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Macro:**Banks raise LC settlement dollar rates for businesses**

- Commercial banks asked top business groups (10 March) to pay higher rates for dollars to settle letters of credit (LCs) compared to previous day. The dollar rate for LC settlement on Tuesday (March 10) was fixed at BDT 122.80-122.90. However, the dollar rate for similar LC settlement was BDT 122.57-122.72 on the previous day.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-raise-lc-settlement-dollar-rates-businesses-1382666>

Austerity key as Bangladesh preparing next budget amid global economic challenges: Khasru

- The government is managing the country's overall economic activities with a careful eye on the global economic situation and various crises, Finance Minister has said. Responding to a question, he said that the government would continue austerity measures in spending, and that the upcoming budget will also be prepared considering these circumstances.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/austerity-key-bangladesh-preparing-next-budget-amid-global-economic-challenges-says-khasru>

Five-year T-bonds yield falls

- The yield on Bangladesh's five-year treasury bonds fell slightly on Tuesday as banks continued to channel excess liquidity into government securities amid sluggish private-sector credit demand and improved remittance inflows. The cut-off yield fell to 10.22% on the day from 10.32% earlier. On the day, the government raised BDT 25 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/five-year-t-bonds-yield-falls-1773166770>

ADB targets USD 1.11 Bn disbursement in 2026, strengthens portfolio oversight in Bangladesh

- The government and ADB aim to with USD 939 Mn in contract awards and USD 1.1147 Bn in disbursements in 2026. Disbursement projections for 2026 indicate that the transport, energy, water, and urban sectors will drive the majority. The ongoing portfolio of the ADB in Bangladesh stood at USD 10.21 Bn covering 48 projects across six sectors as of 15 February 2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/adb-targets-111b-disbursement-2026-strengthens-portfolio-oversight-bangladesh>

Net FDI outflows soar as local firms eye global markets

- Bangladeshi companies are increasingly investing abroad, with net foreign direct investment (FDI) outflows soaring more than ninefold in the July-September quarter of 2025 compared with the same period the year before.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/net-fdi-outflows-soar-local-firms-eye-global-markets-4125761>

Economists back BB move, warn of capital flight risks

- Economists have welcomed Bangladesh Bank's decision to ease capital repatriation rules for foreign investors, saying the move could improve the investment climate, while warning that weak monitoring could increase the risk of capital flight. The measure could boost investor confidence and make Bangladesh more competitive in attracting foreign direct investment at a time when many countries are competing for global capital.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/293606/economists-back-bb-move-warn-of-capital-flight-risks>

Bhutan seeks free trade agreement with Bangladesh

- Bangladesh has asked Bhutan to submit a proposal for a possible free trade agreement (FTA) after Bhutan expressed interest in upgrading existing bilateral trade ties from the current preferential trade agreement (PTA).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bhutan-seeks-free-trade-agreement-bangladesh-4125771>

War on Iran risks inflation and higher import costs for Bangladesh: CPD

- The ongoing US-Israel war on Iran poses serious risks to Bangladesh's economy, potentially driving up inflation and raising the import bill, said the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/war-iran-risks-inflation-and-higher-import-costs-bangladesh-cpd-4125296>

Govt forms high-level committee to assess Iran war impact on economy

- The government has formed a high-level cabinet committee to assess the possible impact of the Iran war on Bangladesh's economy and prepare a crisis management plan to maintain economic stability.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-forms-high-level-committee-assess-iran-war-impact-economy-1383011>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Banks appoint 10 international law firms**

- Banks allegedly involved in illicit transfer of funds abroad have already appointed eight to ten international law firms as renewed efforts get underway repatriating the stolen money, bankers said after a review meeting Tuesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-appoint-10-international-law-firms-1773166374>

CONSTRUCTION | Realtors seek BDT 30 Bn special fund from BB

- The Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (REHAB) has sought a BDT 30 Bn special fund from Bangladesh Bank (BB) to keep the housing sector afloat amid the ongoing US-Israel war on Iran and its potential impact. REHAB President also urged the central bank to bring down home loan interest rates to single digits so that more people can afford to buy houses.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/realtors-seek-tk-3000cr-special-fund-bb-4125711>

CEMENT | Cement sector rebounds after 3-year slump

- The country's cement sector witnessed a slight recovery in 2025 following a continuous decline for the previous three years (2022-2024). Approximately 40 Mn tonnes of cement were sold last year, marking a nearly 5.0% increase from 2024. Sector insiders note that rural infrastructure development led by the private sector has been a key driver of the growth, even as mega projects and new investments across the country have slowed. Bangladesh's per capita consumption was estimated at 223 kg in 2025 while global average consumption is nearly 600 kg.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/cement-sector-rebounds-after-3-year-slump-1773166697>

Stocks:**OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries sees BDT 490 Mn shares change hands in block trade**

- Around BDT 490 Mn worth of shares of Olympic Industries Limited changed hands in the block market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (10 March), signaling a strategic transaction involving the company's sponsor director.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-sees-tk49cr-shares-change-hands-block-trade-1383401>

UNITEDFIN | United Finance gets cenbank nod to launch Islamic window

- United Finance PLC has received in-principal approval from Bangladesh Bank to open an Islamic finance window, allowing the company to offer Shariah-compliant financial services alongside its existing conventional operations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/united-finance-gets-cenbank-nod-launch-islamic-window-1383381>

SEMLLECMF | SEML Lecture Fund to shift to open-ended scheme

- The securities regulator has approved the conversion of the SEML Lecture Equity Management Fund from a closed-end scheme into an open-ended mutual fund after the completion of its 10-year tenure. Around 93% of the unitholders supported converting the fund into an open-ended structure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/seml-lecture-fund-to-shift-to-open-ended-scheme-1773161450>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 88.36	USD 30.93	53.86%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 87.80	USD 26.95	44.29%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,194.69	USD 853.69	19.67%
DSEX	5,289.69	424.36	8.72%
S&P 500	6,781.52	-117.30	-1.70%
FTSE 100	10,412.24	480.86	4.84%
BSE SENSEX	78,205.98	-6,587.60	-7.77%
KSE-100	156,177.12	-17,877.18	-10.27%
CSEALL	22,378.52	-245.79	-1.09%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.46 BDT

1 GBP = 164.31 BDT

1 Euro = 142.18 BDT

1 INR = 1.32 BDT

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