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Macro:

Energy security tops govt's investment agenda

- The government has made energy security its top economic priority, pledging to ensure uninterrupted gas and electricity supplies for industries as part of a broader strategy to reduce business costs, improve competitiveness and attract investment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/energy-security-tops-govts-investment-agenda-1784659796

Cash hoarding up 34% as banking confidence falters

- Currency outside banks - often referred to as mattress money - jumped 34.01% year on year to BDT 3.94 Tn in May 2026 from BDT 2.94 Tn a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/cash-hoarding-up-34pc-as-banking-confidence-falters-1784658866

Bloc devising new mechanisms to boost trade, investment

- Among the proposals are establishing a Bimstec Chamber of Commerce and Industry to strengthen business-to-business links, creating a platform for investment-promotion authorities to encourage cross-border investment, and exploring cooperation on common standards to reduce non-tariff barriers to trade.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bloc-devising-new-mechanisms-to-boost-trade-investment-1784658937

Govt to introduce unified IRC to simplify import registration

- Under the move, it is reviewing the issue to introduce a unified Import Registration Certificates (IRC) or single IRC, replacing the existing separate industrial IRC and commercial IRC.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-to-introduce-unified-irc-to-simplify-import-registration-1784648697

NBR plans fully automated VAT refund system

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is considering abolishing the manual VAT- refund mechanism for leather and jute exporters, bringing the process fully under the automated e-VAT system. The move is also aimed at shifting away from the Duty Exemption and Drawback Office (DEDO).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-plans-fully-automated-vat-refund-system-1784659531

IMF diagnosing govt climate policy as calamity affects BoP

- IMF team is assessing Bangladesh's climate-policy framework, climate-related fiscal arrangements, adaptation and mitigation policies, disaster-risk financing, and climate-finance architecture to develop findings and recommendations for the authorities concerned.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/imf-diagnosing-govt-climate-policy-as-calamity-affects-bop

Audit of past GDP data likely to finish soon

- The ongoing forensic audit of key official statistics disclosed during the previous governments, including gross domestic product (GDP) and the consumer price index, is likely to be completed this month.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/audit-past-gdp-data-likely-finish-soon-4229331

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Regulatory ICMS rules issued for bolstering banks' governance

- A comprehensive new regulatory guideline comes with policy prescription for strengthening risk governance and improving internal-control standards across Bangladesh's banking sector, now under a rejig process.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regulatory-icms-rules-issued-for-bolstering-banks-governance-1784658984

BANK | BB revises Basel III NSFR reporting framework

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has revised the reporting framework for the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) under the Basel III liquidity regime, introducing changes to align regulatory reporting with the updated accounting treatment of central bank liquidity facilities, reports BSS.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bb-revises-basel-iii-nsfr-reporting-framework-1784648710

BANK | BB to withdraw administrators from 5 struggling banks by Aug

- The Bangladesh Bank has decided to withdraw administrators from the five crisis-hit Islamic banks, with the process to be completed in phases by August as the central bank moves to hand over full responsibility to the banks' boards and management. However, a section of Bangladesh Bank officials believed that the administrators should remain for a longer period because the integrated CBS had yet to be fully implemented.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/307091/bb-to-withdraw-administrators-from-5-struggling-banks-by-aug

RMG | Fewer US buyers take RMG from Bangladesh

- According to the 2026 USFIA Benchmarking Study that covered until May, which was released on Monday, Bangladesh's utilisation rate dropped to 78.9% in 2026 from 88.2% a year earlier.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/307095/fewer-us-buyers-take-rmg-from-bangladesh

AIRLINES | Biman also to buy 10 Airbus aircraft in fresh multibillion-dollar deal

- State-owned Biman Bangladesh Airlines is set to sign agreement with Airbus by 31 August to purchase 10 aircraft, adding a second major order to its recent deal with US manufacturer Boeing. The Airbus aircraft are expected to be delivered beginning from 2031.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/biman-also-buy-10-airbus-aircraft-fresh-multibillion-dollar-deal-1494331

Stocks:

REGULATOR | CSE-30 restructured: GP, LafargeHolcim join; Square Textiles, Crown Cement exit

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has restructured its benchmark CSE-30 Index, adding four companies and dropping four others following its semi-annual review, with the revised index set to take effect on 30 July 2026.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cse-30-restructured-gp-lafargeholcim-join-square-textiles-crown-cement-exit-1494296

REGULATOR | BSEC orders Dhaka exchange to ensure lenders' quarterly reporting

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has instructed the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) to ensure that stockbrokers and merchant banks submit quarterly reports on negative equity, unrealised losses and related provisioning. According to BSEC data, the total provisioning deficit against negative equity and unrealised losses stood at BDT 93.67 Bn as of May.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/tk9367cr-provision-gap-bsec-orders-dhaka-exchange-ensure-lenders-quarterly-reporting

NBL | BB allows NBL to lease HQ unit to raise income

- Bangladesh Bank allowed crisis-hit National Bank to commercially lease its under-construction headquarters in Dhaka's Panthapath, granting a rare exemption from banking law to help the lender create a new source of income amid severe financial stress.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/307109/bb-allows-nbl-to-lease-hq-unit-to-raise-income

SOUTHEASTB | Southeast Bank profit jumps 64% to BDT 2.19 Bn in H1

- According to its price-sensitive statement approved at a board meeting held today (21 July), the bank posted the consolidated net profit of BDT 2.19 Bn in January-June of 2026, which was significantly higher from BDT 1.34 Bn in the same period of 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/southeast-bank-profit-jumps-64-tk219cr-h1-1494301

RUPALILIFE | Rupali Life recommends 12% cash dividend for 2025

- The board of directors of Rupali Life Insurance Company Limited has recommended a 12% cash dividend for the year ended 31 December 2025 despite reporting an underwriting deficit in the first half of 2026.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rupali-life-recommends-12-cash-dividend-2025-1494251

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 84.68	USD 27.25	47.45%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.01	USD 30.16	49.56%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,081.12	(USD 259.88)	-5.99%
DSEX	5,898.96	1,033.63	21.24%
S&P 500	7,509.20	610.38	8.85%
FTSE 100	10,585.91	654.53	6.59%
BSE SENSEX	77,470.11	-7,323.47	-8.64%
KSE-100	176,127.70	2,073.40	1.19%
CSEALL	21,145.73	-1,478.58	-6.54%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.30 BDT

1 GBP = 164.93 BDT

1 Euro = 140.57 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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