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Macro:**BB to announce monetary policy today, policy rate set to stay at 10%**

- Bangladesh Bank is set to announce its latest monetary policy today, with the policy repo rate expected to remain unchanged at 10% as inflation continues to stay well above the central bank's target. The policy will be unveiled at 11am by Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur and will cover the six-month period from January to June. A BB official said that a rate cut could be considered in the next policy cycle if inflation shows a sustained decline.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-announce-monetary-policy-today-policy-rate-set-stay-10-1355571>

Food prices push up Jan inflation to 8.58pc

- Point-to-point inflation rose to 8.58% in January, up from 8.49% in December, driven largely by a sharp rise in food prices. Food inflation in January was 8.29%, up from December's 7.71%, while non-food inflation eased to 8.81%, down from December's 9.13%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/food-prices-push-up-jan-inflation-to-858pc-1770573684>

January PMI signals slowdown in economic momentum

- Bangladesh's economy may have expanded at its slowest pace in January 2026 compared to the last seven months, as the latest Bangladesh Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) showed a marginal easing in momentum amid softer manufacturing exports.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/january-pmi-signals-slowdown-economic-momentum-4101426>

DP World deal put on hold, but port protesters refuse to budge until cancelled

- The interim government today (8 February) announced that the controversial deal to lease the New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) to UAE-based DP World would not be signed during its tenure, yet port workers have refused to budge, insisting their indefinite strike will continue until the proposal is cancelled entirely.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dp-world-deal-put-hold-port-protesters-refuse-budge-until-cancelled-1355436>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Housing loan rescheduling rules relaxed**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday issued revised guidelines for rescheduling housing loans, significantly easing previous time-bound restrictions to better support borrower repayment capacity. Previously, housing loans under BDT 1.0 Bn were restricted to a maximum rescheduling period of six years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/housing-loan-rescheduling-rules-relaxed-1770574309>

BANK | BB extends BDT 20 Bn refinance scheme for shipbuilding by December

- Bangladesh Bank has extended its BDT 20 Bn refinance scheme for the shipbuilding sector until December 2026, aiming to support industry expansion and boost export earnings.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-extends-tk2000cr-refinance-scheme-shipbuilding-december-1355481>

MFS | BB limits P2P MFS to BDT 1000 per transaction, suspends internet banking from 9-12 Feb

- Bangladesh Bank has issued a series of directives to restrict Mobile Financial Services (MFS) and Peer-to-Peer (P2P) transactions for a 96-hour period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh-election-2026/national-polls-bb-limits-p2p-mfs-tk1000-transaction-suspends-internet>

ENERGY | Energy Advisor Fouzul says final decisions on power, energy sector graft left to next government

- Energy Advisor has said the interim government has sent documents and information on corruption in the power and energy sector to the relevant authorities, leaving final decisions on the matter to the next government.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/energy-advisor-fouzul-says-final-decisions-on-power-energy-sector-graft-left-to-next-government>

AVIATION | 14 Boeing planes at BDT 300-350 Bn: Interim govt eyes long-term deal

- The government is going to sign a deal with Boeing to purchase 14 planes valued at around BDT 300-350 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/aviation/news/14-boeing-planes-tk-30000-35000cr-interim-govt-eyes-long-term-deal-4101161>

Stocks:**MTB | MTB board approves plan to raise BDT 3.46 Bn in Tier-I Capital**

- The Board of Directors of Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) has approved a proposal to raise Tier-I Capital amounting to BDT 3.46 Bn to further strengthen the bank's core capital base.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/mtb-board-approves-plan-to-raise-tk-346-billion-in-tier-i-capital>

LHB | LafargeHolcim unveils high-performance concrete product Powercrete

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh has launched "Powercrete", a specialised high-performance product designed for the ready-mix concrete (RMX) segment. Meanwhile, LafargeHolcim secured an impressive 36% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 1.20 Bn in the third quarter through September last year, driven by higher sales of premium products and aggregates.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lafargeholcim-unveils-high-performance-concrete-product-powercrete-1770569491>

BSC | Bangladesh to buy four vessels from China at BDT 24.86 Bn

- Bangladesh has signed a framework agreement with China to buy four vessels worth BDT 24.86 Bn (RMB 1.67 Bn). Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) will acquire two crude oil tankers and two bulk carriers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-buy-four-vessels-china-tk-2486cr-4101356>

GENEXIL, CITYBANK | Genex Infosys director to transfer 3 Mn shares to City Bank

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has approved the transfer of 3 Mn shares of Genex Infosys PLC held by its director Nilofar Imam to City Bank PLC, according to a disclosure issued by the bourse.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/genex-infosys-director-transfer-30-lakh-shares-city-bank-1355511>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 63.20	USD 5.77	10.05%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.63	USD 6.78	11.14%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,986.51	USD 645.51	14.87%
DSEX	5,229.09	363.75	7.48%
S&P 500	6,932.30	33.48	0.49%
FTSE 100	10,369.75	438.37	4.41%
BSE SENSEX	83,580.40	-1,213.18	-1.43%
KSE-100	184,129.58	10,075.28	5.79%
CSEALL	23,801.96	1,177.65	5.21%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.02 BDT****1 GBP = 165.92 BDT****1 Euro = 144.28 BDT****1 INR = 1.35 BDT**

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