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Macro:

Four key macroeconomic indicators being rebased

- Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics or BBS has planned to rebase the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Producer Price Index (PPI), Wage Rate Index (WRI) and Index of Industrial Production (IIP) under its Statistical Capacity Enhancement and Modernisation Project.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/four-key-macroeconomic-indicators-being-rebased-1787075586

Bangladesh's gross reserves hit USD 32.43Bn

- The country received USD 4.74 Bn in remittances between 1 July and 17 August, 2026, compared with USD 3.90 Bn during the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. Reserves stood at USD 32.43 Bn under the International Monetary Fund's Balance of Payments Manual (BPM6) methodology.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-gross-reserves-hit-3724-billion-1518801

Two MRT proposals face tough scrutiny over massive cost hike

- The Planning Commission (PC) has started scrutinising the revised proposals for the MRT-1 and MRT-5 (north) projects strictly as their costs have more than doubled, officials say.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/two-mrt-proposals-face-tough-scrutiny-over-massive-cost-hike-1787075481

BDT 2.9Tn investment by 2060 outlined

- Bangladesh Railways (BR) under the proposed plan seeks to invest BDT 2,928.59 Bn by 2060. The first plan had an outlay of BDT 2,339.44 Bn. However, it was revised later and its size stood at BDT 4,500 Bn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tk-29t-investment-by-2060-outlined-1787076384

Indian businesses express investment interests in consumer goods

- The visiting Indian business delegation has expressed interest in investing in the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector, proposing the establishment of a state-of-the-art integrated manufacturing plant near Dhaka to produce items such as soaps, home care insecticides, and fragrances.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/indian-businesses-express-investment-interests-consumer-goods-1518851

Economy shows fragile gains

- Economic growth was weak, inflation had remained high for years, the banking sector was badly damaged, and private investment was at a historic low.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/economy-shows-fragile-gains-4251186
https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/macroeconomic-stability-returns-recovery-yet-gain-pace-1517971

Sector and Industries:

BANK | 38 banks seek BDT 280 Bn in stimulus funds for struggling businesses

- Thirty-eight banks have signed agreements with Bangladesh Bank, seeking over BDT 280 Bn under its stimulus scheme, a senior central bank official told The Business Standard on Sunday.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/38-banks-seek-tk28000cr-stimulus-funds-struggling-businesses-1517961

RMG | Over 900 textile mills shut as gas supply shows no sign of improvement

- Despite recent government assurances, gas supplies to industrial areas have not improved so far, forcing more than half of the country's textile mills to shut completely, industry insiders said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/over-900-textile-mills-shut-gas-supply-shows-no-sign-improvement-1518861

BANK | BB directs banks to open accounts for foreign workers

- Foreign nationals working in Bangladesh under the ‘A3’ visa category, as well as other Employment Visa categories, can receive their salaries and allowances through bank accounts.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-directs-banks-open-accounts-foreign-workers-1518806

BANK | Defaulted loans of Janata, Agrani rise

- Defaulted loans at state-owned Janata Bank and Agrani Bank continued to rise in June, reflecting weak recovery efforts and mounting repayment problems of large corporate borrowers.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/310339/defaulted-loans-of-janata-agrani-rise

TELECOM | Telecoms turn to AI to save energy, other costs

- Artificial intelligence is moving deeper into the day-to-day management of Bangladesh’s telecom infrastructure, helping operators and tower companies cut energy use and operating costs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/telecoms-turn-ai-save-energy-other-costs-4251156

TELECOM | Banglalink seeks BTRC’s green light for satellite mobile service

- Banglalink has sought regulatory approval to commercially launch its Direct-to-Cell (D2C) service in Bangladesh after completing a proof-of-concept (PoC) phase, with a recent field test showing that ordinary LTE-enabled mobile phones can connect to satellite networks in areas without terrestrial mobile coverage.

https://tob.news/banglalink-seeks-btrcs-green-light-for-satellite-mobile-service/

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Eight mutual funds skip dividends

- Eight listed closed-end mutual funds did not declare any dividends for their unitholders for the year ended June 30, 2026, despite the Dhaka Stock Exchange’s main index rising 18% during the fiscal year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/eight-mutual-funds-skip-dividends-4251171

EXCHANGE | Dhaka bourse buried in years of files amid regulatory probe

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) launched the investigation last week in efforts to find out if the top brass of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) had influenced the termination.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-bourse-buried-in-years-of-files-amid-regulatory-probe-1787071213

REGULATOR | Revised margin rules gazetted to broaden credit access, limit risks

- Shares of listed companies in the 'A' and 'B' categories with price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio up to 40 will qualify for margin loans, while the revised rules also eased the thresholds for margin calls and forced sales.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/revised-margin-rules-gazetted-to-broaden-credit-access-limit-risks-1787071182

ONEBANKPLC | One Bank gets new Addl DMD

- ONE Bank PLC has recently appointed AYM Mostafa as Additional Deputy Managing Director (ADMD).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/one-bank-gets-new-addl-dmd-1787071282

NCCBANK | NCC Bank moves to empower board to remove chairman by vote

- National Credit and Commerce Bank PLC (NCC Bank) is set to restructure its board leadership by introducing a tenure-based rotational system for appointing its chairman and allowing the board to remove a sitting chairman through a vote.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ncc-bank-moves-empower-board-remove-chairman-vote-1518776

UCB | UCB to exit National Housing by offloading entire stake

- United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB), a corporate sponsor of National Housing Finance PLC, has announced its decision to exit the non-bank financial institution by offloading its entire remaining holding of 0.563 Mn shares.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ucb-exit-national-housing-offloading-entire-stake-1518756

SIPLC | Sena Insurance shares soar 161% despite no undisclosed PSI

- Sena Insurance shares jumped nearly 161% in four and a half months despite the company telling the DSE it has no undisclosed price-sensitive information behind the surge.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sena-insurance-shares-soar-161-despite-no-undisclosed-psi-1518746

DESCO | Desco's BDT 2.50 Bn caught in six troubled banks

- The state-owned electricity distributor Dhaka Electricity Supply Company (Desco) is seeking Bangladesh Bank's intervention to recover around BDT 2.50 Bn of its revenue and employees' provident and gratuity funds trapped in six financially distressed banks.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/descos-tk250cr-caught-six-troubled-banks-1518866

CAPMBDBLMF | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund skips dividend despite BDT 67.7 Mn profit in FY26

- CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund 01 reported a net profit of BDT 67.7 Mn for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2026 but decided not to declare any dividend for the year. Earlier, the trustee called a Special General Meeting (SGM) of its unitholders to determine the future of the scheme.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-skips-dividend-despite-tk677cr-profit-fy26-1518771

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 85.66	USD 28.23	49.16%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.64	USD 30.79	50.60%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,354.61	USD 13.61	0.31%
DSEX	5,773.63	908.29	18.67%
S&P 500	7,691.76	792.94	11.49%
FTSE 100	10,728.04	796.66	8.02%
BSE SENSEX	77,235.46	-7,558.12	-8.91%
KSE-100	177,955.50	3,901.20	2.24%
CSEALL	21,479.07	-1,145.24	-5.06%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.01 BDT

1 GBP = 165.03 BDT

1 Euro = 141.20 BDT

1 INR = 1.27 BDT

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