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Macro:

Govt targets lofty 34.5% investment-GDP ratio for FY27

- Bangladesh wants to expand its investment-to-GDP ratio by 6.57% points within a year as it has set the aspiration in the newly approved five-year development strategy and framework, analysts say.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-targets-lofty-345pc-investment-gdp-ratio-for-fy27-1

USD 2 Bn Bangladesh-dedicated fund to be launched in Hong Kong: Finance Minister

- Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury today (Saturday) said a USD 2 Bn Bangladesh-dedicated fund will be launched in Hong Kong as equity investment, not a loan, as part of the government's efforts to develop alternative sources of financing, revive the capital market and reduce dependence on conventional borrowing.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/2b-bangladesh-dedicated-fund-to-be-launched-in-hong-kong-finance-minister

Collateral-free financing scheme rollout soon

- Bangladesh Bank's special loan scheme 'Udyog' to facilitate new-generation entrepreneurs with collateral-free financing is set to be rolled out within this month, opening up a new avenue of commercial lending.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/collateral-free-financing-scheme-rollout-soon

Inward remittances thru MFS fall nearly 21% to BDT 22.29 Bn in June

- Inward remittances through mobile financial services (MFS) declined by nearly 21% in June over the previous month, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/inward-remittances-thru-mfs-fall-nearly-21pc-to-tk-2229b-in-june

US overtakes India as Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner

- The US overtook India to become Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner in May, signifying the growing importance of the American market to the country's external sector, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) data.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/us-overtakes-india-as-bangladeshs-second-largest-trading-partner

10 Mn jobs by FY31: Can services shoulder the weight?

- The BNP government plans to create 10 Mn jobs over the next five years, with a greater focus on the services and less pressure on the industrial sector. This means the services sector will have to provide nearly 60 percent of the target.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/1cr-jobs-fy31-can-services-shoulder-the-weight-4254221

BB signs agreements for BDT 410 Bn financing packages

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has signed agreements with seven banks for participating in BDT 410 Bn financing packages aimed at supporting productive and priority sectors of the economy.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-signs-agreements-for-tk-410b-financing-packages

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Central bank introduces ADR Mediator Policy for faster loan recovery

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has formulated a comprehensive policy titled "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mediator Institution Enlistment Policy, 2026" aimed at expediting the recovery of defaulted loans and reducing the backlog of court cases in the country's financial sector.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/central-bank-introduces-adr-mediator-policy-for-faster-loan-recovery

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-introduces-adr-policy-speed-loan-recovery-ease-court-backlog-1520871

RMG | Gas crisis slashes knitwear output by 30-50%

- The prevailing gas shortage across major industrial hubs has severely hit Bangladesh's knitwear sector like many other industries, crippling core dyeing and finishing operations, as well as threatening timely export deliveries, industry people say.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/gas-crisis-slashes-knitwear-output-by-30-50pc

RMG | Apparel buyers stay with Bangladesh despite gas crunch – for now

- The gas crisis has disrupted production across major industrial belts, forcing some factories to suspend operations and others to rely on expensive alternative fuels

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/apparel-buyers-stay-bangladesh-despite-gas-crunch-now-1521446

BANK | How banking sector stabilised

- The foreign exchange market has also remained broadly stable, with the dollar rate holding steady while foreign exchange reserves increased by over USD 2 Bn to more than USD 32 Bn in the last six months, according to International Monetary Fund calculations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/how-banking-sector-stabilised-1520961

CERAMIC | MGI enters sanitaryware market, invests BDT 3 Bn

- Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), one of the country's largest industrial conglomerates, has entered the sanitaryware market, seeking to tap growing demand amid increased construction activity.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mgi-enters-sanitaryware-market-invests-tk-300cr-4254236

ENERGY | Energy crisis costs industry BDT 23.87 Bn daily

- Bangladesh's energy crisis is costing the industrial sector up to BDT 23.87 Bn a day in lost economic output as factories continue to face supply disruptions, according to an estimate by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/energy-crisis-costs-industry-tk-2387cr-daily-4252926

PHARMACEUTICALS | IFC commits USD 30.7 Mn loan to Popular Pharmaceuticals

- To help safeguard the continuity of essential medicines and support job creation in Bangladesh, IFC, a member of the World Bank Group focused on the private sector, has committed a USD 30.7 Mn senior secured loan to Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC (Popular), a leading manufacturer of generic medicines.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/ifc-commits-307m-loan-to-popular-pharmaceuticals

PHARMACEUTICALS | Medicine pricing needs a rethink

- Bangladesh needs a medicine pricing system that keeps essential drugs affordable for patients while allowing local manufacturers to produce them profitably, experts and industry representatives said at a webinar yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/medicine-pricing-needs-rethink-4254246

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | World Bank Group, BSEC discuss mortgage refinancing

- A delegation of the World Bank Group (WBG) on Thursday held a meeting with the securities regulator to discuss legal frameworks required to launch the proposed Mortgage Refinance Company (MRC) in Bangladesh.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/world-bank-group-bsec-discuss-mortgage-refinancing

RUNNERAUTO | Runner moves ahead with BYD tie-up, signs EV licensing deal

- Runner Automobiles PLC is moving ahead with its partnership with Chinese electric vehicle giant BYD Auto Industry Co, approving a series of measures to launch the import and distribution of BYD vehicles in Bangladesh.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/runner-moves-ahead-byd-tie-signs-ev-licensing-deal-1522116

DGIC | Desh General Insurance profit soars 439% in H1

- Desh General Insurance Limited has posted a 439% year-on-year growth in net profit after tax in the first half of 2026.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/desh-general-insurance-profit-soars-439-h1-1522081

ACI | Operating profits buried under debt: Why ACI is pumping BDT 7 Bn into Shwapno

- For years, Shwapno has been widely perceived as a loss-making concern. Its latest audited financial statements, however, show a more nuanced picture: the retailer is generating operating profit, but heavy financing costs are pushing it deep into the red

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/operating-profits-buried-under-debt-why-aci-pumping-tk700cr-shwapno-1521426

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 87.06	USD 29.63	51.59%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 94.39	USD 33.54	55.12%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,603.07	USD 262.07	6.04%
DSEX	5,786.08	920.74	18.92%
S&P 500	7,674.37	775.55	11.24%
FTSE 100	10,816.56	885.18	8.91%
BSE SENSEX	77,540.83	-7,252.75	-8.55%
KSE-100	177,166.50	3,112.20	1.79%
CSEALL	21,416.61	-1,207.70	-5.34%

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1 US Dollar = 122.59 BDT

1 GBP = 167.26 BDT

1 Euro = 143.21 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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