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Macro:**Oil prices surge 20% on supply fears as US-Israeli war with Iran expands**

- Oil prices jumped about 20% in early trading on Monday, hitting their highest since July 2022, as the expanding US-Israeli war with Iran fuelled fears of tighter supply and prolonged disruptions to shipments. Brent jumped 15% to USD 106.94 a barrel, having already soared 28% last week, while US crude rose 17% to USD 106.75.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-business/news/oil-prices-surge-20-supply-fears-us-israeli-war-iran-expands-4124291>

15 ships carrying LNG, fuel arrive at Ctg port

- Amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, 15 cargo ships carrying nearly 250,000 tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), fuel oil and industrial raw materials have arrived at Chattogram Port after safely crossing the Strait of Hormuz, port authorities said on Saturday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/15-ships-carrying-Ing-fuel-arrive-at-ctg-port-1772991745>

Inflation hits 10-month high in February, crosses 9%

- Overall inflation rose to its highest level in ten months in February, climbing to 9.13% from 8.58% in January. Economists say rising food prices ahead of Ramadan and election-related spending added to demand pressures.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-hits-10-month-high-february-crosses-9-4124176>

Expanded private sector pushes up Feb PMI to 55.7

- The private sector activity in the country expanded at a faster pace in February, driven by stronger growth in agriculture, manufacturing, and services, although the construction sector slipped back into contraction.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/expanded-private-sector-pushes-up-feb-pmi-to-557-1772991831>

Taka falls against dollar amid surging energy import costs

- The taka weakened sharply against the US dollar on Sunday (8 March), snapping six months of exchange rate stability as demand for greenbacks rose to meet growing energy import bills amid the Middle East war. In the inter-bank market, the dollar traded between BDT 122.50 and BDT 122.55.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/taka-falls-against-dollar-amid-surg-ing-energy-import-costs-1381146>

Forex reserves fall to USD 29.38 Bn after ACU payment

- Following the payment of USD 1.37 Bn in bills to the Asian Clearing Union (ACU), the country's foreign exchange reserves have once again fallen below USD 30 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/forex-reserves-fall-2938b-after-acu-payment-1380816>

Bangladesh Bank to stop issuing new currency notes before Eid

- Bangladesh Bank has decided to discontinue the practice of supplying new currency notes ahead of Eid and will instead distribute new notes to banks throughout the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-stop-issuing-new-currency-notes-eid-1380641>

Dhaka, Delhi agree to resolve LoC project issues

- Bangladesh and India have agreed to resolve problems surrounding projects financed under India's line of credit (LoC) assistance. Of a total commitment spanning 42 projects, only USD 1.88 Bn was disbursed by June 2024 against cumulative LoC deals worth over USD 7.0 Bn, while Bangladesh repaid USD 254 Mn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/dhaka-delhi-agree-resolve-loc-project-issues-4124156>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Banks to make provisions for potential bad loans from 2028**

- Banks will have to keep provisions for potential losses before loans turn bad, from January 2028, according to a directive given by Bangladesh Bank (BB), which aims to enable lenders to detect the risk of credit deterioration in advance and enhance transparency in financial reporting.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-make-provisions-potential-bad-loans-2028-4124161>

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank seeks new MD after appointee declines post

- The government has issued a fresh circular to appoint a managing director (MD) for state-owned Sammilito Islami Bank after the previously selected candidate declined to take the position.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islami-bank-seeks-new-md-after-appointee-declines-post-1381031>

TELECOM | Internet, mobile subscriptions extend downward trend

- The number of internet and mobile subscribers continued to decline, extending a downward trend observed over the past several months. Total internet subscribers fell to 128.99 Mn in January 2026 from 129.67 Mn in December 2025. Mobile internet subscriptions decreased to 114.22 Mn in January from 115.04 Mn in December.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/internet-mobile-subscriptions-extend-downward-trend-1772986237>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | Share manipulation fines hit a whopping BDT 15.0 Bn, but recovery remains minimal**

- In a bid to curb share manipulation, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission imposed hefty fines totalling around BDT 15.0 Bn, however, recovery of the fines has reached only about 0.35%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/share-manipulation-fines-hit-whopping-tk1500cr-recovery-remains-minimal-1381051>

OLYMPIC | Olympic to import machinery to expand capacity

- The board of directors of Olympic Industries has approved the import of three sets of new machinery to expand its carton production and food processing capacity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/olympic-to-import-machinery-to-expand-capacity-1772988129>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 115.11	USD 57.68	100.44%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 115.25	USD 54.40	89.40%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,108.40	USD 767.40	17.68%
DSEX	5,009.00	143.66	2.95%
S&P 500	6,740.02	-158.80	-2.30%
FTSE 100	10,284.75	353.37	3.56%
BSE SENSEX	78,918.90	-5,874.68	-6.93%
KSE-100	157,496.10	-16,558.20	-9.51%
CSEALL	22,701.91	77.60	0.34%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.05 BDT****1 GBP = 162.49 BDT****1 Euro = 140.75 BDT****1 INR = 1.32 BDT**

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