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**Macro:****Proposed budget revenue target highly risky: Fitch Ratings**

- The report noted that the new budget aims to elevate Bangladesh's revenue-to-GDP ratio to 10.2%, up from approximately 8% estimated for the outgoing fiscal year 2025-26. If fully realized, this would mark the highest revenue-to-GDP ratio achieved by the country since 1993.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/proposed-budget-revenue-target-highly-risky-fitch-ratings>

**ECNEC approves BDT 41.89 Bn Chinese SEZ project ahead of PM's Beijing visit**

- The government has approved a BDT 41.89 Bn project to develop supporting infrastructure for the proposed Chinese Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Chattogram, days ahead of Prime Minister's scheduled visit to Beijing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/ecnec-approves-tk-4189b-chinese-sez-project-ahead-of-pms-beijing-visit-1781632476>

**BB governor pledges to remove credit barriers tied to board defaulters**

- Bangladesh Bank Governor has assured the association of listed companies that obstacles to accessing credit facilities arising from the presence of defaulted nominated directors will be removed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bb-governor-pledges-to-remove-credit-barriers-tied-to-board-defaulters-1781628201>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-firms-want-central-bank-reform-credit-blacklisting-rules-1465006>

**April sees highest import in 3.5 yrs**

- Bangladeshi businesses and entrepreneurs have imported goods worth USD 7.07 Bn in April, marking a 21.4% rise year-on-year and the highest monthly total in three and a half years. Economists, bankers, and business leaders view the rise in imports following the formation of the new government as a positive sign for the economy.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/april-sees-highest-import-in-35-yrs-1781633240>

**Oil price drops to USD 82**

- Oil prices slid to fresh three-month lows on Tuesday as markets weighed prospects for a resumption of supplies through the Strait of Hormuz alongside weaker physical demand and scant details on a preliminary deal.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/oil-price-drops-82-4200666>

**Sector and Industries:****BANK | Banks' foreign-currency lending to businesses falters**

- Offshore-banking operations face setbacks following regulatory instructions downsizing the cost-ceiling rate on foreign-currency lending to businesses that dents profitability of commercial banks and may ultimately affect the economy. By end of 2025, the major market players were BRAC Bank (USD 877 Mn), Prime Bank (USD 608 Mn), Pubali Bank (USD 464 Mn), Eastern Bank (USD 436 Mn), City Bank (USD 427 Mn) and Bank Asia (USD 238 Mn).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-foreign-currency-lending-to-businesses-falters-1781632127>

**BANK | Capital position of Bangladeshi banks turns negative**

- At the end of 2025, Bangladesh's CRAR stood at minus 2.64%. By comparison, it was 17.20% in India as of September last year, 19.40% in Sri Lanka, and 20.80% in Pakistan at the end of 2025.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/capital-position-bangladeshi-banks-turns-negative-4200701>

**BANK | Distressed loans soar to BDT 10.87 Tn, swallowing 59% of bank credit**

- The volume of troubled loans surged by nearly 44% year-on-year to BDT 10.87 Tn, equivalent to 59% of the banking sector's total outstanding loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/distressed-loans-soar-tk1087-lakh-crore-swallowing-59-bank-credit-1465111>

**BANK | Bangla QR scales to 963K merchants**

- Bangla QR expanded to nearly 963K merchants by the end of 2025. More than BDT 27.0 Bn worth of payments were processed through the system last year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangla-qr-scales-963-lakh-merchants-4200676>

**ENERGY | BPDB still clueless about Rooppur N power plant tariff as test run begins**

- BPDB, the lone buyer of electricity from the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant (RNPP) is still unaware of the tariff it will have to pay for purchasing power from the country's first nuclear power facility.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bpdb-still-clueless-about-rooppur-n-power-plant-tariff-as-test-run-begins-1781633082>

**NBFI | BDT 1.0 Mn repayment ceiling enrages NBFI depositors**

- A policy option being considered by the central bank that would place a standard compensation cap of BDT 1.0 Mn per individual depositor, regardless of their total legitimate balance, has drawn sharp criticism from retail savers and macroeconomists.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/412860/tk10l-repayment-ceiling-enrages-nbfi-depositors>

**RMG | RMG exports to EU fall 19.4pc YoY in Jan-Apr 2026**

- Bangladesh exported apparel worth EUR 6.09 Bn to the EU during the January-April period of 2026, marking a 19.4% year-on-year decline, according to EU official data released on Monday. Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President attributed the declining trend to a number of factors, including a volatile global situation, US reciprocal tariffs, high bank interest rates, poor port operations, uncertainty over LDC graduation and other related issues.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rmg-exports-to-eu-fall-194pc-yoy-in-jan-apr-2026-1781632370>

**INSURANCE | IDRA launches probe into alleged violation of no-commission policy**

- The insurance regulator has launched a major compliance drive by inspecting nine non-life insurers over allegations that they continued paying commissions and other financial incentives despite suspension. The companies that came under regulatory scrutiny are Pragati Insurance, Paramount Insurance, Bangladesh National Insurance Company, Crystal Insurance, Asia Pacific General Insurance, Union Insurance, Global Insurance, Karnaphuli Insurance and Prime Islami Insurance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idra-launches-probe-into-alleged-violation-of-no-commission-policy-1781628059>

**Stocks:**

**EXCHANGE | BSEC flags manipulation in Al-Madina Pharma shares, orders DSE to probe two brokerages**

- The market watchdog has directed the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) to launch a probe into highly unusual trading behaviours and price movements observed in the shares of Al-Madina Pharmaceuticals Limited.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-flags-manipulation-in-al-madina-pharma-shares-orders-dse-to-probe-two-brokerages-1781628242>

**CITYBANK | City Bank arranges BDT 2.34 Bn for Far East Spinning's capacity expansion**

- City Bank PLC has arranged a syndicated term loan worth BDT 2.34 Bn for Far East Spinning Industries PLC to support the company's ongoing expansion project. City Bank acted as the mandated arranger, while Dhaka Bank PLC and Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) also participated in the syndication.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/city-bank-arranges-tk-234cr-far-east-spinnings-capacity-expansion-4200646>

**PRIMELIFE | Prime Life declares 0.25% cash dividend**

- Alongside the dividend declaration, the company also disclosed its consolidated financial performance for the January-March 2026 period

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/prime-life-declares-025-cash-dividend-1464861>

**BEXIMCO | Beximco sheds BDT 48.60 Bn market value in 6 days after floor price withdrawal**

- The flagship company of the Beximco Group saw its share price plunge 47% to BDT 58.60 by Tuesday from the floor price of BDT 110.10, which had remained in place for more than two years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/beximco-sheds-tk4860cr-market-value-6-days-after-floor-price-withdrawal-1464991>

**Stock and Commodities\***

<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 76.52	USD 19.09	33.24%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 79.36	USD 18.51	30.42%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,333.24	(USD 7.76)	-0.18%
DSEX	5,605.57	740.24	15.21%
S&P 500	7,511.56	612.74	8.88%
FTSE 100	10,494.21	562.83	5.67%
BSE SENSEX	76,808.48	-7,985.10	-9.42%
KSE-100	180,474.20	6,419.90	3.69%
CSEALL	22,377.29	-247.02	-1.09%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 122.77 BDT****1 GBP = 164.88 BDT****1 Euro = 142.59 BDT****1 INR = 1.29 BDT**

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