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Important News Snippets

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Macro:

Govt moves to waive VAT on exporters' local procurement

A government move gets going to waive value-added tax (VAT) on local procurements by exporters to enhance the global competitiveness of Bangladesh's export sector, particularly in preparation for the privilege rescinded post-LDC era.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-moves-to-waive-vat-on-exporters-local-procurement-1760200822

Deregulated imports boosting economy, pressuring reserves

• Bangladesh sees a significant rise in import orders, with a leap in September, in what is seen as an early indication of the country's economic rebound after months of recession. According to the statistics available with the Bangladesh Bank (BB), the opening of fresh LCs, generally known as import orders, increased by over 13% to USD 6.22 Bn in September from the August count of USD 5.38 Bn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/deregulated-imports-boosting-economy-pressuring-reserves-1760117919

Sector & Industries:

JUTE | Raw jute shortage deepens despite limited exports

■ Even with the government's recent restrictions on export of raw jute, the commodity has almost disappeared from local markets, leaving mills struggling to find supplies. Farmers had previously received fair prices -- BDT 3,400-3,700 per maund from August to mid-September -- but rates have now soared to BDT 4,300-4,500 per maund, according to the Directorate of Jute (DoJ).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/raw-jute-shortage-deepens-despite-limited-exports-1760201379

BANK | Net sales of savings certificates plummet 86.3% in Aug

• Net sales of national savings certificates recorded a steep 86.3% year-on-year decline in August 2025, as tighter liquidity conditions and rising living costs dampened small investors' interest in government savings instruments. According to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, the net sales of savings certificates dropped to BDT 2.79 Bn in August this year from BDT 20.36 Bn in the same month a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/net-sales-of-savings-certificates-plummet-863pc-in-aug-1760201567

RMG | Garment exports to non-traditional markets stall amid global slowdown

■ Bangladesh's readymade garment (RMG) exports to non-traditional markets recorded sluggish growth in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, reflecting persistent global demand weakness and economic uncertainty across key economies. Official data show that exports to new destinations - including Japan, Australia, India, Korea, China, Mexico, and Turkey - rose by only 0.77% year-on-year to USD 1.65 Bn during July-September quarter (Q1) of FY2025-26

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/garment-exports-to-non-traditional-markets-stall-amid-global-slowdown-1760201192



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BANK | Interbank money transactions make resounding rebound with rapid rise

■ Interbank short-term lending and borrowing on the call-money market is making a resounding rebound, with the September turnover recording a 26.6% month-on-month rise to BDT 1.47 Tn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/interbank-money-transactions-make-resounding-rebound-with-rapid-rise-1760118273?date=11-10-2025

BANK | New law to fully insure 93% of bank depositors

■ The government has approved amendments to the Deposit Protection Act, proposing an increase in the protection limit for bank deposits to BDT 0.2 Mn. Around 93% of all bank accounts in the country hold deposits within this level, according to the finance ministry's proposal for the amendments, which drew on central bank data.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/new-law-fully-insure-93-bank-depositors-4007576

Stocks:

LOVELLO | Lovello Ice Cream's income rises over 23% in Q1 on higher sales

■ Taufika Foods and Lovello Ice Cream Ltd has reported a 23.51% year-on-year rise in profit to BDT 95.14 Mn for the first quarter through September of FY26, driven by higher revenue. According to the price-sensitive information published on Saturday, the company's earnings per share (EPS) increased to BDT 1.02 in the July-September quarter of FY26, from BDT 0.91 in the corresponding period of FY25.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lovello-ice-creams-income-rises-over-23pc-in-q1-on-higher-sales-1760196525

PREMIERCEM | Premier Cement reapplies to BSEC for BDT 1.61 Bn fundraising thru preference shares

• The cement maker has urged the stock market regulator to approve its fundraising plan through issuing preference shares to high-net-worth individuals, including commercial banks, and others. Premier Cement Mills PLC, a leading cement manufacturer in the country, has submitted a fresh application to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) seeking permission to raise BDT 1.61 Bn through the issuance of preference shares.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/premier-cement-reapplies-bsec-tk161cr-fundraising-thru-preference-shares-1258266





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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 58.90	(USD 12.53)	-17.54%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 62.73	(USD 11.66)	-15.67%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,017.79	USD 1,409.31	54.03%
DSEX	5,283.72	67.28	1.29%
S&P 500	6,552.51	645.57	10.93%
FTSE 100	9,427.47	1,306.46	16.09%
BSE SENSEX	82,500.82	4,300.89	5.50%
KSE-100	163,098.19	47,839.19	41.51%
CSEALL	22,318.72	6,374.11	39.98%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.94 BDT

1 GBP = 162.84 BDT

1 Euro = 141.68 BDT

1 INR = 1.37 BDT

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