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Macro:**BB continues tight monetary policy stance for first half of FY25; keeps policy rates, crawling peg unchanged**

- The new monetary policy also announced to stop money printing for government spending, aimed at bringing down inflation at around 6.5% by FY25. The country's inflation stood at 9.72% year-on-year in June.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-continues-tight-monetary-policy-stance-first-half-fy25-keeps-policy-rates-crawling-peg>

NBR for manual assessment of perishables

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has recently instructed customs to release imported perishables, food, chemicals and industrial raw materials through manual assessments to keep supply chains and factories operational.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbr-manual-assessment-perishables-3660086>

Development work nosedives amid unrest, shutdown

- Bangladesh has witnessed massive mayhem in the backdrop of protests by students against the quotas in government jobs over the last one week which dealt a blow to people's normal life and business as well as the development works, including in some unfinished megaprojects.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/development-work-nosedives-amid-unrest-shutdown>

Sectors & Industries:**BANK | Banks waive penalty for delayed loan repayment**

- Some banks have decided not to impose any interest or fees on clients for delayed payment of loan instalments, including that against credit cards, amidst a nationwide curfew and internet blackout.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-waive-penalty-delayed-loan-repayment-3660326>

World Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 77.16	USD 5.51	7.69%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 81.21	USD 4.17	5.41%
Gold Spot*	USD 2,416.48	USD 353.50	17.14%
DSEX	5,483.14	-763.35	-12.22%
S&P 500	5,555.74	785.91	16.48%
FTSE 100	8,167.37	434.13	5.61%
BSE SENSEX	80,337.09	8,096.83	11.21%
KSE-100	79,185.91	16,806.50	26.94%
CSEALL	11,562.08	907.92	8.52%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 117.57 BDT****1 GBP = 151.52 BDT****1 Euro = 127.54 BDT****1 INR = 1.40 BDT**

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