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Macro:

BBS to adopt UN's SNA 2025 to broaden coverage

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) plans to incorporate the United Nations' updated System of National Accounts into its ongoing rebasing of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), officials familiar with the process have told. The national statistical agency is currently rebasing GDP using 2025-26 as the new base year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bbs-to-adopt-uns-sna-2025-to-broaden-coverage-1788718071

An economic buffer: Bangladesh's gross forex reserves reach USD 36 Bn

- Reserves under the IMF's BPM6 methodology stand at USD 31.47 Bn, enough to cover about 4.8 months of imports. Bangladesh's gross foreign exchange reserves have reached USD 36.38 Bn, underscoring a cautious stabilisation of the country's external finances.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/economic-buffer-bangladeshs-gross-forex-reserves-reach-36-billion-4266666

Bangladesh ranks high among LDCs in remittance costs

- Bangladesh has one of the highest costs for remittance transfers among the least developed countries (LDCs), with the average transaction cost of sending remittances to the country standing at 7-8%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-ranks-high-among-ldcs-remittance-costs-4266516

Another metro getting on track

- The MRT-5 southern route is finally getting a move on, with the project set to be placed before the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) next week for approval. The BDT 455.04 Bn Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line-5 (southern route) will be funded from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and South Korea. More than two-thirds of the 17.2km line will be underground.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/another-metro-getting-track-4266701

Govt plans domestic testing push to cut export costs

- The government is planning a major overhaul of the country's standards, testing and certification system to reduce exporters' reliance on overseas testing facilities and cut compliance costs that undermine competitiveness in international markets.

https://tob.news/govt-plans-domestic-testing-push-to-cut-export-costs/

NBR to separate tax policy, implementation branches to curb audit fear: Finance minister

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is being restructured to separate its tax policy formulation and implementation branches in a bid to prevent audit-related fears and harassment among taxpayers, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury informed Parliament on Sunday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/nbr-to-separate-tax-policy-implementation-branches-to-curb-audit-fear-finance-minister

Bangladesh received USD 82 Bn in foreign loans since 2010

- Bangladesh received nearly USD 82 Bn in foreign loans between 2010 and June 2024, Finance Minister told Parliament on Sunday. The finance minister said during the same period, the principal and interest payments against the government's foreign loans amounted to USD 17.11 Bn and 6.04 Bn, respectively.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-takes-82b-in-foreign-loans-over-14-years

Bangladesh's per capita debt stands at BDT 0.129 Mn

- The per capita public debt of Bangladesh stood at BDT 0.12 Mn as of March 31, 2026, Finance Minister told Parliament on Sunday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladeshs-per-capita-debt-tk-129000

Bangladesh resolves 48 EU trade barriers, seeks support for LDC deferment

- Bangladesh has resolved 48 non-tariff barriers (NTBs) raised by the European Union (EU), while 13 others remain under review, Commerce Minister has said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-resolves-48-eu-trade-barriers-seeks-support-for-ldc-deferment

EU seeks fair shot for Airbus in Biman deal

- European Union's Ambassador called on the government to ensure a level playing field in Biman Bangladesh Airlines' aircraft purchase, as the government is set to buy Boeing planes over European rival Airbus.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/eu-seeks-fair-shot-airbus-biman-deal-4266551

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB mulls return to 9-month NPL definition to mask bad loan

- Bangladesh Bank has mulled over extending the period for classifying overdue loans as non-performing loans to nine months from the current three months, a move that could reduce the volume of defaulted loans on paper.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/312731/bb-mulls-return-to-9-month-npl-definition-to-mask-bad-loan

BANK | Bangladesh Bank raises annual travel forex limit to USD 18,000

- The Bangladesh Bank has increased the annual foreign exchange travel entitlement for Bangladeshi nationals travelling abroad to USD 18,000, up from the previous USD 12,000, in a move aimed at facilitating genuine travel-related foreign currency needs.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bangladesh-bank-raises-annual-travel-quota-18000-12000-1534831

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank readies BDT 50 Bn as withdrawal requests hits BDT 40 Bn in 4 days

- Sammilito Islamic Bank has received nearly BDT 50 Bn from Bangladesh Bank to repay deposits, while customers have sought to withdraw BDT 39.25 Bn over the past four working days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islami-bank-readies-tk5000cr-withdrawal-requests-hits-tk4000cr-4-days

BANK | Janata Bank carries bulk of state banks' bad loans

- Janata Bank had the highest amount of NPLs among the country's six state-owned banks, Finance Minister has said. About 80% of its bad loans are stuck with its top 20 defaulters, including Beximco, S Alam and AnonTex.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/janata-bank-carries-bulk-state-banks-bad-loans-4266546

ENERGY | Qatar delegation coming to talk out LNG supply suspension

- A delegation of QatarEnergy, Bangladesh's largest contracted liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplier, is coming soon to find a possible way of resuming the LNG supply as its cargo halt created fuel furors in the country. The LNG-marketing team of QatarEnergy is expected to hold discussion with top officials of state-run Petrobangla and its subsidiary Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) on September 9.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/qatar-delegation-coming-to-talk-out-lng-supply-suspension

ENERGY | Novatek proposes USD 950 Mn seabed-fixed LNG terminal

- A new option for Bangladesh's long-term LNG import infrastructure has been proposed, with Novatek Middle East presenting a USD 950 Mn gravity-based structure (GBS) as a cheaper and longer-lasting alternative to a conventional land-based LNG terminal.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/novatek-proposes-950m-seabed-fixed-lng-terminal-4266536

TELECOM | Bangladesh to open submarine cable market to private investors

- The government is preparing to open Bangladesh's submarine cable market to more private and international investment as it seeks to build the connectivity infrastructure needed for a coming surge in data demand from artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing and data centres.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bangladesh-to-open-submarine-cable-market-to-private-investors-1788713561

HOSPITALITY | Singapore-based Ascott eyes Bangladesh's hospitality market

- Singapore-based global hospitality giant, The Ascott Limited is eyeing Bangladesh as a potential growth market and is open to partnering with local property owners to bring its international hotel and serviced-residence brands to the country.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/singapore-based-ascott-eyes-bangladeshs-hospitality-market-1535286

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Stocks plunge over 100 points as sell-off spreads

- Stocks recorded a sharp fall yesterday amid heavy selling pressure as investors grew concerned over queries from the bourses about large trades, while the risk of political escalation and the energy crisis further weakened market sentiment.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/stocks-plunge-over-100-points-sell-spreads-4266556

NBL | National Bank seeks to appoint Abu Jafar as MD amid ACC probe

- Amid an Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) probe into financial irregularities against Md Mohammad Abu Jafar, the board of National Bank has applied for approval to appoint him as the bank's managing director (MD).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/national-bank-seeks-appoint-abu-jafar-md-amid-acc-probe-1535296

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Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 92.01	USD 34.58	60.21%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 96.71	USD 35.86	58.93%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,403.40	USD 62.40	1.44%
DSEX	5,558.45	693.11	14.25%
S&P 500	7,718.60	819.78	11.88%
FTSE 100	10,831.09	899.71	9.06%
BSE SENSEX	76,515.43	-8,278.15	-9.76%
KSE-100	175,328.80	1,274.50	0.73%
CSEALL	21,620.44	-1,003.87	-4.44%

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1 US Dollar = 122.94 BDT

1 GBP = 166.15 BDT

1 Euro = 142.80 BDT

1 INR = 1.30 BDT

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