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**Macro:****Iran not planning to attend talks with US in Pakistan**

- Iran is not currently planning to attend talks with the United States, state media said, after President Donald Trump ordered US negotiators to travel to Pakistan on Monday, just days before a ceasefire in the Middle East expires.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/world/us-israel-war-iran/news/iran-not-planning-attend-talks-us-pakistan-4155791>

**Govt will not take loans from IMF by accepting all conditions: Khosru**

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has said that the government will not accept all the conditions of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in order to take loans. He added that loan discussions with the IMF are ongoing and may continue for another 15 to 20 days, or even up to a month.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-will-not-take-loans-imf-accepting-all-conditions-khosru-1415461>

**Govt increases fuel supply from today as chaos lingers on**

- A day after hiking fuel prices, the government has announced a 10-20% increase in diesel, octane and petrol supplies from today to ease the shortages that kept motorists waiting in long queues for hours in Dhaka and elsewhere.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/govt-increases-fuel-supply-10-20-tomorrow-ease-shortage-1415966>

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/environment/natural-resources/energy/news/bpc-orders-padma-meghna-jamuna-increase-fuel-supply-nationwide-4155671>

**Fuel price surge may hit some firms harder than others**

- A steep increase in fuel prices has sent fresh shockwaves across the country's corporate sector and capital market, raising concerns over profitability, inflation, and overall economic momentum. The latest adjustment is expected to push up production, transportation, and distribution costs across industries, potentially eroding corporate profitability in the upcoming quarters unless companies pass on the increased cost burden to consumers.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/fuel-price-surge-may-hit-some-firms-harder-than-others-1776614760>

**Food, transport, trade costs set to spike**

- Food production, trade and transportation costs may increase further on fuel-price hike by BDT 15-20 per litre in Bangladesh amid an exigent global crunch.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/food-transport-trade-costs-set-to-spike>

**Body to set up investment agency with merger of six entities**

- The government has initiated a fresh move to establish a unified Investment Promotion Agency (IPA) through merging six entities, aiming to streamline investment promotion and attract higher foreign direct investment (FDI) in Bangladesh. This includes Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority, Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority, Bangladesh Hi-Tech Park Authority, Public-Private Partnership Authority, and the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/body-to-set-up-investment-agency-with-merger-of-six-entities-1776620008>

**BIDA ties up with five banks to expand OSS**

- Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) has signed agreements with five private banks to expand its Online One Stop Service (OSS), aiming to further simplify investment services and improve the country's business-friendly environment. The banks that joined the initiative are NCC Bank PLC, One Bank PLC, United Commercial Bank PLC, Shimanto Bank PLC, and Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bida-ties-up-with-five-banks-to-expand-oss-1776616495>

**BanglaBiz to become single investment portal after 2030: Bida**

- All investment-related services in Bangladesh will be brought under a single digital platform called BanglaBiz after 2030, a senior Bida official said at a memorandum of understanding signing ceremony.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banglabiz-become-single-investment-portal-after-2030-bida-1415926>

**16.2% growth of remittance inflow till April 18**

- Inflow of remittances witnessed a year-on-year growth of 16.2% reaching USD 1,968 Mn in the first 18 days of April.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/162%-growth-of-remittance-inflow-till-april-18>

**EMRD seeks higher ADP outlay for energy sector**

- The Energy and Mineral Resources Division (EMRD) has sought BDT 37.68 Bn in development spending for FY27, a 63.1% increase from the revised allocation in the current fiscal year, reflecting a renewed focus on boosting domestic gas exploration and supply.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/emrd-seeks-higher-adp-outlay-for-energy-sector-1776619499>

**12kg LPG cylinder price rises by BDT 212**

- The retail price of the widely used 12-kg liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder has increased by BDT 212, marking the second hike in just one month. The new price has been set at BDT 1,940.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/12kg-lpg-cylinder-price-rises-by-BDT-212>

**Govt moves to recover funds siphoned from 'quick rental' power projects**

- The government has initiated efforts to repatriate funds allegedly siphoned abroad during the previous Awami League regime through controversial "quick rental" power projects. The finance ministry and Bangladesh Bank are working in coordination to trace and recover illicit financial outflows linked to the projects.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-moves-to-recover-funds-siphoned-from-quick-rental-power-projects-1776619867>

**Metropolitan Chamber seeks supportive, growth-oriented budget**

- Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) called for a "supportive and growth-oriented" national budget for fiscal year 2026-27. MCCI proposed full integration of the National Identity (NID) and Tax Identification Number (TIN) databases to expand the tax net, introducing a symbolic minimum tax to bring new taxpayers into the fold, and cutting tax rates for both listed and non-listed companies by an additional 2.5% to stimulate investment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/metropolitan-chamber-seeks-supportive-growth-oriented-budget-1415911>

### **Ammonia shortage halts Chattogram DAP plant operations**

- An acute shortage of ammonia has closed down production at the state-owned DAP Fertilizer Company Limited (DAPFCL). The closure of five of the country's six urea factories is behind the crisis, officials said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ammonia-shortage-halts-chattogram-dap-plant-operations-4155216>

### **Drilling begins at country's first deep exploratory well in Brahmanbaria to boost gas supply**

- Drilling has begun at Bangladesh's first deep exploratory well at the Titas Gas Field in Brahmanbaria, which is expected to add around 15 Mn cubic feet of gas per day to the national grid.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/drilling-begins-countrys-first-deep-exploratory-well-brahmanbaria-boost-gas-supply>

### **Sector and Industries:**

#### **TELECOM | Telecom operators urge priority power and fuel supply to prevent communication breakdown**

- Bangladesh's mobile telecommunications network is facing serious disruption as an ongoing power and fuel crisis threatens operations across the country, according to mobile operators.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/telecom-operators-urge-priority-power-fuel-supply-prevent-communication-breakdown-1415631>

### **Stocks:**

#### **PLFSL | People's Leasing moves for legal action as BDT 17.85 Bn remains unrecovered from ex-directors**

- Despite repeated notices and a High Court directive, People's Leasing and Financial Services has failed to recover any dues from four former directors who collectively owe BDT 17.85 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/peoples-leasing-moves-legal-action-BDT1785cr-remains-unrecovered-ex-directors-1415951>

#### **ISLAMIBANK | Dual protest outside Islami Bank HQ**

- Several hundred former employees dismissed from six troubled Islamic banks gathered in front of Islami Bank Bangladesh headquarters, demanding reinstatement and the dissolution of the current boards of directors. Within an hour of the protest, a separate group staged a counter demonstration under the banner of Islami Bank Customers' Coordination Council, demanding the arrest of S Alam Group Chairman and the recovery of stolen assets.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/dual-protest-outside-islami-bank-hq-4155571>

#### **BDLAMPS | Energy-saving LED tubes, electrical accessories drive BD Lamps' sales growth**

- Bangladesh Lamps posted more than 11% YoY revenue growth in 9MFY26, driven by higher sales of energy-saving LED tube lights and electrical accessories.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/energy-saving-led-tubes-electrical-accessories-drive-bd-lamps-sales-growth-1415901>

**Stock and Commodities\***

<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 90.23	USD 32.80	57.11%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 96.00	USD 35.15	57.76%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,761.54	USD 420.54	9.69%
DSEX	5,247.54	382.20	7.86%
S&P 500	7,126.06	227.24	3.29%
FTSE 100	10,667.63	736.25	7.41%
BSE SENSEX	78,493.54	-6,300.04	-7.43%
KSE-100	173,939.02	-115.28	-0.07%
CSEALL	22,773.29	148.98	0.66%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 123.15 BDT****1 GBP = 166.18 BDT****1 Euro = 144.75 BDT****1 INR = 1.32 BDT**

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