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Macro:**PCA could be signed shortly: EU envoy**

- Bangladesh and the European Union discussed Monday the possibilities of signing a free-trade agreement (FTA), as the EU desires to expand the multifaceted bilateral relations. EU Ambassador in Dhaka told that a future FTA could help cushion the impact of the eventual loss of preferential market access and lock in more predictable trade terms, while also expanding cooperation into services, investment and regulatory standards.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/pca-could-be-signed-shortly-eu-envoy-1771870082>

High inflation, tight policy rate weigh on economic momentum in Q2 of FY26: MCCI

- Bangladesh's economy showed mixed performance in the second quarter (October–December) of FY26, with high inflation and a tight monetary stance restraining overall momentum, according to a review by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Dhaka. The review noted that growth remained modest during the quarter under review, weighed down by weak exports, subdued private investment, and continued credit tightening. Although macroeconomic stability showed gradual improvement, the recovery remained fragile, the MCCI added.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-inflation-tight-policy-rate-weigh-economic-momentum-q2-fy26-mcci-1369086>

Bangladesh's macroeconomic stability hinges on reform delivery: Fitch Ratings

- The general election held on 12 February has reduced near-term political and policy uncertainty in Bangladesh, a development that could bolster macroeconomic stability, according to Fitch Ratings. However, Fitch cautioned that the ultimate impact on the country's credit profile will depend on the new government's ability to execute critical reforms to address weak governance, banking-sector fragilities, and a fragile external liquidity position.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-macroeconomic-stability-hinges-reform-delivery-fitch-ratings-1369176>

Commerce ministry calls meeting on US tariff deal

- The commerce ministry has convened a stakeholder consultation for tomorrow, bringing together economists, trade analysts, business leaders and senior officials from across the government to assess its reciprocal trade deal with the United States and determine the next steps.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/commerce-ministry-calls-meeting-us-tariff-deal-4113256>

UAE-Bangladesh joint venture to invest USD 10 Mn in BEPZA EZ

- Integrated Composite Industries Ltd, a UAE-Bangladesh joint venture, is set to invest USD 10 Mn to establish a composite manufacturing plant at the BEPZA Economic Zone.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/uae-bangladesh-joint-venture-invest-10m-bepza-ez-4112886>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Finance minister backs BB's reform drive: governor**

- The new government will continue the ongoing reform programmes in the banking sector, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury told Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Ahsan H Mansur.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/finance-minister-backs-bbs-reform-drive-governor-4113196>

BANK | Jul-Jan LC opening up 2.41%, settlement down 1.21%

- Despite a modest increase in import orders, Bangladesh's import-bill settlement declined during 7MFY26, reflecting subdued industrial demand and changing foreign-exchange dynamics. Letters of credit (LCs) worth USD 42.78 Bn were opened during 7MFY26, marking a 2.41% increase YoY.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/jul-jan-lc-opening-up-241pc-settlement-down-121pc-1771869781>

BANK | Agent banking deposits in Bangladesh makes a big jump

- Bangladesh's agent banking sector is defying conventional trends, recording strong deposit growth even as the number of agents and service outlets declines.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/agent-banking-deposits-in-bangladesh-makes-a-big-jump>

RMG | RMG exports fear order loss as US buyers 'sit on the fence' over tariff shifts

- Bangladesh's export momentum braces for fresh headwinds as uncertainty over the fate of the United States' short-term 15% tariff—whether it will be extended, increased or withdrawn after five months—has prompted American buyers to pause fresh commitments. Several US buyers are now demanding 2% price cuts on goods already in the pipeline, following the reduction of the tariff from 20% to 15%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-exports-fear-order-loss-us-buyers-sit-fence-over-tariff-shifts-1369606>

RMG | Two more Bangladeshi garment factories achieve prestigious 'Green' certification

- Bangladesh's RMG sector has reached a new milestone in eco-friendly industrialization as two more garment factories have earned the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/two-more-bangladeshi-garment-factories-achieve-prestigious-green-certification>

ENERGY | Excelerate begins LNG supply under long-term deal

- US-based Excelerate Energy has commenced long-term liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply to Bangladesh under a 15-year sales and purchase agreement (SPA).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/excelerate-begins-lng-supply-under-long-term-deal-1771869220>

Stocks:**BRACBANK, DHAKABANK | bKash launches weekly Islamic DPS by Dhaka Bank**

- bKash has recently added Dhaka Bank's short-term 'weekly' Islamic DPS in its app, said a press release. Through the bKash app, customers can now save at Dhaka Bank on a weekly instalment basis — from BDT 250 to BDT 5,000 — for a tenure of 6 or 12 months.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/292072/bkash-launches-weekly-islamic-dps-by-dhaka-bank>

MIDLANDBNK | MDB launches digital nano loan facilities

- Midland Bank PLC recently launched 'MDB Digital Nano Loan' for all existing customers, marking a significant step in its digital banking journey. Loan amounts range from BDT 1,000 to BDT 50,000 with tenures of up to six months. Customers maintaining a minimum monthly balance of BDT 15,000 are eligible to apply.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/292077/mdb-launches-digital-nano-loan-facilities>

AL-HAJTEX | Regulator bars Al-Haj Textile from issuing stock dividends

- The market regulator has rejected the stock dividend proposal by Al-Haj Textile Mills for FY24, as the company failed to comply with regulatory conditions. The yarn manufacturer in December last year recommended 5% cash and 35% stock dividends for FY24 in an announcement delayed by more than a year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulator-bars-al-haj-textile-from-issuing-stock-dividends-1771859283>

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries sees BDT 720 Mn shares change hands in block trade

- A total of 5 Mn shares were traded in the block market at BDT 144 per share during the session.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-sees-tk72cr-shares-change-hands-block-trade-1369496>

EXCHANGE | Dhaka stocks see BDT 2.70 Bn foreign outflow in 2025

- Foreign investment in the country's stock market weakened in 2025, with overseas investors pulling out a net BDT 2.70 Bn from equities amid economic fragility, market volatility and pre-election uncertainty, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange. The data shows that foreign investors sold shares worth BDT 20.95 Bn in 2025, while purchasing stocks valued at BDT 18.25 Bn, resulting in a net negative position of BDT 2.70 Bn for the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-see-tk270cr-foreign-outflow-2025-1369536>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 66.27	USD 8.84	15.39%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 71.42	USD 10.57	17.37%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,164.63	USD 823.63	18.97%
DSEX	5,553.08	687.74	14.14%
S&P 500	6,837.75	-61.07	-0.89%
FTSE 100	10,684.74	753.36	7.59%
BSE SENSEX	83,294.66	-1,498.92	-1.77%
KSE-100	167,691.08	-6,363.22	-3.66%
CSEALL	23,783.02	1,158.71	5.12%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.05 BDT

1 GBP = 164.51 BDT

1 Euro = 143.70 BDT

1 INR = 1.34 BDT

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