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Macro:**Foreign investors allowed to repatriate capital up to BDT 1.0 Bn without prior approval**

- The Bangladesh Bank has raised the prior approval threshold for capital repatriation by foreign investors to BDT 1.0 Bn from the existing BDT 0.1 Bn in line with international standards.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/foreign-investors-allowed-repatriate-profits-tk100cr-without-prior-approval-1381646>

Oil prices drop sharply after Trump moves to reassure markets over Iran war

- Oil prices have tumbled from four-year highs, after Donald Trump suggested the US-Israel war on Iran could end "very soon". Brent crude surged as high as USD 119.50 per barrel on Monday but fell to USD 91.58 in the hours after the US president described the war on Iran as "very complete, pretty much" in an interview with CBS News.

<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2026/mar/10/oil-prices-drop-trump-iran-war>

Iran won't block Bangladesh oil tankers

- Iran has agreed to provide Bangladeshi oil ships with safe passage after notifying the Iranian authorities before entering the strait, as the Bangladesh government has intensified efforts to maintain a stable fuel supply through multiple strategic measures amid escalating conflict in the Middle East.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/iran-wont-block-bangladesh-oil-tankers-1382346>

DCCI urges steps to ease lending rates to revive pvt invest

- Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry has called for measures to ease high lending rates and revive private investment, warning that elevated interest rates are squeezing credit and weakening economic activity. DCCI President urged the central bank to introduce targeted refinancing and credit guarantee schemes for SMEs and the manufacturing sector to stimulate productive lending.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dcci-urges-structural-reforms-private-investment-falls-decade-low-1381666>

Taka weakening against dollar amid war tensions

- After months of stability, Bangladesh's currency has started to lose value against the US dollar as Bangladesh Bank stopped intervening in the market due to the possible impact of the US-Israel war against Iran. The weighted average interbank exchange rate stood at BDT 122.49 per US dollar, up from BDT 122.43 a day earlier.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/taka-weakening-against-dollar-amid-war-tensions-4124866>

Last-day rejection by interim govt clouds e-bus plan

- The Finance Division on February 17 refused to approve public transport fund (PTF), arguing that it would increase the government's loan burden as it would be formed with financing from development partners. Sources said the concerns stemmed from apprehensions about possible non-cooperation from existing bus operators.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/last-day-rejection-by-interim-govt-clouds-e-bus-plan-1773079410>

Fuel supply, bunkering at Ctg Port normal despite global tensions: CPA

- Fuel supply and bunkering operations at Chattogram Port remain normal despite global geopolitical tensions and volatility in international energy markets, officials said at a coordination meeting on Sunday evening (8 March).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/fuel-supply-bunkering-ctg-port-normal-despite-global-tensions-cpa-1382041>

Container handling at RSGT terminal hits record high

- The Red-Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT) Chittagong recorded its highest-ever monthly container throughput of 30,308 TEUs (Twenty-foot Equivalent Units) in February since Saudi operator RSGT International (RSGTI) began operations in June 2024.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/container-handling-rsgt-terminal-hits-record-high-4124856>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | BB assigns observers to four private banks to monitor governance, financial risks**

- Bangladesh Bank has appointed observers to the boards of four private banks struggling with financial irregularities and bad loans. It marked the first such move under new Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman on Monday. The banks are National Bank, Premier Bank, IFIC Bank, and Al-Arafah Islami Bank.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-assigns-observers-to-four-private-banks-to-monitor-governance-financial-risks>

BANK | BB orders banks to keep digital payments running during Eid

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed banks and payment service providers to ensure uninterrupted transactions through digital payment channels during the upcoming Eid-ul-Fitr holidays.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-orders-banks-keep-digital-payments-running-during-eid-4124646>

TELECOM | Telcos seek priority fuel supply amid concerns

- Mobile operators have urged the government to ensure priority fuel supply and stable electricity for telecom infrastructure, warning that any possible shortages could disrupt nationwide connectivity. Operators said their networks remain heavily dependent on diesel and petrol-powered generators, particularly during power outages, to keep thousands of base stations, transmission links and data centres running.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/telcos-seek-priority-fuel-supply-amid-concerns-4124841>

ENERGY | India reviewing positively Bangladesh request for additional diesel supply

- India is positively considering a request from Bangladesh for additional diesel as Dhaka seeks to enhance its fuel reserves. The government is planning to import an additional 50,000 tonnes of diesel from India. Although Bangladesh is allowed to import up to 180,000 tonnes of diesel in 2026 under the agreement, officials say the country is currently purchasing around 5,000 tonnes per month, leaving room for an increase.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/india-reviewing-positively-bangladesh-request-for-additional-diesel-supply>

ENERGY | Bangladesh floats tenders to buy 3 LNG cargoes

- Bangladesh has floated tenders to buy three more liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes from the spot market for April delivery in a desperate race to secure gas amid deepening turmoil in the Middle East. State-run Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Co Ltd (RPGCL) sought delivery of the LNG cargoes in three phases between April 5 and April 13, after the company floated tenders to buy two cargoes of gas for March 15-16 and March 18-19 deliveries.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-floats-tenders-buy-3-lng-cargoes-4124721>

Stocks:
ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank approves US-based B100 Holdings as strategic investor in mCash

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has approved a proposal to bring US-based B100 Holdings LLC as a strategic investor in its mobile financial services subsidiary mCash Ltd, according to a price sensitive disclosure issued (8 March).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-approves-us-based-b100-holdings-strategic-investor-mcash-1381231>

BATBC | BATBC stock slides 21% in four sessions on weak earnings, lower dividend

- The share price of British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company (BATBC) came under significant pressure after it reported a major loss and sharply reduced its dividend, triggering a negative investor reaction and a notable fall in the stock.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/batbc-stock-slides-21-four-sessions-weak-earnings-lower-dividend-1382241>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 86.10	USD 28.67	49.92%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 89.52	USD 28.67	47.12%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,147.98	USD 806.98	18.59%
DSEX	5,141.41	276.08	5.67%
S&P 500	6,795.90	-102.92	-1.49%
FTSE 100	10,249.52	318.14	3.20%
BSE SENSEX	77,566.16	-7,227.42	-8.52%
KSE-100	146,480.16	-27,574.14	-15.84%
CSEALL	21,904.14	-720.17	-3.18%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.29 BDT

1 GBP = 164.29 BDT

1 Euro = 142.19 BDT

1 INR = 1.32 BDT

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