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Macro:**WB lowers Bangladesh GDP growth to 3.4% for FY27**

- Bangladesh's GDP growth may get stuck at a low 3.4% in the current fiscal year as decelerators like energy and banking-sector vulnerabilities, weak investment and persistent inflationary pressure subdue economic activity.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/wb-lowers-bangladesh-gdp-growth-to-34pc-for-fy27>

Bangladesh remittance inflow rises 21.4% in October 1-5

- Bangladesh received USD 513 Mn in workers' remittances during October 1-5, 2026, marking a 21.4 % increase from USD 422 Mn received during the corresponding period of 2025.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-remittance-inflow-rises-214pc-in-october-1-5>

Bangladeshi exports thrive in Asian markets

- Bangladesh's exports to several major Asian markets recorded year-on-year growth in Q1FY27, signalling scope for further market diversification beyond traditional destinations in the United States (US) and Europe.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladeshi-exports-thrive-in-asian-markets>

Trade deficit widens to USD 3.82 Bn in Jul-Aug

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened to USD 3.82 Bn in 2MFY27 as import payments rose faster than export earnings. Export increased by 5.8% to USD 8.38 Bn while import increased by 12.1% to USD 12.20 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/trade-deficit-widens-382b-jul-aug-4292306>

Govt set to approve proposed USD 3.3 Bn hard-term foreign loans

- Proposals on borrowing two hard-term foreign loans worth USD 3.3 Bn are set to get government seal of approval to finance fuel-oil and LNG imports and the upgrading of power-distribution network. Of the total sum, the ITFC will provide USD 2.5 Bn for petroleum import and USD 600 Mn to import LNG. ADB has agreed to provide USD 200 Mn for electricity-distribution system project in the areas of 13 Palli Bidyut Samities (PBSs).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-set-to-approve-proposed-33b-hard-term-foreign-loans-1791310011>

Ctg port plans to go fully digital by December

- The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) is planning to launch massive digital transformation aimed at turning the entire operational activities of Chattogram port into a fully paperless 'smart port' by next December.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ctg-port-plans-go-fully-digital-december-4292221>

Businesses seek faster loans from BDT 200 Bn factory revival fund

- Business leaders have urged the Bangladesh Bank to expedite the disposal of loan applications submitted under its BDT 200 Bn incentive fund aimed at reviving the closed factories.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/businesses-seek-faster-loans-tk20000cr-factory-revival-fund-1564856>

Cost-of-living crises have lasting impact on inflation expectations, poverty, IMF says

- Sharp spikes in food and energy prices will likely become more common, the International Monetary Fund said, warning such crises drive inflation expectations higher for longer, worsen poverty and threaten economic stability.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/cost-of-living-crises-have-lasting-impact-on-inflation-expectations-poverty-imf-says>

Nearly 62pc of poor in BD outside govt safety nets: WB

- Bangladesh's social protection framework faces an unprecedented test as rising national poverty, persistent food inflation, and deteriorating real wages leave vulnerable households exposed to severe economic shocks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nearly-62pc-of-poor-in-bd-outside-govt-safety-nets-wb-1791309964>

Rental power plants added to Bangladesh's fiscal liabilities: WB

- Heavy reliance on rental and quick-rental power plants and capacity payment arrangements created significant fiscal liabilities for Bangladesh, the World Bank has said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rental-power-plants-added-bangladeshs-fiscal-liabilities-wb-4292236>

Foreign funding cuts put 2,200 NGOs at risk

- Around 2,200 small and medium-sized NGOs in Bangladesh could be particularly vulnerable as foreign funding declines, with grant-reliant organisations providing social services facing the greatest risk, according to a study by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/foreign-funding-cuts-put-2200-ngos-risk-4292261>

Sector and Industries:**AUTOMOBILE | Toyota Tsusho plans vehicle manufacturing in Bangladesh**

- Toyota Tsusho Corporation is exploring plans to manufacture vehicles in Bangladesh, with a high-level delegation from the Japanese company briefing Prime Minister on its proposed investment on Tuesday. Toyota Bangladesh will begin work in 2027 to establish a Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) manufacturing industry.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/toyota-tsusho-plans-vehicle-manufacturing-bangladesh-4292451>

RMG | Low costs no longer enough: Apparel loses ground in US

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the USA fell 5.3% in H1'2026 as rising demand for compliance, flexibility and supply chain transparency challenged the country's traditional low-cost advantage, according to World Bank report.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/low-costs-no-longer-enough-apparel-loses-ground-us-4292266>

BANK | BB summons Q-Cash operator over bank service disruption

- Bangladesh Bank on Tuesday summoned the managing director of IT Consultants PLC, operator of the Q-Cash network, to explain the disruption of digital transaction services at around 31 banks.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316870/bb-summons-q-cash-operator-over-bank-service-disruption>

BANK | How a Russian contract dispute brought down Bangladesh's digital payment

- According to the Information Technology Consultants Ltd (ITCL), operator of the Q-Cash network, the Russian firm installed a disruptive script on ITCL's servers after learning that it was being replaced by WAY4, an enterprise payment platform developed by Brussels-based OpenWay.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/how-russian-contract-dispute-brought-down-bangladeshs-digital-payment-1564861>

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank yet to shed overlapping footprint of 5 predecessors

- Sammilito Islami Bank began operating as a single entity in August and has successfully withstood withdrawal pressure, but rationalising its workforce and branch network and reducing costs remain key challenges if the merger is to succeed. The new bank has inherited a huge physical network comprising about 760 branches, 698 sub-branches, 511 agent-banking outlets and 975 ATMs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/sammilito-islami-bank-yet-to-shed-overlapping-footprint-of-5-predecessors-1791305784>

ENERGY | OQ Trading LNG deliveries remain suspended since March

- Oman's OQ Trading International has halted LNG supply to Bangladesh under its long-term sales and purchase agreements (SPAs) for the past seven months amid the Middle East crisis and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/oq-trading-lng-deliveries-remain-suspended-since-march-1791310724>

INDUSTRIAL | Govt moves to simplify shipbuilding, recycling processes

- The government has taken steps to simplify approval procedures and remove institutional complexities to improve the international competitiveness of Bangladesh's shipbuilding and ship recycling industries.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/316816/govt-moves-to-simplify-shipbuilding-recycling-processes>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | BSEC eases approval process to speed up market monitoring**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has decided to speed up stock market surveillance by allowing its concerned units to investigate abnormal transactions and price movements without prior approval from the commission.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bsec-eases-approval-process-speed-market-monitoring-4292201>

BEXIMCO | Beximco seeks to reopen factories with USD 23 Mn investment

- Beximco Group is seeking government approval for a new leasing model to partially reopen its closed factory operations with investment from British and Chinese firms, according to officials. British firm Charter HCP Ltd and Chinese company Besting Ltd plan to invest USD 23 Mn to partially restart Prefix Fashions Ltd at Beximco's industrial park in Gazipur under the proposed leasing arrangement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/beximco-seeks-reopen-factories-23m-investment-4292316>

EHL | Eastern Housing recommends 20% cash dividend amid earnings decline

- Eastern Housing Limited has recommended a 20% cash dividend for FY26, down from 25% a year earlier, as its EPS fell nearly 20%. The real estate company's share price also dropped 5.44% to BDT 78.20 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (6 October) from BDT 82.70 in the previous session.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-housing-recommends-20-cash-dividend-amid-earnings-decline-1564786>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 90.36	USD 32.93	57.34%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 101.53	USD 40.68	66.85%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,149.02	(USD 191.98)	-4.42%
DSEX	5,424.91	559.57	11.50%
S&P 500	7,818.93	920.11	13.34%
FTSE 100	10,541.69	610.31	6.15%
BSE SENSEX	73,067.81	-11,725.77	-13.83%
KSE-100	168,460.10	-5,594.20	-3.21%
CSEALL	20,650.23	-1,974.08	-8.73%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.85 BDT

1 GBP = 162.88 BDT

1 Euro = 138.08 BDT

1 INR = 1.27 BDT

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