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Macro:**ADB may lend USD 250 Mn for bankrolling budget deficit**

- Bangladesh expects USD 250 Mn soon from the Asian Development Bank in credit for bankrolling budget-financing shortfall, officials say, as an ADB mission is now in Dhaka reviewing country position on financial front.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/adb-may-lend-250m-for-bankrolling-budget-deficit-1762884336>

Current account slips back into deficit

- The current account balance, which records the country's transactions with the rest of the world, has slipped back into deficit, signaling renewed pressure on the external economy. During the July-September period of the current fiscal year, the current account posted a deficit of USD 481 Mn, compared with a USD 60 Mn surplus in the same period last year, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/current-account-slips-back-deficit-4032736>

Packaged food market poised to reach USD 5.8 Bn by 2030

- Bangladesh's packaged food industry is on a rapid growth trajectory, with the market projected to reach USD 5.8 Bn by 2030, said Khondaker Golam Moazzem, research director at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), yesterday, citing official data. Referring to data from the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), he stated that the industry, currently valued at USD 4.8 Bn, is witnessing steady growth, particularly in the ready-to-eat and processed food segments, as working families and younger consumers increasingly prioritize convenience.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/packaged-food-market-poised-reach-58b-2030-4032741>

Volatile credit supply besets blue economy

- Bangladesh's blue-economy-sector financing continues to crumble, reflecting an inconsistent flow of credit and a lack of bankable projects in the country's vast marine and coastal areas. According to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank, the total outstanding loans in the blue-economy-financing category under green finance stood at BDT 8.48 Bn till June 2025, up from BDT 7.51 Bn in March. The figure was well below the BDT 13.50 Bn recorded in December 2024, suggesting a notable contraction in the first half of this year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/volatile-credit-supply-besets-blue-economy-1762884720>

Sector & Industries:**TELECOMMUNICATION | Leading mobile operators push for revision of terms**

- The country's three leading mobile operators -- Grameenphone, Robi Axiata and Banglalink -- have jointly urged the telecom regulator to revise the terms of the forthcoming 700 MHz spectrum auction, warning that the current framework could discourage investment and impede efforts to expand mobile coverage in rural and underserved areas.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/leading-mobile-operators-push-for-revision-of-terms-1762884427>

BANK | OBUs can now extend trade loans via ADs of other banks

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has amended the key provisions of its directive on Offshore Banking Units (OBUs) of scheduled banks, aiming to facilitate the country's foreign trade, officials say. Under the revised provisions, OBUs can now extend trade loans not only through ADs of their own banks but also via those of others, subject to a comprehensive risk assessment, including counterparty exposure and limit evaluation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/obus-can-now-extend-trade-loans-via-ads-of-other-banks-1762884680>

BANK | LC margin rules relaxed to ensure Ramadan supply stability

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has eased the letter of credit (LC) margin requirements to ensure adequate supply and price stability of key essential commodities during the upcoming month of Ramadan. The relaxed LC margin facility will remain effective until March 31, 2026, according to the circular. The commodities covered under this facility include rice, wheat, onion, lentils, edible oil, sugar, chickpeas, peas, spices, and dates -- items whose demand typically surges during the fasting month.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/lc-margin-rules-relaxed-to-ensure-ramadan-supply-stability-1762884379>

TEXTILE, RMG | Japanese buyers keen to source high-value apparel from BD

- Japanese buyers have expressed strong interest in increasing their import of high-value and fashionable apparel from Bangladesh. A visiting delegation from Japan Textile Importers' Association (JTIA) expressed the interest during a meeting with Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) in Dhaka, reports UNB.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/japanese-buyers-keen-to-source-high-value-apparel-from-bd-1762882754>

FOOD & ALLIED | Regulatory maze chokes growth of agro-processing industry

- Bangladesh's agro-processing industry, one of the country's most promising growth sectors, is enmeshed in a web of regulatory tangles, costly testing requirements and weak coordination among government agencies, industry leaders say.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regulatory-maze-chokes-growth-of-agro-processing-industry-1762884293>

Stocks:**ENVOYTEX | Envoy Textiles' profit jumps 50% in Q1**

- Envoy Textiles reported a sharp rise in profit in the July-September quarter of fiscal 2025-26, driven by higher revenue and lower financial expenses. According to its financial statements disclosed yesterday, the company's net profit stood at BDT 0.38 Bn, up 50% year-on-year. Its revenue grew 8% to BDT 4.74 Bn, while financial expenses fell 8% to BDT 0.35 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/envoy-textiles-profit-jumps-50-q1-4032326>

MONNOCERA | Monno Ceramic's profit triples in July-Sep

- Monno Ceramic Industries posted a more than threefold rise in profit in the July-September quarter of fiscal 2025-26, driven by stronger revenue and improved operational efficiency. According to a disclosure on the Dhaka Stock Exchange yesterday, its earnings per share (EPS) stood at BDT 0.25 for the three months to September, compared with BDT 0.08 in the same period a year earlier.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/monno-ceramics-profit-triples-july-sep-4032321>

RENATA | Renata expands Nordic footprint with Parkinson's drug launch

- Renata PLC, a listed drug maker in Bangladesh, has launched Parkadin, the first and only registered generic version of Amantadine 100 mg capsules, in Finland, as well as in Denmark, Sweden and Norway, according to a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/renata-expands-nordic-footprint-parkinsons-drug-launch-4032356>

MJLBD | Market competition, weak industrial demand hit MJL Bangladesh's quarterly earnings

- According to the company's latest financial disclosures, consolidated revenue fell by 21% year-on-year to BDT 9.89 Bn, while net profit dropped by 15% to BDT 0.96 Bn during the quarter.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/market-competition-weak-industrial-demand-hit-mjl-bangladeshs-quarterly-earnings>

ICB | ICB sees BDT 12 Bn frozen in failed banks, NBFIs

- The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) is facing a heavy loss of more than BDT 12.05 Bn as it has been unable to recover any of the money invested in fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) with 12 troubled financial institutions. Of the institutions, 10 are non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) and two others are private banks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/icb-sees-tk-12b-frozen-in-failed-banks-nbfis-1762877658>

DAFODILCOM | Daffodil Computers to convert loan into equity to reduce finance cost

- Daffodil Computers has decided to increase the Daffodil Group's stake in it by converting a loan into equity instead of repaying it in cash. The founder of Daffodil Group, Md. Sabur Khan told The Financial Express that Daffodil Computers currently does not have sufficient funds to repay the loan. "The interest rate on this loan will double next year. The company is already bearing a huge financial burden. So, we have made this decision to reduce financial expenses and enable investors to receive higher dividends in the future," he said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/daffodil-computers-to-convert-loan-into-equity-to-reduce-finance-cost-1762882081>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 60.92	(USD 10.51)	-14.71%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.05	(USD 9.34)	-12.56%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,122.51	USD 1,514.03	58.04%
DSEX	4,872.77	-343.67	-6.59%
S&P 500	6,846.62	939.68	15.91%
FTSE 100	9,899.60	1,778.59	21.90%
BSE SENSEX	83,871.32	5,671.39	7.25%
KSE-100	157,870.50	42,611.50	36.97%
CSEALL	23,582.16	7,637.55	47.90%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.08 BDT

1 GBP = 160.39 BDT

1 Euro = 141.32 BDT

1 INR = 1.38 BDT

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