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International:**US makes tariff rethink conditional to 40% value addition requirement**

- As a major precondition for tariff rethink, the US side wanted 40% local value addition to export products as the threshold during negotiations with the Bangladeshi trade delegation. Apparel-industry leaders in Dhaka disclosed this Saturday, after the latest round of tariff-cut talks in Washington concluded inclusively Friday following some agreements and disagreements.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/us-makes-tariff-rethink-conditional-to-40pc-value-addition-requirement-1752339324>

Macro:**FDI hits 2-year high in Jan-Mar**

- Foreign investors channelled more money into their Bangladesh operations during the January to March period this year, marking a sharp rebound in foreign direct investment after years of sluggish inflows amid political uncertainty and erratic energy supplies. Foreign direct investment (FDI) rose to USD 1.58 Bn in the first quarter of 2025. Of this, USD 711 Mn was repatriated, while the remaining USD 865 Mn stayed in the country, according to the Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/fdi-hits-2-year-high-jan-mar-3938211>

Sharp 35% fall in greenfield FDI in 2024 puts Bangladesh at odds

- Greenfield foreign direct investment (FDI) into Bangladesh took a significant hit in 2024, with announced project values plummeting to USD 1.75 Bn, according to the latest World Investment Report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The 35% decline from USD 2.70 Bn in 2023 stands in stark contrast to broader regional trends.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/sharp-35pc-fall-in-greenfield-fdi-in-2024-puts-bangladesh-at-odds-1752340131>

Dollar price plummets by BDT 2.9 in a week as demand wanes

- The US dollar has experienced a significant depreciation against the taka over the past one week, with its price falling by approximately BDT 2.90. This notable decline is attributed to a decrease in dollar demand within the market, coupled with robust inflows from remittances and exports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/dollar-price-plummets-tk29-week-demand-wanes-1186771>

US buyers push Bangladeshi exporters to share extra tariff costs

- Following the United States' decision to impose a tariff of 35% on imports from Bangladesh, US buyers have largely suspended negotiations for new orders and are now asking Bangladeshi suppliers to share the cost of extra duties on shipments already in progress. Exporters in Bangladesh have reported that the new tariff, set to take effect on 1 August, will increase the total duty on most Bangladeshi products entering the US market to around 51%, combining the previous rate of nearly 16% with the new 35%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/us-buyers-push-bangladeshi-exporters-share-extra-tariff-costs-1184716>

Exporters to receive same cash incentives as last FY

- The government has decided to continue cash incentives for the export of products in 43 categories in the first six months of the 2025-26 fiscal year. According to a circular issued by the Foreign Exchange Policy Department of the central bank today (10 July), the subsidy rates announced in the last financial year for exports have not been changed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/exporters-receive-same-cash-incentives-last-fy-1185426>

Startup funding surges 12-fold in H1 2025

- Startup funding in Bangladesh have marked a significant jump during the first six months of the current year, mainly on the back of merger and acquisition (M&A) deal between a local company and a global one. Funding in such businesses reached nearly USD 119.9 Mn during the period which is almost 12 times higher than USD 9.9 Mn recorded in the first half of last year, according to data compiled by a local think tank LightCastle Partners (LCP).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/startup-funding-surges-12-fold-in-h1-2025-1752339583>

Sector & Industries:**ENGINEERING | Construction slumps as public spending slows**

- Bangladesh's construction sector, one of the country's largest sectors, is reeling from a sharp contraction in public project implementation and spending, underscoring growing stress across the broader economy, according to industry insiders and analysts.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/construction-slumps-public-spending-slows-3938216>

TEXTILE | Apparel exports to US rose 14% in FY25

- Bangladesh's garment exporters registered the highest growth in shipments to the United States (US) in the just-concluded 2024-25 fiscal year, thanks to the shifting of work orders from other countries, mainly China. Bangladesh shipped USD 7.54 Bn worth of apparel to the US in the last fiscal year, posting a 14% year-on-year growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/apparel-exports-us-rose-14-fy25-3938066>

TELECOM | New telecom policy won't force foreign firms to share ownership

- The government's new telecom licensing policy will not compel mobile operators to dispose of 15% of their ownership to local partners, said Faiz Ahmad Taiyeb, special assistant to the chief adviser with executive authority over posts, telecommunications, and ICT. "It's not an act. I'm not forcing you to dispose of the ownership. It's a direction. I'm just making a suggestion. When a company has both foreign and local ownership, it performs better," he told a roundtable yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/new-telecom-policy-wont-force-foreign-firms-share-ownership-3937896>

MFS | MFS growth slows amid data gaps, dip in remittances

- Mobile financial transactions in Bangladesh fell by 29.77% in April 2025, despite a rising number of users and continued strong demand for digital payment services. The decline was primarily driven by two factors: a temporary data reporting gap from Nagad, one of the largest Mobile Financial Services (MFS) providers, and a significant fall in remittances sent through mobile platforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/mfs-growth-slows-amid-data-gaps-dip-in-remittances-1752340358>

FUEL & POWER | Bangladesh plans to import 3 more spot LNG cargoes in Aug

- In a bid to tackle the country's worsening energy crisis, the government is planning to purchase three additional spot liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes in August to help meet the surging demand for natural gas across Bangladesh. State-run Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) has floated a tender, seeking bids for the three LNG cargoes, scheduled for delivery during August 4-5, August 21-22, and August 28-29.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-plans-to-import-3-more-spot-lng-cargoes-in-aug-1752340148>

Stocks:**EBL | Eastern Bank to issue BDT 8 Bn zero-coupon bond**

- Eastern Bank, a private sector lender, has revised its earlier decision to raise BDT 8 Bn by issuing a zero-coupon bond, instead of a floating-rate bond, for a tenure of seven years. The move aims to strengthen its capital base. The decision to issue the bond was approved by the board of directors at a board meeting held on 10 July, according to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-bank-issue-tk800cr-zero-coupon-bond-1186736>

AIL | Alif Industries again faces BSEC rejection to raise BDT 2 Bn fund

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has once again rejected Alif Industries' application to raise BDT 2 Bn by issuing shares to its directors, dealing a blow to the company's plan to revive ailing listed firm C&A Textiles.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/alif-industries-again-faces-bsec-rejection-raise-tk200cr-fund-1185461>

GIB | Global Islami Bank incurs BDT 13.08 Bn loss in 2024

- After posting substantial losses in 2023, Global Islami Bank, a private sector lender which was under the management of S Alam Group during the Awami League government's tenure, has now reported a BDT 13.08 Bn loss for 2024, driven by a sharp rise in classified loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/global-islami-bank-incurs-tk1308cr-loss-2024-1185441>

EXCHANGE | BSEC directs 44 firms to transfer BDT 10 Bn in unclaimed dividends to CMSF

- As part of efforts to recover unclaimed or undistributed dividends originally owed to investors, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has instructed 44 listed companies to transfer these funds to the Capital Market Stabilisation Fund (CMSF) without delay. In a meeting with senior officials of the firms on Thursday (10 July), the stock market regulator reiterated the directive to submit all unclaimed dividends to the CMSF — a special fund created in 2021 to manage and utilise such undistributed investor assets, according to sources.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-directs-44-firms-transfer-tk1000cr-unclaimed-dividends-cmsf-1186686>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 68.45	(USD 2.98)	-4.17%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 70.36	(USD 4.03)	-5.42%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,355.59	USD 747.11	28.64%
DSEX	5,068.04	-148.41	-2.84%
S&P 500	6,259.75	352.81	5.97%
FTSE 100	8,941.12	820.11	10.10%
BSE SENSEX	82,500.47	4,300.54	5.50%
KSE-100	134,299.77	19,040.77	16.52%
CSEALL	18,541.26	2,596.65	16.29%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.52 BDT

1 GBP = 164.47 BDT

1 Euro = 142.10 BDT

1 INR = 1.42 BDT

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