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Macro:**Positive signals on USD 4.5 Bn IMF loan**

- Preliminary discussions between Bangladesh and the Washington-based multilateral lender have figured out a USD 4.5 Bn package, although the final amount, financing terms and policy conditions have yet to be agreed, officials at the Ministry of Finance (MoF) said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/positive-signals-on-45b-imf-loan-1791827513>

Bangladesh to seek results-based financing at WB-IMF roundtable

- Bangladesh will urge the World Bank and the IMF to link development financing more closely to measurable outcomes, arguing that the key challenge is not a shortage of money but the failure to translate funding commitments into jobs and investment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-seek-results-based-financing-wb-imf-roundtable-1570611>

IMF joins WB, ADB in lowering Bangladesh growth outlook

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cut its economic growth forecast for Bangladesh in FY27 to 3.2% from 4.3% projected in April, joining other major development partners in downgrading their outlooks amid persistent economic challenges.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/imf-joins-wb-adb-lowering-bangladesh-growth-outlook-4297456>

ADB plans to lend Bangladesh USD 200 Mn

- Keeping major private-sector development (PSD)-reform agenda and deregulation measures in focus while aiming to help spur growth, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) plans to provide some USD 200 Mn to Bangladesh, officials have said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/adb-plans-to-lend-bangladesh-200m-1791827603>

USD 336 Mn Chinese loan signed for Mongla Port upgrade

- China has agreed to provide a USD 335.78 Mn concessional loan to expand and modernise Mongla Port.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/336m-chinese-loan-signed-for-mongla-port-upgrade-1791828161>

Import LCs rise 22% YoY in Sep as fuel, raw material become costlier

- Bangladesh's LCs for imports rose to USD 8.10 Bn in September, the highest monthly level in 53 months, as higher fuel and raw material prices pushed up import costs alongside a modest increase in import volumes.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/import-lcs-rise-22-yoy-sep-fuel-raw-material-become-costlier-1570931>

Debt burden grows for rural poor

- 79% of the poorest families spend over 40% of their income repaying instalments on loans from microfinance institutions and local mohajons, or informal lenders. The share of borrowers who pay over 40% of their income in instalments increased from 22% in 2010 to 41% now.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/debt-burden-grows-rural-poor-4297396>

Rising debt, weak revenue: Debt trap fears mount

- Bangladesh is borrowing more to pay its bills, repeatedly missing revenue targets and spending heavily to service past loans, raising fears that mounting debt could squeeze essential public spending and push the country towards a debt trap.

<https://tob.news/rising-debt-weak-revenue-debt-trap-fears-mount/>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Strong deposit growth fails to spur private credit: GED**

- Strong deposit growth in August has failed to spur robust private sector credit expansion, according to a government report. The report also added that it suggests that liquidity in the banking system has improved and that depositors' confidence is recovering.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/strong-deposit-growth-fails-spur-private-credit-ged-4297211>

BANK | 55 banks' lending-deposit rate gap stays above 4.0%

- Fifty-five of 61 scheduled banks have not yet narrowed their lending-deposit interest rate gap to below 4.0% despite a Bangladesh Bank directive issued two months ago. The banking sector's average interest rate spread stood at 5.67% in August, barely down from 5.70% in June.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/317729/55-banks-lending-deposit-rate-gap-stays-above-4pc>

ENERGY | Chinese, Turkish firms collect offshore bid documents; ExxonMobil, BP in talks

- International energy companies are showing renewed interest in Bangladesh's offshore oil and gas exploration, with Chinese and Turkish state-backed firms taking the lead in purchasing bid documents.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/chinese-turkish-firms-collect-offshore-bid-documents-exxonmobil-bp-talks-1570951>

RMG | Chinese RMG manufacturer to invest USD 17 Mn in Mongla EPZ

- Chinese readymade garment manufacturing company Longteng Garment Co Ltd is set to invest USD 17 Mn to establish an RMG industry at Mongla Export Processing Zone.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/317723/chinese-rmg-manufacturer-to-invest-17m-in-mongla-epz>

RMG | Bangladesh garment prices fall 8.47% in EU as Vietnam rises

- Bangladesh's average garment prices in the EU market fell 8.47% per kg between January and July 2026, while Vietnam's average garment prices rose 11.76% in the same period, according to Eurostat data.

<https://tob.news/bangladesh-garment-prices-fall-8-47-in-eu-as-vietnam-rises/>

RMG | Is Bangladesh's low-cost garment model running out of steam?

- Bangladesh's RMG sector is facing mounting challenges as international clothing retailers and brands diversify their sourcing destinations. Rising production costs, energy shortages, geopolitical tensions and uncertainty over preferential market access after the country's graduation from the least developed country (LDC) category are putting pressure on exporters.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-low-cost-garment-model-running-out-steam-4297236>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | BSEC to unveil draft IPO policy reforms for public feedback soon**

- BSEC Chairman said the draft of the revised IPO policy had been prepared and would be published on the commission's website soon to seek public feedback. The proposed reforms also include easing direct listing rules, strengthening the verification of companies' financial statements and audit documents, launching a derivatives market, and expanding open-ended mutual funds.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/434129>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank allowed to appoint up to three directors from a single shareholder

- BRAC Bank has been granted permission to appoint up to three representative directors on behalf of a single shareholder company, following Bangladesh Bank's relaxation of a provision of the Bank Company Act, 1991. A single institution or company is not permitted to appoint more than one representative director to a bank's board.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/brac-bank-allowed-appoint-three-directors-single-shareholder-1570806>

ITC | Q-Cash operator IT Consultants' profit drops 14% in FY26 amid lower transaction volumes

- IT Consultants PLC, operator of the Q-Cash electronic payment network, reported a 14.09% year-on-year decline in profit in FY26 as financial constraints at member banks reduced transaction processing volumes. The company's EPS fell to BDT 3.11 FY26 from BDT 3.62 a year earlier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/q-cash-operator-it-consultants-profit-falls-14-fy26-1569876>

SPCERAMICS | Two Beximco firms get BB lifeline to keep business going

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed lending restrictions for two loan-defaulting companies, Beximco LPG Unit-1 and Shinepukur Ceramics, of the Beximco Group to help them maintain regular business operations. The relaxation of the restrictions will remain in force until December 31, 2027.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/two-beximco-firms-get-bb-lifeline-keep-business-going-4297226>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 92.52	USD 35.09	61.10%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 105.40	USD 44.55	73.21%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,181.77	(USD 159.23)	-3.67%
DSEX	5,404.87	539.53	11.09%
S&P 500	7,807.24	908.42	13.17%
FTSE 100	10,656.28	724.90	7.30%
BSE SENSEX	71,924.68	-12,868.90	-15.18%
KSE-100	165,124.40	-8,929.90	-5.13%
CSEALL	20,260.06	-2,364.25	-10.45%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.11 BDT

1 GBP = 162.63 BDT

1 Euro = 137.39 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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