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**Macro:****Forex reserves hit 3-year high at USD 33 Bn**

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves have surged to the USD 33 Bn mark, reaching a three-year high, bolstered by a massive influx of remittances and strategic dollar purchases by the central bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/forex-reserves-hit-3-year-high-at-33b-1767205465>

**Chattogram Port logs robust 11% cargo growth in 2025**

- Chattogram Port recorded a strong 11.17% year-on-year growth in cargo handling in 2025, alongside moderate increases in container throughput and vessel calls, signalling steady momentum in the country's external trade despite operational constraints and global uncertainties.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/chattogram-port-logs-robust-11-cargo-growth-2025-1323511>

**Uncertainty in politics undermines economic rebound**

- A mixed economic picture comes clear in the yearbook 2025 with Bangladesh having witnessed its external accounts fairly strengthened while stubborn inflation, weak private investment and deep-rooted stress in banking continuing to weigh on growth prospects.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/uncertainty-in-politics-undermines-economic-rebound-1767205579>

**Revenue strain deepens as NBR turmoil dents collection in 2025**

- The year 2025 ended with deepening concern over Bangladesh's weakening domestic revenue mobilisation, prompting economists and policymakers to warn about the government's ability to meet rising public expenditure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/revenue-strain-deepens-as-nbr-turmoil-dents-collection-in-2025-1767205635>

**Sector & Industries:****FUEL & POWER | Rooppur Unit 1 nears power generation, grid connection likely in March-April**

- Bangladesh's first nuclear power plant is now approaching the power generation stage, with fuel loading at Unit 1 of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Project likely to begin in early February, project officials said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/rooppur-unit-1-nears-power-generation-grid-connection-likely-march-april-1323726>

**Inside Bangladesh's new tobacco law: Public smoking fine hiked sevenfold to BDT 2,000; BDT 5,000 set for using vape**

- With the promulgation of the Smoking and Tobacco Products Usage (Control) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, the government has sharply raised penalties for smoking in public places and drawn a firm regulatory line against emerging tobacco products such as e-cigarettes and vapes. Under the new ordinance, smoking in public places and public transport will now attract a fine of up to BDT 2,000, nearly seven times the BDT 300 penalty set under the original 2005 law. In plain terms, the once-casual cigarette on a roadside or bus stop is no longer cheap, nor officially tolerable.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/inside-bangladeshs-new-tobacco-law-public-smoking-fine-hiked-sevenfold-tk2000-tk5000-set>

**Stocks:****GPHISPAT | GPH Ispat declares 5% cash dividend**

- GPH Ispat Limited yesterday declared a 5 % cash dividend for the financial year (FY) that ended on June 30, 2025. The declaration was made at the company's 19th annual general meeting (AGM), held virtually, according to a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/gph-ispate-declares-5-cash-dividend-4070271>

**TAMIJTEX | TAMIJUDDIN TEXTILE AGM APPROVES 22% DIVIDEND**

- The 42nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Tamijuddin Textile Mills PLC was held at Gulshan Club in Dhaka on Tuesday. The meeting was chaired by Chowdhury Mohammad Hanif Shoeb, Chairman of the company. The AGM approved a 12% cash dividend and 10% stock dividend for the shareholders.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/tamijuddin-textile-agm-approves-22pc-dividend-1767203610>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 57.42	(USD 14.01)	-19.61%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 60.85	(USD 13.54)	-18.20%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,319.37	USD 1,710.89	65.59%
DSEX	4,865.34	-351.11	-6.73%
S&P 500	6,845.50	938.56	15.89%
FTSE 100	9,931.38	1,810.37	22.29%
BSE SENSEX	85,220.60	7,020.67	8.98%
KSE-100	174,054.31	58,795.31	51.01%
CSEALL	22,624.31	6,679.70	41.89%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 122.35 BDT****1 GBP = 164.88 BDT****1 Euro = 143.70 BDT****1 INR = 1.36 BDT**

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