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**Macro:****Dollar reserves steady for guided exchange**

- The country's foreign-exchange reserves show a rebound following the Bangladesh Bank's market intervention to keep taka-dollar exchange rate stable. And analysts see the balancing action as a boon for both the central bank and commercial banks amid liquidity stress in the country's banking sector.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/dollar-reserves-steady-for-guided-exchange>

**Fiscal space shrinks as subsidy burden rises**

- This sharp spike is largely attributed to a massive backlog of arrears in the power sector and the rising costs of agricultural inputs, primarily due to the depreciation of the taka against the US Dollar, Ministry of Finance (MoF) officials say. The government spent BDT 1.086 Tn on subsidies in the fiscal year 2024-25, 49.19% higher than that in FY24, official statistics show.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/fiscal-space-shrinks-as-subsidy-burden-rises>

**Ctg customs' Jul-Nov revenue jumps 9% but misses target**

- The house collected BDT 316.02 Bn in revenue during the period, up from BDT 290.01 BDT in the corresponding months of the previous fiscal year, according to official data. Despite the increase, revenue collection was 13% below the target of BDT 362.6 Bn set for the period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ctg-customs-jul-nov-revenue-jumps-9-misses-target-4062781>

**Sector & Industries:****TELECOMMUNICATION | Mobile, internet access expand despite ownership, gender gaps: BBS survey**

- The quarterly Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Access and Use Survey 2025-26 shows that 80.6% of the population aged five years and above currently use mobile phones. However, personal ownership remains lower, with 56.5% of individuals owning at least one mobile handset.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/mobile-internet-access-expand-despite-ownership-gender-gaps-bbs-survey-1766254928>

**POWER & ENERGY | Winter slump cuts power generation sharply**

- Electricity generation across Bangladesh has fallen to nearly one-third of installed capacity as winter sets in and demand drops sharply. While the seasonal slump has eased the chronic supply pressures typically seen during summer, it has also exposed the financial burden of maintaining surplus generation capacity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/winter-slump-cuts-power-generation-sharply-1766255072>

**RMG | Lack of tax incentives deters RMG firms from going public**

- Readymade garment (RMG) companies are among the major targets for new listings to help the secondary market grow, but they have not been offered any incentives to go public. A major purpose of listing is to get tax benefits but RMG companies, irrespective of their status as listed or non-listed, pay taxes at a much higher rate than the rates applied to listed firms of other sectors, except for telecom and tobacco firms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lack-of-tax-incentives-deters-rmg-firms-from-going-public-1766252580>

**Stocks:****SHASHADNIM | Shasha Denims plans container handling to offset business slowdown**

- Shasha Denims plans to diversify its business into inland container handling to sustain income amid uncertainty in denim manufacturing. According to a disclosure on Thursday, Shasha Denims was awarded the tender to develop the Ghorashal Inland Container Depot at the Ghorashal Railway Station area under a joint venture agreement. It will operate under a public-private partnership (PPP) with Bangladesh Railway.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/shasha-denims-plans-container-handling-to-offset-business-slowdown>

**RAHIMAFOOD | City Group steps in to revive dormant Rahima Food through contract manufacturing deal**

- City Group has extended a lifeline to its struggling listed subsidiary Rahima Food Corporation Ltd by bringing it back into operational activity through a contract manufacturing arrangement with City Edible Oil, offering fresh hope for the long-idle company and its shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-group-steps-revive-dormant-rahima-food-through-contract-manufacturing-deal>

**METROSPIN | Auditor flags BDT 14 Mn dividend shortfall at Metro Spinning**

- The auditor of listed textile company Metro Spinning has identified a dividend shortfall of BDT 14 Mn in the firm's designated bank account, citing regulatory non-compliance and financial stress. In the report, the company's total retained earnings stood at a negative BDT 583.7 Mn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/auditor-flags-tk14cr-dividend-shortfall-metro-spinning-1314786>

**EXCHANGE | Seven more market intermediaries get extra time to adjust negative equity**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has given additional time to seven more market intermediaries to ensure compliance with provisioning requirements for unrealised losses and adjustments to negative equity. The firms are Shyamol Equity Management, Synthia Securities, Mika Securities, Eminent Securities, Meghna Life Securities & Investment, BDBL Securities and SIM Capital.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/seven-more-market-intermediaries-get-extra-time-to-adjust-negative-equity>

**EXCHANGE | Foreign stock investors keep pulling out funds**

- Net foreign investment in listed stocks stood at minus USD 66 Mn during the July-October period, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, meaning overseas investors sold more shares than they bought.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/foreign-stock-investors-keep-pulling-out-funds-4062791>

**EXCHANGE | Govt's treasury bill borrowing up 4.3% in Nov**

- The government increased its borrowing through short-term treasury bills in November, issuing BDT 312.89 Bn worth of the instruments, a 4.3% rise from October, according to data from Bangladesh Bank (BB).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-treasury-bill-borrowing-43-nov-4062776>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 56.52	(USD 14.91)	-20.87%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 60.47	(USD 13.92)	-18.71%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,338.88	USD 1,730.40	66.34%
DSEX	4,831.41	-385.03	-7.38%
S&P 500	6,834.50	927.56	15.70%
FTSE 100	9,897.42	1,776.41	21.87%
BSE SENSEX	84,929.36	6,729.43	8.61%
KSE-100	171,404.48	56,145.48	48.71%
CSEALL	22,149.09	6,204.48	38.91%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 122.23 BDT****1 GBP = 163.58 BDT****1 Euro = 143.17 BDT****1 INR = 1.36 BDT**

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