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Macro:**Tax on export incentives may double in upcoming budget**

- The National Board of Revenue is weighing doubling the source tax on export cash incentives provided by the government from 10% to 20% in the upcoming national budget, according to officials at the Ministry of Finance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/tax-export-incentives-may-double-upcoming-budget-1437491>

ADB to provide USD 100 Mn loan to strengthen Universal Pension Scheme: Khosru

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has pledged a USD 100 Mn loan to strengthen Bangladesh's Universal Pension Scheme, with a feasibility study on the initiative currently underway, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said today (12 May).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adb-pledge-100m-loan-strengthen-universal-pension-scheme-khosru-1437361>

Business leaders seek default classification after 6 months of overdue, lending rates cut to 12%

- Business leaders have demanded that overdue loans be classified as defaults after six months instead of three months. They also called for bank lending rates to be reduced to 11%-12%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/business-leaders-urge-six-month-loan-overdue-period-lower-lending-rates-12-1437366>

Another ship carrying 100,000 tonnes of crude oil to arrive at Ctg Port

- The ship, named 'MT Fossil', is carrying 100,000 tonnes of crude oil and departed for Chattogram on Monday evening, Bangladesh time.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/another-ship-carrying-100000-tonnes-crude-oil-arrive-ctg-port-1437316>

Govt eyes pension coverage for all families by 2030

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury directed authorities to work towards bringing at least one member from each of the country's nearly 4 crore families under the Universal Pension Scheme (UPS) by 2030.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-eyes-pension-coverage-all-families-2030-4174301>

Govt may raise excise duty-free deposit limit to BDT 0.5 Mn

- In order to provide relief to small savers, the government is likely to raise the excise duty exemption threshold for bank deposits in the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2026-27.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-may-raise-excise-duty-free-deposit-limit-tk-5-lakh-4174311>

Bangladesh Bank buys USD 145 Mn from banks in May to bolster reserves

- The central bank bought USD 20 Mn from a commercial bank on Tuesday at a rate of BDT 122.75 per dollar, according to officials.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bangladesh-bank-buys-145-million-from-banks-in-may-to-bolster-reserves>

Govt to buy 20 million litres of palm oil for TCB sales

- The Ministry of Finance said in an advisory on Tuesday that the oil would be purchased in 2-litre PET bottles from two domestic bidding companies through a local open tender (national) system.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-to-buy-20-million-litres-of-palm-oil-for-tcb-sales>

Remittance inflow grows 41.7% in 1st 11 days of May

- The country's remittance inflow registered a strong year-on-year growth of 41.7 percent, reaching USD 1,280 Mn in the first 11 days of May, according to the latest data released by Bangladesh Bank (BB).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-grows-417pc-in-1st-11-days-of-may>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | 39 banks launch USD 35 Mn venture capital to boost Bangladesh startups**

- The Bangladesh Startup Investment Company (BSIC), a venture capital platform formed by 39 commercial banks, plans to invest from its inaugural USD 35 Mn fund in at least three firms over the next four months, according to officials involved in the process.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/startup-investment-company-eyes-35m-funding-three-firms-four-months-1436961>

NBFI | Five troubled financial firms approved for shutdown as govt pledges funds

- The Bangladesh Bank board has given preliminary approval to shut down or liquidate five non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) heavily burdened by defaulted loans, with operations expected to begin from July after funding assurances in the upcoming national budget.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/five-troubled-financial-firms-approved-shutdown-govt-pledges-funds-1437511>

Stocks:**LHB | LafargeHolcim Bangladesh posts BDT 1120 Mn profit in Q1**

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh reported a net profit after tax of BDT 1120 Mn for the first quarter ended 31 March 2026, marking a 19% decline from the BDT 1391 Mn recorded in the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lafargeholcim-bangladesh-posts-tk112cr-profit-q1-marking-19-decline-1437421>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's profit grows 44% to BDT 6950 Mn in first quarter

- According to the bank's price sensitive statement, its consolidated earnings per share was BDT 2.90 in the first quarter, which was BDT 2.02 during the same quarter a year ago. The bank said, net profit was driven by higher interest income as well as investment income. Moreover, robust performances from the subsidiaries companies also helped to post such profit growth during the quarter compared to the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-banks-profit-grows-44-tk695cr-first-quarter-1437561>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's second subordinated bond debut on DSE's ATB platform

- BRAC Bank's second subordinated bond started trading on the Alternative Trading Board (ATB) platform of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (12 May), marking another step in the country's bond market expansion.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-banks-second-subordinated-bond-debut-dses-atb-platform-1437396>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 101.60	USD 44.17	76.91%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 107.12	USD 46.27	76.04%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,703.48	USD 362.48	8.35%
DSEX	5,229.96	364.62	7.49%
S&P 500	7,400.96	502.14	7.28%
FTSE 100	10,265.32	333.94	3.36%
BSE SENSEX	74,559.24	-10,234.34	-12.07%
KSE-100	168,916.22	-5,138.08	-2.95%
CSEALL	23,015.32	391.01	1.73%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.92 BDT****1 GBP = 166.44 BDT****1 Euro = 144.29 BDT****1 INR = 1.28 BDT**

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