bn: Finance Div

- The government subsidy for the power and energy sector may exceed BDT 700 Bn by the end of the current financial year if the ongoing conflict in the Middle East continues to push up international fuel prices, Finance Division secretary Md Khairuzzaman Mozumder says.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/320896/energy-subsidy-may-cross-tk-70000cr-finance-div

IMF pushes VAT overhaul, fuel tax hike, energy subsidy cuts

- Government's revenue authority has urged the International Monetary Fund to adopt a phased approach to fiscal reforms as the IMF pushes VAT overhaul, fuel-tax hike and energy-subsidy cuts as credit conditions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/imf-pushes-vat-overhaul-fuel-tax-hike-energy-subsidy-cuts-1793730483

Sector and Industries:

PAYMENT | Banglalink enters digital payments with Mukto Pay

- Banglalink launched Mukto Pay, a digital payment platform that will allow customers of all mobile operators to send and receive money, pay utility bills and recharge their phones.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banglalink-enters-digital-payments-mukto-pay-4314771

RMG | Buyers cancel scheduled visits over RMG unrest

- Several buyers have already cancelled previously scheduled factory visits following the recent developments, according to factory owners and buying-house representatives.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/buyers-cancel-scheduled-visits-over-rmg-unrest-1793730420

AUTOMOBILE | Toyota eyes hybrid car assembly in Bangladesh within 2 years

- As part of its initial move into the Bangladesh market, Toyota is planning to invest around USD 40 Mn to establish two modern 3S (Sales, Service and Spare Parts) centres in Dhaka and Chattogram.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/automobile/320859/toyota-eyes-hybrid-car-assembly-in-bangladesh-within-2-years

ENERGY | Renewable energy faces USD 1.35 Bn annual funding gap: Study

- Bangladesh needs USD 1.54 Bn in annual investment in renewable energy through 2030, but the current pace of investment meets only 12.33% of the requirement, leaving an annual funding gap of around USD 1.35 Bn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/renewable-energy-faces-135b-annual-funding-gap-study-1793731146

BANK | Bank directors seek dividend, age cap relief

- The Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB), a forum of bank directors, has urged Bangladesh Bank to ease dividend payout rules and scrap the 75-year-old age limit for independent directors.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bank-directors-seek-dividend-age-cap-relief-4315051

Stocks:

REGULATOR | BSEC considers unfreezing frozen BO accounts of big investors

- The securities regulator has decided in principle to withdraw trading restrictions from BO accounts of big investors. The accounts have remained frozen over accusations of misconduct and non-compliance with the securities rules.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-considers-unfreezing-frozen-bo-accounts-of-big-investors-1793728836

REGULATOR | BB eases preference share issuance to NRBs

- Bangladesh Bank has relaxed rules allowing companies to issue preference shares to non-resident Bangladeshis without BB's approval if dividends paid by the companies do not exceed 5%.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bb-eases-preference-share-issuance-to-nrbs-1793728894

EXCHANGE | T-shirts exporter Scandex files BDT 550 Mn IPO as pipeline expands to BDT 6.12 Bn

- Six companies have applied to raise a combined BDT 6.12 Bn from the capital market, including Scandex (BD), which would become the first 100% export-oriented garment manufacturer to go public in seven years.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/t-shirts-exporter-scandex-files-tk55cr-ipo-pipeline-expands-tk612cr-1591831

EXCHANGE | Banks, NBFIs turn to asset managers to run capital market portfolios

- Leading banks and financial institutions have been increasingly choosing trusted asset management companies (AMCs) to manage their capital market portfolios. Several lenders said they had secured a good return on investment through asset managers even when the overall secondary market suffered value erosion.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/banks-nbfis-turn-to-asset-managers-to-run-capital-market-portfolios-1793728770

SONALILIFE | Regulatory push for claim settlement swells Sonali Life's expenses by 29%

- Sonali Life Insurance's expenses on claim settlement surged 29% in the first nine months through September this year, far outpacing its 7% growth in gross premium income, as the insurance regulator puts greater emphasis on claims settlement, governance and financial resilience.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulatory-push-for-claim-settlement-swells-sonali-lifes-expenses-by-29pc-1793728812

PREMIERBAN | BB appoints 5 independent directors to Commerce Bank, Premier Bank

- The Bangladesh Bank has appointed five independent directors to the boards of Bangladesh Commerce Bank Limited and The Premier Bank PLC, according to separate press releases issued on Tuesday (3 November).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-appoints-5-independent-directors-commerce-bank-premier-bank-1591946

MPETROLEUM | Meghna Petroleum's profit up 3.16%, buoyed by non-operating income

- Meghna Petroleum posted a record annual profit of BDT 6.85 Bn in FY26, supported by substantial interest income from bank deposits amid rising interest rates.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/meghna-petroleums-profit-up-316pc-buoyed-by-non-operating-income-1793728866

NAVANACNG | Navana CNG to enter EV business, set up charging stations

- Navana CNG Limited has decided to expand into the electric vehicle (EV) sector, incorporating EV charging stations, battery swapping, dealerships, and solar-related services into its business operations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/navana-cng-enter-ev-business-set-charging-stations-1591816

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 95.56	USD 38.13	66.39%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 103.19	USD 42.34	69.58%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,941.13	(USD 399.87)	-9.21%
DSEX	5,284.32	418.98	8.61%
S&P 500	7,568.92	670.10	9.71%
FTSE 100	10,638.43	707.05	7.12%
BSE SENSEX	76,917.85	-7,875.73	-9.29%
KSE-100	168,018.90	-6,035.40	-3.47%
CSEALL	20,119.64	-2,504.67	-11.07%

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1 US Dollar = 124.49 BDT

1 GBP = 167.24 BDT

1 Euro = 139.51 BDT

1 INR = 1.31 BDT

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