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**Macro:****Dollars ready for imports, keep essentials' supply steady: BB governor tells biz leaders**

- Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur assured the country's top business groups of adequate dollar support for opening import letters of credit (LCs), and urged them to ensure an adequate supply of essential commodities in the market to keep prices stable.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dollars-ready-imports-keep-essentials-supply-steady-bb-governor-tells-biz-leaders-1243171>

**Deal signed with UK to upskill outmoded customs for accelerating trade**

- Bangladesh's customs administration is set for a major overhaul under a broad-based accord signed Monday with the United Kingdom for faster foreign trade clearance sans red tape and revenue leaks, officials said. NBR inked the MoU with the UK's His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to modernise its systems and strengthen trade facilitation. Among the priorities are introducing stronger risk-management systems, implementing the World Trade Organisation Trade Facilitation Agreement and expanding the newly launched Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme which grants trusted traders easier and faster access on borders.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/deal-signed-with-uk-to-upskill-outmoded-customs-for-accelerating-trade-1758564961>

**Govt mulls over awarding a dozen solar projects**

- The government is planning to award around a dozen solar-based power-plant projects as it has received lower tariff rates in tenders compared to all such previous facilities. The tenders to implement solar power plants across the country were floated to cut prices from the previous ones. Lower tariffs offered in tenders.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-mulls-over-awarding-a-dozen-solar-projects-1758564716>

**NBR revenue collection falls short of August target**

- National Board of Revenue (NBR) missed its revenue collection target for August, the second month of the current fiscal year, continuing the shortfall trend seen in July, reports UNB. According to NBR data, the authority collected BDT 271.74 Bn in August against the target of BDT 308.89 Bn, falling short by BDT 37.15 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/nbr-revenue-collection-falls-short-of-august-target-1758559870>

**Port, logistics upgrade urgent to boost US-BD trade**

- Comprehensive reforms in Bangladesh's port and logistics sector are urgent to enhance trade efficiency and woo greater US investment, suggests the American trade chamber in Bangladesh. The American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) call came from a meet in Dhaka on Monday -- at a time when the two countries are set to strike comprehensive trade and tariff deals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/port-logistics-upgrade-urgent-to-boost-us-bd-trade-1758564771>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | BB buys USD 129.5 Mn more from banks to keep dollar stable**

- Bangladesh Bank today (22 September) purchased USDD 129.5 Mn more from commercial banks through another auction at BDT 121.75 per dollar to maintain stability in the foreign exchange market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cenbank-buys-nearly-130m-commercial-banks-stabilise-dollar-rate-1242911>

**BANK | Bank loans max BDT 10 Bn, issue bonds for more funds: Task force to firms**

- A joint task force of the Bangladesh Bank and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has recommended capping bank financing at Tk1,000 crore per borrower, and those requiring funding beyond this limit should turn to the capital market by issuing bonds. The proposed ceiling would reduce the economy's heavy reliance on bank loans and foster a vibrant bond market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bank-loans-max-tk1000cr-issue-bonds-more-funds-task-force-firms-1243051>

**BANK | Private sector repays USD 600 Mn more than it borrows in Jan-Jul 2025**

- Due to political uncertainty and sluggish new investment under the interim government coupled with adequate dollar reserves in the banks, businesses in the private sector have repaid more short-term foreign loans than they have borrowed. Bankers say banks currently have adequate dollar reserves. However, with no elected government in place, many businesses are refraining from making large new investments. This has reduced imports of capital machinery, which in turn has curbed demand for short-term foreign loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/private-sector-repays-600m-more-it-borrows-jan-jul-2025-1242366>

**Stocks:****BEXIMCO | BEXIMCO bondholders panic as interest payments stall**

- BEXIMCO Zero Coupon Bond holders have started panicking over the future of their investments, as the issuer missed this month's due date for interest payment and investors have yet to receive the money.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/beximco-bondholders-panic-as-interest-payments-stall-1758559675>

**EXCHANGE | Savings certificates should be tradable in secondary market: BB governor**

- Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur has said that savings certificates should be made tradable in the secondary market. Alongside savings certificates, bonds also need to be easily tradable and accessible to the public to make the market more vibrant, he said at a seminar today.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/savings-certificates-should-be-tradable-secondary-market-bb-governor-1242681>

**EXCHANGE | DSE flags 30 closed firms, publishes list to alert investors amid rising manipulation risks**

- The move, the first of its kind from the bourse, aims to inform investors about the actual status of these firms and caution them against falling prey to share price manipulation fuelled by rumours about the operations of such companies.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-flags-30-closed-firms-publishes-list-alert-investors-amid-rising-manipulation>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.64	(USD 8.79)	-12.31%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 66.20	(USD 8.19)	-11.01%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,740.19	USD 1,131.71	43.39%
DSEX	5,337.14	120.70	2.31%
S&P 500	6,693.75	786.81	13.32%
FTSE 100	9,226.68	1,105.67	13.61%
BSE SENSEX	82,159.97	3,960.04	5.06%
KSE-100	157,554.66	42,295.66	36.70%
CSEALL	21,226.87	5,282.26	33.13%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 121.72 BDT****1 GBP = 164.39 BDT****1 Euro = 143.63 BDT****1 INR = 1.38 BDT**

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