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**Macro:****Fitch justifies 10pc policy rate against high-inflation regime**

- An outfit of high-profile global rating-agency Fitch suggests Bangladesh should continue with its high policy rate in lending in the high-inflation regime. Fitch expects the Bangladesh Bank to maintain its policy rate at 10% over FY2026/27 instead of cutting the rate. The agency expect headline inflation will remain above the central bank's 6.5% target over FY2026/27 and also expects the Iran conflict to contribute 0.13- percentage points towards headline inflation for the coming fiscal year through higher energy prices.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fitch-justifies-10pc-policy-rate-against-high-inflation-regime-1776878426>

**BB needs to avoid taking preemptive tighter monetary policy actions**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) should not go for contractionary monetary policy measures preemptively because of the inflation spikes created by the ongoing crisis in the Middle East (ME), Global Head of Research and Chief Strategist of Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) has suggested.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bb-needs-to-avoid-taking-preemptive-tighter-monetary-policy-actions-1776876166>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/global-shocks-cloud-bangladeshs-fragile-recovery-despite-post-polls-optimism-stanchart>

**10-year bond yields jump on weak demand**

- Yields on 10-year government bonds rose sharply on Tuesday, reflecting subdued demand from banks that are increasingly favouring shorter-term instruments to manage liquidity and risk. The cut-off yield on Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) climbed to 10.98% on the day from 10.26% earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/10-year-bond-yields-jump-on-weak-demand-1776872331>

**BDT 1.17t kept as block, special allocations in next ADP**

- The Ministry of Finance has earmarked BDT 1.17 Tn, or 39% of the proposed BDT 3.0 Tn Annual Development Programme (ADP), for the next fiscal year, as block and special allocations across various sectors. The remaining BDT 1.83 Tn is set to be allocated to ongoing projects under different ministries and divisions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/tk-117t-kept-as-block-special-allocations-in-next-adp>

**Firms trim margins, shrink packs as fuel price hike bites**

- Transport fares between Chattogram port and destinations across the country have risen 25-31% since the April 18 hike. On the manufacturing side, companies are deploying a range of measures to absorb the cost shock without immediately raising retail prices, though several have signalled that adjustments are becoming harder to avoid. Farmers are feeling the pinch during the Boro harvesting season as the surging diesel prices have made it costlier to rent harvesters.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/firms-trim-margins-shrink-packs-fuel-price-hike-bites-4158306>

**Inflation pushes REER up 1.43 points in Mar**

- The Real Effective Exchange Rate (REER) index rose in March, largely driven by higher inflation in the country compared with its trading partners. REER stood at 102.78 in March 2026, up 1.43 points from February.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/inflation-pushes-reer-up-143-points-in-mar-1776877886>

**Japan's Mitsubishi takes 25% stake in Rancon Auto**

- Japan's Mitsubishi Corporation has signed a strategic agreement with Bangladesh's Rancon Auto Industries Limited (RAIL), acquiring a 25% equity stake in a deal aimed at strengthening the country's vehicle manufacturing, sales and distribution. The partnership is expected to unlock opportunities in technology transfer, workforce development, and improved customer service.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/japans-mitsubishi-takes-25-stake-rancon-auto-1419001>

**Adani shuts one unit after demanding arrears**

- Adani Power Limited on Wednesday shut down one of two units of its power plant in the Indian states of Jharkhand four days after demanding payment of arrears to Bangladesh. Energy Division officials attributed the closure of the unit to the periodical maintenance, causing shortage over 700 megawatts of power to the national grid.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/297657/adani-shuts-one-unit-after-demanding-arrears>

**Sector and Industries:****RMG | Foreign buyers warn of energy crisis, RMG orders on decline: BCI president**

- Foreign buyers have begun scaling back export orders as concerns over Bangladesh's energy stability and "negative messaging" regarding fuel shortages rattle international markets, said the President of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy-concerns-push-foreign-buyers-scale-back-bangladesh-orders-bci-chief-1418901>

**RMG | No overcapacity, forced labour in apparel sector**

- Bangladesh's garment industry does not have overproduction capacity that could harm the American manufacturing sector and is free from forced labour, as exporters comply with internationally recognised labour laws, according to the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA). The association made the remarks in a position paper submitted to the commerce ministry as the government prepares to attend a hearing of an investigation launched by the United States Trade Representative (USTR) on April 29.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/no-overcapacity-forced-labour-apparel-sector-4158341>

**TELECOM | Banglalink ties up with Starlink Mobile for satellite connectivity**

- Banglalink has announced its collaboration with Starlink Mobile to introduce satellite-powered mobile connectivity in Bangladesh, aiming to extend network coverage to remote and underserved areas. The initiative, subject to regulatory approval, will mark the country's first satellite-to-mobile service. It is expected to initially support SMS and over-the-top (OTT) messaging, with voice and data services to be introduced at a later stage.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/banglalink-ties-up-with-starlink-mobile-for-satellite-connectivity-1776875152>

**Stocks:**
**GP | Grameenphone posts higher profit despite revenue decline in Q1**

- Grameenphone reported a 4.40% YoY rise in net profit to BDT 6.62 Bn in Q12025, even as revenue declined. The earnings growth was supported by lower depreciation and amortisation costs, reduced finance expenses, and improved operational efficiency across the business.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/telecom/grameenphone-posts-higher-profit-despite-revenue-decline-q1-1418871>

**IBNSINA | Ibn Sina posts 33% EPS growth in 9 months despite Q3 dip**

- The company's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) rose to BDT 19.94 during the July-March period, marking a 32.75% increase compared to the same period in the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ibn-sina-posts-33-eps-growth-9-month-despite-q3-dip-1418776>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 94.87	USD 37.44	65.19%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 103.76	USD 42.91	70.52%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,704.28	USD 363.28	8.37%
DSEX	5,298.58	433.24	8.90%
S&P 500	7,137.90	239.08	3.47%
FTSE 100	10,476.46	545.08	5.49%
BSE SENSEX	78,516.49	-6,277.09	-7.40%
KSE-100	171,579.31	-2,474.99	-1.42%
CSEALL	22,639.81	15.50	0.07%

**Exchange Rates**

**1 US Dollar = 122.95 BDT**

**1 GBP = 165.80 BDT**

**1 Euro = 143.83 BDT**

**1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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