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Macro:

Exporters' dollar retention limit doubled

- Bangladesh Bank has doubled the amount of export earnings that exporters of goods with high import content can retain in foreign currency. Eligible exporters will now be allowed to retain up to 15% of their repatriated export proceeds in Exporters' Retention Quota (ERQ) accounts, up from the previous 7.5%.

https://tob.news/exporters-dollar-retention-limit-doubled/

Cenbank eases forex rules for freelancers, service exporters

- The Bangladesh Bank has eased foreign exchange regulations for freelancers and individual service exporters, allowing hem to receive export payments based on electronic evidence - such as platform statements, emails and other digital communications - removing the need for conventional export documentation.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/cenbank-eases-forex-rules-freelancers-service-exporters-1494751

Two more FSRUs soon to ease supply

- The government plans to procure two more floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) to expand LNG import capacity under efforts to ease energy crunch, says Prime Minister Tarique Rahman. A decision to this effect is expected within next month, he told business leaders during exchange views on Wednesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/two-more-fsrus-soon-to-ease-supply-1784744372

CCGP approves BDT 3.03 Bn procurement proposals for fertilizer, food sacks

- The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) approved two procurement proposals worth BDT 3.03 Bn involving the import of MOP fertilizer and the purchase of sacks for the Directorate General of Food.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/ccgp-approves-tk-303b-procurement-proposals-for-fertiliser-food-sacks

Bida launches investment database survey

- The Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida) has launched a nationwide industry survey to build the country's first comprehensive investment database, aiming to improve investment promotion and support evidence-based policymaking.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bida-launches-investment-database-survey-4230066

Power distribution, petroleum import going private

- Power distribution and petroleum import are set to be privatised under sweeping reforms in Bangladesh's hard-up energy sector as the new government aims to cut subsidies and bring efficiency in the vital field.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/power-distribution-petroleum-import-going-private

Govt, JICA talk modernising ship recycling industry

- The government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency discussed a range of initiatives to modernise Bangladesh's ship recycling industry and integrate small and medium-sized enterprises into global supply chains.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/307220/govt-jica-talk-modernising-ship-recycling-industry

Govt approves major cost, time revision

- The government has approved the revision of the Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway construction project for the second time, raising its cost 60% and extending the implementation time by four years up to June 2030.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-approves-major-cost-time-revision-1784744630

QatarEnergy set to prolong LNG supply halt

- QatarEnergy is readying to extend force majeure on liquefied natural gas shipments through mid-October, Bloomberg News reported on Wednesday, citing people with knowledge of the matter. Several buyers in Europe and Asia said separately they are expecting a formal notification, the report said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/environment/natural-resources/energy/news/qatarenergy-set-prolong-lng-supply-halt-4230336

Sector and Industries:

BANK | ABB seeks waiver from 4% spread cap on SME loans

- The Association of Bankers, Bangladesh has asked Bangladesh Bank to exempt SME loans from the newly imposed 4% interest rates spread, arguing that the ceiling would make SME financing commercially unviable.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/307221/abb-seeks-waiver-from-4pc-spread-cap-on-sme-loans

ENERGY | FSRU glitch cuts gas supply to national grid by 17%

- A technical glitch at one of the country's floating LNG terminals has cut gas supply to the national grid by around 450 mmcfd, or nearly 17%, worsening an already acute supply crunch across the country.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/fsru-glitch-cuts-gas-supply-national-grid-17-4230016

ENERGY | Bangladesh-China JV co gets 10mw solar power plant installation job in Bhasan Char

- A joint-venture company of Bangladesh and China has secured the works for installing a 10-MW solar power plant in Bhasan Char. The BDT 1.74 Bn solar power project will cost to be jointly funded by the Bangladesh Power Development Board and the World Bank (WB).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-china-jv-co-gets-10mw-solar-power-plant-installation-job-in-bhasan-char-1784744069

RMG | RMG exports slip 0.63% to USD 19.34 Bn in H1 2026: EPB

- Bangladesh’s RMG exports recorded a marginal year-on-year decline of 0.63% to USD 19.34 Bn during H1’ 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/rmg-exports-slip-063pc-to-1934b-in-h1-2026-epb

TEXTILE | Textile millers want refinancing scheme, BGMEA uninterrupted gas

- Textile millers urged the government to introduce a special refinancing scheme for existing loans to export-oriented primary textile industries with a maximum interest rate of 5%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/textile-millers-want-refinancing-scheme-bgmea-uninterrupted-gas-4230051

PAYMENT | bKash deploys largest Bangla QR network nationwide to accelerate cashless payment

- Aligning with Bangladesh Bank's drive to expand digital payments, bKash has replaced Bangla QR at more than 800,000 merchants across the country.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bkash-deploys-largest-bangla-qr-network-nationwide-accelerate-cashless-payment-1495011

CONSUMER DURABLE | Samsung resumes Bangladesh production, plans local phone launch in January

- Samsung has resumed manufacturing operations in Bangladesh after a hiatus of about 18 months, with locally produced smartphones expected to return to the market in January next year. Production of Samsung refrigerators has already begun at the company's factory in Shibpur, Narsingdi, while washing machine production is scheduled to start in September. Air conditioners, televisions and smartphones are expected to enter production in early 2027.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/samsung-resumes-bangladesh-production-plans-local-phone-launch-january-1495421

CERAMICS | Public projects must use local tiles, lifts: Ecnec

- The government's highest project reviewing body has made it compulsory to use locally made tiles and elevators in public building construction projects instead of imported alternatives.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/public-projects-must-use-local-tiles-lifts-ecnec-4230231

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Late-session sell-off drags DSEX as insurance margin row rattles investors

- The market's volatility was primarily driven by controversy over the regulatory proposal to tighten margin lending rules for the insurance sector. The managing director of a leading brokerage firm told that influential investors, who have historically driven rallies in insurance stocks, are unhappy with the proposal.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bsec-imf-discuss-green-bond-market-development-4229936

REGULATOR | BSEC, IMF discuss green bond market development

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) met with a visiting International Monetary Fund (IMF) technical assistance mission today to discuss the development of Bangladesh's green and sustainability bond markets as part of efforts to strengthen sustainable finance.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bsec-imf-discuss-green-bond-market-development-4229936

RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank incurs BDT 6.40 Bn loss in H1

- Rupali Bank posted a consolidated loss of BDT 6.40 Bn in the first half of 2026, as lower interest income and higher borrowing costs weighed heavily on its financial performance.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rupali-bank-incurs-tk640cr-loss-h1-1495221

JAMUNABANK | Jamuna Bank profit jumps 22% to BDT 3.78 Bn in H1

- The bank posted a consolidated net profit of BDT 3.78 Bn in January-June of 2026, significantly higher than BDT 3.11 Bn recorded in the same period of 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/jamuna-bank-profit-jumps-22-tk378cr-h1-1495236

UNIONCAP | Union Capital's H1 losses widen on lower interest income, loan recoveries

- Consolidated loss per share (EPS) widened to BDT 2.12 for the January-June period, compared with a loss of BDT 1.60 in the corresponding period last year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/union-capitals-h1-losses-widen-lower-interest-income-loan-recoveries-1495346

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BEXIMCO | Beximco sukuk faces repayment risk

- Bangladesh's first private-sector Shariah-based corporate sukuk, worth BDT 30.0 Bn, faces the risk of failing to repay investors on time after the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, acting as trustee, sought regulatory approval to extend its maturity by six years. The move came after Beximco said it would be unable to repay the full amount due this December.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/307224/beximco-sukuk-faces-repayment-risk

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 88.54	USD 31.11	54.17%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 96.37	USD 35.52	58.37%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,129.54	(USD 211.46)	-4.87%
DSEX	5,871.06	1,005.73	20.67%
S&P 500	7,498.96	600.14	8.70%
FTSE 100	10,716.97	785.59	7.91%
BSE SENSEX	76,515.10	-8,278.48	-9.76%
KSE-100	174,916.70	862.40	0.50%
CSEALL	21,149.56	-1,474.75	-6.52%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.41 BDT

1 GBP = 165.01 BDT

1 Euro = 140.79 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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