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Macro:**Govt spending on DAEE project may jump 78%**

- Government spending on the Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway (DAEE) project is likely to rise by 78 % as the Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) has finalised a revised cost estimate of BDT 272.33 Bn. The government's contribution to the DAEE project was BDT 59.51 Bn, which increased to BDT 78.60 Bn in the first revision. The latest revised development project proposal (RDPP) proposes raising the government contribution further to BDT 139.90 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-spending-on-daee-project-may-jump-78pc-1765908013>

BDT 2.39 Bn skill dev projects proposed for Rohingya host communities

- The Ministry of Youth and Sports has proposed two skill-development projects worth BDT 2.39 Bn with support from the New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries, aiming to generate employment for youths from Rohingya host communities in Cox's Bazar and across the Chattogram division, officials said. The initiatives will provide training in 13 trades to around 30,000 unemployed youths affected by the prolonged influx of Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (FDMNs), according to sources.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tk-239b-skill-dev-projects-proposed-for-rohingya-host-communities-1765908109>

Govt spends only 11.7% of ADP fund in five months

- The government has spent only 11.75 % of its Annual Development Programme (ADP) allocation in the first five months of the current fiscal year, marking the weakest implementation performance in at least 15 years. According to data released by the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) on Monday, ADP expenditure reached BDT 28,043 crore during July-November of fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26), out of a total fund of BDT 2,38,695 crore, the lowest allocation in four years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-spends-only-117-adp-fund-five-months-4060151>

Trade deficit widens to USD 7.5 Bn in Jul-Oct as Ramadan imports rise

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened sharply to USD7.5 Bn in the first four months of the current fiscal year, driven by a surge in imports ahead of Ramadan.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/trade-deficit-widens-75b-jul-oct-ramadan-imports-rise-1311036>

Sector & Industries:**FUEL AND POWER | Bangladesh to boost LNG imports on lower global prices**

- Bangladesh is preparing to ramp up its liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports as global spot prices soften and local gas output continues to fall behind the domestic demand. For the current fiscal year 2025-26, the government initially planned to import 115 cargoes of LNG through a mix of long-term contracts and spot purchases. That is already higher than the 94 cargoes bought in the previous year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-boost-lng-imports-lower-global-prices-4060136>

BANK | Rupali Bank's risky lending to 32 large clients ends up in BDT 141.56 Bn defaults

- Rupali Bank has accumulated BDT 141.56 Bn in non-performing loans (NPLs) among its 32 largest borrowers, most of whom received credit far beyond regulatory exposure limits under special approvals, according to documents reviewed by The Business Standard.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/rupali-banks-risky-lending-32-large-clients-ends-tk14156cr-defaults-1311861>

MFS | BB gives approval to Nagad for Interoperable Payment System

- Mobile financial service (MFS) provider Nagad has received the final approval from the Bangladesh Bank to operate its interoperable payment system.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-gives-licence-nagad-interoperable-payment-system-1311696>

Stocks:**RENATA | Renata's financial health to improve within next one to two years: MD**

- Renata PLC, one of the country's leading drug makers, expects a visible improvement in its financial position within the next one to two years, as it works to reduce debt and restore the strong profit margins it once enjoyed, said its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Syed S Kaiser Kabir.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/renatas-financial-health-improve-within-next-one-two-years-md-1311011>

NLTUBES | National Tubes faces scrutiny over accounting lapses and governance flaws

- National Tubes Limited, a publicly listed industrial company, has come under scrutiny after its latest audited financial statements revealed significant accounting discrepancies, violations of international accounting standards, and corporate governance weaknesses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-tubes-faces-scrutiny-over-accounting-lapses-and-governance-flaws-1311821>

EXCHANGE | BSEC raises red flags over audit findings at 27 listed insurers

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has expressed serious concern over audit observations made in the latest audited financial statements of 27 listed insurance companies, warning that the issues could undermine investor confidence and market transparency.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-raises-red-flags-over-audit-findings-27-listed-insurers-1311026>

EXCHANGE | BDT 100 Bn equity fund, tax breaks proposed for capital market boost

- A finance ministry-formed committee has recommended creating a BDT100 Bn fund to boost liquidity in the capital market, alongside a BDT 30 Bn fund offering loans to small investors at a 4% interest rate.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tk10000cr-equity-fund-tax-breaks-proposed-capital-market-boost-1310056>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 55.84	(USD 15.59)	-21.83%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 59.49	(USD 14.90)	-20.03%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,322.98	USD 1,714.50	65.73%
DSEX	4,890.05	-326.40	-6.26%
S&P 500	6,800.21	893.27	15.12%
FTSE 100	9,684.79	1,563.78	19.26%
BSE SENSEX	84,679.86	6,479.93	8.29%
KSE-100	170,447.30	55,188.30	47.88%
CSEALL	22,333.25	6,388.64	40.07%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.28 BDT****1 GBP = 164.14 BDT****1 Euro = 143.65 BDT****1 INR = 1.34 BDT**

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