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Macro:

Economy's upturn persists

- The Bangladesh economy gathered fresh momentum in October, with the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising by 2.7 points from the previous month to 61.8, indicating a faster pace of expansion across all major sectors. The upturn was broad-based, led by robust growth in agriculture, manufacturing, construction, and services, marking the fourteenth consecutive month of overall expansion in the private sector.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/economys-upturn-persists-1762710512

Revenue board opposes blanket scrapping of tax incentives

- A willy-nilly government action undoing time-bound tax-breaks falters as investors lodge multiple objections and take the matter up with court on alleged breach of commitment. Tax officials say the abrupt phasing out of these exemptions - the first of its kind - follows the International Monetary Fund (IMF) directive to raise Bangladesh's tax-to-GDP ratio to 8.4% within this year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/revenue-board-opposes-blanket-scrapping-of-tax-incentives-1762709946

Next govt to decide new pay scale, IMF loan payout

- Next government will take decision on implementation of the new pay scale for public employees, says Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, indicating interim government's hands-off on major matters ahead of elections. Also, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will make decision on release of the next tranche of its loan in consultation with the next political government, which comes out of the polls tentatively set for next February in the post-uprising transition process.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/next-govt-to-decide-new-pay-scale-imf-loan-payout-1762710109

Forex reserves stay strong after ACU payment

- Bangladesh's foreign-exchange reserves have remained comfortably above the USD 31-Bn mark, even after the country settled USD1.60 Bn in import-payment obligations to Asian Clearing Union (ACU) member-countries on Sunday. Following the payment for the September-October 2025 period, the gross forex reserves stood at USD31.14 Bn, down from USD32.71 Bn on the previous working day, according to the Bangladesh Bank (BB).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-reserves-stay-strong-after-acu-payment-1762710598

ACC files case against S Alam, 66 others

- The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has filed its 'largest-ever' corruption case accusing Mohammad Saiful Alam (65), the chairman of S Alam Group, and 66 other individuals, over a massive loan fraud of BDT 104.8 Bn. The ACC claims loans amounting to BDT 92.84 Bn were issued to different companies under S Alam Group; and with interests and dividends, the total misappropriated sum increased to roughly BDT 104.8 Bn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/acc-files-case-against-s-alam-66-others-1762710227

Foreign port operators key to ending corruption and boosting efficiency: Bida chief

- Local businesses have long complained of entrenched corruption at the port, and bringing in an internationally reputed operator would be a decisive step towards eliminating it.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/foreign-port-operators-key-ending-corruption-and-boosting-efficiency-bida-chief-1281476

No clear diplomatic path to defer LDC graduation: Economists

- Political instability, coupled with global uncertainty, has made the situation more complex, says PRI Chairman Zaidi Sattar. Despite growing calls to postpone Bangladesh's graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category, economists said there is no diplomatically clear way to seek a deferral as such a request must be backed by transparent data — and Bangladesh already exceeds the threshold in all three graduation criteria.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/no-clear-diplomatic-path-defer-ldc-graduation-economists-1281446

Ctg port's 41% tariff hike nearly double in reality

- These increases reverberate through supply chains, disproportionately affecting smaller operators and ultimately raising prices for goods, from vessel operators to exporters and importers, and eventually consumers who bear the hidden inflation at retail shelves. Costs for handling containers and bulk cargo at Chattogram Port have skyrocketed far beyond the Chattogram Port Authority's official claim of a 41% tariff hike.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-ports-41-tariff-hike-nearly-double-reality-1281441

Sector & Industries:

BANK | BB issues LoI for Sammilito Islami Bank

- The banking regulator has issued the preliminary license for Sammilito Islami Bank, the proposed largest shariah-based bank to be formed through merger of five severely liquidity-crisis-ridden unconventional banks. The central banker said they also sent letters to The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies And Firms (RJSC) and Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) for the purposes of name clearance purpose and securities regulator's approval respectively.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-issues-loi-for-sammilito-islami-bank-1762709874

FUEL & POWER | How vulnerable is Bangladesh to Adani's power cut threat?

- The Indian conglomerate, which supplied an average of 932.31MW in the 2023-24 fiscal year from its 1,600MW Godda power plant, sent a letter to the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) threatening a complete power cut from 11 November (tomorrow) if USD 496 Mn in outstanding bills were not cleared by the preceding day. To offset Adani's supply cut, Bangladesh can import additional fuel, which would ultimately push power subsidies higher, given that Bangladesh has to pay capacity payment without any electricity.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/how-vulnerable-bangladesh-adanis-power-cut-threat-1281576

TEXTILE | Bangladesh's textile industry reels as cheap Indian yarn floods market

- The US-imposed tariffs on Indian textiles, initially seen as an opportunity for Bangladesh, have instead posed new challenges. Rather than benefiting from reduced Indian competition in the US, Bangladeshi textile entrepreneurs are facing an influx of cheap Indian yarn, sold at dumping prices, which has strained domestic spinning mills and unsettled the market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladeshs-textile-industry-reels-cheap-indian-yarn-floods-market-1281416

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Stocks:

FINEFOODS | Fine Foods sees 146% revenue growth in Q1

- Fine Foods, a listed firm in the food and allied sector, has reported a 146% year-on-year rise in revenue and a 314% surge in profit in the first quarter (July–September) of FY2025-26.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fine-foods-sees-146-revenue-growth-q1-1281471

MATINSPINN | Matin Spinning Mills posts slight profit growth despite revenue dip in Q1

- Matin Spinning Mills, a listed textile manufacturer, has reported a 6.5% increase in net profit in the first quarter (July–September) of the current fiscal year, despite a slight decline in revenue. According to its Q1 financial statements, the company posted a revenue of BDT 2.22 Bn, down from BDT 2.25 Bn in the same quarter last year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/matin-spinning-mills-posts-slight-profit-growth-despite-revenue-dip-q1-1281426

POWERGRID | Power Grid trims losses by 54% on higher revenue, stable forex

- Power Grid has shown signs of recovery, with a year-on-year reduction in losses by as much as 54% to BDT 2.10 Bn in FY25, supported by higher revenue and favourable foreign exchange rates. Consequently, the power transmission company cut its losses to BDT 2.30 per share in FY25, compared to a loss of BDT 6.69 (restated) per share in the previous year, according to price-sensitive information published on Sunday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/power-grid-trims-losses-by-54pc-on-higher-revenue-stable-forex-1762711594

EXCHANGE | Treasury bill yields rise

- Yields on treasury bills (T-bills), particularly those of longer tenures, rose on Sunday as banks appeared increasingly reluctant to invest their surplus liquidity in government securities ahead of the upcoming national elections. The cut-off yield on the 182-day T-bills climbed to 10.30% from 10.00%, while the 364-day T-bill yield increased slightly to 10.04% from 9.99%.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/treasury-bill-yields-rise-1762710720

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 60.08	(USD 11.35)	-15.89%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 63.94	(USD 10.45)	-14.05%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,044.21	USD 1,435.73	55.04%
DSEX	4,899.93	-316.52	-6.07%
S&P 500	6,728.80	821.86	13.91%
FTSE 100	9,682.57	1,561.56	19.23%
BSE SENSEX	83,216.28	5,016.35	6.41%
KSE-100	159,592.90	44,333.90	38.46%
CSEALL	23,338.25	7,393.64	46.37%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.94 BDT

1 GBP = 160.36 BDT

1 Euro = 140.96 BDT

1 INR = 1.38 BDT

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