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Macro:**After World Bank, ADB also slashes Bangladesh growth forecast to 4%**

- Following in the footsteps of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has lowered Bangladesh's GDP growth forecast to 4% for the current 2025-26 fiscal year, citing global conflicts and internal economic strain.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/after-world-bank-adb-also-slashes-bangladesh-growth-forecast-to-4-per-cent>

West Asia war adds BDT 400 Bn fuel burden: Khosru

- Finance Minister has said the West Asia conflict has increased Bangladesh's fuel oil and gas import costs, warning that the country is going through "very difficult times". He added that around BDT 400 Bn had already been absorbed from the budget due to higher fuel and gas costs linked to the conflict. He also said around BDT 500 Bn in unpaid bills remained in the power and energy sectors from previous administrations, which the BNP government was now forced to clear.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/west-asia-war-adds-tk-400b-fuel-burden-khosru-1778953109>

Govt to roll out new pay scale for public servants in phases from July

- The implementation, however, will be carried out in phases, although the exact proportion of the revised salary to be disbursed from July has not yet been finalized.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-roll-out-new-pay-scale-public-servants-phases-july-1441026>

Govt weighs tax window to legalise undisclosed wealth

- The government is considering introducing a special tax window in the FY27 budget to allow undisclosed domestic and foreign-held assets to be invested in selected sectors, as policymakers seek to revive sluggish private investment and mobilise idle capital. The proposed measure would allow individuals to legalise undeclared wealth by paying tax at a special rate higher than the rates applicable to regular taxpayers.

<https://tob.news/govt-weighs-tax-window-to-legalise-undisclosed-wealth/>

Bangladesh eyes energy cooperation with Angola

- Bangladesh has expressed strong interest in forging a long-term, government-to-government (G2G) energy cooperation arrangement with Angola and invited an Angolan technical team to visit Dhaka at the earliest opportunity for formal negotiations.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/299989/bangladesh-eyes-energy-cooperation-with-angola>

Bangladesh, US sign energy cooperation memo

- Bangladesh and the United States have signed a strategic energy cooperation memorandum in Washington. The Bangladesh embassy in Washington said the agreement would support Bangladesh's efforts to strengthen long-term energy security by diversifying its energy sourcing options based on affordability and supply chain sustainability, while opening new avenues for broader energy cooperation between the two countries.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/299817/bangladesh-us-sign-energy-cooperation-memo>

NBR to begin tobacco sector tax evasion crackdown

- National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman has said strict monitoring to curb tax evasion will begin with the tobacco sector. There are plans to introduce counting machines, counting cameras, QR codes and advanced revenue stamps at the production stage.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-to-begin-tobacco-sector-tax-evasion-crackdown-1778953034>

High inflation, investment stagnation, energy crunch spotted for policy action

- Persistent high inflation, investment stagnation and energy crunch are severely affecting economic stability and escalating the cost of doing business, economists and business leaders have said on revelation by a new parameter.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/high-inflation-investment-stagnation-energy-crunch-spotted-for-policy-action-1778952286>

Nigeria's Jiji acquires Bikroy.com

- Jiji, a Nigerian classifieds marketplace, has acquired Bikroy.com, expanding into Bangladesh's digital commerce sector just over a year after entering the local market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nigerias-jiji-acquires-bikroycom-4176081>

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB eases lending limits for big businesses

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has temporarily loosened the rules so commercial banks can lend more to big borrowers, treat trade guarantees more lightly, and adjust large loan limits based on how healthy their loan books are.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-eases-lending-limits-big-businesses-4176101>

BANK | Capital shortfall in 20 banks stood at BDT 2.78 Tn in December quarter

- The banking sector's total capital shortfall stood at BDT 2.78 Tn at the end of the December 2025, a slight decline from the previous quarter mainly due to Bangladesh Bank's loan rescheduling policy support.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/capital-shortfall-20-banks-stood-BDT278-lakh-crore-december-quarter-1441076>

BANK | Cash supply to banks falls short ahead of Eid amid note shortages

- Several commercial banks for over a week have been receiving far less cash than requested from the Bangladesh Bank (BB) due to a shortage of newly printed notes, creating pressure on lenders ahead of Eid-ul-Adha.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cash-supply-banks-falls-short-ahead-eid-amid-note-shortages-1441006>

TELECOM | Telecom sector seeks 5-yr tax regime to spur investment

- Speakers at a programme on Saturday urged the government to introduce a predictable five-year tax structure and long-term policy reforms for the telecom sector to encourage investment and accelerate digital transformation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/telecom-sector-seeks-5-yr-tax-regime-to-spur-investment-1778949174>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | RACE drags regulator into court battle over fund liquidation, conversion**

- RACE Management has issued a legal notice against the securities regulator, accusing it of contempt of court for proceeding with the liquidation or conversion process of close-ended funds. The country's largest private asset management company, which currently controls more than 47% of the listed mutual fund sector, however, has not obtained any court order against the liquidation or conversion of listed funds.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/race-drags-regulator-into-court-battle-over-fund-liquidation-conversion-1778948938>

EXCHANGE | Foreign investors pull out BDT 1.24 Bn in April as risk-aversion intensifies

- Data from the premier bourse revealed a stark imbalance in foreign participation, with overseas investors offloading shares worth BDT 1.24 Bn while injecting only a meagre BDT 120.6 Mn into the market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-pull-out-BDT124cr-april-risk-aversion-intensifies-1440996>

BRACBANK, UPGDCL | Brac Bank arranges BDT 5.0 Bn preference share facility for UMP

- Brac Bank has arranged a BDT 5.0 Bn non-convertible, cumulative, fully redeemable preference share facility for United Mymensingh Power Limited, a subsidiary of United Group, marking the largest transaction of its kind in Bangladesh's history.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/brac-bank-arranges-BDT500-crore-preference-share-facility-ump-1440721>

TECHNODRUGS | Techno Drugs to issue BDT 500 Mn bond to restructure high-cost debt

- Techno Drugs Limited has decided to issue a coupon-bearing bond worth BDT 500 Mn to restructure its high-cost bank loans, as the pharmaceutical company faces declining profits alongside a sharp rise in long-term debt. The proposed five-year bond will be structured as 25% redeemable and 75% convertible.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/techno-drugs-issue-tk50cr-bond-restructure-high-cost-debt-1440986>

NCCBANK | NCC Bank eyes full Shariah transition within 4 years

- National Credit and Commerce (NCC) Bank PLC plans to gradually convert its entire operations from conventional to Shariah-based banking within the next four years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ncc-bank-eyes-full-shariah-transition-within-4-years-1778949028>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 105.42	USD 47.99	83.56%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 109.26	USD 48.41	79.56%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,540.08	USD 199.08	4.59%
DSEX	5,245.22	379.89	7.81%
S&P 500	7,408.50	509.68	7.39%
FTSE 100	10,195.37	263.99	2.66%
BSE SENSEX	75,237.99	-9,555.59	-11.27%
KSE-100	166,073.50	-7,980.80	-4.59%
CSEALL	22,905.75	281.44	1.24%

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