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Macro:

BB keeps policy rate unchanged, will monitor energy price hike impact

- Bangladesh Bank has decided to keep its policy interest rate unchanged at 9.5% to closely monitor the economic impacts of recent domestic and international shocks, including volatile global energy prices and a domestic fuel price hike.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-keeps-policy-rate-unchanged-will-monitor-energy-price-hike-impact-1551681

Taka gains ground against Indian rupee, strengthens 11.6% in 2 yrs

- The Bangladeshi Taka has strengthened significantly against the Indian rupee over the past two years, gaining around 11.6% in value against the Indian currency, including a 7.6% gain over the past year compared to September 22, 2025.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/taka-gains-ground-against-indian-rupee-strengthens-116pc-in-2-yrs

ADB approves USD 200 Mn for Dhaka power upgrade

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 200 Mn loan to help Bangladesh modernise and strengthen its electricity distribution network in fast-growing industrial and urban areas around Dhaka. Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB) will upgrade distribution infrastructure across 13 Palli Bidyut Samities serving rapidly growing industrial and urban areas around the capital.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/adb-approves-200m-dhaka-power-upgrade-4281431

USD 300 Mn quick-win plan to make Ctg regional aviation hub

- The government plans to develop Chattogram as a regional aviation gateway linking South and Southeast Asia with the Gulf and wider international markets, with an initial "quick-win" phase targeted for completion within 18 months and the full development programme scheduled through 2035.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/300m-quick-win-plan-to-make-ctg-regional-aviation-hub-1790184090

Inflation poised to return to 9%

- Bangladesh's recent easing of inflation may prove short-lived, with higher fuel prices, the new public-sector pay scale, energy shortages, and persistent supply-side problems threatening to keep price pressures elevated. Economists argue that Bangladesh's inflation problem runs deeper than external shocks, with policy measures failing to fully rein in prices.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/inflation-poised-return-9-4281591

Tax-to-GDP ratio falling since FY12

- Bangladesh's tax-to-GDP ratio has remained at a decades-low level, with revenue collection failing to keep pace with economic expansion and leaving the country with one of the weakest tax bases in the region.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/315092/tax-to-gdp-ratio-falling-since-fy12

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB allows wage earners' remittances through exchange houses

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has allowed foreign currency remittances received through exchange houses and international money transfer operators (IMTOs) to be credited to Private Foreign Currency (PFC) and Non-Resident Foreign Currency Deposit (NFCD) accounts.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/427582

BANK | How will Bangladesh's new cross-border trade settlement in taka work?

- Bangladesh's central bank has introduced a new framework allowing eligible cross-border trade payments to be settled in taka through Non-Resident Taka, or vostro, accounts maintained by authorised dealer (AD) banks for correspondent banks in trading partner countries.

https://www.tbsnews.net/explainer/how-will-bangladeshs-new-cross-border-trade-settlement-taka-work-1551846

PAYMENT | Bangla QR transactions surge as policy push drives adoption

- Daily transactions using Bangla QR have registered an extraordinary growth in less than three months, driven by the central bank's policy measures and mandatory implementation guidelines for financial institutions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangla-qr-transactions-surge-as-policy-push-drives-adoption-1790183214

TEXTILE | Spinning mills seek smooth gas supply, unified textile-RMG policy

- Officials and employees of local spinning mills on Wednesday demanded uninterrupted supply of gas and formulation of a comprehensive textile-RMG policy.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/spinning-mills-seek-smooth-gas-supply-unified-textile-rmg-policy-1790181488

ENERGY | SPM project to save BDT 5-6 Bn annually: BPC

- Government on Wednesday approved the appointment of PT Pertamina Trans Kontinental, an Indonesian state-owned company, as the operator of the country's first SPM with Double Pipeline system at Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazar. The five-year operation and maintenance contract is valued at BDT 19.46 Bn.

https://tob.news/spm-project-to-save-tk500-600cr-annually-bpc/

ENERGY | Rooppur plant lacks realistic timetable: IMED

- The Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project has no realistic, integrated timetable for starting commercial power generation, according to an IMED report.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/315098/rooppur-plant-lacks-realistic-timetable-imed

ENERGY | Govt approves two Qatar LNG cargoes at spot-market price

- The government has approved the import of two LNG cargoes from QatarEnergy Trading LLC at agreed price of JKM minus USD 0.02. JKM stood at USD 26.05 per MMBtu on Wednesday, 129% higher than a year earlier.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/315099/govt-approves-two-qatar-lng-cargoes-at-spot-market-price

AVIATION | Biman signs agreement with Boeing to buy 11 more aircraft

- Biman Bangladesh Airlines has signed an agreement with US aircraft manufacturer Boeing to buy 11 more aircraft as Bangladesh moves to expand its aviation sector and open new routes.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/biman-signs-deal-to-buy-11-more-boeing-aircraft

TELECOM | Mobile subscriptions go up by 0.65m in Aug

- The number of mobile phone subscriptions in Bangladesh rose by 0.65 Mn to 191.09 Mn in August. All four mobile operators recorded subscriber growth during the month, with Grameenphone leading the increase.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/mobile-subscriptions-go-up-by-065m-in-aug-1790181763

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Single platform to go live by Nov for open-ended fund access

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is set to launch a dedicated digital platform within two months to allow investors to directly buy, sell and redeem units of open-ended mutual funds.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/single-platform-to-go-live-by-nov-for-open-ended-fund-access-1790179996

ORIONINFU | Orion Infusion's unusual rally raises manipulation concerns

- Orion Infusion has been flying high on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) once again for no fundamental reason for investors to be keen on betting on the stock.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/orion-infusions-unusual-rally-raises-manipulation-concerns-1790180274

JAMUNABANK | Jamuna Bank Capital seeks BSEC nod to sell BDT 212.6 Mn locked Alif sponsor shares

- Jamuna Bank Capital Management Ltd (JBCML) has sought Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) permission to sell BDT 212.6 Mn worth of pledged sponsor-director shares of Alif Industries Ltd and Alif Manufacturing Company Ltd to recover outstanding margin loan liabilities.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/jamuna-bank-capital-seeks-bsec-nod-sell-tk2126cr-locked-alif-sponsor-shares-1552036

PRIMEBANK | Two Prime Bank directors to buy nearly 4.9 Mn shares worth BDT 140 Mn

- Two directors of Prime Bank PLC, MJL Bangladesh PLC and Nafis Sikder, declared their intention to buy a combined total of nearly 4.9 Mn shares of the bank worth BDT 139.1 Mn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/two-prime-bank-directors-buy-nearly-49-lakh-shares-worth-tk14cr-1552041

EBL | Eastern Bank chairman to receive 16. 4 Mn gift shares from father

- Anis Ahmed, chairman of Eastern Bank PLC, will receive 16.4 Mn shares of the bank as a gift from his father, Ghaziul Haque, a general shareholder of the lender.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-bank-chairman-receive-164cr-gift-shares-father-1551876

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 91.79	USD 34.36	59.83%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 102.62	USD 41.77	68.64%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,286.80	(USD 54.20)	-1.25%
DSEX	5,596.22	730.88	15.02%
S&P 500	7,706.03	807.21	11.70%
FTSE 100	10,705.26	773.88	7.79%
BSE SENSEX	74,828.25	-9,965.33	-11.75%
KSE-100	172,232.50	-1,821.80	-1.05%
CSEALL	21,085.16	-1,539.15	-6.80%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.17 BDT

1 GBP = 163.06 BDT

1 Euro = 140.16 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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