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Macro:**External debt hits record USD 115 Bn**

- Bangladesh's external debt hit a record USD 114.98 Bn, in June with rising repayments, weak revenue collection and sluggish exports straining the country's capacity to service foreign loans.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/317589/external-debt-hits-record-115b>

Fresh FDI falls 5% amid credit, banking woes

- Bangladesh's foreign direct investment (FDI) continues to weaken, with fresh foreign equity investment falling 5% year-on-year in the April-June quarter of 2026, marking a second consecutive quarterly decline.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/fresh-fdi-falls-5-amid-credit-banking-woes-1569771>

June PPI growth nearly half of CPI inflation

- Producer prices in manufacturing rose by 4.9% year-on-year in June 2026, which was significantly below consumer inflation of 9.16% that month.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/june-ppi-growth-nearly-half-of-cpi-inflation>

Marubeni eyes new investments in Bangladesh

- Japanese conglomerate Marubeni Corporation is interested in expanding its existing investments in Bangladesh and entering new industrial sectors, including fertiliser production, information technology and ship recycling.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/marubeni-eyes-new-investments-bangladesh-4296356>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Excess liquidity, weak credit demand push Treasury bill yields below 8%**

- Yields on treasury bills fell below 8% in auction for the first time since October 2023, as excess liquidity in the banking sector and weak private-sector credit demand drove down the government's short-term borrowing costs to their lowest levels in nearly three years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/excess-liquidity-weak-credit-demand-push-treasury-bill-yields-below-8-1569656>

TELECOM | 5G, 4G mobile phone penetration surges

- The number of 5G-capable mobile handsets on the networks of Grameenphone, Robi and Banglalink increased by around 46% in a year, while the number of 4G handsets also rose and 3G and 2G devices declined, according to data compiled by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/317558/5g-4g-mobile-phone-penetration-surges>

TELECOM | BTRC sets base price for lower-band spectrum

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has proposed a base price of BDT 2.14 Bn per MHz for a block of E-GSM spectrum with limited interference, a lower-frequency band that helps mobile operators extend network coverage and improve indoor connectivity.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/btrc-sets-base-price-lower-band-spectrum-4296351>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | 37 listed companies now non-operational as C&A Textiles joins the list**

- Many of these companies raised funds from the public through the stock market years ago, but later saw their financial strength wither due to sponsor disputes, financial irregularities, loan defaults or legal battles. Some organisations failed to modernise operations or lost competitiveness amid changing market conditions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/37-listed-companies-now-non-operational-as-ca-textiles-joins-the-list-1791738015>

BRACBANK, UCB | UCB Asset Management, bKash simplify mutual fund investment

- In a first for Bangladesh, UCB Asset Management has partnered with bKash to make investing in UCB Income Plus Fund. Investors of the fund can now subscribe to the fund directly through the bKash app in just a few taps. The two equity-oriented schemes managed by UCB Asset Management will join the platform soon.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ucb-asset-management-bkash-simplify-mutual-fund-investment-1791738048>

WALTONHIL | Walton Hi-Tech eyes Kenyan market, targets USD 1.5 Mn export

- Walton Hi-Tech Industries, one of Bangladesh's leading electronics manufacturers, is preparing to enter the Kenyan market through a strategic partnership with Nairobi-based North Light Holdings.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/317555/walton-hi-tech-eyes-kenyan-market-targets-15m-export>

GQBALLPEN | Econo ball pen maker returns to profit after 9 years, shares jump 6.65%

- GQ Ball Pen Industries, the maker of the once-popular Econo ballpoint pen, has returned to profitability after nine consecutive years of losses, posting a net profit of BDT 13.1 Mn in FY26 as it cuts operating costs and earns rental income from its commercial property.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/econo-ball-pen-maker-returns-profit-after-9-years-shares-jump-665-1569686>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 90.21	USD 32.78	57.08%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 103.51	USD 42.66	70.11%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,207.39	(USD 133.61)	-3.08%
DSEX	5,451.04	585.70	12.04%
S&P 500	7,811.54	912.72	13.23%
FTSE 100	10,552.05	620.67	6.25%
BSE SENSEX	72,472.33	-12,321.25	-14.53%
KSE-100	167,089.30	-6,965.00	-4.00%
CSEALL	20,316.91	-2,307.40	-10.20%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 123.25 BDT****1 GBP = 163.25 BDT****1 Euro = 138.18 BDT****1 INR = 1.27 BDT**

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