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Macro:

Govt may allow refund of excess tax in major relief for businesses

- The government is considering the introduction of a refund mechanism for excess minimum tax paid by companies if the amount cannot be adjusted against future profits within a specified period – a move aimed at improving tax fairness and easing a major concern among domestic and foreign investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-may-allow-refund-excess-tax-major-relief-businesses-1443966>

Private sector credit growth drops to all-time low of 4.72%

- The country's private sector credit growth fell to a historic low of 4.72% in March this year, reflecting weak business confidence, slowing investment and mounting uncertainty in the economy. Economists and bankers said political uncertainty eased somewhat after the February election, but the deeper problems discouraging investment and new business activity remain unresolved.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/private-sector-credit-growth-drops-all-time-low-472-1443971>

BDT 350 Bn for agriculture sought as BAEA urges higher subsidies

- The Bangladesh Agricultural Economists Association (BAEA) on Tuesday demanded that the government raise agricultural subsidies to BDT 350 Bn in the FY27 national budget, more than double the current allocation, citing rising production costs and growing climate vulnerabilities.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/tk-350-billion-for-agriculture-sought-as-baea-urges-higher-subsidies>

Bangladesh Bank buys USD 85 Mn in a single day to maintain exchange rate stability

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Tuesday purchased USD 85 Mn from six commercial banks at BDT 122.75 per USD. Aggregate dollar purchase since the beginning of the 2025-26 fiscal year has risen to USD 6.06 Bn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-bank-buys-85-million-in-a-single-day-to-maintain-exchange-rate-stability>

Singapore pushes USD 1.0 Bn investment plan

- Singapore has reiterated its interest in managing the proposed Bay Terminal at Chittagong Port and plans to invest up to USD 1.0 Bn in its infrastructure development. The Bay Terminal infrastructure development project is valued at BDT 135.25 Bn, with World Bank providing BDT 93.33 Bn, while the rest will come from government.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/singapore-pushes-1b-investment-plan-1779212037>

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB warns banks against dollar market manipulation

- Bangladesh Bank governor on Tuesday warned banks against manipulating the dollar market and said strict action would be taken against banks found involved in irregular practices. Treasury heads of the banks requested to clearly define what types of activities would be considered manipulation in the foreign exchange market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/300294/bb-warns-banks-against-dollar-market-manipulation>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-signals-market-led-dollar-pricing-governor-rules-out-near-term-foreign-exchange>

BANK | BAB calls for confiscating assets of bank looters, seeks 7.5% corporate tax cut for listed banks

- The Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has urged the government to confiscate the assets and shares of individuals and groups accused of looting the banking sector, saying stronger recovery measures are essential to restore confidence in the financial system.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bab-calls-confiscating-assets-bank-looters-seeks-75-corporate-tax-cut-listed-banks>

STEEL | Steel makers warn against further power price hike

- Bangladesh's steel manufacturers urged the government not to raise electricity tariffs further, saying higher energy costs could deepen the sector's crisis by triggering production cuts, financial losses and possible factory closures.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/steel-makers-warn-against-further-power-price-hike-4179911>

RMG | Garment sector far off renewable energy target

- Local garment factories remain far from meeting clean energy consumption targets, held back by high renewable energy costs, limited rooftop space and policy bottlenecks that are slowing adoption across the sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/garment-sector-far-renewable-energy-target-4179836>

ENERGY | Rural electricity may face pressure as PDB pushes REB to raise revenue

- In a new proposal submitted to the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC), PDB has said it wants to increase the bulk power tariff rates for REB's profitable cooperatives.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/3bpmiu8fp6>

MFS | BB mandates same-name registration for card-to-MFS add money

- Bangladesh Bank is set to introduce stricter rules for transferring money from bank cards to mobile financial services (MFS) accounts amid growing concerns over cyber fraud and unauthorised transactions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/same-name-registration-be-mandatory-card-mfs-add-money-under-new-bb-rules-1443581>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | Listed firms face stricter governance rules**

- Listed companies in Bangladesh may soon have to overhaul their boards under rules that would limit independent director tenures, bar executives from holding dual roles and give the securities regulator direct power to remove directors. The changes have been proposed in the draft Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Corporate Governance) Rules, 2026.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/listed-firms-face-stricter-governance-rules-4179816>

REGULATOR | BSEC clarifies who can subscribe to, trade SME shares

- According to the new BSEC order, any individual investor (natural person), whether a resident or non-resident Bangladeshi, who has maintained a minimum portfolio investment of BDT 1 Mn at market or cost value in listed securities, is eligible to subscribe to securities under a Qualified Investors' Offer (QIO).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-clarifies-who-can-subscribe-to-trade-sme-shares-1779209001>

EXCHANGE | CSE finds Familytex assets sold off to Bangladesh Spinners and Knitters

- The physical existence of Familytex (BD) Limited, a once-prominent name on the country's stock exchanges, has effectively come to an end following the sale of its entire factory and assets to a private entity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cse-finds-familytex-assets-sold-bangladesh-spinners-and-knitters-1443886>

ROBI | Robi's hiring of foreign executive challenged

- Robi's previous acting chief human resources officer (later changed the title to chief people officer) from July 2023 to January 2025, has filed formal complaints with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Board of Revenue.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/300293/robis-hiring-of-foreign-executive-challenged>

MEGHNA PET | DSE serve query after Meghna PET shares soar 225% in four months

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has issued a query notice to Meghna PET Industries over an unusual surge in its share price, which jumped 225% in the last four months despite the company's factory remaining shut for years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-serve-query-after-meghna-pet-shares-soar-225-four-months-1443866>

TRUSTBANK, JAMUNABANK, IPDC, UNITEDFIN | Banks and NBFIs join BB refinance schemes for small businesses

- Trust Bank PLC, Jamuna Bank PLC, IPDC Finance PLC, and United Finance PLC have separately signed two agreements with Bangladesh Bank under its refinance schemes to support the development of cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises (CMSMEs) clusters and MSMEs across the country.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/trust-bank-joins-bb-refinance-schemes-small-businesses-4179846>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/jamuna-bank-taps-bangladesh-bank-funds-boost-cmsme-lending-1443676>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/ipdc-joins-bangladesh-bank-refinance-schemes-strengthen-msme-financing-1443536>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/united-finance-signs-agreement-bangladesh-bank-msme-financing-scheme-1443066>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 103.87	USD 46.44	80.86%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 110.87	USD 50.02	82.20%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,502.14	USD 161.14	3.71%
DSEX	5,211.54	346.20	7.12%
S&P 500	7,353.61	454.79	6.59%
FTSE 100	10,330.55	399.17	4.02%
BSE SENSEX	75,200.85	-9,592.73	-11.31%
KSE-100	163,123.80	-10,930.50	-6.28%
CSEALL	22,298.07	-326.24	-1.44%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.76 BDT****1 GBP = 164.46 BDT****1 Euro = 142.46 BDT****1 INR = 1.26 BDT**

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