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**Macro:****Revised budget, new one's outline going for CA's perusal today**

- A pared-down draft revised budget for the current fiscal year and an outline of the next one are being placed before Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus today to seek his advice and directions, officials say. An upscale BDT 8.5 Tn budget for next fiscal year is likely to be framed by the interim government and left to the upcoming elected one for execution, sources say as the budgeting process gets going.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/revised-budget-new-ones-outline-going-for-cas-perusal-today-1766339970>

**Fresh BDT 4.63 Bn project to boost Karnaphuli Tunnel traffic**

- Constructed at a cost of around BDT 106.89 Bn with Chinese financing and inaugurated in October 2023, the tunnel has been operating far below projected capacity. A fresh BDT 4.63 Bn project is conceived to construct 21.1 kilometres of connecting roads to ramp up traffic flow through the tunnel.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fresh-tk-463b-project-to-boost-karnaphuli-tunnel-traffic-1766340029>

**NBR misses Jul-Nov revenue target despite 15% growth**

- According to provisional data released yesterday, the revenue authority collected BDT 1.48 Tn between July and November, up from BDT 1.28 Tn in the same period last year. But still fell short of its target by nearly BDT 240 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nbr-misses-jul-nov-revenue-target-despite-15-growth-4063531>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | Central Bank cuts loan provision requirement to boost agriculture and SME lending**

- In a move aimed at encouraging greater lending to the agriculture and SME sectors, the Bangladesh Bank has reduced the mandatory provisioning requirement for these loans to just 0.5%, down from the earlier 1–5% range.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/central-bank-cuts-loan-provision-requirement-boost-agriculture-and-sme-lending-1315791>

**INSURANCE | Insurance policyholders struggle for compensation as BDT 33.63 Bn claims pending**

- Statistics show that in the July–September 2025 quarter, general insurance companies were able to settle only 7.55% of total claims. In the previous quarter, April–June, the settlement rate was 8.32%. This reflects a drop of nearly 9.25% in just one quarter, highlighting weaknesses in the financial capacity, liquidity management, and overall operational efficiency of general insurance companies.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/insurance-policyholders-struggle-compensation-tk3363cr-claims-pending-1315716>

**BANK | BB buys more US dollars to support taka**

- The central bank purchased an additional USD 60 Mn from four banks through an auction on the interbank spot market on Sunday, aiming to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the taka stable.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-buys-more-us-dollars-to-support-taka-1766340697>

**FOOD & ALLIED | Saving govt sugar mills – is it possible?**

- Bangladesh's state-owned sugar mills have an average extraction rate of about 6%, meaning six kilograms of sugar are produced from every 100 kilograms of locally produced sugarcane, according to annual financial statements of these mills. By contrast, cane in major exporting countries such as Brazil is thicker and richer in juice. Brazil's recovery rate is around 14%, Australia's 12%, and India's between 9% and 10.5%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/saving-govt-sugar-mills-it-possible-1314901>

**Stocks:****BSRMLTD, BSRMSTEEL, GPHISPAT | Why BSRM remains profitable while GPH Ispat slips into losses amid adversities**

- BSRM leveraged its market leadership and economies of scale to maintain profitability amid high costs, while GPH Ispat fell into losses due to heavy debt and rising interest rates. Despite shared macroeconomic challenges, BSRM's cost-efficient volume strategy outperformed GPH's high-tech, capital-intensive model.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/why-bsrm-remains-profitable-while-gph-ispas-slips-into-losses-amid-adversities-1766335978>

**RDFOOD | Auditor flags dividend mismatch and tax discrepancies at RD Food**

- Faruk Ahmed, partner of Khan Wahab Shafique Rahman & Co, Chartered Accountants, in a qualified opinion, said that the company calculated deferred tax using the prior SRO at the rate of 15% instead of the current year's applicable 22.5%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/auditor-flags-dividend-mismatch-and-tax-discrepancies-rd-food-1315736>

**RAHIMAFOOD | Rahima Food leads turnover chart as City Group steps in to revive operations**

- The company's shares traded worth BDT 126.4 Mn during the session, making it the most traded stock of the day. Its share price jumped 7.95% to close at BDT 149.30, reflecting renewed investor optimism following the latest corporate disclosure.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rahima-food-leads-turnover-chart-city-group-steps-revive-operations-1315721>

**EXCHANGE | NBR moves to link tax database with stock market investor records**

- The NBR chief said that connecting the tax database with the CDBL will significantly simplify the collection of dividend information from the large number of investors in the stock market who receive small dividends.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-moves-link-tax-database-stock-market-investor-records-1315636>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 56.94	(USD 14.49)	-20.29%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 60.92	(USD 13.47)	-18.11%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,383.48	USD 1,775.00	68.05%
DSEX	4,826.47	-389.97	-7.48%
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 = 122.29 BDT****1 GBP = 163.80 BDT****1 Euro = 143.28 BDT****1 INR = 1.37 BDT**

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