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Macro:**IMF warning puts Bangladesh's fiscal buffers in focus**

- Bangladesh's reliance on imported energy, rising debt-servicing costs and limited fiscal room highlight the vulnerabilities that IMF says are leaving emerging and frontier economies increasingly exposed to global shocks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/imf-warning-puts-bangladeshs-fiscal-buffers-in-focus-1791915962>

IMF warns Bangladesh's inflation may hit 10.9% in FY27, highest in 16 years

- Bangladesh is heading for a possible 16-year high in inflation, with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) projecting it to reach 10.9% in the current FY27 fiscal year, a sharp reversal from the 6% forecast it made just six months ago. Bangladesh last recorded a similar annual average in FY2010-11, when inflation reached 10.92%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-warns-bangladeshs-inflation-may-hit-109-fy27-highest-16-years-1571386>

Bangladesh pledges faster project delivery to secure USD 10 Bn in WB loans

- Bangladesh has pledged to slash project implementation timelines for World Bank-funded initiatives from seven years to five and streamline the approval process from 18 months to just eight, as it seeks to secure USD 10 Bn in additional loan assistance over the next three years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-pledges-faster-project-delivery-secure-10b-wb-loans-1572111>

Bangladesh to seek special concessional loans from Japan until 2029

- Bangladesh will request Japan to introduce a country-specific "transitional concessional window" to provide Bangladesh with low-interest loans at least until 2029, as interest rates on loans under the official development assistance (ODA) programme have risen significantly, officials at the Economic Relations Division (ERD) said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bangladesh-seek-special-concessional-loans-japan-until-2029-1572121>

Remittances hit USD 25.74 Bn as 443,000 workers head abroad in eight months

- Bangladesh received USD 25.74 Bn in remittances in the eight months leading up to October 10, while 443,021 workers secured overseas jobs in 109 countries.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/remittances-hit-2574b-as-443000-workers-head-abroad-in-eight-months>

Bangladesh seeks CEPA with Oman to narrow trade deficit

- Bangladesh emphasised signing a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with Oman to reduce the bilateral trade deficit, increase exports of Bangladeshi products and expand investment.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/317880/bangladesh-seeks-cepa-with-oman-to-narrow-trade-deficit>

BBS rolls out digital inflation reporting in Jan'27

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is set to publish inflation data through a digitised collection system from January 2027, a move expected to accelerate the release of consumer price figures and improve confidence.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bbs-rolls-out-digital-inflation-reporting-in-jan27-1791916102>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Administrator to oversee Janata Bank's UAE outfit winding-down**

- Local regulator has set an administrator to oversee the winding-down of Bangladesh's state-owned Janata Bank operations in the UAE, despite the dispatch of USD 81.68 Mn as capital-adequacy bail-in fund, sources said. But the Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates (CBUAE) declined to accept the offer and appointed Crowe UAE, an audit and consulting firm, as the administrator.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/administrator-to-oversee-janata-banks-uae-outfit-winding-down-1791915160>

ENERGY | Petrobangla extends offshore oil, gas bidding deadline to March 31, 2027

- Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) on Tuesday extended the deadline for submitting bids under the offshore oil and gas exploration and development tender by four months, pushing the final date from November 30 this year to March 31, 2027.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/petrobangla-extends-offshore-oil-gas-bidding-deadline-to-march-31-2027>

RMG | Bangladesh's non-cotton garment exports on the rise

- The share of non-cotton garments in Bangladesh's total garment exports rose to 30.7% in 9M2026, thanks to rising demand from international clothing retailers and brands.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-non-cotton-garment-exports-the-rise-4297911>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | BSEC tightens cash dividend rules**

- Companies must deposit the full declared cash dividend into a separate bank account at least a day before the annual general meeting and obtain a bank certificate, attested by the managing director, chief financial officer and company secretary.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/317876/bsec-tightens-cash-dividend-rules>

REGULATOR | 9 firms to face punitive action for failing to pay approved cash dividends

- The securities regulator has decided to punish nine listed companies for failing to complete the distribution of cash dividends for FY25. They are Aftab Automobiles, Navana CNG, Fortune Shoes, Intraco Refuelling Station and Advent Pharma. The remaining four companies, which are listed on the SME board, are Master Feed Agrotec, Krishibid Seed, BD Paints and Krishibid Feed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/9-firms-to-face-punitive-action-for-failing-to-pay-approved-cash-dividends-1791910857>

REGULATOR | BSEC fines two BDT 2.0 Mn over Rahima Food share manipulation

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed a combined fine of BDT 2.0 Mn on an investor and an insider of Rahima Food Corporation Limited for alleged stock price manipulation through wash trading and insider trading during a restricted period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-two-tk20-lakh-over-rahima-food-share-manipulation-1571981>

EXCHANGE | Chittagong bourse to issue 30 new TRECs to expand commercial operations, commodity market

- Chittagong Stock Exchange has decided to issue 30 new Trading Right Entitlement Certificates (TRECs) to eligible domestic and foreign corporate entities to expand its commercial operations and broaden market participation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/chittagong-bourse-issue-30-new-trecs-expand-commercial-operations-commodity-market>

APEXFOODS, APEXSPINN | Apex Foods, Apex Spinning announce 20% cash dividend

- Apex Foods has declared a 20% cash dividend for shareholders. The company reported earnings per share (EPS) of BDT 14.21 for the fiscal year. Apex Spinning has also announced a 20% cash dividend, with EPS of BDT 3.38 during the period.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/317865/apex-foods-apex-spinning-announce-20pc-cash-dividend>

DESCO | DESCO returns to profit in FY26

- Dhaka Electric Supply Company, the state-owned, stock-market-listed power distributor, returned to annual profitability in the 2025–26 fiscal year despite incurring losses in the second half, prompting its board to recommend a 5% cash dividend for shareholders after a two-year hiatus.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/317864/desco-returns-to-profit-in-fy26>

WALTONHIL | IDCOL to give BDT 1.44 Bn for Walton solar project

- The state-owned Infrastructure Development Company Limited will finance Walton's Hi-Tech Industries 50 MW solar power project, marking one of the largest rooftop and floating solar investments by a private manufacturer.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/317873/idcol-to-give-tk-144cr-for-walton-solar-project>

NBL | Sonali Bank lends BDT 70 Bn to NBL

- State-owned Sonali Bank has lent BDT 70 Bn to financially troubled National Bank for three months, with Bangladesh Bank providing a full guarantee to repay the amount if the private bank fails to do so.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/317882/sonali-bank-lends-tk-7000cr-to-nbl>

LRBDL | Cash-strapped Lub-rref gets nod to pivot IPO funds for survival

- Lub-rref (Bangladesh) PLC has received regulatory approval to use its unutilised initial public offering (IPO) proceeds to meet working capital needs as the listed lubricant manufacturer grapples with mounting losses, a liquidity crunch and production constraints.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cash-strapped-lub-rref-gets-nod-pivot-ipo-funds-survival-1571966>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 95.32	USD 37.89	65.98%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 106.95	USD 46.10	75.76%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,165.89	(USD 175.11)	-4.03%
DSEX	5,408.90	543.56	11.17%
S&P 500	7,805.45	906.63	13.14%
FTSE 100	10,650.33	718.95	7.24%
BSE SENSEX	73,033.78	-11,759.80	-13.87%
KSE-100	164,776.40	-9,277.90	-5.33%
CSEALL	20,077.48	-2,546.83	-11.26%

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