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**Macro:****Bangladesh for deeper trade ties with US, seeks further tariff cut**

- Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus reaffirms Bangladesh's strong commitment to deepening relations with the United States, particularly in trade, investment, energy and development cooperation, as a bilateral trade deal is set to be signed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-for-deeper-trade-ties-with-us-seeks-further-tariff-cut-1757955320>

**Further US tariff cut likely on two conditions**

- A visiting US trade delegation stressed expediting Bangladesh's labour-law amendment and narrowing the bilateral trade gap to pave the way for further reduction in the tariffs on Bangladeshi exports to the American market. At a discussion Monday in Dhaka, the local apparel leaders mentioned that they would play their part in reducing the trade gap through increased use of US cotton. There is opportunity to increase US cotton-import value by USD 1.0 Bn within a short time.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/further-us-tariff-cut-likely-on-two-conditions-1757955411>

**WB offers USD 2.8 Bn for 10 projects, urges faster approval ahead of February polls**

- The World Bank has proposed loans totalling USD 2.77 Bn for ten projects over the next two fiscal years, urging Bangladesh to approve as many initiatives as possible by December this year. The World Bank has also provided a tentative list of projects for financing in FY2025-26 and FY2026-27.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/wb-offers-28b-10-projects-urges-faster-approval-ahead-february-polls-1237351>

**Chittagong port tariffs rise by about 40%**

- The government on Monday published the gazette notification on new tariffs schedule for goods and vessels at Chittagong port raising charges on an average 40%. The port charge has been hiked at the moment when the private inland container depots are also raising their charges in the wake of tariff increase by the Trump administration.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/chittagong-port-tariffs-rise-by-about-40pc-1757956461>

**Jul-Aug ADP spending lowest in 16 years**

- Implementation of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) in the first two months of the current fiscal year has reached its lowest point in at least 16 years, with about BDT 57.15 Bn being spent during the period. This means just 2.36% of the total outlay for FY26 has been used during the July-August period, according to data from the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED), published today.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/jul-aug-adp-spending-lowest-16-years-3986701>

**3 LGED road and bridge projects: BDT 3.43 Bn gone, no real work**

- On paper, there is a 30-metre-long concrete bridge on the Nadmulla Madrasa Hat-Chinguria-Colony Bazar road in Nadmulla Union, Bhandaria upazila of Pirojpur. But in reality, no such bridge exists at the designated site.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/corruption/3-lged-road-and-bridge-projects-tk343cr-gone-no-real-work-1237341>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | BB buys USD 353 Mn more from 26 banks**

- The central bank purchased USD 353 Mn more through an auction from 26 banks on the interbank spot market on Monday aiming to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the local currency stable. The amount was bought under the Multiple Price Auction method with a cutoff rate of BDT 121.75 per dollar, according to the central bank officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-buys-353-million-more-from-26-banks-1757955566>

**BANK | Digital bank applicants get until Nov 2**

- The Bangladesh Bank has extended the deadline for submitting applications seeking to establish digital banks by more than a month. Earlier on 26 August, the Bangladesh Bank invited fresh applications through four national dailies for digital bank licences during the period from 01 to 30 September, revising its digital bank guidelines to prevent shell companies from sponsoring proposed digital banks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/digital-bank-applicants-get-until-nov-2-1757956268>

**FUEL & POWER | Rashidpur gas field adds 8 mcf/d gas to national grid**

- An additional 8 mcf/d gas would be supplied to national grid daily from the newly discovered Rashidpur Gas Field under Bahubal upazila of the district, reports BSS.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rashidpur-gas-field-adds-8-mcf-d-gas-to-national-grid-1757956493>

**BANK | Credit Information Bureau charges waived on agri loans up to BDT 0.25 Mn**

- From now on, banks will not be allowed to charge any Credit Information Bureau (CIB) fees on agricultural and rural loans of up to BDT 2,50,000. The central bank's Agricultural Credit Department issued a circular today (15 September) stating that while disbursing agricultural and rural loans under their own management, banks cannot collect fees from customers for obtaining CIB reports. Although banks were previously given the option to waive these charges, many institutions did not properly comply, depriving borrowers of the benefit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/credit-information-bureau-charges-waived-agri-loans-tk25-lakh-1237141>

**Stocks:****WALTONHIL | Walton makes history with first-ever motherboard export to US**

- In a landmark achievement for Bangladesh's tech industry, local manufacturer Walton Digi-Tech Industries has become the first company from the country to export Printed Circuit Board Assembly (PCBA), commonly known as motherboards, to the United States. Confirming the development, company source said the initial consignment to the United States consists of over 2,500 units of PCB/PCBA, valued at nearly BDT 2.5 Mn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/walton-makes-history-with-first-ever-motherboard-export-to-us-1757956254>

**OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries secures JICA loan for BDT 500 Mn factory expansion**

- Olympic Industries is set to invest BDT 500 Mn to expand its existing production facilities, using a JICA-funded loan under the Food Value Chain Improvement Project.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/olympic-industries-secures-jica-loan-for-tk-500m-factory-expansion-1757950760>

**MAGURAPLEX, MONOSPOOL | Magura Multiplex, Monospool Bangladesh to invest BDT 110 Mn in new machinery**

- Magura Group's two paper companies, Magura Multiplex and Monospool Bangladesh, have announced fresh investments worth BDT 110 Mn to install modern machinery aimed at boosting production and strengthening their position in the printing and packaging industry. Of the total, Magura Multiplex will invest BDT 80 Mn, while Monospool Bangladesh will spend BDT 30 Mn, both financing the procurement from their own funds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/magura-multiplex-monospool-bangladesh-invest-tk11cr-new-machinery-1237256>

**YPL | FCS Holdings to acquire 21.50% shares of Yeakin Polymer**

- FCS Holdings Ltd, a real estate and investment company, plans to acquire the sponsor shareholders' stake in Yeakin Polymer Ltd. According to a company disclosure, three sponsor shareholders of Yeakin Polymer, along with FCS Holdings, have jointly applied seeking BSEC approval for the transfer of 15,852,993 shares, representing 21.50% of the company's total shares, in favour of FCS Holdings.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fcs-holdings-acquire-2150-shares-yeakin-polymer-1236991>

**EXCHANGE | BB chief proposes cutting bond issuance fees to spur market growth**

- Bangladesh Bank governor has proposed reducing bond issuance fees in line with international standards to help the country's bond market flourish. Currently, issue managers charge 0.5% of funds raised through bonds, and sometimes even less for larger bond sizes. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) collects BDT 10,000 as a bond application fee and 0.10% of the issue size as a consent fee.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bb-chief-proposes-cutting-bond-issuance-fees-to-spur-market-growth-1757950773>

**Stock and Commodities\***

| Index Name         | Close Value  | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Crude Oil (WTI)*   | USD 63.50    | (USD 7.93)       | -11.10%      |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 67.65    | (USD 6.74)       | -9.06%       |
| Gold Spot*         | USD 3,677.44 | USD 1,068.96     | 40.98%       |
| DSEX               | 5,474.72     | 258.27           | 4.95%        |
| S&P 500            | 6,615.28     | 708.34           | 11.99%       |
| FTSE 100           | 9,277.03     | 1,156.02         | 14.23%       |
| BSE SENSEX         | 81,785.74    | 3,585.81         | 4.59%        |
| KSE-100            | 155,384.52   | 40,125.52        | 34.81%       |
| CSEALL             | 20,355.39    | 4,410.78         | 27.66%       |

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 121.70 BDT****1 GBP = 165.64 BDT****1 Euro = 143.31 BDT****1 INR = 1.38 BDT**

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