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Macro:**ACC approves case against S Alam Group, Zaman Syndicate**

- The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on Sunday approved filing a case against the "Zaman Syndicate," linked to Nabil Group, and officials of S Alam Group, over a BDT 10.08-Bn-loan fraud and money laundering at Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC's Pabna branch.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/acc-approves-case-against-s-alam-group-zaman-syndicate-1765740119>

Thailand looks to sign free trade deal with Bangladesh

- Thailand has expressed strong interest in opening negotiations on a bilateral free-trade agreement with Bangladesh, a move that could significantly expand trade and encourage Thai investment, as Dhaka intensifies efforts to deepen economic and diplomatic engagement with South-east Asia.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/thailand-looks-to-sign-free-trade-deal-with-bangladesh-1765740070>

Bangladesh Railway planning 2 new projects of BDT 333.08 Bn

- Bangladesh Railway (BR) plans to take on 19 new projects, including two on the Dhaka-Chattogram corridor involving BDT 333.08 Bn, to improve the train-movement capacity of its eastern and western zones. It has already spent over BDT 100 Bn on developing double lines on the 321km Dhaka-Chattogram section during the Awami League government's term, instead of laying dual-gauge tracks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-railway-planning-2-new-projects-of-tk-33308b-1765739935>

Levying fees on state guarantees against risk-laden loans likely

- A government move gets underway for revising the fee structure for state guarantees against both foreign and domestic loans to introduce a risk-based pricing mechanism to reduce fiscal exposure and strengthen financial discipline in borrowing institutions. Officials say the move is intended to better reflect credit risk while safeguarding public finances from mounting contingent liabilities.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/levying-fees-on-state-guarantees-against-risk-laden-loans-likely-1765739655>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | RMG labour unrest likely before polls**

- An intelligence agency has warned of a high possibility of widespread labour unrest and instability in the readymade garment (RMG) sector, the country's largest export industry and employer of around four Mn workers, ahead of the national elections. The National Security Intelligence (NSI) report highlights a growing crisis driven by multiple factors, including the global economic downturn, US countervailing duties, post-July uprising labour conditions, and soaring production costs, which have already led to the closure of several garment factories.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rmg-labour-unrest-likely-before-polls-1765739988>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Army entity gets telecom infrastructure licence

- The government has given approval for a national telecom infrastructure licence for Army Transmission Company Ltd, clearing the way for it to build an optical fibre network and communication towers across the country.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/army-entity-gets-telecom-infrastructure-licence-4058596>

BANK | One-third of local private banks keep NPLs below 10%

- Seventeen domestic banks have managed to keep their balance sheets relatively clean, with non-performing loans (NPLs) below 10 %, at a time when most of their market peers are struggling with soaring bad debt, according to central bank data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/one-third-local-private-banks-keep-npls-below-10-4058581>

RMG | Garment exports to alternative markets fall over 3% in FY26

- Bangladesh's garment exports to non-traditional markets such as Australia, India, South Korea and Russia have declined sharply, with overall shipments to these destinations falling by more than 3% in the first five months of the current fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/garment-exports-alternative-markets-fall-over-3-fy26-1309956>

TELECOMMUNICATION | BPCS, Nokia ink SLTE deal, paving way for Bangladesh's 1st private submarine cable network

- Bangladesh took a step towards its first privately led submarine cable project yesterday as the Bangladesh Private Cable System (BPCS) Consortium signed an agreement with Nokia to supply Submarine Line Terminal Equipment (SLTE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/telecom/bpcs-nokia-ink-slte-deal-paving-way-bangladeshs-1st-private-submarine-cable>

Stocks:**FIRSTSBANK | First Security Islami Bank reveals true financial health**

- First Security Islami Bank has shocked its stakeholders by revealing a staggering loss of BDT 575.8 Bn for the first nine months of 2025, significantly increasing the losses previously reported for the same period.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/first-security-islami-bank-reveals-true-financial-health-1765738324>

GHCL | Global Heavy Chemicals incurs BDT 60 Mn loss in Q1 of FY26

- The company reported a net loss of BDT 61 Mn , keeping earnings per share (EPS) negative despite a marginal improvement

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/global-heavy-chemicals-incurs-tk6cr-loss-q1-fy26-1309966>

EXCHANGE | T-bill yields rise ahead of year-end closing

- Yields on treasury bills (T-bills), particularly long-term ones, rose on Sunday as banks appeared reluctant to park excess liquidity in government securities ahead of the year-end closing. The cut-off yield on 91-day T-bills remained unchanged at 10.55 %, while the yield on 182-day T-bills rose to 10.57 % from 10.21 %. Meanwhile, the yield on 364-day T-bills edged up slightly to 10.70 % from 10.69 %, according to auction results.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-rise-ahead-of-year-end-closing-1765740155>

EXCHANGE | DSE to launch trading of preference shares for the first time tomorrow

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is set to make history as it launches secondary market trading of preference shares tomorrow (15 December) for the first time, marking a significant step in diversifying instruments available in Bangladesh's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-launch-trading-preference-shares-first-time-tomorrow-1310021>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 57.69	(USD 13.74)	-19.24%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 61.40	(USD 12.99)	-17.46%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,321.09	USD 1,712.61	65.66%
DSEX	4,932.97	-283.48	-5.43%
S&P 500	6,827.41	920.47	15.58%
FTSE 100	9,649.03	1,528.02	18.82%
BSE SENSEX	85,267.66	7,067.73	9.04%
KSE-100	169,864.53	54,605.53	47.38%
CSEALL	22,508.26	6,563.65	41.17%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.07 BDT****1 GBP = 163.22 BDT****1 Euro = 143.44 BDT****1 INR = 1.35 BDT**

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