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Macro:**Global crude oil prices hit six-month high on Middle East conflict, fears of US strikes on Iran**

- Brent crude climbs to USD 116.72 a barrel, its highest close since April, as fears of potential US strikes on Iran and attacks on Saudi energy infrastructure fuel supply concerns. Global crude oil prices surged to a six-month high as investor anxieties mounted over potential US military strikes against Iran in the coming weeks alongside escalating regional conflict in the Middle East.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/world/global-economy/global-crude-oil-prices-hit-six-month-high-middle-east-conflict-fears-us>

Japan to arrange private investments worth USD 6.36 Bn in Bangladesh

- Japan will agree to arrange USD 6.36 Bn in private sector investments in Bangladesh over the next five years. The investments are expected to go into automobile and other manufacturing industries, as well as the construction of energy facilities.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/japan-to-arrange-private-investments-worth-636b-in-bangladesh>

Bangladesh requests USD 2.0 Bn ADB budget support

- Bangladesh has recently placed a request for USD 2.0 Bn in budgetary support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for accelerating switch from expensive imported fossil fuels to renewables. The funds will be used particularly to accelerate renewable energy development, including rooftop solar power.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-requests-20b-adb-budget-support>

Govt to ease capital repatriation to boost investor confidence

- The government has planned to introduce a 30-day deadline for processing applications to repatriate profits from lawful foreign investments, alongside a series of financial reforms aimed at reducing business costs and strengthening investor confidence.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/319125/govt-to-ease-capital-repatriation-to-boost-investor-confidence>

Chasing 47% revenue growth: NBR launches sector-specific drives

- A BDT 254.91 Bn revenue shortfall in just two months, despite a 47% or BDT 1.94 Tn growth target, has prompted the government to intensify tax collection drives. The pharmaceutical industry was the target in September. Another major sector has been selected for October.

<https://tob.news/chasing-47-revenue-growth-nbr-launches-sector-specific-drives/>

LC openings for petroleum imports surge 65% amid war

- Letters of credit (LCs) opened for petroleum and petroleum product imports surged 65 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of the current fiscal year as the Middle East war has driven up global oil and gas prices, raising concerns over mounting pressure on government subsidies and the wider economy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/lc-openings-petroleum-imports-surge-65-amid-war-4302761>

Government debt ratio lower than India, Pakistan, several South Asian countries

- According to the IMF-based figures for 2026 provided in the dataset, Bangladesh's government debt is estimated at around 40% of GDP, compared with around 83% for India, around 70% for Pakistan, around 95% for Sri Lanka, around 131% for the Maldives and around 116% for Bhutan.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/government-debt-ratio-lower-than-india-pakistan-several-south-asian-countries>

Middle East conflict threatens Bangladesh's remittance lifeline

- Thousands of Bangladeshi migrant workers have been unable to join their jobs in Saudi Arabia amid intensified Houthi attacks this month, raising concerns over the country's remittance inflows and economic stability.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/middle-east-conflict-threatens-bangladeshs-remittance-lifeline>

Bangladesh may feel demand-driven volatility on forex market

- Bangladesh could feel renewed volatility in the foreign-exchange market as higher international prices of fuels and fertilisers fatten their import bills that increase demand for the US dollar, financial experts say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-may-feel-demand-driven-volatility-on-forex-market>

Money supply beating output growth pace fuels inflation

- Money supply outpacing production growth in the economy ignites inflation in Bangladesh as government borrowing creates liquidity splurge while private-sector-credit flow slows amid production deceleration.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/money-supply-beating-output-growth-pace-fuels-inflation>

Govt explores Sukuk, dollar bonds for USD 1.3 Bn Matarbari Phase 2

- The government is assessing domestic Sukuk, international dollar bonds, export credit agency (ECA) financing, and other borrowing options backed by sovereign guarantees to fund the second phase of the 1,320MW Matarbari coal-fired power plant as global development lenders refuse to finance fossil fuel projects.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-explores-sukuk-dollar-bonds-13b-matarbari-phase-2-1581301>

One-person-co reg surges, but capital barrier persists

- Registrations of one-person companies (OPCs) in Bangladesh are gathering pace, with 376 firms registered in the first three months of FY2026-27, but a high minimum paid-up capital requirement and regulatory hurdles continue to deter many small entrepreneurs, officials and experts say.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/one-person-co-reg-surges-but-capital-barrier-persists-1792863744>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Cenbank sells USD 20 Mn to curb dollar rate hike**

- Bangladesh Bank has sold USD 20 Mn from its foreign exchange reserves to commercial banks after the dollar rate apparently threatened to cross BDT 124.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-sells-20m-curb-dollar-rate-hike-1578086>

BANK | Credit card transactions rise 30% YoY to BDT 40.89 Bn in August, dips 5.4% from July

- Credit card transactions in Bangladesh reached BDT 40.89 Bn in August, marking a 30.03% year-on-year increase from BDT 31.44 Bn in August 2025. However, monthly spending dipped 5.44% compared to July's BDT 43.25 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/credit-card-transactions-rise-30-yoy-tk4089cr-august-dips-54-july-1578791>

BANK | Balance stagnates at BDT 18.3 Tn as lending slowdown prolongs

- The outstanding balance of private sector bank credit remained virtually unchanged between December 2025 and August 2026, reflecting a prolonged lending slowdown amid weak investment demand, subdued domestic consumption and businesses' reluctance to borrow. Bangladesh Bank data show that the outstanding balance stood at BDT 18.303 Tn at the end of December 2025 and BDT 18.301 Tn in August 2026.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/private-sector-credit-balance-stagnates-at-tk-183t-as-lending-slowdown-prolongs>

BANK | Invest Bangladesh, China Exim Bank seek Chinese banks' entry into Bangladesh

- Invest Bangladesh and the Export-Import Bank of China have sought the entry of Chinese banks into Bangladesh and the opening of local branches, citing opportunities arising from growing bilateral trade and investment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/china-exim-bank-invest-bangladesh-seek-attract-chinese-banks-trade-reaches-19bn-fy25>

BANK | Deposits surge at Shariah units of conventional banks

- Deposits at the Islamic branches of conventional banks rose 32.53% in August 2026, while those at full-fledged Islamic banks fell 1.69%. Deposits at full-fledged Islamic banks fell to BDT 3.92 Tn in August 2026, while those at Islamic branches of conventional banks rose to BDT 516.60 Bn and at Islamic windows increased by 28.13% to BDT 314.11 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/318966/deposits-surge-at-shariah-units-of-conventional-banks>

BANK | Banks' dollar holdings rise to USD 4.29 Bn in Sept

- The foreign currency holdings of the commercial banks rose to USD 4.29 Bn in September from USD 4.13 Bn in August, supported by export earnings and strong remittance inflows.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/318812/banks-dollar-holdings-rise-to-429b-in-sept>

ENERGY | Bangladesh scales down LNG import for costly alternative sourcing

- With the Middle-Eastern supply lines staying war-disrupted, Bangladesh scales down November LNG imports due to costly alternative sourcing. Sources have said the government is set to import 9 LNG cargoes in November, 10% less than October imports, to regasify in its two operational floating LNG terminals.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-scales-down-lng-import-for-costly-alternative-sourcing>

ENERGY | Govt plans BDT 5.92 Bn project for two Titas wells

- The government plans to drill two new wells at the Titas Gas Field at a cost of BDT 5.92 Bn to increase domestic gas production by around 30 Mn mmcf.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-plans-tk-592cr-project-two-titas-wells-4305221>

TELECOM | BTRC plans two-phase NEIR rollout from January to curb BDT 20 Bn annual revenue loss

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has drawn up a two-phase plan to reactivate the National Equipment Identification Register (NEIR), with the first phase scheduled for January 1, 2027, to curb tax evasion involving illegal mobile handsets and address security risks and financial fraud linked to unregistered and cloned devices.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/neir-rollout-aims-to-curb-tk-20b-tax-evasion-from-illegal-handsets>

TELECOM | Robi, Banglalink users can spend BDT 50,000 yearly via mobile balances

- Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission has approved a 150% increase in Direct Operator Billing (DOB) transaction limits for Robi Axiata and Banglalink. Customers of the two operators can now spend up to BDT 5,000 a month and BDT 50,000 a year on eligible digital products and services using their mobile balances.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/robi-banglalink-users-can-spend-tk-50000-yearly-mobile-balances-4305226>

TELECOM | BTRC allows Viasat for in-flight internet service with USD 2,000 annual fee

- Bangladesh's telecom regulator has recommended authorising US-based Viasat to provide satellite-based internet connectivity to foreign aircraft operating in the country's airspace, with a proposed annual fee of USD 2,000 that a regulatory committee has suggested reconsidering.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/robi-banglalink-users-can-spend-tk-50000-yearly-mobile-balances-4305226>

IT | IT exports grew 9% in FY26, but AI concerns mount

- Bangladesh's IT exports grew moderately in FY26, but industry leaders warn that artificial intelligence could make the gains harder to sustain as it automates work traditionally outsourced to countries such as Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/it-exports-grew-9-fy26-ai-concerns-mount-4306506>

RMG | Denim exports to EU rise 12.71% in August

- Bangladesh's denim exports to the European Union grew 12.71% year-on-year in August 2026 to EUR 134.08 Mn, from EUR 118.96 Mn a year earlier.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/denim-exports-to-eu-rise-1271pc-in-august>

RMG | Bangladesh-Japan trade passes USD 3.3 Bn on garment demand

- Trade between Bangladesh and Japan has grown steadily over the past decade, mainly due to rising demand for competitively priced Bangladeshi garments.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-japan-trade-passes-33b-garment-demand-4304416>

RMG | Protests across EU could squeeze apparel orders

- Protests spreading like wildfires across France and other European countries are stoking concerns among garment exporters as prolonged unrest might weaken consumer spending and deepen pressure on apparel orders from Bangladesh's largest export market.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/protests-across-eu-could-squeeze-apparel-orders>

HEALTHCARE | Billion-dollar medical device market unexplored, import dependence grows

- Bangladesh imports nearly 90% of its medical equipment as a potential billion-dollar manufacturing opportunity is left largely untapped for policy shortcomings in the main. The market was estimated at USD 442 Mn in 2020 and projected to reach about USD 820 Mn by 2025, according to industry estimates cited in a sector study.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/billion-dollar-medical-device-market-unexplored-import-dependence-grows>

INSURANCE | BFIU asks insurance companies to strengthen AML-CFT compliance

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has asked all life and non-life insurance companies to strengthen their AML/CFT compliance through regular self-assessments.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/318951/bfiu-asks-insurance-companies-to-strengthen-aml-cft-compliance>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | BSEC reopens direct listing route to private companies**

- Large companies can now list their existing shares directly on the main boards of the country's stock exchanges without going through the traditional initial public offering (IPO) process, following the introduction of new rules by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bsec-reopens-direct-listing-route-private-companies-4306496>

REGULATOR | BSEC plans unified software for real-time monitoring to protect investors' money, shares

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has initiated a feasibility study to bring all brokerage houses under a unified back-office software system to prevent the misappropriation of investors' money and shares and detect shortfalls in client accounts.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-plans-unified-software-real-time-monitoring-protect-investors-money-shares>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank to launch BDT 10.0 Bn green bond tomorrow

- BRAC Bank is set to issue a BDT 10.0 Bn green bond. According to the bank, the bond will follow Bangladesh Bank's green bond guidelines.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/brac-bank-launch-tk1000cr-green-bond-tomorrow-1581461>

MATINSPINN | Matin Spinning FY26 results diverge sharply from first 9 months

- Matin Spinning Mills reported strong top-line growth in FY26, riding on increased revenue income. Its profit jumped 35.33 % year-on-year to BDT 619.8 Mn in FY26 as revenue grew 3.35% to BDT 9.05 Bn in the year compared to the previous year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/matin-spinning-fy26-results-diverge-sharply-from-first-9-months>

PIONEERINS | Pioneer Insurance post 40% surges in profit in Q3

- Pioneer Insurance, a listed insurer on the stock exchange, reported a 40% year-on-year growth in net profit in the first nine months of 2026, supported by an increase in gross premium income. The company's net profit rose to BDT 430.6 Mn in January-September 2026, compared with BDT 307.8 Mn in the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pioneer-insurance-post-40-surges-profit-q3-1578806>

DESCO | FDRs, stable forex lift Desco to profit

- After suffering heavy losses from foreign currency fluctuations while repaying foreign loans, state-owned power distributor Dhaka Electricity Supply Company PLC (Desco) returned to profit in FY26, buoyed by non-operating income and the absence of foreign exchange losses amid a stable currency market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fdrs-stable-forex-buoy-desco-against-losses-fdrs-stable-forex-lift-desco-profit>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 103.27	USD 45.84	79.82%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 116.72	USD 55.87	91.82%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,996.10	(USD 344.90)	-7.95%
DSEX	5,450.63	585.29	12.03%
S&P 500	7,623.68	724.86	10.51%
FTSE 100	10,690.36	758.98	7.64%
BSE SENSEX	73,123.83	-11,669.75	-13.76%
KSE-100	162,374.90	-11,679.40	-6.71%
CSEALL	19,684.91	-2,939.40	-12.99%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 123.84 BDT****1 GBP = 165.61 BDT****1 Euro = 138.73 BDT****1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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