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**Macro:****People pay dearly for high health cost**

- People pay through their nose for high health cost as government hospitals in Bangladesh serve only 11.2% of the population by an official count. Of the rest, more than half of the population depends on pharmacy or dispensary or rural doctors for treatment, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) survey unveils.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/people-pay-dearly-for-high-health-cost-1764527830>

**1.4 Mn manufacturing jobs lost in a decade**

- Bangladesh's productive sector has seen an impressive average annual growth rate of 10% over a decade, spanning 2013-2023, but failed to translate into a corresponding rise in employment. In fact, the manufacturing sector has shed 1.4 Mn jobs during this period. Economists are now urging the government to shift away from a purely growth-centric approach and adopt policies that prioritise job creation, according to new findings released Sunday by Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/14m-manufacturing-jobs-lost-in-a-decade-1764527691>

**Debt servicing surpasses foreign aid commitments**

- Bangladesh's debt servicing has exceeded foreign aid commitments in the first four months of the current fiscal year, as both interest and principal repayments on external loans have risen, according to official data. Economic Relations Division (ERD) figures show that the government repaid USD 1.58 Bn during July-October of FY26 against outstanding foreign debts. In contrast, development partners committed USD 1.21 Bn in fresh external assistance during the same period of FY26.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/debt-servicing-surpasses-foreign-aid-commitments-1764528268>

**Medical technologists, pharmacists threaten nationwide shutdown**

- Medical technologists and pharmacists across Bangladesh have threatened a nationwide shutdown of healthcare services if their salaries are not upgraded to the 10th grade of the national pay scale -- a demand they say has remained unmet for more than three decades.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/medical-technologists-pharmacists-threaten-nationwide-shutdown-1764528331>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | BB buys USD 54 Mn to stabilise exchange rate**

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) purchased an additional USD 54 Mn through an auction from four banks in the interbank spot market on Sunday, aiming to stabilise the exchange rate of the US dollar against the local currency. The amount was bought under the Multiple Price Auction method, with the cutoff rate set at BDT 122.25 per USD, according to central bank officials. The cutoff rate at the previous auction held on October 14 was BDT 121.80 per USD.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-buys-54m-to-stabilise-exchange-rate-1764528468>

**BANK | BB extends BDT 80 Bn Sukuk term for five years**

- The term for the first Bangladesh Government Investment Sukuk, valued at BDT 80 Bn, which was issued against the "Safe Water Supply Across the Country" project, has been extended by an additional five years. The five-year Sukuk was originally set to mature on 29 December 2025. Following this new decision, the bond's next maturity date will be 29 December 2030.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-extends-tk8000cr-sukuk-term-five-years-1298851>

**BANK | BB decides to license Sammilito Islami Bank**

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has decided to issue a licence to the widely-discussed Sammilito Islami Bank, being formed through the merger of five financially-troubled Islamic banks. The decision was made at a special board meeting of the central bank held on Sunday at its headquarters in the capital's Motijheel. With the licence, the new Shariah-based bank will emerge as the largest commercial bank in terms of paid-up capital (BDT 350 Bn) in Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-decides-to-license-sammilito-islami-bank-1764528017>

**NBFI | BB board clears winding up of nine non-banks**

- The Bangladesh Bank is moving to wind up nine ailing non-bank financial institutions as its board has approved their liquidation under the newly framed Bank Resolution Ordinance 2025, the country's first comprehensive framework for resolving failing banks and non-banks.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-board-clears-winding-nine-non-banks-4047616>

**FUEL & POWER | Govt hikes fuel prices by BDT 2 per litre**

- In step with global trends, the government has hiked the domestic price of all fuel types by BDT 2 per litre. Under the revised structure, diesel will go up from BDT 102 to BDT 104 per litre, octane from BDT 122 to BDT 124, petrol from BDT 118 to BDT 120, and kerosene from BDT 114 to BDT 116.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-hikes-fuel-prices-by-BDT-2-per-litre-1764527973>

**FUEL & POWER | Rooppur nuclear plant project cost to rise by BDT 261.81 Bn after exchange rate adjustment**

- Although the project cost has increased, Russia's USD 11.38 Bn credit remains unchanged in dollar terms. However, calculated in taka, the foreign loan now stands at BDT 1.17 Tn. In the original proposal, Russia's loan was estimated at BDT 910.40 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/cost-rooppur-nuclear-power-project-increase-tk26181cr-after-exchange-rate-adjustment>

**FUEL & POWER | EXIM Bank warns Payra power plant over delayed repayment**

- China's EXIM Bank has warned the Bangladesh-China Power Company Ltd (BCPCL) that its failure to repay a USD 129 Mn loan instalment due in early December could trigger a formal default event, potentially affecting other projects in Bangladesh financed by the bank. The bank issued the caution after the joint-venture operator of the Payra 1,320MW coal power plant repeatedly missed instalment deadlines over the past few years, officials said, raising concerns about its overall repayment capacity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/exim-bank-warns-payra-power-plant-over-delayed-repayment-1764528137>

**SERVICES & REAL ESTATE | Recast policy redefines compensation to landowners in Dhaka**

- A major policy change in land acquisition envisages abolishing compensation to the city landowners and instead encouraging them to get engaged in the development activities with revised property rights staying within respective areas. Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkhya (RAJUK) has made the move to amend its own regulatory act -the Town Improvement Act 1953--for accommodating the new concept following successful implementation of transit-oriented development (ToD) and township in different countries, including Japan, Germany, Nepal, Bhutan and Thailand.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/recast-policy-redefines-compensation-to-landowners-in-dhaka-1764528210>

**Stocks:****SALVOCHEM | Salvo Organic MD to buy 0.44 Mn more shares to meet minimum shareholding rule**

- Salvo Organic Industries Managing Director Salam Obaidul Karim is continuing to increase his stake in the company as part of an effort to meet the minimum shareholding requirement set by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), after the regulator rejected the firm's repeated attempts to raise capital through private placement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/salvo-organic-md-buy-440-lakh-more-shares-meet-minimum-shareholding-rule-1298876>

**LRBDL | post-IPO expansion failure drags Lub-rref deeper into losses**

- The lubricant producer reported a loss of BDT 662 Mn for the year ended June this year, up from a loss of BDT 107 Mn a year earlier. The poor financial performance resulted from failed partnerships with banks in implementing a BDT 15 Bn investment plan at Julda Industrial Park in Chattogram.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/post-ipo-expansion-failure-drags-lub-rref-deeper-into-losses-1764526365>

**ALIF | Alif Industries share scam: BSEC slaps BDT 111 Mn fine on three firms**

- BSEC's investigation revealed that Faruque Enterprise, Raiyan Trading, and Islam Enterprise jointly fuelled abnormal buying pressure by engaging in circular trading, executing frequent low-volume trades, and buying and selling shares at artificially high prices, sending artificial signals to the market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/alif-industries-share-scam-bsec-slaps-tk1110cr-fine-three-firms-1298856>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.46	(USD 11.97)	-16.76%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 63.29	(USD 11.10)	-14.92%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,239.89	USD 1,631.41	62.54%
DSEX	4,978.77	-237.67	-4.56%
S&P 500	6,849.09	942.15	15.95%
FTSE 100	9,720.51	1,599.50	19.70%
BSE SENSEX	85,706.67	7,506.74	9.60%
KSE-100	166,677.70	51,418.70	44.61%
CSEALL	22,712.82	6,768.21	42.45%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 121.94 BDT****1 GBP = 161.33 BDT****1 Euro = 141.41 BDT****1 INR = 1.36 BDT**

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