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Macro:**Govt tightens oversight of public assets to curb fiscal risks**

- The government has introduced a new "Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) and Lease Manual" to strengthen asset governance and mitigate long-term liabilities, as hidden fiscal exposures from state-owned entities continue to pose risks to macroeconomic stability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-tightens-oversight-public-assets-curb-fiscal-risks-4083076>

Restoring macroeconomic stability rests on revenue policy upgrade

- A time-bound structural and policy rejig of the revenue system is imperative for restoring and sustaining Bangladesh's macroeconomic stability as insufficient domestic resources upend government plans and generate overall volatility. To this end, a multi-stakeholder taskforce on revenue reform is likely to recommend that the government complete major tax-policy reforms in near and midterms within next five years, beginning under the current interim government and finishing under the upcoming elected one.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/restoring-macroeconomic-stability-rests-on-revenue-policy-upgrade>

Borrowing from the banking sector jumps to nearly BDT 600 Bn in H1

- Bangladesh's private sector risks a tightening credit environment as government borrowing from the banking system has surged to nearly BDT 600 Bn in H1FY26, raising concerns about reduced lending capacity for businesses.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/govt-borrowing-jumps-619pc>

Cargo congestion at Bay

- With Ramadan fast approaching, Bangladesh's supply chain for essential food items is coming under strain as a severe shortage of lighterage vessels has stalled cargo discharge at Chattogram Port's outer anchorage, raising fears of shortages and price hikes during the fasting month.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cargo-congestion-bay-1335541>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | Garment exporters see brighter outlook as election nears**

- American buyers are tapping the shoulder of Bangladeshi apparel makers. While exchanging new year greetings, Canadian buyers are also asking them how things are going. Local manufacturers say they are receiving phone calls and emails from buyers in Europe as well.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/garment-exporters-see-brighter-outlook-election-nears-4082176>

RMG | RMG exports to EU grew 7% in Jan-Nov

- The country's ready-made garment (RMG) exports to the European Union (EU) grew 7.65% to EUR 18.05 Bn during the January-November period of last year, compared with the same period in 2024, according to Eurostat.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/rmg-exports-eu-grew-7-jan-nov-4083726>

LEATHER | Lease term, loan settlement emerge as challenges over Savar Tannery shift to Bepza

- The barriers include the lease term of land under the Bepza, how the loans taken from various banks and financial institutions during the Bscic period be settled, and how new charges are determined for the operation of the Central Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP). Lease term and settling loans have emerged as challenges centring the shifting the authority of Savar Tannery Industrial Estate to the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) from the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (Bscic) over compliance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/lease-term-loan-settlement-emerge-challenges-over-savar-tannery-shift-bepza-1336881>

PHARMA | Pharma must sell 25% essential drugs for new medicine approval, govt mandates

- Alongside expanding the essential medicines list, the government is set to introduce a new pricing policy mandating pharmaceutical companies to ensure at least 25% of their annual sales from these essential drugs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/pharma-must-sell-25-essential-drugs-new-medicine-approval-govt-mandates-1336141>

BANK | Depositors of merging banks will get back principal in 2 years: governor

- Depositors of five merging banks will receive their full principal amounts back within the next two years, Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur has told. Depositors will receive their full deposits within the next two years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/depositors-merging-banks-will-get-back-principal-2-years-governor-4081941>

NBFI | Individual depositors of 9 NBFIIs to get full principal, no interest, after liquidation

- Individual depositors of nine failing non-bank financial institutions (NBFIIs) will receive their full principal back as the government steps in with a BDT 50 Bn support package for their liquidation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/individual-depositors-9-nbfis-get-full-principal-no-interest-after-liquidation>

Stocks:**ACI | ACI to enter property, semiconductor businesses**

- ACI Ltd, one of the leading diversified conglomerates in Bangladesh, plans to enter the property and semiconductor businesses. The group will form two new subsidiaries - ACI Properties Ltd and ACI Semiconductor Ltd - according to decisions by the ACI board, taken on Thursday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/aci-enter-property-semiconductor-businesses-4082406>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.44	USD 2.01	3.50%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.13	USD 3.28	5.39%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,596.09	USD 255.09	5.88%
DSEX	4,958.99	93.65	1.92%
S&P 500	6,940.01	41.19	0.60%
FTSE 100	10,235.29	303.91	3.06%
BSE SENSEX	83,570.35	-1,223.23	-1.44%
KSE-100	185,098.83	11,044.53	6.35%
CSEALL	23,731.60	1,107.29	4.89%

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1 GBP = 163.59 BDT
1 Euro = 141.91 BDT
1 INR = 1.35 BDT

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