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Macro:**Govt to focus on lowering cost of doing business: Amir Khasru**

- Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, who is set to take charge as the finance and planning minister of the BNP-led new government, has set boosting investment and employment as his top priority, saying the government will focus on simplifying the business climate and lowering the cost of doing business to stimulate economic activity. He said deregulation would be introduced to ease bureaucratic complexity and reduce business costs. The minister added that as the finance minister, he will undertake a comprehensive review of the economy to determine its current condition, after which the government will outline a roadmap defining its economic direction.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/well-lower-cost-doing-business-finance-minister-amir-khasru-1364501>

New govt to seek 3-year LDC deferment

- The new government formed will seek to defer Bangladesh's graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category to developing-nation status by at least three years, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir has said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/new-govt-seek-3-year-ldc-deferment-4108846>

Machinery imports rise on hopes of political stability

- Imports of capital machinery are picking up, showing signs of renewed business interest on expectations of greater stability in both politics and the economy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/machinery-imports-rise-hopes-political-stability-4108696>

Bangladesh's forex reserves rise to USD 29.86 Bn

- Bangladesh's total foreign exchange reserves have risen to USD 29.86 Bn. The central bank has been increasing reserves mainly by purchasing US dollars from commercial banks through auctions. A senior Bangladesh Bank official told that the supply of dollars in banks has increased due to higher remittance inflows.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-forex-reserves-rise-2986b-1364416>

10-year T-bond yields fall again

- Yields on Bangladesh's 10-year Treasury bonds declined further on Tuesday as banks channelled surplus liquidity into government securities amid subdued private sector credit demand and improved market liquidity. The cut-off yield fell to 10.37% on the day from 10.49% earlier, according to auction results.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/10-year-t-bond-yields-fall-again>

NSCs lose appeal as govt shifts to banks

- Net sales of national savings certificates (NSCs) returned to positive territory in H1FY26, but the figures show that the government continues to scale back its dependence on the high-cost instruments. As repayments outpaced fresh sales, the outstanding stock of NSCs declined to BDT 3.41 Tn in December 2025 from BDT 3.47 Tn a year earlier.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/291568/nscs-lose-appeal-as-govt-shifts-to-banks>

IT exports up 14% in Jul-Nov on AI-driven demand

- Bangladesh's information technology (IT) exports grew 13.54% in 5MFY26, buoyed by accelerating global artificial intelligence (AI) adoption and the widening digitalisation of services.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/it-exports-14-jul-nov-ai-driven-demand-4108691>

Economists, businesses urge govt to review 'one-sided' Bangladesh-US trade deal

- Economists and businesses urged the new government to take measures, in consultation with stakeholders, to review the recently signed trade agreement between Bangladesh and the US, terming the deal one-sided and imposed.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/economists-businesses-urge-govt-to-review-one-sided-bangladesh-us-trade-deal>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Nabil Mustafiz named MD of Sammilito Islami Bank**

- The government has appointed seasoned banker Nabil Mustafizur Rahman as managing director of Sammilito Islami Bank PLC. Mr Rahman is currently an additional managing director at United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nabil-mustafiz-named-md-of-sammilito-islami-bank-1771353467>

NBFI | BHBFC (amendment) Ordinance issued

- The government issued the Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance-2026. Key amendments include - Board of Directors can form a Standing Committee, an Audit Committee and a Shariah Committee. The interest rate on loans provided by the corporation will now be determined from time to time by the Board, subject to prior government approval. The corporation will be treated as a 'company' and will be required to pay minimum income tax accordingly.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bhbfc-amendment-ordinance-issued-1771346620>

ENERGY | NBR revises LPG tax structure

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has restructured the VAT on liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) to reduce the tax burden on consumers and stabilise the domestic fuel market. The NBR has withdrawn the 7.5% VAT at the production and trading stages of LPG, as well as the 2% advance tax on imports. Instead, imposed 7.5% VAT at import stage.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nbr-revises-lpg-tax-structure-4108686>

Stocks:**PREMIERCEM | Premier Cement wins approval to issue preference shares**

- The stock market regulator has finally allowed Premier Cement Mills to raise BDT 1.61 Bn by issuing preference shares to high-net-worth individuals, including commercial banks. As per regulatory approval, the cement manufacturer will issue 322 preference shares, fully redeemable and non-convertible in nature, with a five-year tenure, and semi-annual dividend. The dividend may be decided based on the average interest rate on deposits for a period of more than six months but less than one year in scheduled commercial banks, with a 1.5% up-down band. A portion of the company's high-cost loans will be paid back with the funds to be raised.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/premier-cement-wins-approval-to-issue-preference-shares-1771348367>

POWERGRID | Power Grid to issue 1.32 billion more preference shares against govt funds

- The securities regulator has approved Power Grid Company's proposal to issue another 1.32 Bn irredeemable and non-cumulative preference shares in favour of the power division secretary against share money deposits. The shares would be issued at BDT 10 each, totalling BDT 13.24 Bn, against share money deposits as of June 2024.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/power-grid-to-issue-132-billion-more-preference-shares-against-govt-funds-1771348399>

ASIATICLAB | Sponsors, directors of Asiatic Lab barred from selling shares

- The stock market regulator has barred the sponsors, directors, and placement shareholders of Asiatic Laboratories Limited from selling their shares after irregularities were found in the use of funds from the initial public offering (IPO) and inconsistencies in the company's expansion plans.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sponsors-directors-asiatic-lab-barred-selling-shares-4108681>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.40	USD 4.97	8.65%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.39	USD 6.54	10.75%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,911.00	USD 570.00	13.13%
DSEX	5,570.59	705.25	14.50%
S&P 500	6,843.22	-55.60	-0.81%
FTSE 100	10,556.17	624.79	6.29%
BSE SENSEX	83,450.96	-1,342.62	-1.58%
KSE-100	173,150.42	-903.88	-0.52%
CSEALL	23,882.82	1,258.51	5.56%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.21 BDT

1 GBP = 165.72 BDT

1 Euro = 144.81 BDT

1 INR = 1.34 BDT

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