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Macro:**Shahjalal airport faces inferno 6 days after 100% cargo safety praise**

- Just six days after Bangladesh's aviation security earned high international recognition, Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) in Dhaka has been hit by a massive fire that gutted its cargo village — causing losses that businesses fear will reach up to USD 1 Bn. A large number of cargo village users belong to the readymade garment (RMG) sector, which relies on the facility to import light machinery and electronics and export apparel products and samples abroad.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/dhaka-airport-faces-inferno-6-days-after-100-cargo-safety-praise-1263921>

Bangladesh's RCEP bid enters formal evaluation stage

- Bangladesh's pursuit of membership in the world's largest trade bloc -- the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) -- has officially entered a structured evaluation process, marking a key step in the country's bid to join the Asia-Pacific trade grouping. Bangladesh currently enjoys preferential market access to many RCEP economies through PTAs or GSP schemes, but these will largely expire after its graduation from LDC status in 2026. Without RCEP membership, the country risks losing duty-free access to several major export markets.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladeshs-rcep-bid-enters-formal-evaluation-stage-1760807425>

DMTCL planning to extend completion timeline until 2035

- The Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited is (DMTCL) planning a fresh timeline for developing five additional metro rail corridors in the megacity, following a lapse of over a year, as the current target of completing all Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) lines by 2030 was never considered realistic. Officials indicated that the earlier target of completing all MRT lines by 2030 is now unlikely to be met, with a revised completion date likely around 2035.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dmtcl-planning-to-extend-completion-timeline-until-2035-1760807589>

Bangladesh witnesses sharp rise in US buyer audits amid shift from China

- Bangladesh has emerged as one of the strongest performers among Asian sourcing destinations, recording a 61% year-on-year rise in inspection and audit queries from US buyers in the third quarter of 2025. The surge reflects American companies continued shift away from China amid trade tensions and punitive tariffs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-witnesses-sharp-rise-in-us-buyer-audits-amid-shift-from-china-1760807711>

NBR publishes English version of new Income Tax Act

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has published the official English version of the Income Tax Act, 2023, responding to demands from foreign investors seeking greater clarity in the application of tax laws. Foreign investors had expressed concerns over potential misinterpretation and legal complications arising from the original Bangla version of the law.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-publishes-english-version-of-new-income-tax-act-1760807964>

NBR posts record BDT 908.25 Bn revenue collection in first quarter of FY26

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has recorded its highest-ever revenue collection in the first quarter of any fiscal year, collecting BDT 908.25 million during July–September of FY2025–26. According to official data, the amount marks a significant 20.21% growth compared to the same period of FY2024–25, when the NBR collected BDT 755.5478 Bn. In the first quarter of FY2023–24, the revenue stood at BDT 760.68 Bn, while it was BDT 686.35 Bn in FY2022–23.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-posts-record-tk90825cr-revenue-collection-first-quarter-fy26-1262821>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Condition of banks set for merger worsened after 2017 takeovers: BB deputy governor**

- "The Islamic banks that are being merged did not have such poor finances before 2017. After the banks were taken over in 2017, their condition began to change. Money was laundered, and single-borrower exposure limits were illegally exceeded. Many policy supports were given. These happened under political direction," she said while speaking at a seminar titled "Bangladesh's Banking Crisis: Finding the Way Forward" hosted by UNB today (18 October)

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/condition-banks-set-merger-worsened-after-2017-takeovers-bb-deputy-governor-1263576>

MFS | MFS transactions rebound in August

- After several months of slowdown, overall mobile financial service (MFS) transactions in Bangladesh rebounded in August 2025, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank (BB). However, remittance inflows through MFS channels registered a slight decline during the period. Total MFS transactions increased to BDT 1.51 Tn in August, up from BDT 1.48 Tn in July and BDT 1.46 Tn in June, reflecting a gradual recovery. Inward remittances via MFS edged down slightly to BDT 16.63 Bn in August, compared to Tk 16.64 billion in July, indicating a nearly flat trend in remittance inflows through mobile platforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/mfs-transactions-rebound-in-aug-1760807884>

RMG | Closure of Pacific Jeans factories may hurt overall denim exports

- The export of denim products from Bangladesh is expected to face significant disruption as the country's largest denim manufacturer, Pacific Jeans Group, has indefinitely shut down all eight of its factories in the Chattogram Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) following days of violent worker protests.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/closure-pacific-jeans-factories-may-hurt-overall-denim-exports-4013381>

Stocks:**LINDEBD | Linde Bangladesh posts sharp profit decline in Jan-Sep period**

- Linde Bangladesh, a multinational industrial and medical gas producer, has reported a sharp decline by 95% in its net profit to BDT 28.61 for the first nine months of 2025 ended on March. At the same time of the previous year, the company had reported BDT 6.29 Bn profit mostly originated from selling its hardgoods business to the EASB Group, an American-Swedish industrial company.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/linde-bangladesh-posts-sharp-profit-decline-jan-sep-period-1263931>

AFTABAUTO | Aftab Auto sinks deeper into debt as banks move to auction collateral

- According to Bank Asia, as of 31 August 2025, a total of BDT 3.29 Bn in loans remains outstanding from Navana Group's Aftab Automobiles and other concerns – Navana Limited, Navana Real Estate Limited, Navana Construction Limited, and Navana Building Product Limited. The debt-ridden Navana Group has seen many of its flagship businesses default in recent years. The assets up for sale include 12.33 acres of land in Chattogram, 516.8 decimals of land in Gazipur, and two apartments with car parking spaces in Dhaka owned by Navana Real Estate.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aftab-auto-sinks-deeper-debt-banks-move-auction-collateral-1263886>

ISLAMICFIN | Islamic Finance narrows loss by 76% in Jan-Sep

- According to its un-audited financial statement, the company posted a loss of BDT 270 Mn during the January-September period, marking a 76% decline from BDT 1.14 Bn in the same period a year earlier. Its loss per share stood at BDT 1.94, down from BDT 8.10 in the corresponding period of 2024. The firm's net asset value per share was BDT 1.74 negative, compared to BDT 0.20 positive as of 31 December 2024.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islamic-finance-narrows-loss-76-jan-sep-1263896>

ICB | Govt plans BDT 10 Bn for ICB to ease liquidity crisis

- The government is considering providing BDT 10 Bn to the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) through the revised national budget to mitigate its liquidity crisis and ensure stability in the stock market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-plans-tk-1000cr-icb-ease-liquidity-crisis-4013391>

EXCHANGE | Deep-discounted MFs face mandatory liquidation or conversion under draft rules

- The securities regulator has proposed liquidating closed-end mutual funds or converting them into open-ended funds before maturity if their units trade at more than a 25 per cent discount to net asset value (NAV) on the bourses. The market price of a majority of existing closed-end MFs is far below NAV, meaning "their performance is below the mark"

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/deep-discounted-mfs-face-mandatory-liquidation-or-conversion-under-draft-rules-1760801342>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 57.54	(USD 13.89)	-19.45%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 61.29	(USD 13.10)	-17.61%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,251.82	USD 1,643.34	63.00%
DSEX	5,119.42	-97.03	-1.86%
S&P 500	6,664.01	757.07	12.82%
FTSE 100	9,354.57	1,233.56	15.19%
BSE SENSEX	83,952.19	5,752.26	7.36%
KSE-100	163,806.22	48,547.22	42.12%
CSEALL	22,633.80	6,689.19	41.95%

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