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International:**US says no deal so far after Iran did not accept terms**

- US Vice President JD Vance said on Sunday that his negotiating team was leaving Pakistan after not reaching a deal with Iran after 21 hours of negotiations.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/world/us-israel-war-iran/news/us-says-no-deal-so-far-after-iran-did-not-accept-terms-4149631>

Macro:**After World Bank, ADB also slashes Bangladesh growth forecast to 4 %**

- Following in the footsteps of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has lowered Bangladesh's GDP growth forecast to 4 % for the current 2025-26 fiscal year, citing global conflicts and internal economic strain.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/after-world-bank-adb-also-slashes-bangladesh-growth-forecast-to-4-per-cent>

Falling capital spending threatens growth prospects

- Bangladesh is facing mounting fiscal pressure as capital expenditure continues to decline, raising concerns over the country's growth trajectory and poverty reduction efforts.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/falling-capital-spending-threatens-growth-prospects-1775928451>

Digital banking involves fraud, cyber theft risks

- The country needs stronger preparation before issuing licences for digital banks, as the model carries risks including fraud and cyber theft, speakers observed at a conference in Dhaka on Saturday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/digital-banking-involves-fraud-cyber-theft-risks-1775928664>

Jul-Jan fiscal deficit narrows 5.0%

- Bangladesh's fiscal deficit narrowed slightly during the first seven months of the current fiscal year compared to the same period a year earlier, although government spending continued to outpace revenue collection.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/jul-jan-fiscal-deficit-narrows-50pc>

Law change paves way for former owners to reclaim distressed banks

- An amendment to the Bank Resolution Ordinance has created a legal pathway for former owners to reclaim control of distressed banks currently under resolution.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/law-change-paves-way-former-owners-reclaim-distressed-banks-1409111>

Regulatory 'time tax' holding back investment, says World Bank

- The World Bank (WB) has described regulatory burdens in Bangladesh as a tax on time and investment, saying they are holding back investment compared with peer economies.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/regulatory-time-tax-holding-back-investment-says-world-bank-4149271>

Sector and Industries:**BANKS | Commercial Bank of Ceylon plans Shariah banking rollout in Bangladesh**

- Commercial Bank of Ceylon, a Colombo-based regional bank, plans to introduce Shariah-compliant banking in Bangladesh, leveraging its reputation for stability and governance to support the broader development of the country's financial sector.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/commercial-bank-of-ceylon-plans-shariah-banking-rollout-in-bangladesh>

Stocks:**CITYBANK | City Bank posts record profit of BDT 13.24 Bn in 2025**

- City Bank PLC has reported its highest-ever profit in 2025, despite a challenging economic environment. The bank posted a consolidated net profit of BDT 13.24 Bn, registering an impressive 31 % growth from BDT 10.14 Bn in the previous year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/city-bank-posts-record-profit-of-tk-1324-Bn-in-2025>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank posts record BDT 21 Bn CASA growth in Q1

- BRAC Bank's Branch Distribution Network recorded a landmark net growth of BDT 21 Bn in Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) deposits in the first quarter of 2026, marking one of the strongest performances in this segment in the bank's history.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-posts-record-tk-21b-casa-growth-in-q1-1775926245>

KAY&QUE, ROBI | K&Q Bangladesh partners with Robi to expand digital voucher business

- K&Q Bangladesh Limited has entered into a direct operator billing agreement with Robi Axiata Limited to facilitate voucher sales for digital services such as Netflix, Google Pay and other platforms, a move expected to strengthen its revenue base and accelerate growth in the digital services segment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/kq-bangladesh-partners-robi-expand-digital-voucher-business-1409046>

ICB | ICB struggles under debt, eyes debt-equity swap to ease financial strain

- Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) is facing an uphill battle to sustain operations amid mounting debt, with officials warning that the state-run agency's survival will be difficult without immediate fiscal and policy support from the government.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/icb-struggles-under-debt-eyes-debt-equity-swap-to-ease-financial-strain-1775925873>

ABBANK | AB Bank eyes rebound on loan recovery, digital push

- Following a significant reduction in the volume of classified loans, AB Bank PLC now eyes a strong rebound, riding on robust cash recovery and intensifying its digital transformation process.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ab-bank-eyes-rebound-on-loan-recovery-digital-push-1775926048>

EXCHANGE | BSEC orders probe into Constellation Asset Management

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has ordered an investigation into Constellation Asset Management Company Limited over its prior decision to cancel the company's registration.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bsec-orders-probe-into-constellation-asset-management>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 96.57	USD 39.14	68.15%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 95.20	USD 34.35	56.45%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,749.75	USD 408.75	9.42%
DSEX	5,257.70	392.37	8.06%
S&P 500	6,816.89	-81.93	-1.19%
FTSE 100	10,600.53	669.15	6.74%
BSE SENSEX	77,550.25	-7,243.33	-8.54%
KSE-100	167,191.38	-6,862.92	-3.94%
CSEALL	22,128.66	-495.65	-2.19%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.98 BDT****1 GBP = 165.50 BDT****1 Euro = 144.18 BDT****1 INR = 1.32 BDT**

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