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**Macro:****T-bill yields show mixed movement**

- The cut-off yield on the 91-day T-bills rose to 10.19% on the day from 10.17% previously, 182-day T-bills unchanged at 10.50%, while the rate on 364-day T-bills edged down to 10.67% from 10.69% earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-show-mixed-movement-1778433929>

**Megaproject worth BDT 334.75 Bn ready for ECNEC endorsement**

- A megaproject for building the Padma Barrage with an estimated cost of BDT 334.75 Bn is ready to go for endorsement at the next ECNEC meeting, officials say.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/megaproject-worth-BDT-33475b-ready-for-ecnec-endorsement-1778434146>

**Bangladesh beats China to book second slot**

- According to the latest data released by the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) under the US Department of Commerce, Bangladesh exported apparel worth USD 2.04 Bn to the US market during January-March 2026, surpassing China's exports of USD 1.70 Bn during the period.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-beats-china-to-book-second-slot-1778434468>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-fails-capture-chinas-lost-us-apparel-market-share-despite-tariff-shifts-1435506>

**Large manufacturing output shrinks nearly 10%**

- Bangladesh's large-scale manufacturing sector contracted sharply in February, weighed down mainly by a steep decline in garment production amid election-related disruptions and subdued export orders. The sector contracted by 9.74% in February of FY26 YoY.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/large-manufacturing-output-shrinks-nearly-10-per-cent-1778433063>

**Forex reserves above USD 34 Bn despite rising ACU payments**

- As per the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s BPM 6, the reserves fell to USD 29.48 Bn during the period under review from USD 30.96 Bn, according to the central bank's latest data.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-reserves-above-34b-despite-rising-acu-payments-1778433151>

**Govt to buy 3 more spot LNG cargoes by mid-June**

- State-run Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) has floated tenders to purchase the three LNG cargoes. If the tenders are successful, Bangladesh's total spot LNG purchases this year will rise to 22 cargoes, of which 20 were bought after the outbreak of the Middle East conflict. The country last awarded three spot LNG cargoes for late-May delivery windows to BP at USD 16.83-16.90 per MMBtu.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-buy-3-more-spot-lng-cargoes-by-mid-june-1778433758>

**Japanese EZ shows early promise as investment flows in**

- The Bangladesh Special Economic Zone is showing promise as a manufacturing hub, with swift land handover and private-sector efficiency drawing investments into the zone. Out of the 12 companies that have entered the zone so far, three are already in production. The pipeline highlights rising interest in sectors such as electronics, packaging, chemicals and engineering, signalling an expanding industrial base.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/japanese-ez-shows-early-promise-investment-flows-4172526>

**Sector and Industries:****BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank sees fresh momentum**

- The government has begun interviewing candidates for the post of managing director, signaling renewed movement in the operations of the newly merged Islamic bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/sammilito-islami-bank-sees-fresh-momentum-1778434337>

**RMG | BGMEA, GIZ to work for sustainable transformation**

- Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association and GIZ signed an agreement, effective from May 2026 to February 2028, to work on sustainable transformation of the country's ready-made garment sector. The BGMEA and GIZ. The partnership will focus on preparing factories to meet new European Union market requirements, including supply chain due diligence, traceability, circularity and decarbonisation.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/299374/bgmea-giz-to-work-for-sustainable-transformation>

**TEXTILE | Bangladesh should now explore premium wool market: Hatem**

- BKMEA President said Bangladesh's knitwear sector has built strong global credibility over the years, particularly in cotton-based products, and now should now explore premium and differentiated product categories, including wool and wool-rich knitwear.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/knitwear-sector-eyes-premium-wool-market-woolmark-1435391>

**TELECOM | Broadband sector set for major overhaul**

- Bangladesh is preparing a massive overhaul of the broadband internet sector in decades, as the government moves to dismantle a complex licensing regime, introduce a reseller model and attract foreign investment.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/broadband-sector-set-major-overhaul-4172536>

**TELECOM | BTRC announces 'unfiltered' data facility for Starlink**

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has announced that satellite internet provider Starlink will be granted an "unfiltered" data facility for data transit in Bangladesh, signalling a significant shift in the country's evolving internet governance framework.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/btrc-announces-unfiltered-data-facility-for-starlink-1778430262>

**Stocks:****EXCHANGE | BSEC conversion guidelines trigger surge in mutual funds**

- Mutual funds rallied strongly on May 10 after the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) issued detailed guidelines for converting closed-end mutual funds into open-end structures, raising investors' expectations of improved liquidity and potential valuation gains.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-conversion-guidelines-trigger-surge-mutual-funds-1435441>

**EXCHANGE | BSEC, CSE step up efforts to launch commodity derivatives market**

- The securities regulator and the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) are intensifying efforts to launch a commodity derivatives market, aiming to diversify the capital market, which heavily relies on equities.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-cse-step-up-efforts-to-launch-commodity-derivatives-market-1778428645>

**EXCHANGE | Textile firms struggle as yarn prices, demand weaken**

- Falling yarn prices, sluggish global demand, and elevated operating costs have dealt a severe blow to the revenue and profitability of listed textile firms in 9MFY26. A majority of the 58 listed textile companies posted lower profits, while several slipped into fresh losses and some continued to remain in the red for years. Matin Spinning, a concern of DBL Group, explained that the average selling price of cotton declined to USD 3.47 per kg from USD 3.65 per kg amid pricing pressure in the international market. According to Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data, knitwear exports dropped 6.42% to USD 15.11 Bn, while woven garment exports declined 4.48% to USD 13.46 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/textile-firms-struggle-as-yarn-prices-demand-weaken-1778428627>

**DBH | DBH Finance profit up 26pc in Q1, buoyed by higher interest income**

- DBH Finance has reported a remarkable 26% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 196 Mn in the first quarter through March this year, backed by higher net interest income and strong investment earnings.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dbh-finance-profit-up-26pc-in-q1-buoyed-by-higher-interest-income-1778428784>

**SONARBAINS | Sonar Bangla Insurance declares 10% dividend as earnings surge 245%**

- The board of directors of Sonar Bangla Insurance Limited has recommended a 10% dividend, comprising 5% cash and 5% stock, for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sonar-bangla-insurance-declares-10-dividend-earnings-surge-245-1435446>

**BRACBANK | Brac Bank digital onboarding opens 50,000 SME accounts**

- Brac Bank's Digital Onboarding platform is rapidly reshaping how small and medium enterprises access banking services in Bangladesh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/brac-bank-digital-onboarding-opens-50000-sme-accounts-1435296>

**Stock and Commodities\***

<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 98.81	USD 41.38	72.05%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 104.66	USD 43.81	72.00%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,689.68	USD 348.68	8.03%
DSEX	5,220.95	355.61	7.31%
S&P 500	7,398.93	500.11	7.25%
FTSE 100	10,233.07	301.69	3.04%
BSE SENSEX	77,328.19	-7,465.39	-8.80%
KSE-100	171,353.50	-2,700.80	-1.55%
CSEALL	23,063.98	439.67	1.94%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 122.70 BDT****1 GBP = 166.87 BDT****1 Euro = 144.43 BDT****1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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