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Macro:

FDI sees a modest uptick, but fresh investment still lags behind

- Foreign investment in Bangladesh rose by 11% year-on-year to USD 303 Mn in the April-June quarter of the 2024-25 fiscal year, powered by a sharp spike in reinvested earnings by existing investors as the flow of equity capital dipped. Reinvested earnings surged by 600% year-on-year to USD 168 Mn in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank (BB).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/fdi-sees-modest-uptick-fresh-investment-still-lags-behind-4008146

Bangladesh eyes EPA, FTA with EU

- Bangladesh plans to sign an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union (EU) after completing a feasibility study and reviewing bilateral trade data, as part of its broader goal to eventually move towards a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The development was discussed at a meeting between Commerce Adviser S K Bashir Uddin and an EU delegation at the Ministry of Commerce on Sunday. The EU team was led by EU Ambassador to Bangladesh Michael Miller.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-eyes-epa-fta-with-eu-1760293308

Sector & Industries:

BANK | Short-term foreign loans to private sector hit 8-month low at USD 9.55 Bn

- The stock of short-term foreign loans to the private sector fell below USD 9.55 Bn again in August this year — the lowest in the past eight months. At the end of August, the outstanding short-term foreign debt stood at USD 9.55 Bn, down from USD 9.80 Bn in January this year. Compared to August 2024, when the figure was USD 11.18 Bn, the debt dropped by 14.58% year-on-year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/short-term-foreign-loans-private-sector-hit-8-month-low-955b-1259131

BANK | BB rejects Janata Bank's request to adjust BDT 270 Bn loss at Italian subsidiary

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has turned down Janata Bank's request to adjust four years of losses at its Italian subsidiary, Janata Exchange Company (JEC) SRL, by dissolving the state-run lender's maintained provision.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/bb-rejects-janata-banks-request-adjust-tk-27cr-loss-italian-subsidiary-4008431

JUTE | Govt permits 12 firms to export 2,984 tonnes of raw jute

- The Ministry of Commerce has granted approval to 12 local companies to export a total of 2,984 tonnes of raw jute. According to the circular, the ministry approved the exports on September 30, based on applications submitted through the Bangladesh Jute Association.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-permits-12-firms-to-export-2984-tonnes-of-raw-jute-1760293133

Stocks:

DESCO | DESCO shows signs of recovery as losses shrink 75% in FY25

- The latest disclosure by Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO) reveals that it is still in the red but also shows a trend of recovery, with losses reduced by 75% year-on-year in FY25. The company's distribution margin rose in February this year-from BDT 7.02 to BDT 12.82-for every BDT 100 worth of power distributed. That helped improve earnings per share - from a loss of BDT 12.72 in FY24 to a loss of BDT 3.15 in FY25, according to a stock exchange filing on Sunday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/desco-shows-signs-of-recovery-as-losses-shrink-75pc-in-fy25-1760291054

RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics MD to buy 85,000 shares through his proprietorship

- SAK Ekramuzzaman, a sponsor shareholder and the managing director (MD) of the multinational company RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh), has declared his intention to purchase 85,000 shares of the listed entity through his proprietorship, Mohammed Trading.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rak-ceramics-md-buy-85000-shares-through-his-proprietorship-1259061

LOVELLO | Lovello Ice Cream declares 16% dividend for FY25

- The company's performance in the first quarter of FY26 showed positive momentum. EPS stood at BDT 1.02 for July-September 2025, up from BDT 0.91 in the same quarter of FY25. Taufika Foods and Lovello Ice Cream PLC has declared a 16% dividend for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2025, as part of its continued efforts to reward shareholders despite a modest drop in annual earnings.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lovello-ice-cream-declares-16-dividend-fy25-1259046

EXCHANGE | T-bill yields fall as banks park idle funds in govt securities

- Yields on treasury bills (T-bills) declined on Sunday as banks channelled their excess liquidity into government securities, amid subdued private credit demand ahead of the upcoming national elections. The cut-off yield, commonly referred to as the interest rate, on the 91-day T-bill dropped to 9.51% from 9.69% in the previous auction.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-fall-as-banks-park-idle-funds-in-govt-securities-1760293279

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.97	(USD 11.46)	-16.04%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 63.80	(USD 10.59)	-14.24%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,047.54	USD 1,439.06	55.17%
DSEX	5,202.46	-13.98	-0.27%
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 = 121.43 BDT

1 GBP = 162.15 BDT

1 Euro = 141.10 BDT

1 INR = 1.37 BDT

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