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Macro:**Forex reserves to stay over USD 32 Bn even after ACU payments**

- Bangladesh's gross foreign-exchange reserves are expected to remain above USD 32 Bn even after settling a USD 1.5 Bn import-payment obligation to the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) today. Central bank officials attributed this stable position to robust remittance inflows, steady export growth, and reduced import-payment pressures.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/forex-reserves-to-stay-over-32b-even-after-acu-payments-1767806467>

PMI signals modest economic growth in December 2025

- The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose slightly to 54.2 in December 2025, signaling a marginal economic expansion driven by growth in agriculture, manufacturing, and services. While most sectors showed resilience, the construction sector slipped back into contraction, and businesses remained cautious due to political uncertainty and rising production costs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/pmi-signals-modest-economic-growth-in-december-2025-1767805020>

CPA would strengthen Bangladesh-EU ties

- Bangladesh and the EU are nearing the finalization of a Comprehensive Partnership Agreement (CPA) to solidify diplomatic ties and unlock major trade and investment opportunities. The agreement marks a strategic shift toward deeper cooperation as the country prepares for its upcoming general elections and LDC graduation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/cpa-would-strengthen-bangladesh-eu-ties-4075791>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | Spinners, apparel exporters differ over extra duty on yarn imports**

- Apparel and knitwear manufacturers have opposed a proposed 20% safeguard tariff after local spinners asked the Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission to recommend it on imports of 100% cotton and blended yarns in the 20-30 count range.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/spinners-apparel-exporters-differ-over-extra-duty-yarn-imports-4075826>

RMG | Bangladesh RMG exports lose ground in US, EU

- During H1'FY26, exporters grappled with domestic issues, including political tensions that weakened buyers' confidence. Global pressures, including weak demand, economic slow-down, tariff-related complications, and inflationary pressures, also weighed on export performance. During the period, EU accounted for 48%+ of Bangladesh's total RMG export revenues, followed by US with 20%.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/287474/bangladesh-rmg-exports-lose-ground-in-us-eu>

TELECOM | Robi withdraws from 700 MHz spectrum auction

- Robi Axiata has officially withdrawn from the 700 MHz spectrum auction, citing the high base price and unfavorable regulatory conditions as primary reasons. The mobile operator's exit leaves the spectrum allocation process in uncertainty, raising concerns about the feasibility of expanding 4G and 5G network coverage across the country.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/robi-withdraws-700-mhz-spectrum-auction-4075491>

TELECOM | Mobile internet subscriptions fall to two-year low

- Mobile internet subscriptions in Bangladesh declined to their lowest level in more than two years in November 2025, highlighting a growing disconnect between headline mobile connectivity and actual data usage amid economic stress and regulatory tightening. The number of mobile internet users fell to 115.27 Mn in November, down from 116.87 Mn in October and 119.70 Mn in September.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/mobile-internet-subscriptions-fall-to-two-year-low-1767801732>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | Profitable state-owned enterprises to be floated on capital market: Finance Ministry**

- The Bangladesh government has agreed in principle to list 10 profitable state-owned and multinational companies on the capital market to improve market depth and investor confidence. Key identified firms include Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Ltd, Karnaphuli Fertiliser Company Ltd (KAFCO), North-West Power Generation Company Ltd, Pashchimanchal Gas Company Ltd, Syngenta Bangladesh Ltd, Sylhet Gas Fields Ltd, Unilever Bangladesh Ltd, Synovia Bangladesh Ltd, Novartis (Bangladesh) Ltd and Nestlé Bangladesh PLC, with the government urging swift action through direct listings and board-level approvals.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/profitable-state-owned-enterprises-to-be-floated-on-capital-market-finance-ministry>

MUTUAL FUND | Revised rules put dividend-deficient mutual funds at liquidity risk

- Under the revised Mutual Fund Rules 2025, funds that fail to pay dividends for three consecutive years face mandatory liquidation or conversion into open-ended funds if three-fourths of unitholders agree. This puts significant pressure on several asset management companies, including ICB and RACE, to distribute dividends in FY26 despite prolonged bearish market conditions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/revised-rules-put-dividend-deficient-mutual-funds-at-liquidity-risk-1767801226>

RDFOOD | Bidisha International to offload 1.5 Mn more shares of RD Food

- Bidisha International Limited, a corporate director of Rangpur Dairy and Food Products Limited (RD Food), has announced plans to sell an additional 1.5 Mn shares at the prevailing market price through the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) within the next 30 working days. Following the disclosure, its share price rose by 1.92% to reach at BDT 21.20.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bidisha-international-offload-15-lakh-more-shares-rd-food-1328706>

Stock and Commodities*

Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 56.29	(USD 1.14)	-1.99%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 59.96	(USD 0.89)	-1.46%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,458.43	USD 117.43	2.71%
DSEX	4,992.70	127.36	2.62%
S&P 500	6,920.95	22.13	0.32%
FTSE 100	10,048.21	116.83	1.18%
BSE SENSEX	84,961.14	167.56	0.20%
KSE-100	186,518.72	12,464.42	7.16%
CSEALL	23,293.85	669.54	2.96%

Exchange Rates
1 US Dollar = 122.23 BDT
1 GBP = 164.52 BDT
1 Euro = 142.74 BDT
1 INR = 1.36 BDT

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