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Macro:**Cenbank weighs interest rate cut as officials remain divided**

- The Bangladesh Bank is weighing whether to adjust policy rates in its upcoming monetary policy as internal discussions show sharp differences over the impact of interest rates on investment, inflation, and growth. One Deputy Governor said Bangladesh is not heavily credit-dependent and noted that the link between interest rates, inflation, and investment is not strongly direct in the local context, adding that price increases often stem from weak market management, while strong agricultural output helps reduce inflation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-weighs-interest-rate-cut-officials-remain-divided-1444741>

Higher productive credit flow envisaged for job generation

- Next monetary policy of Bangladesh is going to be a bit bounteous with greater credit flows into productive sectors for much-needed job generation while exchange-rate regulation remains an inflation-combat tool. The central bank will focus on job creation by boosting credit flow, which is also expected to support economic growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/higher-productive-credit-flow-envisaged-for-job-generation-1779297416>

Income above BDT 15 Mn may face 35% tax from FY29

- Taxpayers earning more than BDT 15 Mn annually would fall under the proposed higher slab, up from the current 30% ceiling applied to income above BDT 35.75 lakh a year. If approved, the revised rate is expected to take effect from FY2028-29 and remain in force for three years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/income-above-tk15cr-may-face-35-tax-fy29-1444821>

Govt plans higher value-addition for exports

- Exporters may need to add more value, at least by 50%, to products as the government drafts a new policy with a stronger push for reduced reliance on imported inputs and the development of backward linkage industries. Officials say if an exporter fails to meet the requirement, it will not receive any cash incentive and the duty benefits on raw material imports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-plans-higher-value-addition-exports-1444816>

Many cos facing acute capital crunch

- Finance and Planning Minister told that many well-established companies are facing acute capital shortages, in a crunch he attributes to lack of "fair competition" and governance gaps.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/many-cos-facing-acute-capital-crunch-1779297221>

Govt to revive stalled Dhaka Metro projects

- The government has decided to revive Dhaka's long-delayed metro-rail-expansion projects in a major push to strengthen the capital's public transport system and ease chronic traffic congestion. The government now wants to fast-track work on MRT Line-1 and MRT Line-5 projects through revised project proposals, fresh negotiations with development partners and more competitive bidding processes, officials said on Wednesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-revive-stalled-dhaka-metro-projects-1779297660>

No manual challan from July 1: Finance Ministry

- The Ministry of Finance has issued a fresh circular making the automated challan system mandatory for all government revenues and receipts from July 1, 2026, completely abolishing the manual challan method.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/no-manual-challan-from-july-1-finance-ministry>

All benefits thru one card

- The government is planning a long-term initiative to introduce an integrated networking system called "Family Tree" to bring reform and ensure transparency in social safety net programmes for marginalised communities across the country. Under this system, all social safety programmes operated by different ministries will be brought under a single integrated digital platform.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/all-benefits-thru-one-card-1779296571>

Bangladesh, Morocco discuss free trade pact

- Bangladesh and Morocco are considering a free trade agreement (FTA) to deepen bilateral trade and economic engagement. Bangladesh exports goods worth USD 81 Mn to Morocco, while imports USD 1.07 Bn from Morocco.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-morocco-discuss-free-trade-pact-4180651>

Unified e-toll collection system unlikely before Eid

- The government is unlikely to introduce a unified electronic toll collection (ETC) system across the country's toll bridges before the Eid-ul-Azha travel rush, as different bridge-owning agencies continue to operate incompatible tolling technologies and payment systems.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/unified-e-toll-collection-system-unlikely-before-eid-1779296425>

Sunshine Outdoor to invest USD 15 Mn in Bepza EZ

- Sunshine Outdoor (BD) Co Ltd will invest USD 15 Mn to establish a tent and camping products manufacturing facility at the Bepza Economic Zone in Mirsharai, Chattogram.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sunshine-outdoor-invest-15m-bepza-ez-4180646>

Sector and Industries:**ENERGY | PDB proposes 21pc hike in wholesale electricity prices, faces strong opposition**

- Bangladesh Power Development Board on Wednesday proposed a 21% hike in wholesale electricity prices amid strong opposition from consumer rights groups, business leaders and political activists. Managing director of Power Grid Bangladesh said that transmission losses had increased as electricity was being transmitted from distant power plants such as Matarbari Power Plant, Payra Power Plant and Rampal Power Plant.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/300357/pdb-proposes-21pc-hike-in-wholesale-electricity-prices-faces-strong-opposition>

TELECOM | BTRC proposes major cut in SIM taxes to boost telecom growth

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has proposed a substantial reduction in taxes on new SIM issuance, as high costs are slowing subscriber growth and the expansion of the telecom sector. It has also called for the complete withdrawal of taxes on replacement SIMs and Internet of Things (IoT)/Machine-to-Machine (M2M) SIMs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/btrc-proposes-major-cut-in-sim-taxes-to-boost-telecom-growth-1779297748>

Stocks:

REGULATOR | Cenbank removes tax certificate hurdle to ease foreign investment in stocks

- Bangladesh Bank has eliminated the requirement for an auditor's certificate for every transaction made by non-resident investors. Authorised dealer (AD) banks will now ensure the deduction or withholding of applicable taxes on capital gains directly from the sale proceeds of shares or securities held by non-resident investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cenbank-removes-tax-certificate-hurdle-ease-foreign-investment-stocks-1444611>

INTRACO | Intraco Refueling under BSEC scanner

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has formed an investigation committee to examine the fixed assets of Intraco Refueling Station PLC and three associated companies amid an ongoing merger process.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-launches-probe-intraco-refueling-3-subsiadiaries-assets-merger-1444726>

EXCHANGE | Investment gains help NBFIs weather tough business conditions

- Leading non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) posted improved financial performance year-on-year in 2025, buoyed by strong investment income despite persistent macroeconomic challenges and elevated funding costs. Market analysts said reputed NBFIs managed to navigate the difficult business environment through diversified income sources, prudent Treasury management, and operational efficiency.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/investment-gains-help-nbfis-weather-tough-business-conditions-1779292858>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 107.77	USD 50.34	87.65%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 105.80	USD 44.95	73.87%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,533.35	USD 192.35	4.43%
DSEX	5,222.38	357.04	7.34%
S&P 500	7,432.97	534.15	7.74%
FTSE 100	10,432.34	500.96	5.04%
BSE SENSEX	75,318.39	-9,475.19	-11.17%
KSE-100	165,027.13	-9,027.17	-5.19%
CSEALL	21,789.05	-835.26	-3.69%

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