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Macro:

LTU-VAT logs 34.47% revenue growth in Oct

- The Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU) of the National Board of Revenue's (NBR) VAT wing recorded its highest-ever monthly revenue collection in recent months, posting a 34.47% year-on-year growth in October of the current fiscal year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/ltu-vat-logs-3447pc-revenue-growth-in-oct-1794853628

BB sells USD 100 Mn more to keep forex market stable

- The central bank further intervened in the country's foreign-exchange (forex) market by selling another USD 100 Mn to several banks through an auction on Monday to keep the exchange rate stable.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-sells-100m-more-to-keep-forex-mkt-stable-1794853565

Japan's Marubeni plans to invest in state-owned sugar industry

- Japanese industrial and trading giant Marubeni plans to partner Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) and other foreign companies to revive the country's ailing state-owned sugar industry through a major investment package.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/japans-marubeni-plans-to-invest-in-state-owned-sugar-industry-1794852395

BD becomes DFC-eligible country

- The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) on Monday announced projects in Bangladesh are now eligible for DFC financing.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-becomes-dfc-eligible-country-1794852767

New strategies adopted as external debt repayments may reach USD 7.6 Bn/year

- Annual repayments could rise to USD 5.5 Bn in the coming years and eventually reach as much as USD 7.6 Bn. As debt-servicing pressures mount, the government is considering a dedicated Debt Management Office, a Public Debt Act and new financing options, including sukuk and public-private partnerships.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-adopts-new-strategies-external-debt-repayments-may-reach-76byear-1604816

BRT project cancellation tops agenda

- The government's decision on scrapping the long-delayed Airport-Gazipur Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is expected to dominate a tripartite project-review meeting with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Wednesday. According to ERD, Bangladesh has some 49 ongoing ADB-funded projects involving nearly USD 11.02 Bn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/brt-project-cancellation-tops-agenda-1794853411

Sector and Industries:

RMG | Minimum Wage Board meeting deferral fuels more tensions

- The crucial third meeting of the Minimum Wage Board for RMG sector was postponed on Monday, sparking immediate protests by rights groups.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/minimum-wage-board-meeting-deferral-fuels-more-tensions-1794852655

ENERGY | ADB mulls USD 200 Mn support for BD solar power ambition

- A USD 200 Mn Asian Development Bank (ADB) lending package is likely to advance Bangladesh government's bid to deal with energy crises through enhancing solar-power generation, officials said.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adb-mulls-200m-support-for-bd-solar-power-ambition-1794853521

ENERGY | 220MW solar power plant planned in Feni at BDT 19 Bn

- The government plans to set up 220 MW solar power plant in Feni by June 2028 at estimated cost of BDT 19 Bn.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/220mw-solar-power-plant-planned-feni-tk-1900cr-4325716

ENERGY | New Kutubdia FSRU to save BDT 23.0 Bn over 20 years: State minister

- The new terminal is expected to save around USD 109,000 per cargo by allowing the country to import larger shipments. The government plans to import 50 cargoes annually under a 20-year contract.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/new-kutubdia-fsru-save-tk2300cr-over-20-years-state-minister-1604706

ENERGY | Third FSRU unlikely to ease gas crisis soon

- The move to add a third floating LNG terminal is unlikely to bring significant relief to the country's persistent gas crisis anytime soon, said the US-based think-tank Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA).

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/third-fsru-unlikely-ease-gas-crisis-soon-4325926

INSURANCE | Govt plans new insurance products to ease natural disaster cost burden

- The government plans to introduce innovative insurance products, including parametric insurance, to ease its financial burden in managing natural disasters and climate change-related risks.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-plans-new-insurance-products-to-ease-natural-disaster-cost-burden-1794844580

BANK | NPLs hit BDT 5,972 Bn 32.17% of total loans: FinMin

- Defaulted loans in the banking sector reached BDT 5,972 Bn at the end of September 2026, accounting for 32.17% of total outstanding loans, Finance Minister has told in the Parliament (16 November).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/defaulted-loans-fall-tk9400cr-q3-tk597-lakh-crore-finmin-1604801

Stocks:

RENATA | Renata enters Netherlands with Parkinson's drug

- Drug maker Renata PLC has expanded its presence in Europe with the launch of Amantadine HCl capsules in the Netherlands, marking its entry into another regulated pharmaceutical market.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/renata-enters-netherlands-parkinsons-drug-4325681

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 85.12	USD 27.69	48.22%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.73	USD 30.88	50.75%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,870.52	(USD 470.48)	-10.84%
DSEX	5,463.28	597.94	12.29%
S&P 500	7,416.59	517.77	7.51%
FTSE 100	10,881.55	950.17	9.57%
BSE SENSEX	82,104.79	-2,688.79	-3.17%
KSE-100	178,183.00	4,128.70	2.37%
CSEALL	21,732.50	-891.81	-3.94%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.70 BDT

1 GBP = 164.52 BDT

1 Euro = 137.24 BDT

1 INR = 1.33 BDT

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