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## Macro:

### Bangladesh faces higher cost for debut dollar bond

- Bangladesh could sell its first sovereign bond to foreign investors in December, but it would probably have to pay interest of about 8.5% a year, higher than the 7-8% the government had planned for.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-faces-higher-cost-debut-dollar-bond-4330696

### Oct REER rise over 108 erodes BD export edge thru product price hike

- Local currency taka gets significantly overvalued with October real effective exchange rate (REER) having surged to 108.15 that indicates mounting pressure on Bangladesh's export competitiveness through product-price rises.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/oct-reer-rise-over-108-erodes-bd-export-edge-thru-product-price-hike-1795369939

### Import bill rises 15.25% in Jul-Oct

- The country's actual imports, measured by the settlement of letters of credit (LCs), rose by 15.25% to USD 25.98 Bn in 4MFY27, up from USD 22.54 Bn in 4MFY26.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/import-bill-rises-1525pc-in-jul-oct-1795370095

### Govt targets 35% GDP share, 2.5 Mn jobs by 2031 from SME sector: PM

- The government aims to raise the contribution of the cottage, micro, small and medium enterprise sector up to 35% to Bangladesh's GDP and create 2.5 Mn new jobs by 2031 under the draft National SME Policy-2026.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/323662/govt-targets-35pc-gdp-share-25-lakh-jobs-by-2031-from-sme-sector-pm

### Lighter shortage disrupts cargo unloading at Ctg port

- A shortage of lighter vessels has severely disrupted cargo unloading from mother vessels at the outer anchorage of Chattogram Port. Water Transport Coordination Cell has said increased imports of consumer goods had raised the number of arriving ships, while many lighter vessels remained stranded at river ports with cargo on board.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/lighter-shortage-disrupts-cargo-unloading-ctg-port-4330621

## Sector and Industries:

### RMG | RMG sector loses USD 428 Mn, buyers shift USD 254 Mn orders

- The ongoing unrest in industrial zones has inflicted severe damages on Bangladesh's RMG sector, with 317 surveyed factories suffering production losses worth USD 428 Mn and buyers shifting orders of USD 254 Mn to competitor destinations within 18 days.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rmg-sector-loses-428m-buyers-shift-254m-orders-1795369731

### ENERGY | Coal emerges as leading power source as gas supply falters

- Coal's share of total electricity generation rose from 6.24% in FY22 to 26.72% in FY25, marking a 328.21% increase over four years.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/coal-emerges-leading-power-source-gas-supply-falters-1611071

### BANK | Bank deposits rise 13% amid weak lending

- Bank deposits grew nearly 13% year-on-year in September, driven by strong remittance inflows and increased household savings and weak private investment. The growth accelerated from 10.74% in June, 11.1% in December 2025, 8% in June 2025 and 7.44% in December 2024.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/323664/bank-deposits-rise-13pc-amid-weak-lending

### BANK | Banks defying 4% interest spread cap, average gap nears 6%

- Most banks are failing to comply with Bangladesh Bank's directive to cap the gap between lending and deposit interest rates at 4%, with the banking sector's average spread remaining close to 6% at the end of September.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-defying-4-interest-spread-cap-average-gap-nears-6-1610831

### BANK | BB steps up multi-pronged efforts to cut NPLs to 20% by Dec

- The central bank has directed all scheduled banks to make effective use of the special exit facility to expedite the recovery of defaulted loans, according to a circular issued on November 20.

https://www.bssnews.net/news/448684

### BANK | Govt moves to curb family, political influence in banks

- The government has made major changes to the Bank Company Act, 1991, to establish good governance in the banking sector, reduce family and political influence, strengthen defaulted loan recovery, and protect depositors' interests, with the Ministry of Finance having finalised a draft of the amendments.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/323654/govt-moves-to-curb-family-political-influence-in-banks

### BANK | Stay order petitions to cost 25% of disputed loans

- Loan case filing by defaulters is getting toughened, with a legal amendment that provides that stay-order petitions will cost 25% of the disputed money.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/stay-order-petitions-to-cost-25pc-of-disputed-loans-1795369890

### BANK | Serving secretaries debarred from state-owned banks' boards

- Any serving secretary or equivalent-grade official becomes disqualified to be appointed or nominated as chairman or director of banks wherein government holds shares or has sole ownership. No person will be appointed as a director of more than one bank or financial institution at the same time. Those who hold or have held within the past five years will be eligible for the post of chairman/director in that bank or financial institution.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/serving-secretaries-debarred-from-state-owned-banks-boards

## Stocks:

### EXCHANGE | BSEC orders fresh probe into DSE's delisting recommendation for Excelsior Shoes

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has ordered Dhaka Stock Exchange to conduct a fresh investigation into Excelsior Shoes Limited, finding its report recommending the company's delisting inadequate.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-orders-fresh-probe-dses-delisting-recommendation-excelsior-shoes-1610931

### ASIATICLAB | Asiatic Lab's Q1 earnings per share rise 12%

- Asiatic Laboratories Limited reported a 12% year-on-year increase in EPS in Q1FY27.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/323651/asiatic-labs-q1-earnings-per-share-rise-12pc

**ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank clarifies no formal information on reported BDT 60 Bn state stake**

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has denied having any formal information regarding a government plan to invest BDT 60 Bn in its equity, following a query from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) over recent media reports.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-clarifies-no-formal-information-reported-tk6000cr-state-stake-1610936

**MATINSPINN | Matin Spinning vice chairman to buy 1.024 Mn shares worth BDT 135 Mn**

- Mohammed Abdur Rahim, vice chairman of Matin Spinning Mills PLC, has expressed his intention to purchase 1.024 Mn shares of the company at prevailing market prices within the next 30 working days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/matin-spinning-vice-chairman-buy-1024-lakh-shares-worth-tk135cr-1610946

**Stock and Commodities***

| Index Name | Close Value | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crude Oil (WTI)* | USD 83.16 | USD 25.73 | 44.80% |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 92.23 | USD 31.38 | 51.57% |
| Gold Spot* | USD 3,584.77 | (USD 756.23) | -17.42% |
| DSEX | 5,565.59 | 700.26 | 14.39% |
| S&P 500 | 6,910.39 | 11.57 | 0.17% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,346.34 | 414.96 | 4.18% |
| BSE SENSEX | 83,919.71 | -873.87 | -1.03% |
| KSE-100 | 177,382.60 | 3,328.30 | 1.91% |
| CSEALL | 21,369.72 | -1,254.59 | -5.55% |

**Exchange Rates**

**1 US Dollar = 124.28 BDT**

**1 GBP = 162.93 BDT**

**1 Euro = 136.50 BDT**

**1 INR = 1.34 BDT**

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