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Macro:

GDP inflated by nearly 1% in FY2011-19: report

- A 'forensic' review has found a 0.98 percentage point discrepancy between the acceleration in manufacturing output growth recorded in the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics' overall index and that calculated from individual industry data during the Awami League government, which was ousted in a mass uprising in August 2024.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/321601/gdp-inflated-by-nearly-1pc-in-fy2011-19-report

Only 31% entities file VAT returns, 66% report zero

- Only 31.54% of the VAT-registered entities in Bangladesh filed online returns in July 2026, while nearly two-thirds of them reported no VAT payable, according to an official report.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/only-31pc-entities-file-vat-returns-66pc-report-zero-1794163225

Sector and Industries:

TEXTILE | NBR moves to cut textile sector income tax to 15% until 2030

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is set to cut the income tax rate for the textile sector from 27.5% to 15%, keeping the reduced rate unchanged until 30 June 2030. In 2015, the NBR imposed a 15% income tax on these companies for 10 years through an SRO. After the order expired in 2025, the tax rate reverted to 27.5%.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-moves-cut-textile-sector-income-tax-15-until-2030-1596881

ENERGY | BPC's 90-day fuel stock plan to safeguard against global shocks

- The government has been working to expand fuel storage capacity up to 90 days' demand to ensure gasoline supply for uninterrupted industrial operations and strengthening energy security amid volatility in the global market.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bpcs-90-day-fuel-stock-plan-to-safeguard-against-global-shocks

ENERGY | Gazprom makes fresh push for Bhola gas

- Russia's state-linked energy giant Gazprom is back with a renewed push to pursue gas exploration and infrastructure projects in Bhola. The proposals include drilling five wells, conducting a 3D seismic survey, constructing a pipeline to carry gas from Bhola to Barishal, and setting up a small-scale LNG facility.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/gazprom-makes-fresh-push-bhola-gas-4318821

INSURANCE | Insurance firms flout commission ban, poach rivals' customers

- Despite a regulatory ban on commissions for individual agents in non-life insurance sector, several insurers are allegedly continuing the practice, luring customers away from companies that have stopped paying commissions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/insurance-firms-flout-commission-ban-poach-rivals-customers-1596926

RMG | Around 40 RMG factories suspend operations as 'workers refuse to work'

- Around 40 garment factories suspended operations on November 8, as workers entered the factories but refused to work, factory owners said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/around-40-garment-factories-suspend-operations-workers-refuse-work-1596781

REAL ESTATE | REHAB calls for banning share-based developers

- REHAB has urged the government to stop unregulated share-based real estate businesses, estimating that around 40,000 citizens have been affected by such projects with 10,000 related cases pending in courts. If the practice continues, BDT 500 Bn could become entangled in legal complications within the next two to three years.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/321564/rehab-calls-for-banning-share-based-developers

BANK | BB eases LC margin requirements for essential imports ahead of Ramadan

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed all scheduled banks to maintain cash margins at the minimum possible level for opening LCs to import essential consumer goods ahead of the holy month of Ramadan.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/443375

Stocks:

PUBALIBANK | Pubali Bank to join family card allowance distribution

- The government is set to bring Pubali Bank into the family card programme's payment network, adding to the three state-owned banks - Sonali Bank, Janata Bank and Bangladesh Krishi Bank. The move is intended to make monthly payments more accessible as the government gradually expands the scheme.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/pubali-bank-to-join-family-card-allowance-distribution-1794158241

JAMUNAOIL | Jamuna Oil cuts dividend to 120% as FY26 profit falls 34%

- Jamuna Oil Company PLC has recommended a 120% cash dividend for FY26, down from 180% in FY25, following a 34.38% decline in annual net profit. EPS fell to BDT 38.52 in FY26 down from BDT 58.70 in FY25.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/jamuna-oil-cuts-dividend-120-fy26-profit-falls-34-1596726

PADMAOIL | Padma Oil recommends 170% cash dividend as FY26 profit rises 21%

- State-run petroleum distributor has recommended a 170% cash dividend for FY26, following strong growth in annual earnings. Annual net profit grew 21.24%, with EPS rising to BDT 69.47 in FY26 from BDT 57.30 in FY25.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/padma-oil-recommends-170-cash-dividend-fy26-profit-rises-21-1596816

RENATA | Renata posts 37% Q1 profit growth on lower finance costs, export gains

- Renata PLC achieved its earnings momentum in Q1FY27, delivering a 37% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit to BDT 1.02 Bn despite persistent cost pressures and pricing constraints.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/renatas-q1-profit-jumps-37-tk102cr-export-growth-lower-finance-costs-1596716

ENVOYTEX | Envoy Textiles' Q1 profit jumps 40%

- Envoy Textiles' net profit rose 40% year-on-year to BDT 531.3 Mn in Q1FY27, driven by higher fabric exports, wider margins and lower borrowing costs.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/envoy-textiles-q1-profit-jumps-40pc

BSC | BSC recommends 25% cash dividend

- State-owned ocean freight operator has recommended a 25% cash dividend for FY26. Shipping Corporation reported EPS of BDT 19.11 for FY26, marking a slight decline from BDT 20.10 recorded in FY25. The corporation clarified that its net earnings decreased because FY25 included one-off capital gains from sale of two vessels.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsc-recommends-25-cash-dividend-1596656

TITASGAS | Titas Gas bleeds BDT 51.40 Bn to system losses in two years

- System losses at Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited have surged nearly fivefold over four years, reaching almost 10% in the current fiscal year (FY26). The escalating losses have drained billions of taka from the state-owned utility, severely undermining its financial stability.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/titas-gas-bleeds-tk5140cr-system-losses-two-years-1595911

UNIQUEHRL | Unique Hotel swings to BDT 54.4 Mn loss from BDT 253.8 Mn profit

- Unique Hotel and Resorts PLC reported a net loss of BDT 54.4 Mn in its core hotel business in FY26, compared to a profit of BDT 253.8 Mn in the previous fiscal year, as higher finance expenses weighed on its earnings.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/unique-hotel-swings-tk544cr-loss-tk2538cr-profit-1596831

ACI | ACI Motors to sale China's GWM cars in Bangladesh

- ACI Motors Limited recently signed an authorised distributorship agreement with Great Wall Motor, one of China's leading automobile manufacturers, to introduce and distribute its full range of passenger vehicles in Bangladesh.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/automobile/321555/aci-motors-to-sale-chinas-gwm-cars-in-bangladesh

BDWELDING | Once a pioneer, now in crisis: BD Welding seeks investor to revive operations

- Bangladesh Welding Electrodes Ltd (BD Welding) is seeking a new investor and a reconstituted board to revive operations after nearly a decade of production suspension amid a prolonged financial crisis. The company plans to use fresh investment to build a factory at its site, install machinery and resume production.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/once-pioneer-now-crisis-bd-welding-seeks-investor-revive-operations-1596821

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 91.28	USD 33.85	58.94%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 98.25	USD 37.40	61.46%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,118.47	(USD 222.53)	-5.13%
DSEX	5,402.69	537.35	11.04%
S&P 500	7,376.86	478.04	6.93%
FTSE 100	10,673.94	742.56	7.48%
BSE SENSEX	80,999.40	-3,794.18	-4.47%
KSE-100	173,886.70	-167.60	-0.10%
CSEALL	21,239.65	-1,384.66	-6.12%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.61 BDT

1 GBP = 166.56 BDT

1 Euro = 138.96 BDT

1 INR = 1.32 BDT

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