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Macro:

Govt downsizes current budget by BDT 150 Bn, to ramp up next one

- A meeting of the committee for coordination on fiscal, monetary, and currency exchange and resource management on Monday, chaired by Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed, decided to revise down the current budget by around BDT 150 Bn from a total outlay of BDT 7.9 trillion, sources said.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-downsizes-current-budget-by-tk-150b-to-ramp-up-next-one-1762797850

Bangladesh to get duty-free access to Japan mkt for 3 yrs after graduation

- Bangladesh will continue to enjoy duty-free market access to Japan for three more years after graduating from the least-developed country (LDC) status as Tokyo has amended its tariff system to extend preferential treatment for LDCs. Once the new status takes effect, Bangladeshi garments could face tariffs ranging from 9.0% to 20%, depending on the market. The rate is 12% in the EU, 11.5% in the UK, 16.2% in Canada, 9.0% in Japan, 20% in India, and 6.7% in China.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-get-duty-free-access-to-japan-mkt-for-3-yrs-after-graduation-1762797936

Political and geopolitical risks may weigh on growth: BB

- Bangladesh's economy is projected to strengthen in the near term with the easing of inflation, exchange rates reaching stability, and adequacy in reserves, said a central bank report. However, political programmes in the run-up to the next general election and geopolitical tensions could pose risks, it said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/political-and-geopolitical-risks-may-weigh-growth-bb-4031941

Govt may cut growth target, reset inflation goal

- Following a review of the latest economic conditions, the Finance Division has proposed trimming the GDP growth target from 5.5% to 5%, according to a finance ministry official present at a meeting of the Fiscal Coordination Committee on budget matters yesterday. The Fiscal Coordination Committee has proposed raising the inflation target to 7%, above the 6.5% set out in the finance adviser's budget speech.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-may-cut-growth-target-reset-inflation-goal-4031931

BB to cut EDF size to USD 2 Bn by Dec to meet IMF conditions

- Under the USD 4.7 Bn IMF loan deal, the central bank has committed to keeping the EDF capped at USD 2 Bn until December 2026, with no plans to expand it during that period.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-cut-edf-size-2bn-dec-meet-imf-conditions-1282551

Country risks trade deals amid limited defence mechanisms

- Bangladesh is moving to sign multiple trade deals, including Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs), Free-Trade Agreements (FTAs), and Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), without sufficient preparation to protect its domestic industries through robust trade-defence mechanisms, sources say.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/country-risks-trade-deals-amid-limited-defence-mechanisms-1762797890

ECNEC okays 12 development projects worth BDT 71.5 Bn

- The government on Monday gave the nod to 12 development projects, including four revised schemes, involving a total of BDT 71.50 Bn

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/ecnec-okays-12-development-projects-worth-tk-715b-1762798325

Private sector seeks six-year delay to LDC graduation

- Top business leaders yesterday urged a visiting United Nations (UN) delegation to recommend deferring Bangladesh's graduation from the least developed country (LDC) club by five to six years. They cited current macroeconomic stress, inflated growth data under the previous government, and poor overall preparedness for the transition.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/private-sector-seeks-six-year-delay-ldc-graduation-4031916

Laldia Char Terminal boosts Ctg port’s container storage capacity by 10,000 TEUs

- Shipping Adviser Brigadier General (Retd.) M Sakhawat Hossain said that the launch of the Laldia Char Terminal has increased Chattogram Port's container storage capacity by 10,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), creating new opportunities for trade and business. The Ctg port’s capacity has risen from 56,000 TEUs to 66,000 TEUs

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/laldia-char-terminal-boosts-ctg-ports-container-storage-capacity-10000-teus-4031641

Sector & Industries:

BANK | Government may consider compensating investors: BB

- Executive Director and Spokesperson for the Bangladesh Bank (BB) Arif Hossain Khan says that the government may consider compensating general investors who have been affected by the merger of five troubled Islamic banks. Decision-makers involved in the process may consider addressing this issue from a humanitarian perspective, potentially rising above conventional accounting procedures, he added.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/government-may-consider-compensating-investors-bb-1762797814

FUEL & POWER | Adani to keep supplying power as BPDB clears USD 30 Mn dues

- Amid an ongoing payment dispute, the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) has paid USD 30 Mn to Adani Power, potentially putting an end to the looming power supply cut threatened by the Indian power giant over outstanding electricity import bills. Adani supplied 1,112MW electricity to Bangladesh at 6pm yesterday.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/adani-keep-supplying-power-bpdb-clears-30m-dues-1282526

Stocks:

MPETROLEUM | Meghna Petroleum logs record profit on higher margins, bank income

- Meghna Petroleum posted a record profit of BDT 6.64 Bn in FY25, driven by higher sales margins and substantial income from bank deposits. The annual profit grew by 23% year-on-year for the year ended in June this year, according to a stock exchange filing on Monday. With that, the company's earnings per share (EPS) rose to BDT 61.39 for FY25 from BDT 50.11 for the previous year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/meghna-petroleum-logs-record-profit-on-higher-margins-bank-income-1762791153

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POWERGRID | Power Grid swings back to profit in Q1 of FY26

- Power Grid secured a profit of BDT 3.64 Bn in the first quarter through September this year, marking a strong rebound compared to a loss of BDT 2.56 Bn in the same quarter last year, supported by higher revenue and favourable foreign exchange rates.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/power-grid-swings-back-to-profit-in-q1-of-fy26-1762791194

ORIONINFU | Orion Infusion to expand production with own funds

- Listed life-saving injectable producer Orion Infusion has planned to invest another BDT 205 Mn from its own funds to increase the production capacity of IV fluids by 30%. According to a disclosure on Monday, the company's revenue will go up by BDT 255 Mn after the implementation of the project, which is more than 30% of the revenue earned in FY24.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/orion-infusion-to-expand-production-with-own-funds-1762791212

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.95	(USD 11.48)	-16.07%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 63.88	(USD 10.51)	-14.13%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,134.95	USD 1,526.47	58.52%
DSEX	4,860.75	-355.69	-6.82%
S&P 500	6,832.47	925.53	15.67%
FTSE 100	9,787.15	1,666.14	20.52%
BSE SENSEX	83,535.35	5,335.42	6.82%
KSE-100	161,538.40	46,279.40	40.15%
CSEALL	23,502.59	7,557.98	47.40%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.15 BDT

1 GBP = 160.78 BDT

1 Euro = 141.13 BDT

1 INR = 1.38 BDT

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