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### **Macro:**

#### **Govt directs NBR to outline collection plan before fiscal year ends as revenue growth slows**

- The government has asked the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to outline plans for increasing revenue collection during the remaining months of FY26. To raise the tax-to-GDP ratio to 8% in FY26, revenue collection must increase by around BDT 1.25 Tn or by 34%, although revenue collection growth has been less than 13% in 7MFY26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-directs-nbr-outline-collection-plan-fiscal-year-ends-revenue-growth-slows-1384301>

#### **Bangladesh seeks temporary US waiver to buy Russian oil: Khasru**

- Finance Minister Amir Khasru said Bangladesh has sought a temporary waiver from the United States to purchase Russian oil, similar to the exemption granted to India, amid a global fuel crisis due to tensions in the Middle East.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/bangladesh-seeks-temporary-us-waiver-buy-russian-oil-khasru-1384126>

#### **Govt to import 3 LNG cargoes at more than double price**

- The government has decided to import three LNG cargoes at more than twice the previous spot market price, which are scheduled to arrive between 5 and 13 April this year. The UK cargo will cost USD 21.58 per MMBTU, which was previously USD 10.37 from the same company back in December. Two LNG cargoes in two lots from South Korea's POSCO International Corporation will cost per USD 20.76 per MMBTU.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/govt-procure-3-cargoes-Ing-1384161>

#### **LC opening for imports posts slight growth**

- Imports posted only a slight increase in 7MFY26 as businesses remained cautious amid political uncertainty, weak domestic demand and persistent stress in the banking sector. The opening of LC rose by 2.41% to USD 42.77 Bn in 7MFY26. Bankers said that the modest growth reflects a cautious approach by importers. Although economic conditions have improved somewhat from last year's disruptions, the recovery remains fragile. Businesses continued to face tight bank liquidity, elevated borrowing costs and uncertainty over policy direction.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/293707/lc-opening-for-imports-posts-slight-growth>

#### **Readjust multilayer taxes on fuel imports**

- A prudent downward readjustment of multilayer import taxes on petroleum products or a cut in BPC profit to skirt both tax lowering and price increase is highly recommended by economists as an option to avoid the Mideast war-fuelled hikes in fuel prices. Petroleum import is the government's one the largest revenue-generating items, contributing around BDT 120 Bn annually, with a total tax incidence ranging between 30%-32% in Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/readjust-multilayer-taxes-on-fuel-imports-1773251127>

#### **ADB urges govt to make quick decision on stalled BRT project**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has urged Bangladesh's newly elected government to make a swift decision on the long-delayed Airport-Gazipur Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project, which has completed 97% of its civil works. ADB highlighted that over USD 256 Mn of the total USD 305 Mn commitment has already been disbursed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adb-urges-govt-to-make-quick-decision-on-stalled-brt-project-1773251302>

**Major economic impact unlikely in short term**

- Any significant impact of the ongoing Middle East war on Bangladesh's economy is unlikely in shorter term, a finance division assessment concludes, but predicts a bite if the conflict prolongs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/taka-falls-against-dollar-amid-surg-ing-energy-import-costs-1381146>

**Bangladesh, Indonesia move to fast-track trade pact**

- Bangladesh and Indonesia have agreed to accelerate negotiations on a Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) to expand bilateral trade and deepen economic cooperation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/foreign-policy/bangladesh-indonesia-move-fast-track-trade-pact-1384226>

**How the broadcasting industry can generate BDT 50 Bn for NBR**

- Bangladesh is one of South Asia's largest television-consuming markets, yet its broadcasting and digital content distribution industry remains structurally underdeveloped and weakly monetised, depriving the state of an estimated BDT 50 Bn in annual revenue.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/how-the-broadcasting-industry-can-generate-tk-5000cr-nbr-4126686>

**Bangladesh seeks Philippines' support on Bangladesh Bank heist issue**

- Bangladesh has sought the Philippines' continued support in advancing the legal and investigative process related to the Bangladesh Bank reserve heist during a meeting between State Minister for Foreign Affairs and Philippine Ambassador.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-seeks-philippines-support-bangladesh-bank-heist-issue-1383861>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | BB orders banks to strengthen pre-suit mediation to recover defaulted loans**

- The Bangladesh Bank has instructed banks to strengthen out-of-court dispute resolution mechanisms to accelerate the recovery of defaulted loans. The central bank has emphasized the effective use of "pre-suit mediation", encouraging banks to resolve disputes through mediation before filing cases in court.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-orders-banks-strengthen-pre-suit-mediation-recover-defaulted-loans-1384171>

**BANK | Borrowers can now lien treasury bond investments to take loans**

- Commercial banks have been allowed to lend to customers against treasury bonds held as collateral. In a circular issued, Bangladesh Bank instructed banks to provide loans of up to 75% of the face value of treasury bonds owned by customers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/borrowers-can-now-lien-treasury-bond-investment-take-loans-1383831>

**RMG | BGMEA seeks hike in cash incentives**

- Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) demanded increasing the rate of cash incentives and continue it to help the industry face the existing crisis and create new entrepreneurs. BGMEA also proposed increasing the rates of special cash assistance from 0.30% to 1.0%, alternative cash assistance in lieu of customs bonds and duty draw-backs to 2.0% from 1.5%, and 4.0% for SME industries from 3.0%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bgmea-seeks-hike-in-cash-incentives-1773253179>

**RMG | RMG exports to emerging markets fall 6% in Jul-Feb**

- Garment exports from Bangladesh to non-traditional markets, markets other than the European Union (EU), the UK, Canada, and the US, declined by 6.34% YoY to USD 4.24 Bn in 8MFY26. The total market share of garment exports to non-traditional markets stood at 16.44%.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rmg-exports-emerging-markets-fall-6-jul-feb-4126636>

**Stocks:**
**LHB | LafargeHolcim Bangladesh's profit rises 34% in 2025**

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh PLC reported strong growth in both sales and profit last year. In 2025, the company's sales rose 6% YoY to BDT 29.31 Bn, while profit surged 34% to BDT 5.10 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/lafargeholcim-bangladeshs-profit-rises-34-2025-4126421>

**PUBALIBANK | Pubali Bank decides to raise USD 100 Mn Green Bond**

- Pubali Bank PLC has approved a plan to raise USD 100 Mn through a five-year Green Bond as part of the bank's sustainable finance initiatives.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/pubali-bank-decides-raise-100m-green-bond-1384446>

**PTL | Paramount Textile's profit drops by 19% in Q2 amid lower revenue**

- Paramount Textile, a listed textile firm, has reported that its consolidated profit in the second quarter of the current fiscal year fell by 19% year-on-year due to a decline in revenue.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paramount-textiles-profit-drops-19-q2-amid-lower-revenue-1384426>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 91.74	USD 34.31	59.74%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.98	USD 31.13	51.16%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,153.62	USD 812.62	18.72%
DSEX	5,292.20	426.86	8.77%
S&P 500	6,775.79	-123.03	-1.78%
FTSE 100	10,353.77	422.39	4.25%
BSE SENSEX	76,863.71	-7,929.87	-9.35%
KSE-100	155,858.48	-18,195.82	-10.45%
CSEALL	22,351.55	-272.76	-1.21%

**Exchange Rates**

**1 US Dollar = 122.43 BDT**

**1 GBP = 163.89 BDT**

**1 Euro = 141.38 BDT**

**1 INR = 1.33 BDT**

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