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Macro:**Forex reserves to hit USD 40 Bn by year-end: Governor**

- Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Ahsan H Mansur on Wednesday said that the foreign exchange reserve is projected to cross the USD 35 Bn mark within the current month and reach USD 40 Bn within this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forex-reserves-hit-40-billion-year-end-governor-1365426>

BB buys USD 109 Mn more from eight banks

- The central bank purchased USD 109 Mn more through auction from eight banks in the interbank spot market on Wednesday, at cutoff rate of BDT 122.30 per dollar.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bb-buys-109m-more-from-eight-banks-1771434859>

Remittances reach USD 1.81 Bn in 16 days, forex reserves rise to USD 34.53 Bn

- In the first 16 days of February, the country received USD 1.81 Bn in remittances, which is 21% more YoY.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/business/local/t83y/b34cy>

Inflation to ease in coming months: BB

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) expects inflation, which has remained high in recent years, to ease in the coming months due to strong rice and winter vegetable harvests and declining global commodity prices.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-ease-coming-months-bb-4109546>

Africa emerges as key partner, Bangladesh eyes USD 4 Bn trade

- Business leaders say Africa offers stronger growth prospects compared to saturated markets in North America and Europe, particularly in IT-enabled services, pharmaceuticals and garments. African exports to Bangladesh stood at USD 3.76 Bn in FY23, USD 2.84 Bn in FY24 and USD 2.90 Bn in FY25.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/south-africa-emerges-key-partner-bangladesh-eyes-4b-trade-1364961>

New govt faces 5 early economic tests

- The new finance minister, Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury, faces a dense web of interconnected challenges, from stabilising food prices during Ramadan to negotiating with international lenders, from managing public debt to reforming tax and banking systems, each task influences the others.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/new-govt-faces-5-early-economic-tests-4109626>

FICCI seeks investment friendly policies from govt

- The Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) hopes the government would focus on prioritising foreign direct investment (FDI)-friendly policies, backed by structural and regulatory reforms to strengthen investor confidence and ensure sustainable economic growth.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/291648/ficci-seeks-investment-friendly-policies-from-govt>

Sector & Industries:**TELECOM | Legal fights heat up in telecom sector**

- Operators have long competed fiercely on price, network quality, and subscriber acquisition. But 2025 saw that rivalry erupt not through marketing campaigns, but through formal complaints, regulatory challenges, and court petitions. The disputes touched on issues ranging from predatory pricing and brand misuse to the validity of a regulatory framework designed to check the dominance of the market's largest player.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/legal-fights-heat-telecom-sector-4109576>

BANK | Sub-branch loan growth outpaces banking sector average

- Outstanding loans and advances disbursed through sub-branches of scheduled banks recorded a 7.9 per cent growth, from BDT 172.77 Bn in April-June 2025 to BDT 186.45 Bn in July-September 2025. Despite the higher growth, loans disbursed through sub-branches accounted for just 1.1% of the aggregate loans. Total outstanding deposits collected through sub-branches rose from BDT 680.71 Bn to BDT 720.56 Bn, registering a 5.9% growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/sub-branch-loan-growth-outpaces-banking-sector-average-1771434824>

BANK | BDT 10Mn+ household deposits rose 8% in June 2025: BB

- The number of household deposit accounts containing between BDT 10 Mn - BDT 250 Mn rose by nearly 8% year-on-year in June 2025. These accounts increased to 36,932 as of June 2025, up from 34,258 in June 2024. The total amount held in these specific deposit tiers rose from BDT 802 Bn in June 2024 to BDT 820 Bn in June 2025.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tk-1cr-household-deposits-rose-8-june-2025-bb-4109476>

BANK | Nabil Mustafizur declines Sammilito Islami Bank MD role citing health issues

- Nabil Mustafizur Rahman, additional managing director (MD) of United Commercial Bank (UCB), will not assume the position of managing director at state-owned Islami Bank PLC due to health reasons. Ministry of Finance's Financial Institutions Division approved his appointment on 15 February.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/nabil-mustafizur-declines-sammilito-islami-bank-md-role-citing-health-issues-1365236>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | BSEC seeks safeguards for small investors in bank mergers, NBFIs liquidations**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has formally urged the government to safeguard the interests of general investors as the financial sector undergoes a major restructuring involving the merger of five banks and the liquidation of nine non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs). Referring to Section 77 of the Bank Resolution Ordinance 2025, the commission noted that liability for financial collapse rests with individuals or groups identified under the law – not with general shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-seeks-safeguards-small-investors-bank-mergers-nbfi-liquidations-1365646>

NCCBANK | NCC BANK INKS DEAL WITH UNISOFT SYSTEMS FOR DIGITAL LOANS

- NCC Bank has formally launched its digital loan management system (DLMS) across all branches. The solution has been designed and implemented by Unisoft Systems Limited.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-seeks-safeguards-small-investors-bank-mergers-nbfi-liquidations-1365646>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.22	USD 7.79	13.56%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 70.37	USD 9.52	15.65%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,009.20	USD 668.20	15.39%
DSEX	5,519.14	653.80	13.44%
S&P 500	6,881.77	-17.05	-0.25%
FTSE 100	10,686.18	754.80	7.60%
BSE SENSEX	83,734.25	-1,059.33	-1.25%
KSE-100	178,853.10	4,798.80	2.76%
CSEALL	23,919.84	1,295.53	5.73%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.16 BDT****1 GBP = 164.95 BDT****1 Euro = 143.99 BDT****1 INR = 1.34 BDT**

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