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Macro:**BD may get further tariff cuts, reciprocal free market access**

- Bangladesh advances towards strengthening its mutually beneficial trade relationship with the United States, opening the door to greater market access and new opportunities for its vital textile and apparel sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-may-get-further-tariff-cuts-reciprocal-free-market-access-1768066301>

Bangladesh economy to grow 4.6%, inflation to ease to 7.1% in FY26: UN report

- Bangladesh's economy is expected to grow 4.6% in the current fiscal year (FY26), up from an estimated 4.1% a year earlier, before rising further to 5.4% in FY27, according to a United Nations report.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-economy-grow-46-inflation-ease-71-fy26-un-report-1330271>

Tailwinds may lift economic growth to 5.0% in FY26

- Bangladesh's slow-pace economic growth may be ramped up to 5.0 % by tailwinds before this fiscal year ends on June 30, 2026, as estimated by BMI, a unit of Fitch Ratings.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/tailwinds-may-lift-economic-growth-to-50pc-in-fy26-1767979240?date=10-01-2026>

NBR launches bKash-enabled services

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is going to launch the payment of large amounts of tax through mobile financial services (MFS) to simplify tax payments by corporates.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-launches-bkash-enabled-services-1768065397>

RSTP proposes 3 more metro rail corridors

- Development of three more metro rail corridors has been proposed in the Revised Strategic Transport Plan (RSTP), of which updating is now at the final stage.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rstp-proposes-3-more-metro-rail-corridors-1768065726>

Industrial term loan disbursement grows 11.86% in Q1 FY26

- Industrial term loan disbursement posted significant year-on-year growth in the July-September quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2025-26, reflecting cautious investment appetite amid ongoing economic adjustments, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/industrial-term-loan-disbursement-grows-1186pc-in-q1-fy26-1768065154>

Policy missteps may trigger unintended consequences

- Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed on Saturday said lowering interest rates was a complex and delicate task, warning that policy missteps could trigger unintended consequences across the economy.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/policy-missteps-may-trigger-unintended-consequences-1768066889>

Securing pvt investment, job creation key challenges

- The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) on Saturday highlighted securing private investment and generating employment as the major challenges for the government to be formed after the upcoming national elections scheduled for February 12.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/securing-pvt-investment-job-creation-key-challenges-1768066523>

Revenue collection rises 16.7%, but meeting target still challenging: CPD

- The country's revenue collection has grown by 16.7% in the first six months of the current fiscal year, Centre for Police Dialogue (CPD) said today (10 January), but warned that achieving the annual target will be challenging.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/revenue-collection-rises-167-meeting-target-still-challenging-cpd-1330476>

Foreign fund flow into BD corporates falls to USD 9.80 Bn until Nov

- Corporate external borrowing drops as persisting economic sluggishness dampens businesses' appetite for funds with the short-term overseas debt stock having declined to USD9.80 Bn until November.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/foreign-fund-flow-into-bd-corporates-falls-to-980b-until-nov-1767979651?date=10-01-2026>

Major industrial groups seek BDT 165.5 Bn bailout funds

- Constrained by stated severe liquidity crunch in the country's industrial sector, eleven conglomerates seek some BDT 165.5 Bn in interest-free loans from the government to sustain operations and meet staff-payment obligations, sources say.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/major-industrial-groups-seek-tk-1655b-bailout-funds-1767979585?date=10-01-2026>

Sector & Industries:**PHARMA | Govt adds 135 new medicines to essential drug list, prices fixing soon**

- The government has added 135 new medicines to the essential drugs list that will cover 295-296 medicines, all essential drugs will be sold at govt-fixed prices, high-priced drugs will gradually align to defined rates over four years, and price of 1,100 non-essential drugs to be set in a defined range.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/health/govt-fix-prices-295-essential-drugs-1329396>

RMG | RMG exporters worry over possible order shift

- Apparel exporters have raised concerns that the government's proposed 20 % safeguard duty on yarn imports, aimed at protecting local spinning mills, could push buyers to shift orders to other countries.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rmg-exporters-worry-over-possible-order-shift-1767978743?date=10-01-2026>

RMG | Garment export to US records double-digit growth

- Bangladesh's apparel export to the United States, its single-largest market, has been on the ascent with a double-digit growth of 15.14 % recorded during the first ten months of 2025.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/garment-export-to-us-records-double-digit-growth-1768066792>

Stocks:
CITYBANK | City Bank to invest BDT 8.55 Bn in building multi-storied office in Gulshan

- City Bank PLC has decided to construct a multi-storied office at Gulshan-2 in the capital at an estimated cost of BDT 8.55 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-invest-tk855cr-building-multi-storied-office-gulshan-1329041>

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank's deposits climb to BDT 1.83 Tn in 2025

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has reported a significant turnaround, with its total deposits reaching BDT 1.83 Tn as of 31 December, 2025, reflecting growth of more than BDT 220.00 Bn within a single year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/islami-banks-deposits-climb-tk183000-crore-2025-1330846>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.12	USD 1.69	2.94%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 63.34	USD 2.49	4.09%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,509.50	USD 168.50	3.88%
DSEX	4,998.55	133.21	2.74%
S&P 500	6,966.28	67.46	0.98%
FTSE 100	10,124.60	193.22	1.95%
BSE SENSEX	83,576.24	-1,217.34	-1.44%
KSE-100	184,409.67	10,355.37	5.95%
CSEALL	23,654.30	1,029.99	4.55%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.26 BDT

1 GBP = 163.90 BDT

1 Euro = 142.24 BDT

1 INR = 1.35 BDT

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