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Macro:**Export diversification project gets delayed again, cost rises 34%**

- The long-awaited Export Competitiveness for Jobs (EC4J) project, designed to diversify the country's export basket, has been delayed for a second time, with its deadline now pushed to June next year and costs revised upward.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/export/news/export-diversification-project-gets-delayed-again-cost-rises-34-3993951>

Numerous global energy majors vying for deal

- Half a dozen international firms are vying for contract to construct a new floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) at Moheshkhali island as Bangladesh opts for enhancing LNG-handling capacity amid falling domestic gas reserves against rising demand.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/numerous-global-energy-majors-vying-for-deal-1758736751>

Credit flow to businesses at historic low

- Private-sector credit growth hit a historic low of 6.49% as of June 2025 by official count, signalling deep slowdown in business investment and stoking concerns about Bangladesh's long-term economic momentum. Quoting data from Bangladesh Bank, the report highlights that the domestic credit growth decelerated to 7.97% at the end of June, down from 9.8% a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/credit-flow-to-businesses-at-historic-low-1758736900>

USD 1.44 Bn hard-term loans get govt nod

- The standing committee on non-concessional loan approved seven hard-term loans worth USD 1.44 Bn at its meeting on Wednesday, officials said. This is the largest amount of hard-term loans, approved by the committee in one sitting, within the tenure of this interim government, they said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/144b-hard-term-loans-get-govt-nod-1758737178>

Interest rate spread falls to 25-month low amid profitability concerns

- The interest-rate spread between banks' weighted average lending and deposit rates narrowed to a 25-month low of 5.75% in July, raising concerns over profitability in the country's financial sector. The decline, driven by higher deposit costs and sluggish lending growth, reflects mounting stress in the banking industry, according to Bangladesh Bank data. The spread narrowed by 7.0 basis points compared with the previous month.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/interest-rate-spread-falls-to-25-month-low-amid-profitability-concerns-1758737302>

EPA talks with EU may conclude by 2028

- Bangladesh wants to finalise negotiations on an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union by 2028, aiming to secure duty-free access to its largest export destination in the post-LDC period, Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman said yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/epa-talks-eu-may-conclude-2028-3994201>

Forex reserves hit USD 26.39 Bn

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves hit USD 26.39 Bn as of yesterday, according to calculations based on the International Monetary Fund's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6) method.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/forex-reserves-hit-2639b-3993826>

Govt to take USD 1.47 Bn in non-concessional loans for 7 projects

- The government is taking non-concessional loans worth USD 1.47 Bn for seven projects. This was approved in a meeting of the Standing Committee on Non-Concessional Loan today, held at the ERD conference room in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, chaired by the Finance Adviser.

Sector & Industries:**NBFI | Fresh probe into S Alam-owned Aviva Equity over loan misuse, laundering**

- The securities regulator has launched an investigation into the financial transactions of Aviva Equity Management, owned by the infamous loan defaulter S Alam Group. According to an inspection report at the time, the broker owed BDT 72.2 million to its clients, but a DSE inspection team, while scrutinizing the company's bank documents, found BDT 41.6 million. The investigation found investors' funds worth BDT 30.6 million missing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/fresh-probe-into-s-alam-owned-aviva-equity-over-loan-misuse-laundering-1758738178>

BANK | Karmasangsthan Bank seeks five-year extension of state guarantee for BDT 7.0 Bn loan

- Karmasangsthan Bank has urged the government to extend the tenure of the state guarantee for a BDT 7.0 Bn loan taken from Bangladesh Bank (BB) by five more years, in a bid to continue supporting youths through its loan programme, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/karmasangsthan-bank-seeks-five-year-extension-of-state-guarantee-for-tk-70b-loan-1758738309>

BANK | Six state banks under scrutiny over BDT 1.49 Tn in default loans

- The financial health of the country's six state-owned commercial banks (SoCBs) came under scrutiny at a meeting chaired by the finance adviser, where officials of the Financial Institutions Division (FID) presented a detailed report on their performance until June this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/six-state-banks-under-scrutiny-over-tk149-lakh-crore-default-loans-1245106>

BANK | BB orders probe into Standard Chartered credit card scam

- Bangladesh Bank has ordered an immediate probe into alleged credit card fraud at Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) Bangladesh, following reports of unauthorised transactions. A fraud group reportedly stole around BDT 2.7 Mn from 54 SCB customers in the last week of August.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-orders-probe-scb-credit-card-scam-1244891>

RMG | Nassa Group to shut 16 RMG units amid financial crisis

- Nassa Group, one of Bangladesh's leading garment manufacturers, is set to permanently close 16 of its factories after failing to sustain operations due to severe financial and other crises. The move, finalised through a tripartite agreement, affects more than 12,500 workers and marks one of the largest single shutdowns in the country's ready-made garment sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nassa-group-to-shut-16-rmg-units-amid-financial-crisis-1758737141>

TELECOMMUNICATION | New telecom policy trims licensing categories to four

- Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has started preparing new guidelines under the Telecommunications Network and Licensing Policy, which came into effect last week with the gazette publication. The new policy marks the formal end of the International Long Distance Telecommunication Service (ILDTS) Policy 2010.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/telecom/news/new-telecom-policy-trims-licensing-categories-four-3993966>

NBFI | NBFI default loans rise to BDT 275.41 Bn in June, now 36% of total lending

- Default loans at the country's non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) reached BDT 275.41 Bn by the end of June 2025, accounting for 35.72% of their total loans disbursed, according to Bangladesh Bank data. As per the central bank data, although outstanding loans in the NBFI sector have grown in recent months, defaults are increasing at a much faster pace. This indicates that not only are older loans turning bad, but some of the newly disbursed loans are also falling into default.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/nbfi-default-loans-rise-tk27541cr-june-now-36-total-lending-1244991>

MISCELLANEOUS | Bangladesh remains the top ship recycling country but loses global share

- Bangladesh retained its position as the world's leading ship recycling country, a position it has retained for seven years since 2018, recycling 2.74 Mn gross tonnes in 2024, which is 43.2% of the global share. However, the country's global share dropped from 45.7% as recycling volume also decreased 19.9% from 3.42 Mn gross tonnes in 2023, according to an annual report of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) published today (24 September).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bangladesh-remains-top-ship-recycling-country-loses-global-share-1244946>

Stocks:**MIRACLEIND | Miracle Industries regains BCIC as major client after 17 years**

- Listed plastic packaging manufacturer Miracle Industries Limited (MIL) is set to regain a major customer after 17 years. In a stock exchange filing on Wednesday, the company announced that state-run Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) will now purchase 50% of its total requirement for woven polypropylene and polyethylene bags from Miracle.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/miracle-industries-regains-bcic-as-major-client-after-17-years-1758738278>

SOUTHEASTB | Rehana Kashem to offload 1.6 Mn shares of Southeast Bank

- Rehana Kashem, a sponsor of Southeast Bank PLC, has expressed her intention to sell 1.6 Mn shares of the bank in the public market through the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rehana-kashem-offload-16-lakh-shares-southeast-bank-1245016>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 64.74	(USD 6.69)	-9.37%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 69.11	(USD 5.28)	-7.10%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,739.50	USD 1,131.02	43.36%
DSEX	5,392.65	176.21	3.38%
S&P 500	6,637.97	731.03	12.38%
FTSE 100	9,250.43	1,129.42	13.91%
BSE SENSEX	81,715.63	3,515.70	4.50%
KSE-100	158,236.69	42,977.69	37.29%
CSEALL	21,338.45	5,393.84	33.83%

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