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Macro:**October inflation edges down to 8.17%**

- Inflation in Bangladesh edged down with October recording 8.17%, official data showed Wednesday, as food prices yielded some respite although nonfood necessities remained obdurate. Analysts say the inflation rate in the past month could have fallen further from previous month's count hadn't the higher prices of non-farm, industrial commodities heated up the indices.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/october-inflation-edges-down-to-817pc-1762366147>

NBR rules out mid-yr tax hike before polls

- The government has firmly told the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it will not impose any new tax or raise the rate of existing ones before the next national budget that will be prepared under a new government. Officials said the stance reflects both legal and political considerations as the interim administration seeks to maintain stability ahead of the polls.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-rules-out-mid-yr-tax-hike-before-polls-1762366297>

BB eases rules to promote small exporters

- The central bank has doubled the permissible export limit that can be made without a formal declaration, in a move aimed at supporting small and digital exporters. The Bangladesh Bank (BB) raised the declaration-free export ceiling to USD 1,000 or equivalent, up from the previous USD 500, to promote cross-border e-commerce and low-value export transactions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-eases-rules-to-promote-small-exporters-1762366543>

Next government to decide BRT project's fate

- The final decision on the fate of the troubled Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is likely to be taken by the next government as closing it midway will create more complexities in the present context, sources say. Though the government has decided, in principle, not to continue the BDT 42.86 Bn project after already spending BDT 28.10 Bn, it has yet to overcome challenges like loan repayments, disputes with contractors, and the fate of the BRT company.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/next-government-to-decide-brt-projects-fate-1762366346>

Chinese drone maker plans USD 3.5 Mn factory at Bepza EZ

- AeroSynth Limited, a company based in China, has announced plans to invest USD 3.5 Mn to set up a drone manufacturing factory in Bepza Economic Zone at Mirsharai, Chattogram. The company plans to annually produce around 150,000 drones, including ones meant to be children's toys, for fishing and for lightweight product delivery. The project will create employment opportunities for 70 people, according to a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-drone-maker-plans-35-million-factory-bepza-ez-4027996>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Shareholders return empty-handed with NAV nullified**

- Shareholders return empty-handed with net asset value (NAV) of their shares turning zero as the merger of five liquidity-crisis-ridden commercial banks into a big-dream Islamic bank begins. The central bank Wednesday officially started the merger process through dissolving boards of the banks and placing administrators as a stop-gap measure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/shareholders-return-empty-handed-with-nav-nullified-1762365828>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Mobile industry backs govt's NEIR rollout to end grey market

- The country's mobile phone industry owners have urged the government to ensure uninterrupted implementation of the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR) by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), set to launch on December 16 this year, to curb the widespread use of illegal and unregistered mobile phones.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/mobile-industry-backs-govts-neir-rollout-to-end-grey-market-1762360942>

BANK | Four merging banks owe BDT 40.10 Bn in bonds

- Four out of the five troubled Shariah-based banks set to be merged into one collectively owe institutional investors BDT 40.10 Bn in bonds, according to their latest financial statements. The banks are Exim Bank, Social Islami Bank, Union Bank and First Security Islami Bank. The fifth, Global Islami Bank, which was listed on the stock market in 2022 after raising BDT 4.25 Bn through an initial public offering (IPO), has not issued any bonds since its listing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/four-merging-banks-owe-tk4010cr-bonds-1278426>

BANK | LC openings drop 12% in Oct amid cautious imports, lower investment

- Import letters of credit (LCs) opened in October fell by more than 12% year-on-year, reflecting reduced demand for imports and sluggish new investment in the economy, according to central bank's latest data and banking sector insiders. LCs worth USD 5.64 Bn were opened in October 2025, down from USD 6.42 Bn in the same month last year – a decline of 12.15%. The figure was also lower than USD 6.31 Bn recorded in September this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/lc-openings-drop-12-oct-amid-cautious-imports-lower-investment-1278416>

Stocks:**BRACBANK | BRAC Bank may withdraw from custodianship of 60 mutual funds. Here's why**

- BRAC Bank is considering gradually withdrawing custodianship from 60 mutual funds (MFs) if it does not get its authority strengthened over the management of assets in the funds' portfolios. It has come to this position following bitter experiences regarding the alleged misappropriation of two pooled funds by their fund manager.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-may-withdraw-from-custodianship-of-60-mutual-funds-heres-why-1762360741>

CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemical posts 105% profit growth in Q1

- CVO Petrochemical Refinery, a listed fuel and power sector company, has reported a 105% growth in profit in the first quarter (July–September) of the 2025–26 fiscal year, following a 63% profit increase in FY25. The company posted a profit of BDT 52.3 Mn in Q1 FY26, up from BDT 25.5 Mn in the same period last year, according to its financial statements disclosed on the stock exchange's website today (5 November). Earnings per share (EPS) rose to BDT 1.88 from BDT 0.92.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemical-posts-105-profit-growth-q1-1278371>

EXCHANGE | Make stock market efficient to cut reliance on bank funds: experts

- The government must make the capital market more efficient and reduce regulatory burdens to draw new investors and encourage firms to go public, paving the way for a shift from bank-dependent financing to market-based funding, a group of experts ranging from brokers to regulatory officials and bankers said yesterday. Saiful Islam, president of the DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA), echoed his concern. "Policy inconsistency is a disaster for the market. It ultimately hurts investors," he said, calling for a clear debt-equity ratio to encourage corporates to tap the capital market for large funding requirements. He also called for balanced regulatory oversight.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/make-stock-market-efficient-cut-reliance-bank-funds-experts-4028046>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.73	(USD 11.70)	-16.38%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 63.66	(USD 10.73)	-14.42%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,981.72	USD 1,373.24	52.65%
DSEX	4,986.89	-229.55	-4.40%
S&P 500	6,796.31	889.37	15.06%
FTSE 100	9,777.08	1,656.07	20.39%
BSE SENSEX	83,459.15	5,259.22	6.73%
KSE-100	159,578.19	44,319.19	38.45%
CSEALL	22,953.49	7,008.88	43.96%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.88 BDT****1 GBP = 159.16 BDT****1 Euro = 140.22 BDT****1 INR = 1.38 BDT**

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