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Macro:**T-bill yields mixed as banks turn cautious**

- The yields on treasury bills (T-bills) showed a mixed trend on Sunday as banks opted to place their excess liquidity in shorter-tenure securities rather than longer-dated ones, amid uncertainty ahead of the national polls. A senior treasury official at a leading private commercial bank expects the current yield pattern in government securities to persist over the coming weeks.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/t-bill-yields-mixed-as-banks-turn-cautious>

Import-stage income tax credits to be auto-reflected in e-returns

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has introduced an automated system that allows advance income tax (AIT) paid at the import stage to be directly credited to taxpayers' electronic returns.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/import-stage-income-tax-credits-be-auto-reflected-e-returns-4084251>

Weak markets to worsen job losses after merger, liquidation

- The merger and liquidation of financial institutions are set to cost hundreds of jobs, while weakened money and capital markets leave little scope for new employment to replace those lost. Although the central bank has assured that there will be no job cuts arising directly from the merger of five troubled banks, market analysts warn that employment losses across the broader financial sector are unavoidable.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/weak-markets-to-worsen-job-losses-after-merger-liquidation>

Taka weakens 1.9pc against USD in Nov

- Taka weakened by nearly 2.0% year-on-year in November 2025, reflecting higher import demand and a gradual adjustment of the exchange rate. People familiar with developments at the central bank said the pace of depreciation remained modest compared with regional peers. However, they added that there was scope for further depreciation as foreign exchange liquidity improved and market pressures persisted amid rising imports.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/taka-weakens-19pc-against-usd-in-nov-1768759489>

Bangladesh's remittance soars 56.3% in first 17 days of January

- The upward trend in inward remittances continued and 56.3% growth in January, with receiving over USD 1.86 Bn in 17 days of the month. Bangladesh received USD 18.12 Bn in inward remittances from July to January 17, 2026, in the current fiscal year FY 2025-26. It was USD 14.96 Bn in the same period of the previous FY2024-25, and saw a growth of 21.1%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladeshs-remittance-soars-563pc-in-first-17-days-of-january>

Financial inclusion in rural areas improves: BB

- A recently published Bangladesh Bank (BB) report shows a significant rise in financial inclusion of the rural population, especially women, in several sectors, including agent banking, deposit, CMSME, and cooperatives.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/financial-inclusion-rural-areas-improves-bb-4083736>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | BB sticks to no profit at five shariah banks amid depositor unrest**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) will not change its decision about paying no profits on deposits for 2024 and 2025 at five shariah-based banks now undergoing a merger, even as depositors staged protests at a number of branches. BB officials estimated that if implemented, the decision would reduce the banks' liabilities by BDT 100 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bb-sticks-no-profit-five-shariah-banks-amid-depositor-unrest-4084511>

BANK | Weighing downside risks, upside benefits of BKB-RAKUB merger

- A government move for the merger of Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB) with Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) stokes fear it could weaken region-specific farm financing and create new operational challenges instead of problem solving. The banking regulator, on the other hand, has listed upside gains of the coupling, including enhanced farmers' access to banking services like credit, savings, and remittance, particularly in rural and far-flung areas of Bangladesh.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/weighing-downside-risks-upside-benefits-of-bkb-rakub-merger>

RMG | Circular practices key to boosting RMG, textile competitiveness: Experts

- Experts at a circularity workshop titled "CIRCO Track" have underscored the need to reduce raw material use through circular practices, particularly in the ready-made garment (RMG) and textile sectors, saying such approaches can create new revenue streams and enhance business competitiveness.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/circular-practices-key-boosting-rmg-textile-competitiveness-experts-1337516>

RMG | Accessories eye USD 5 Bn direct export in three years

- Bangladesh's garment and other accessories industry is emerging as a formidable export powerhouse, with direct exports doubling over the last three years and stakeholders projecting a rise to USD 5.0 Bn within the next three years if policy barriers are removed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/accessories-eye-5b-direct-export-three-years-1336911>

TEXTILE | Commerce ministry asks NBR to suspend duty-free import benefit on certain yarn type

- The commerce ministry has requested the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to suspend the duty-free benefit for the import of certain counts of yarn under the bonded warehouse scheme to protect local textile millers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/commerce-ministry-asks-nbr-suspend-duty-free-import-benefit-certain-yarn-type-4083856>

TEXTILE | Textile yarn bond curbs spark industry divide

- Excluding imports of 10-30-count yarn from the duty-free bonded warehouse facility has triggered sharp reactions from garment exporters, who fear the move could raise production costs and undermine the competitiveness of the country's apparel sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/textile-yarn-bond-curbs-spark-industry-divide-1768759841>

NBFI | NBFIs' bad loan ratio climbs to 37.11% in signs of growing stress

- NBFIs saw a further deterioration in asset quality, with the sector's bad loan ratio climbing to 37.11% as of September 2025, up from 35.52% a year earlier. The rise reflects growing stress in the overall financial sector amid slowing credit growth, weak recoveries, and long-standing governance challenges.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbfis-bad-loan-ratio-climbs-3711-signs-growing-stress-4084096>

Stocks:
BRACBANK | BRAC Bank rolls out mobile system to boost loan recovery

- BRAC Bank has strengthened its loan recovery drive by equipping frontline officials with advanced digital tablets integrated with a mobile-enabled Litigation Management System (LMS), enabling real-time access to lawsuit information at the field level.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/brac-bank-rolls-out-mobile-system-boost-loan-recovery-1337531>

EXCHANGE | Capital market went through major reforms in 2025: BSEC chairman

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has carried out major legal reforms in the stock market, said its chairman, Khondoker Rashed Maqsood. The capital market went through significant reforms in 2025 with the completion of the Margin Rules, the Mutual Fund Rules, and the Public Offer of Equity Securities Rules, he said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/capital-market-went-through-major-reforms-2025-bsec-chairman-4084206>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.52	USD 2.09	3.64%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.15	USD 3.30	5.42%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,658.12	USD 317.12	7.31%
DSEX	5,035.19	169.85	3.49%
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	185,126.10	11,071.80	6.36%
CSEALL	23,731.60	1,107.29	4.89%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.30 BDT

1 GBP = 163.70 BDT

1 Euro = 142.10 BDT

1 INR = 1.34 BDT

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