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Macro:**Tariff cuts on some 350 items likely in new budget**

- A slew of business-friendly measures, including tariff cuts on nearly 350 items, may be stipulated in the upcoming national budget in a taxation remodelling by the new government. In a move to rationalise trade taxes, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) lately plans to reduce customs duty on around 70 items, regulatory duty on 210 items, and supplementary duty on 60 items.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/tariff-cuts-on-some-350-items-likely-in-new-budget-1780767679>

CEOs optimistic about growth prospects despite tech transition challenges

- Business leaders in Bangladesh remain upbeat about revenue growth and the country's economic prospects, betting on technological innovation and business transformation to drive future expansion, according to PwC Bangladesh's 29th CEO Survey. The survey found that nearly half of chief executive officers are concerned about their companies' long-term viability, fearing they are not keeping pace with rapid technological change.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/ceos-optimistic-about-growth-prospects-despite-tech-transition-challenges-1780768449>

BD borrowing higher-rated Japanese funds to finance budget deficit

- Bangladesh is going to borrow a costly USD 300 Mn budgetary support from Japan as the new administration aggressively searches funds for minimising hefty deficit in budget financing, officials say. Japanese development agency JICA is likely to confirm the budget support to Bangladesh at a higher 3.05% interest rate this week.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bd-borrowing-higher-rated-japanese-funds-to-finance-budget-deficit>

Govt plans tax relief for content creators

- The government is planning to exempt individual content creators and freelancers from the existing 7.5% source tax in the 2026–27 budget, in a move aimed at supporting the country's growing digital economy and encouraging online entrepreneurship.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-plans-tax-relief-content-creators-4192166>

RMG exports to non-traditional markets fall 5.95% in Jul-May

- Garment exports to non-traditional markets declined by 5.95% YoY to USD 5.68 Bn in 11MFY26. During the period, garment exports to the EU declined by 4.88% to USD 17.36 Bn, while exports to the US decreased by 0.04% to USD 7.03 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rmg-exports-non-traditional-markets-fall-595-jul-may-4192196>

65% people spared from power tariff hike - Says info minister

- Information Minister Zahir Uddin Swapon said the government kept 65% of the country's marginal consumers outside the electricity price hike, considering the global energy crisis and domestic realities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/politics/news/65-people-spared-power-tariff-hike-says-info-minister-4192346>

Govt takes 1,270 new ADP projects for FY2027 budget: State minister

- The government has included 1,270 new projects in the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the upcoming 2026-27 fiscal year budget.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-takes-1270-new-adp-projects-fy2027-budget-state-minister-1455446>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | 85% of default loans concentrated in just 15 banks**

- Combined non-performing loans (NPLs) in these banks stood at more than BDT 4.99 Tn, out of total classified loans of around BDT 5.88 Tn across the banking sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/85-default-loans-concentrated-just-15-banks-4192156>

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/301847/islami-bank-janata-hold-30pc-of-total-npls>

BANK | BB launches BDT 200 Bn stimulus fund

- Bangladesh Bank on Thursday launched a BDT 200 Bn pre-finance scheme under its BDT 600 Bn stimulus package, capping loans to a single company or business group at BDT 2.0 Bn to prevent excessive concentration.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/301610/bb-launches-tk-20000cr-stimulus-fund>

ENERGY | Capacity payments to gobble up subsidies

- Capacity charge will grow to BDT 5.46 kilowatt hour in FY27, more than double from BDT 2.38kWh in FY22, because of the maturity of deals signed mainly with private power producers during the Awami League regime, regardless of whether electricity is actually produced.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/301815/capacity-payments-to-gobble-up-subsidies>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | BSEC gets new chair, 3 commissioners**

- The government on Thursday appointed group CEO of Crown Cement and chairman of Unilever Consumer Care Limited, Masud Khan as chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and reconstituted the capital market regulator with three new commissioners. Advocate Nahid Mahtab, a former deputy attorney general, Tanwir Habib Rahman, finance director of ASA International, and Md Nafeez Al Tarik, managing director of Dhaka Bank Securities Limited, were appointed commissioners for the same tenure.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/301545/bsec-gets-new-chair-3-commissioners>

NCCBANK | NCC Bank eyes digital push, higher SME growth

- Managing Director and CEO has outlined a roadmap centred on expanding SME and retail lending, accelerating digital banking services, strengthening asset quality, embracing artificial intelligence and increasing support for sustainable financing.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ncc-bank-eyes-digital-push-higher-sme-growth-4192216>

INTRACO | Safety fears keep Intraco's industrial gas supply suspended for 6 months

- Gas supply to industrial belts in Dhaka and Gazipur by Intraco Refueling Station has remained almost suspended for more than six months due to safety concerns.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/safety-fears-keep-intracos-industrial-gas-supply-suspended-for-6-months-1780761094>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 90.54	USD 33.11	57.65%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 93.09	USD 32.24	52.98%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,328.45	(USD 12.55)	-0.29%
DSEX	5,475.00	609.67	12.53%
S&P 500	7,383.74	484.92	7.03%
FTSE 100	10,368.05	436.67	4.40%
BSE SENSEX	74,243.34	-10,550.24	-12.44%
KSE-100	170,478.94	-3,575.36	-2.05%
CSEALL	21,744.13	-880.18	-3.89%

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