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Macro:**Low revenue-GDP ratio stokes worry**

- Bangladesh's lowly revenue-GDP ratio dipped further in the last financial year due mainly to economic downturn and sluggish business ambience, coupled with unrest in the revenue-gathering entities. The development has stoked concern among the policymakers as the next IMF review mission is not far away. The revenue-to-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio dropped to 7.69% in the FY2024-25 after having maintained a stand above 8.0% in the last five years, according to the Ministry of Finance (MoF) data.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/low-revenue-gdp-ratio-stokes-worry-1755711623>

Teesta Bridge opens with economic boost in sight

- The Mawlana Bhashani Bridge built over the Teesta River in Sundarganj, Gaibandha, was inaugurated on Wednesday with the hopes of major changes in the economic activity in the country's northern regions and groundbreaking communication development between northern towns. Direct connection with 10 markets including Belka Bazar, Panchpir, Dharmapur, Hat Lakshmpur, Sadulapur and Dhapherhat, will reduce the transportation cost of agricultural and industrial products.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/teesta-bridge-opens-with-economic-boost-in-sight-1755711704>

Financial sector stability within 3-4 years: BB Governor

- Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur has said the country's financial sector is likely to recover from its current turmoil within the next three to four years, as a comprehensive reform plan has already been put in place. He also projected that Bangladesh will evolve into a significantly cashless society within the next eight to ten years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/state-sponsored-financial-crimes-bode-ills-for-islamic-banks-1755711931>

Tax revenue collection up 25% in July

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) collected 24.33% higher tax revenue in July 2025 than the corresponding month last year, which was volatile due to the mass uprising. It collected BDT 272.49 Bn in taxes in the first month of FY26, BDT 53.33 Bn higher than in July 2024, said a press statement of the NBR issued Wednesday. In July of FY25, revenue collection stood at BDT 219.16 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tax-revenue-collection-up-25pc-in-july-1755712396>

Sector & Industries:**FUEL & POWER | Petrobangla wants 150% gas tariff hike for fertiliser units**

- The state-run Petrobangla has sought to hike natural gas tariff for government-owned fertiliser factories to facilitate import of an increased volume of liquefied natural gas (LNG). It has planned to import at least seven additional LNG cargoes with the proceeds from the proposed hike in tariff to feed the gas-starved fertiliser factories, officials have said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/petrobangla-wants-150pc-gas-tariff-hike-for-fertiliser-units-1755712194>

TRADE | Ship turnaround faster but customs delays choke Ctg port

- In a fresh setback to Bangladesh's supply chain, port congestion is now moving from the sea to the shore, undermining recent gains in ship turnaround times. The Chattogram Port, having successfully reduced container vessel waiting times, is now grappling with a new bottleneck: customs delays.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/ship-turnaround-faster-customs-delays-choke-ctg-port-1216911>

BANK | State-sponsored financial crimes bode ills for Islamic banks

- Islamic bankers Wednesday blamed organised state-sponsored financial crime for weakening Islamic banking in Bangladesh and suggested remedial measures for a rebound.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/state-sponsored-financial-crimes-bode-ills-for-islamic-banks-1755711931>

BANK | BDT 1.34 Tn of rescheduled loans turn bad again

- Nearly two-fifths of loans rescheduled to recover defaults have slipped back into non-performing status, exposing the fragility of the country's banking sector, according to the Bangladesh Bank's Financial Stability Report 2024 released on Tuesday.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/tk134-lakh-crore-rescheduled-loans-turn-bad-again-1216876>

BANK | Distressed loans amounted to 45% of outstanding, reaching BDT 7.56 Tn

- Distressed loans in the country's banking sector surged to a record BDT 7.56 Tn in 2024, equivalent to 45% of total outstanding loans, exposing the fragile health of the financial system. According to the Financial Stability Report 2024 released by Bangladesh Bank, distressed assets stood at BDT 75,652.6 Mn against total loans of around BDT 16.82 Tn as of December last year. The amount is almost equal to the size of the national budget for FY2025-26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/distressed-loans-amounted-45-outstanding-loans-reaching-tk756-lakh-cr-1216261>

Stocks:**GIB | Global Islami Bank fails to utilise full IPO funds in time**

- Troubled lender Global Islami Bank could not fully utilise the proceeds from its initial public offering (IPO) within the stipulated timeframe and is now seeking an extension until November 2026 to complete the fund deployment. The fourth-generation Shariah-compliant bank raised BDT 4.25 Bn from the capital market in November 2022 to invest in small and medium enterprises (SMEs), government securities, listed securities and bonds, and meet the IPO-related expenses.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/global-islami-bank-fails-to-utilise-full-ipo-funds-in-time-1755707868>

ABBANK, NBL, IFIC | Cenbank begins asset quality review of 3 more banks

- The Bangladesh Bank has launched an asset quality review (AQR) of three more banks — IFIC Bank, National Bank, and AB Bank — as part of its ongoing forensic audits into troubled financial institutions. Central bank officials stated that the AQR would clarify the actual amount of default loans, provision shortfalls, capital deficits, and the overall state of deposits and loans for these banks. It will also help determine the amount of capital required to merge the banks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-begins-asset-quality-review-3-more-banks-1216891>

BESTHLDNG | Best Holdings bets on business travel with Marriott hotel

- Best Holdings PLC, the publicly listed owner of Le Méridien Dhaka, is set to open its latest venture, a five-star hotel under the global Marriott brand, in one of the country's fastest-growing industrial hubs next year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/best-holdings-bets-on-business-travel-with-marriott-hotel>

EXCHANGE | Lack of IPOs, regulatory hurdles weigh on market rally prospects: Experts

- Market analysts have expressed skepticism over a recent forecast by CAL Bangladesh that the country's equity benchmark index could soar to 10,000 points within the next 18 to 24 months. Such targets appear 'overly ambitious' without structural reforms of the capital market and fresh listings, they say.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lack-of-ipos-regulatory-hurdles-weigh-on-market-rally-prospects-experts-1755707821>

EXCHANGE | Capital Market Stabilisation Fund to undergo major reforms

- The Capital Market Stabilisation Fund (CMSF), which has faced long-standing criticism over structural weaknesses, management inefficiencies, and questions about its long-term sustainability, is set to undergo major structural and managerial reforms.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capital-market-stabilisation-fund-undergo-major-reforms-1216771>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 63.21	(USD 8.22)	-11.51%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.13	(USD 7.26)	-9.76%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,343.00	USD 734.52	28.16%
DSEX	5,379.41	162.97	3.12%
S&P 500	6,395.78	488.84	8.28%
FTSE 100	9,288.14	1,167.13	14.37%
BSE SENSEX	81,857.84	3,657.91	4.68%
KSE-100	150,591.00	35,332.00	30.65%
CSEALL	20,714.80	4,770.19	29.92%

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1 US Dollar = 121.46 BDT

1 GBP = 163.38 BDT

1 Euro = 141.43 BDT

1 INR = 1.40 BDT

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