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## Macro:

### Expanding services sector grows 11.5% in FY26

- The services sector, which accounts for more than half of Bangladesh's gross domestic product (GDP), continued to expand in the fiscal year 2025-26, with its size rising to BDT 32.06 Tn from BDT 28.75 Tn a year earlier.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/expanding-services-sector-grows-115pc-in-fy26

### Gross forex reserves rise to USD 37.11 Bn

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 37.11 Bn (gross), according to the latest data released by Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Thursday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/gross-forex-reserves-rise-to-3711b

### Bangladesh Bank streamlines foreign exchange rules for imports

- Bangladesh Bank has issued a consolidated circular incorporating the latest foreign exchange regulations governing import transactions.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-bank-streamlines-foreign-exchange-rules-for-imports

### Adamjee EPZ sets sight on USD 1.5 Bn export mark

- Adamjee Export Processing Zone (EPZ) exported goods worth USD 1.179 Bn in FY2025-26 according to the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/adamjee-epz-sets-sight-on-15b-export-mark

### Dollar rates ease in banks, stays costly outside as remittance surges

- The dollar has continued to lose ground against the taka as remittance inflows rise and import spending trends lower. On Thursday, the dollar traded as high as BDT 123.41, as low as BDT 123.05, with an average rate of BDT 123.20. A week earlier, the average was BDT 123.81.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dollar-rates-ease-in-banks

### Some relief for businesses as total gas supply improves

- Overall natural-gas output increased from early hours of Saturday with resumption of operation of both the FSRUs in a major boost to industries, power plants, households and other gas-guzzling consumers across Bangladesh.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/some-relief-for-businesses-as-total-gas-supply-improves

### Bangladesh more a target than user of anti-dumping: BFTI study

- Bangladesh has barely used its three trade remedy tools - anti-dumping, countervailing duty and safeguard measures - against unfair imports even as it remains a frequent target of such measures abroad, a Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute (BFTI) study has found.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-more-target-user-anti-dumping-bfti-study-4248516

## Sector and Industries:

### PAYMENT | BB set to introduce person-to-person money transfer through Bangla QR

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is set to introduce person-to-person (P2P) money transfers through Bangla QR codes, expanding the digital-payment facility beyond commercial transactions. Under the new system, each individual will have a Bangla QR code that can be scanned to transfer money instantly between bank accounts and mobile financial service (MFS) accounts.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bb-set-to-introduce-person-to-person-money-transfer-through-bangla-qr

### PAYMENT | Credit card transactions surge 43.24% YoY to BDT 44.61 Bn

- Credit card usage across Bangladesh experienced sharp growth in June FY26, with overall transaction volume surging 43.24% year-on-year to BDT 44.61 Bn, up from BDT 31.14 Bn in June FY25. Parallelly, total credit card outstanding debt reached BDT 134.44 Bn by May FY26, representing a 50.41% expansion over three years.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/417378/credit-card-transactions-surge-43.24%25-yoy-to

### PAYMENT | Bangladeshi cardholders spend over BDT 10 Bn abroad in June: Bangladesh Bank

- The central bank report shows that Bangladeshi citizens spent 4.29 times more abroad using cards than foreign nationals spent using cards in Bangladesh during the same month.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladeshi-cardholders-spend-over-tk-10b-abroad-in-june-bangladesh-bank

### TELECOM | BTRC seeks in-depth study on industry to optimise opportunities

- Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) Chairman has called for an in-depth study on Bangladesh’s mobile industry to optimise business opportunities alongside digital transformation and support informed decisions on spectrum pricing and services.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/btrc-seeks-in-depth-study-on-industry-to-optimise-opportunities

### TELECOM | Adviser urges operators not to be tense over spectrum renewal

- Prime minister’s Adviser on Posts, Telecommunications and IT has urged mobile operators not to be tensed over the upcoming spectrum renewal, saying the renewal involves only around 20% of the total spectrum currently assigned to four operators. He said 406 MHz of spectrum is currently assigned to four operators, while 79.4 MHz is due for renewal in 2026, with the next renewal beginning in November 2026 and continuing through 2034.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/310000/adviser-urges-operators-not-to-be-tense-over-spectrum-renewal

### TELECOM | BTRC allocates 10 MHz spectrum to Teletalk

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has formally approved the allocation of 10 megahertz of spectrum in the 700 MHz band to state-owned Teletalk Bangladesh, with the spectrum valued at BDT 23.70 Bn for a 15-year term.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/btrc-allocates-10-mhz-spectrum-to-teletalk

### RMG | Bangladesh apparel exports to EU fall 16.4% in H1 2026

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the European Union fell 16.43% year-on-year to EUR 8.64 Bn in the first half of 2026, amid a broader contraction in the bloc's apparel import market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bangladeshs-apparel-exports-eu-fall-1643-y-o-y-h1-1515876

### RMG | Garment exporters seek facility to pay July–August gas, electricity bills in installments

- The extension of time and installment facility would enable them to sustain production and export operations while safeguarding workers' employment.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/garment-exporters-seek-facility-pay-july-august-gas-electricity-bills-installments

### PORT | Four new ICDs being built around seaport

- Four new private inland container depots (ICDs) with a combined capacity of about 22,000 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs), are set to begin operation within a 20-km radius of the prime port, according to industry officials.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/four-new-icds-being-built-around-seaport

### ENERGY | Rooppur power unlikely to join grid in August

- Despite earlier assurances, the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant is unlikely to begin trial power generation this month, with uncertainty also looming over whether 300MW of electricity can be supplied to the national grid in September.

https://tob.news/rooppur-power-unlikely-to-join-grid-in-august/

### ENERGY | BPC seeks BDT 76 Bn as subsidy for April-May

- Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has sought some BDT 76 Bn as subsidy since the state entity had incurred as much loss selling fuel oils at "lower than the sourcing price" during April and May this year.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bpc-seeks-tk-76b-as-subsidy-for-april-may

### ENERGY | Chinese solar firms eye bigger role in Bangladesh’s renewable goals

- Chinese solar technology companies are seeking to expand their role in Bangladesh’s renewable energy transition, as the country prepares for a major increase in solar generation and local businesses also move to tap into the emerging market.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/309858/chinese-solar-firms-eye-bigger-role-in-bangladeshs-renewable-goals

### NBFI | BB moves to liquidate five NBFIs with BDT 20.0 Bn from govt fund

- The central bank plans to seek BDT 20.0 Bn from the government's budget allocation to liquidate five non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) that are already declared non-viable. The central bank recently brought four NBFIs under the Bank Resolution framework, declaring them non-viable. People's Leasing and Financial Services, placed under liquidation in 2019, is also expected to be included in the current plan, subject to a court decision.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-moves-liquidate-five-nbfis-tk2000cr-govt-fund-1514701

### INSURANCE | IDRA plans new rules for CEO vacancies over 6 months

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority is going to introduce new rules where if a company fails to appoint a regular CEO within six months of a vacancy, the regulator will send two candidates details to the company from the regulatory pool. The board of directors must then propose one of the two candidates to the regulator for appointment.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/309855/idra-plans-new-rules-for-ceo-vacancies-over-6-months

**Stocks:**

### EXCHANGE | MSCI to end 3-year special treatment of Bangladesh in November

- Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) will end its more than three-year special treatment of Bangladesh's capital market in the November 2026 Index Review, paving the way for the resumption of normal index reviews and corporate-event implementation for Bangladeshi securities

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/morgan-stanley-ends-3-year-pause-bangladesh-index-reviews-resume-nov-1514621

### EXCHANGE | City Group to raise BDT 15 Bn from market for working capital, debt repayment

- City Group plans to raise around BDT 15 Bn from the secondary market at a time when it is heavily burdened with bank loans, straining its capacity to continue operations.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/city-group-to-raise-tk-15b-from-market-for-working-capital-debt-repayment

### EXCHANGE | CSE fully ready to launch commodity exchange, says MD

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) is fully prepared to launch a commodity exchange, with preparations across the market ecosystem in their final stage, the bourse's Managing Director has said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cse-fully-ready-launch-commodity-exchange-says-md-4248566

### EXCHANGE | DSE persists with costly OMS for small brokers

- The Dhaka bourse continues to incur an annual cost of USD 1.1 Mn to maintain its Order Management System (OMS) even though over 70% market turnover is executed by large houses using their own OMS.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dse-persists-with-costly-oms-for-small-brokers-1786810810

### REGULATOR | BSEC ponders removing duplication in its education function

- The securities regulator considers closing its academic wing - Bangladesh Academy for Securities Markets (BASM) – in order to streamline its education and training functions.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-ponders-removing-duplication-in-its-education-function

### REGULATOR | BSEC eases mutual fund custodian rules for foreign banks

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has resolved a technical bottleneck that had been hampering foreign-owned banks serving as custodians for mutual funds.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-eases-mutual-fund-custodian-rules-foreign-banks-1514581

### REGULATOR | BSEC rejects Brain Station 23's bid to convert SME listing into IPO

- Brain Station 23 PLC cannot convert its existing application to list on the SME Board through a Qualified Investor Offer (QIO) into an initial public offering (IPO) application for the main market, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-rejects-brain-station-23s-bid-convert-sme-listing-ipo-1514591

### IDLC | IDLC brings instant FDR opening to bKash app

- IDLC Finance PLC and bKash Limited, two of the country's leading financial service providers, have jointly launched a digital fixed deposit receipt (FDR) service, making it easier for customers to save through fixed-term deposits.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/idlc-brings-instant-fdr-opening-bkash-app-4248571

## CITYBANK | City Bank eyes BDT 30 Bn capital ceiling, plans to expand board

- The board of directors of City Bank PLC has proposed increasing the bank's authorised capital by 50% to BDT 30 Bn, creating room to strengthen its paid-up capital amid new Bangladesh Bank dividend requirements.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-eyes-tk3000cr-capital-ceiling-plans-expand-board-1515896

## CITYBANK | IDCOL, City Bank to provide BDT 2,590 Mn financing to Pearl Global

- Infrastructure Development Company Limited and City Bank PLC marked the closing of a BDT 2,590 Mn term loan facility extended to Norp Knit Industries Limited (Unit 3) and Prudent Fashions Limited (Unit 2), two concerns under Pearl Global's Bangladesh operations.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/309760/idcol-city-bank-to-provide-tk-2590m-financing-to-pearl-global

## DHAKABANK | Dhaka Bank to raise BDT 3 Bn via perpetual bond to bridge capital gap

- Dhaka Bank PLC has decided to raise BDT 3 Bn through the issuance of a contingent-convertible perpetual bond to strengthen its capital base and ensure compliance with international Basel-III standards.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-bank-raise-tk300cr-perpetual-bond-bridge-capital-gap-1515921

## PHOENIXFIN | Phoenix Finance's depository participant registration suspended for failure to renew documents

- The Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) has suspended the depository participant registration certificate of Phoenix Finance and Investments Limited for failing to submit the required documents for renewal on time.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/phoenix-finances-depository-participant-registration-suspended-failure-renew

## BSC | BSC plans to buy 2 tankers worth BDT 14.58 Bn

- The Planning Commission is set to place a BDT 14.58 Bn project to purchase two product oil tankers for the Bangladesh Shipping Corporation. Each tanker will have a capacity of between 40,000 and 55,000 deadweight tonnes and will carry refined petroleum products and other permissible liquid cargoes.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/309768/bsc-plans-to-buy-2-tankers-worth-tk-1458-crore

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**Stock and Commodities***

| Index Name | Close Value | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crude Oil (WTI)* | USD 82.40 | USD 24.97 | 43.48% |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 88.52 | USD 27.67 | 45.47% |
| Gold Spot* | USD 4,376.40 | USD 35.40 | 0.82% |
| DSEX | 5,883.91 | 1,018.58 | 20.94% |
| S&P 500 | 7,785.76 | 886.94 | 12.86% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,750.11 | 818.73 | 8.24% |
| BSE SENSEX | 78,009.25 | -6,784.33 | -8.00% |
| KSE-100 | 180,104.60 | 6,050.30 | 3.48% |
| CSEALL | 21,623.17 | -1,001.14 | -4.43% |

**Exchange Rates**

**1 US Dollar = 123.23 BDT**

**1 GBP = 166.76 BDT**

**1 Euro = 142.56 BDT**

**1 INR = 1.29 BDT**

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