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Macro:

Govt takes measures to revise Budget for FY27

- The government has imposed restrictions on new government building construction, vehicle purchases and foreign training funded by public money as part of its measures while preparing the revised budget for FY27.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/444336

Revenue shortfall exceeds BDT 500 Bn in first four months of FY27

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has fallen more than BDT 500 Bn short of its revenue collection target in 4MFY27, as sluggish economic activity and weak VAT receipts continue to weigh on tax collection despite government efforts to boost revenue.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/revenue-shortfall-exceeds-tk50000cr-first-four-months-fy27-1598891

Dollar rate crosses BDT 125 as fuel import payments rise

- Despite Bangladesh Bank's efforts to contain the exchange rate, the taka continues to depreciate as the dollar rate for remittance purchases through banking channels has crossed BDT 125. Several commercial banks bought dollars from exchange houses at BDT 125.10-125.15 (10 November).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dollar-rate-crosses-tk125-fuel-import-payments-rise-1598881

Dhaka seeks 'USD 250 Mn' ADB loan for Bangla AI, cybersecurity

- Bangladesh has sought funds from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), with potential co-financing from South Korea, for an indicative USD 250 Mn programme to develop the country's first native Bangla-language artificial intelligence (AI) model, strengthen cybersecurity, and establish technology villages.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/dhaka-seeks-250m-adb-loan-bangla-ai-cybersecurity-4320756

Matarbari power plant with own funds after Japan pullback

- Japanese financing pullback leaves the government with the option to build another 1200-megawatt coal-based power plant at the Matarbari infrastructure hub on the bay coast through self-financing, officials say.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/matarbari-power-plant-with-own-funds-after-japan-pullback

Finance Division tightens spending rules for revised budget

- The Ministry of Finance has directed all ministries and divisions to suspend or restrict expenditure in several areas, including foreign travel and vehicle purchases, as part of efforts to rein in spending in the revised budget for FY27.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/finance-division-tightens-spending-rules-revised-budget-4320411

Bangladesh, South Korea agree to finalize CEPA draft by December

- Bangladesh and South Korea have agreed to finalize the draft of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) by December this year, paving the way for its formal signing at a high-level meeting.

https://www.bssnews.net/news/444080

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank launches first integration initiative, unifying legal and investment recovery divisions of five verticals

- Sammilito Islami Bank PLC has launched the integrated operations of the Legal Divisions and Investment Recovery Divisions of its five verticals. The five separate Legal Divisions of EXIM Bank, Social Islami Bank, First Security Islami Bank, Union Bank and Global Islami Bank have been consolidated into one central Legal Division.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/sammilito-islami-bank-launches-first-integration-initiative

BANK | BB rebrands small-loan scheme as e-Loan

- Bangladesh Bank has rebranded its digital small-loan refinance scheme as “e-Loan”, backed by a revolving BDT 1.0 Bn fund, to extend formal credit to marginalised and financially excluded people.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-rebrands-small-loan-scheme-e-loan-4320336

BANK | Financial inclusion reaches 64.5% of adults, but farmers', students' savings decline

- About 64.5% of Bangladesh's adult population has access to formal financial services, but savings held by students and marginal farmers declined in 2025, highlighting uneven progress in the country's financial inclusion drive.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/financial-inclusion-reaches-645-adults-farmers-students-savings-decline-cenbank

PAINT | Technology gaps, low investment hold back local paint industry

- Local paint manufacturers have been struggling to compete with foreign brands due to low investment, high cost of raw materials, shortage of skilled workers, insufficient technical expertise and not adopting modern technology.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/321872/technology-gaps-low-investment-hold-back-local-paint-industry

ENERGY | Raise monthly LPG imports to 200,000 tonnes by Feb ’27

- The government has asked LPG operators to lift monthly imports to at least 200,000 tonnes by February 2027 as shortages and overpricing continue to hit households ahead of the winter demand peak.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/raise-monthly-lpg-imports-to-200000-tonnes-by-feb-27-1794335970

RMG | 146 RMG factories suspend work amid fresh unrest

- Industrial hubs in Ashulia and Gazipur have plunged into fresh labour unrest despite the ongoing work of the minimum wage board and an agreement to implement a new wage structure from December. The renewed tensions forced around 146 garment factories to suspend production and declare holidays on Tuesday.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/146-rmg-factories-suspend-work-amid-fresh-unrest-1598886

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC introduces single-window IPO review system

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved a single-window initial public offering (IPO) review system to make the application process more efficient, integrated and time-saving. Under the system, companies seeking to go public will submit their IPO proposals through the stock exchanges only.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bsec-introduces-single-window-ipo-review-system-4320481

EXCHANGE | BSEC gives brokers, merchant banks until 2030 to clear negative equity

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Tuesday extended the deadline until 2030 for listed stock brokers and merchant banks to adjust their negative equity and unrealised losses, with a mandatory 25 % annual provision from 2027.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bsec-gives-brokers-merchant-banks-until-2030-to-clear-negative-equity

EXCHANGE | BSEC sets 30 November deadline for bonds to move from ATB to main board

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has decided to require issuers of bonds that were approved for listing on the Alternative Trading Board (ATB) but have yet to be listed there to apply for listing on the main boards of the country's stock exchanges by 30 November 2026.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-sets-30-november-deadline-bonds-shift-atb-main-board-1598636

EXCHANGE | 43 struggling listed firms declare dividends, but sponsors and directors forgo payouts

- As many as 43 struggling listed companies have recommended dividends exclusively for general shareholders for FY26, excluding their sponsors and directors from payouts, highlighting financial pressure on the firms and their efforts to retain their stock market listing categories.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/43-struggling-listed-firms-declare-dividends-sponsors-and-directors-forgo-payouts

SQURPHARMA | Square Pharma Q1 profit rises to BDT 7.77 Bn

- Square Pharmaceuticals PLC posted higher revenue and profit for Q1FY27, with net revenue rising 4% to BDT 22.4 Bn, up from BDT 21.6 Bn recorded in Q1FY26.

https://www.tbsnews.net/node/1598531

BRACBANK | BB seeks explanation from bKash over 7,000 fake accounts

- Bangladesh Bank has sought an explanation from bKash over the detection of more than 7,000 suspected fake accounts on its platform.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-seeks-explanation-bkash-over-7000-fake-accounts-4320486

NRBCBANK | NRBC Bank to invest BDT 1.0 Bn in securities subsidiary

- NRBC Bank will invest BDT 1 Bn in its subsidiary, NRBC Bank Securities Limited, within the next 30 days.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/nrbc-bank-invest-tk-100cr-securities-subsidiary-4320456

CENTRALPHL | Auditor doubts Central Pharma’s viability

- Central Pharmaceuticals Ltd has received an adverse audit opinion on its FY26 financial statements. The auditor cited mounting financial losses, failure to repay bank loans, substantial tax claims, inadequate cash flows and the non-renewal of the company’s drug licence as major reasons for the adverse opinion.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/auditor-doubts-central-pharmas-viability-4320451

ALARABANK | Shafiuzzaman joins AIB as AMD

- Shafiuzzaman has recently joined Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC as additional managing director. During his career, he also served at ONE Bank PLC for 14 years and at Bank Asia PLC for nearly 10 years.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/321859/shafiuzzaman-joins-aib-as-amd

ROBI | Robi's tower deal: A pricing trail that raises questions

- Robi Axiata's transfer of more than 8,000 telecommunications towers to EDOTCO Group, a fellow Axiata company, between 2014 and 2018 raised questions about asset valuation, corporate governance and tax anomalies. Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) reopened the probe in March, which is still underway with its period extended.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/robis-tower-deal-a-pricing-trail-that-raises-questions-1794330642

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 86.45	USD 29.02	50.53%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 92.31	USD 31.46	51.70%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,048.50	(USD 292.50)	-6.74%
DSEX	5,436.74	571.40	11.74%
S&P 500	7,520.93	622.11	9.02%
FTSE 100	10,751.59	820.21	8.26%
BSE SENSEX	81,106.65	-3,686.93	-4.35%
KSE-100	179,335.30	5,281.00	3.03%
CSEALL	22,123.39	-500.92	-2.21%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.88 BDT

1 GBP = 166.78 BDT

1 Euro = 139.48 BDT

1 INR = 1.33 BDT

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