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Macro:

Forex reserves dip to USD 34.85 Bn after ACU payment

- Bangladesh has made a routine payment of USD 1.64 Bn to the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) to settle import bills for September-October 2026, putting fresh pressure on the country's foreign-exchange reserves.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/forex-reserves-dip-to-3485b-after-acu-payment

Remittance inflow rises 14.2% to USD 12.11 Bn so far in FY27

- The country's remittance inflow recorded a robust 14.2% year-on-year growth, reaching USD 12.112 Bn so far in the current fiscal year (FY27), from July 2026 to November 4.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/remittance-inflow-rises-142pc-to-1211b-so-far-in-fy27

Import outpaces export to tip forex balance

- Bangladesh saw its current-account deficit widen sharply in Q1FY27 as growing import far outstrips export with cascading fresh pressure on the external balance. Current account recorded a deficit of USD 1.33 Bn during Q1FY27 in a swing from USD 821 Mn in the corresponding quarter a year earlier.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/import-outpaces-export-to-tip-forex-balance

Bangladesh's trade deficit widens 31% as fuel import bill doubles

- Bangladesh's trade deficit jumped 31% year-on-year to USD 7.48 Bn in Q1FY27 as the fuel import bill was USD 19.33 Bn, with import payments rising 15% year-on-year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-trade-deficit-widens-31-fuel-import-bill-doubles-4316541

Government accepts high-interest-bearing Japanese loans

- Bangladesh is set to resume borrowing highest-interest Japanese loans after failing to convince the financier to offer more concessional terms. Analysts say borrowing at steeply raised 3.5% interest is destined to bloat repayment obligations as huge sums of funds will be taken for Japanese-funded metro-rail projects.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/government-accepts-high-interest-bearing-japanese-loans

Foreign debt nearly triples in a decade

- Bangladesh's foreign debt has almost tripled in 10 years, a steeper rise than in any other South Asian country except the Maldives. According to the World Bank's International Debt Report 2026, Bangladesh's total foreign debt stood at USD 113 Bn at the end of 2025, up from about USD 38 Bn in 2015.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/foreign-debt-nearly-triples-decade-4317831

World Bank approves USD 300 Mn to improve Bangladesh's primary education

- The World Bank today approved USD 300 Mn to strengthen pre-primary and primary education in Bangladesh, benefiting 26 Mn children through improved classrooms, learning materials and school uniforms.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/world-bank-approves-300-million-improve-bangladeshs-primary-education-4317556

Govt plans to cut business approval time to 18 days

- The government is planning a major overhaul of Bangladesh's investment regime, aiming to slash the time required to secure all business startup licenses, clearances, and approvals from up to 355 days down to just 18 days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-plans-cut-business-approval-time-18-days-1594341

Clothing sales wilt as inflation-weary shoppers shun discounts

- Shoppers are shying away from clothing stores even though retailers are offering discounts of up to 50%, as years of near-double-digit annual inflation have stretched people to their limit.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/clothing-sales-wilt-inflation-weary-shoppers-shun-discounts-4316651

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Dutch-Bangla leaps as Islami Bank remittance receipts shrink 19%

- Dutch-Bangla Bank's remittance inflows surged 163.3% year-on-year to USD 420.6 Mn during Q1FY27. In contrast, Islami Bank's receipts fell 19.3% to USD 1.44 Bn.

https://tob.news/dutch-bangla-leaps-as-islami-bank-remittance-receipts-shrink-19/

BANK | City Group's BDT 17.0 Bn loan deal likely Thursday; payouts begin 8 Nov

- A consortium of eight banks is set to sign an agreement on Thursday to provide BDT 17.0 Bn in fresh working capital loans to five defaulting companies of City Group, following a special exemption from Bangladesh Bank.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-relaxes-lending-rules-allow-tk1700cr-fresh-loan-city-group-1592806

ENERGY | LNG power projects face rising subsidy burden, financing risks: IEEFA

- Bangladesh is paying more than BDT 60 in subsidies for every cubic metre of gas when imported LNG costs USD 20 per MMBtu, with supply disruptions forcing the country to buy LNG at even higher prices this year, further straining public finances.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/lng-power-projects-face-rising-subsidy-burden-financing-risks-bangladesh-ieefa

ENERGY | Bangladesh faces fuel security test despite power capacity surplus: S&P

- Bangladesh's growing power generation capacity has failed to guarantee reliable electricity supply as fuel shortages and disruptions to imported energy expose vulnerabilities in the country's power sector. The report said Bangladesh entered 2026 with around 30 GW of installed generation capacity, implying a reserve margin of 66%.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/bangladesh-faces-fuel-security-test-despite-power-capacity-surplus-sp-1595086

ENERGY | BPC launches probe into BDT 48.13 Bn deposits in troubled private banks

- The Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has formed a seven-member investigation committee to examine BDT 48.13 Bn deposited by the state-owned corporation and its subsidiaries in financially distressed private banks, amid concerns over possible irregularities and the safety of public funds.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/bpc-launches-probe-tk4813cr-deposits-troubled-private-banks-1595626

ENERGY | Indonesian PTK to operate SPM

- Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has appointed operations and maintenance (O&M) contractor for the operations of the Single Point Mooring (SPM) with double pipeline following the approval.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/indonesian-ptk-to-operate-spm

RMG | RMG unrest eases, 130 factories still forced to suspend production

- The situation in industrial areas has started to improve following assurances that the new wage structure for garment workers would be implemented by December. However, production at around 130 factories remained suspended (5 November) due to labour unrest, according to Industrial Police data.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-unrest-eases-130-factories-still-forced-suspend-production-1594271

INSURANCE | Idra to pay BDT 0.84 Bn to 22,030 policyholders in four phases

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (Idra) is facilitating the payment of more than BDT 0.84 Bn in insurance claims to 22,030 policyholders in four phases as part of efforts to settle long-pending claims.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/idra-pay-tk84cr-22030-policyholders-four-phases-1595756

AVIATION | Domestic jet fuel price rises for fourth straight month, up BDT 6.32 to BDT 189.03 per litre

- The price of jet fuel for domestic flights has increased by BDT 6.32 per litre to BDT 189.03, marking the fourth consecutive monthly hike, while the rate for international flights has been reduced.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/domestic-jet-fuel-price-rises-fourth-straight-month-tk632-tk18903-litre-1593986

AVIATION | US-Bangla to invest USD 22 Mn in ground equipment, add 80 EVs at Dhaka airport

- US-Bangla Airlines plans to invest around USD 22 Mn in modernising its ground service equipment, including the introduction of 80 EVs at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, as the private carrier prepares to expand its fleet and international network.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/us-bangla-invest-22m-ground-equipment-add-80-evs-dhaka-airport-1593971

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Capital outflows deepen as foreign investors retreat from stocks in Oct

- Foreign investors withdrew BDT 18.1 Bn more than they invested in the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) in October 2026, as share sales across banking, pharmaceutical and multinational companies significantly outpaced purchases amid economic uncertainty and capital market volatility.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capital-outflows-deepen-foreign-investors-retreat-stocks-oct-1595766

EXCHANGE | Swedish firm Brummer & Partners pulls out of Bangladesh's capital market

- The country's capital market is set to lose foreign investments made by Swedish investment management firm Brummer & Partners, as it has been withdrawing funds from listed securities. BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage, City Brokerage, UCB Stock Brokerage and IDLC Securities, which execute transactions on behalf of the Swedish firm, confirmed the exit of the investments.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/swedish-firm-brummer-partners-pulls-out-of-bangladeshs-capital-market

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank expedites digital trade documentation

- BRAC Bank has cut export documentary collection from 40 days to one, marking a digital trade breakthrough, said a press release.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/321279/brac-bank-expedites-digital-trade-documentation

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank to raise authorised capital to BDT 100 Bn

- Islami Bank Bangladesh plans to raise its authorised capital to BDT 100 Bn from BDT 20 Bn, the shariah-based lender said today.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/islami-bank-raise-authorised-capital-tk-10000cr-4316271

APEXFOOT | Apex Footwear earns just BDT 10 Mn from BDT 8.90 Bn exports in FY26

- Despite a 34% surge in export earnings in FY26, Apex Footwear Limited made just BDT 14.1 Mn in profit from exports, translating into a wafer-thin margin of around 0.16%.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-footwear-earns-just-tk1cr-tk890cr-exports-fy26-1595781

BEXGSUKUK | Investors in limbo as Beximco Green-Sukuk bonds near maturity

- Beximco Green-Sukuk bonds will mature in December, but the trustee is struggling to arrange funds to repay the principal, while the regulator has shown reluctance to extend the maturity, leaving investors in limbo.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/investors-in-limbo-as-beximco-green-sukuk-bonds-near-maturity

GREENDELT, BGIC | IDRA punishes Green Delta, BGIC for premium violation

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority has suspended the Marine (Cargo) insurance business of Green Delta Insurance PLC and Bangladesh General Insurance Company PLC for three months over alleged violations of prescribed premium tariff rates.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/321157/idra-punishes-green-delta-bgic-for-premium-violation

DESCO | DESCO profit jumps 34pc in Q1 on higher revenue, improved efficiency

- After staging a significant financial turnaround in FY26, Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO) continued its recovery in Q1FY27, posting a 34% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 778 Mn, driven by higher distribution revenue and improved operating efficiency.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/desco-profit-jumps-34pc-in-q1-on-higher-revenue-improved-efficiency

CROWNCEMNT | Crown Cement Q1 profit drops 25% on rising raw material and utility costs

- Crown Cement PLC reported a 25% drop in its net profit for Q1FY27, primarily dragged down by lower gross margins despite achieving higher sales revenue.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/crown-cement-q1-profit-drops-25-rising-raw-material-and-utility-costs-1595746

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 90.83	USD 33.40	58.16%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 98.32	USD 37.47	61.58%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,070.80	(USD 270.20)	-6.22%
DSEX	5,413.04	547.70	11.26%
S&P 500	7,376.86	478.04	6.93%
FTSE 100	10,673.94	742.56	7.48%
BSE SENSEX	81,028.02	-3,765.56	-4.44%
KSE-100	173,886.70	-167.60	-0.10%
CSEALL	21,239.65	-1,384.66	-6.12%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.74 BDT

1 GBP = 166.58 BDT

1 Euro = 139.02 BDT

1 INR = 1.32 BDT

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