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Macro:**7,132 US products to get duty-free access; Bangladesh restricted with 2,500 items under reciprocal deal**

- Under a recent reciprocal trade deal signed with US, Bangladesh will grant duty-free access to 7,132 American products, while 2,500 Bangladeshi products will get the same privilege into the world's largest economy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/7132-us-products-get-duty-free-access-bangladesh-restricted-2500-items-under-reciprocal-deal>

Taskforce for skewed trade tax restructuring

- National Task Force for Tax Reforms (NTFTR) has recommended a gradual reduction in the share of trade taxes in total revenue from the current 28% to about 7.5% by 2035, in line with international best practices.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/taskforce-for-skewed-trade-tax-restructuring-1771178980>

Imported goods push up inflation in Oct-Dec

- The contribution of imported goods to inflation rose in the October-December quarter of the ongoing fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26), reflecting higher prices of items brought from abroad.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/imported-goods-push-inflation-oct-dec-4107056>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Agent banking credit expands as rural demand picks up**

- The loan-to-deposit ratio (LDR) in agent banking surged to 70.44% YoY in Q4'2025, indicating a gradual rise in credit disbursements in rural areas. BB attributed this growth to increased interest among banks in developing feasible infrastructure for loan disbursement and recovery through agent outlets. Currently, 23 out of 30 banks are involved in lending through agent banking.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/agent-banking-credit-expands-rural-demand-picks-4107046>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Teletalk to get spectrum despite BDT 55.0 Bn dues

- The government has directed the telecom regulator to allocate a majority share of the remaining 700 MHz spectrum to state-owned operator Teletalk Bangladesh, despite the company having more than BDT 55.0 Bn in unpaid spectrum fees and other liabilities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/teletalk-get-spectrum-despite-tk-5500cr-dues-4107051>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | DSE, IIX sign MoU to introduce Orange bonds, Sukuk**

- Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC (DSE) and Impact Investment Exchange (IIX) on Sunday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate on introducing and promoting Orange capital instruments, including Orange Bonds and Sukuk, in Bangladesh's capital market.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/dse-iix-sign-mou-to-introduce-orange-bonds-sukuk>

AFTABAUTO, NAVANACNG | Dividend disbursement lapses push Aftab Auto, Navana CNG into Z category

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) downgraded two companies—Aftab Automobiles and Navana CNG—to the Z category for failing to disburse approved dividends to their shareholders within the stipulated timeframe.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dividend-disbursement-lapses-push-aftab-auto-navana-cng-z-category-1362706>

PRIMEBANK, EBL | Prime Bank CEO resigns, set to join Eastern Bank as MD

- Hassan O Rashid, chief executive officer (CEO) of Prime Bank, has resigned from his post, the bank said. From 1 April, the bank's current additional managing director, Faisal Rahman, will serve as acting CEO. Sources at Eastern Bank said the leading private lender has decided to appoint Hassan O Rashid as its next managing director (MD). The tenure of the bank's current MD, Ali Reza Iftekhar, will end on 19 April.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/prime-bank-ceo-resigns-set-join-eastern-bank-md-1362746>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.92	USD 5.49	9.56%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.78	USD 6.93	11.39%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,995.81	USD 654.81	15.08%
DSEX	5,600.66	735.32	15.11%
S&P 500	6,836.17	-62.65	-0.91%
FTSE 100	10,446.35	514.97	5.19%
BSE SENSEX	82,626.76	-2,166.82	-2.56%
KSE-100	179,603.73	5,549.43	3.19%
CSEALL	23,709.84	1,085.53	4.80%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.26 BDT

1 GBP = 166.78 BDT

1 Euro = 145.09 BDT

1 INR = 1.35 BDT

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