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Macro:

US proposes tariffs of up to 18% on Bangladesh's goods

- The United States has proposed tariffs of up to 18% on goods from Bangladesh as part of new trade action against 14 major economies over what it calls structural excess industrial capacity.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/us-proposes-tariffs-18-bangladeshs-goods-4333166

Govt's bank borrowing surges 72% in Jul-Sept as revenue falls short

- The government's reliance on bank borrowing to finance its budget increased sharply in the first quarter of fiscal year 2026-27 as revenue collection fell short of the target, raising concerns about the impact on private investment, inflation and development spending.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-bank-borrowing-surges-72-jul-sept-revenue-falls-short-4333356

ECNEC approves 10 projects worth BDT 241.11 Bn

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council approved 10 development projects involving fresh investment of BDT 241.11 Bn, including five new projects, four revisions and one deadline extension.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/324158/ecnec-approves-10-projects-worth-tk-24111cr

Australia pledges to retain duty-free access for Bangladesh after LDC graduation

- Australia has pledged to continue duty-free and quota-free market access for Bangladeshi products even after Bangladesh graduates from the least developed country category.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/324127/australia-pledges-to-retain-duty-free-access-for-bangladesh-after-ldc-graduation

Bangladesh lost USD 2.26 Bn to tax abuse in 2023 alone, global study finds

- Bangladesh lost an estimated USD 2.26 Bn in tax revenue in 2023 to tax abuse by multinational companies and wealthy individuals shifting assets offshore. The estimated revenue loss was also equivalent to 91% of a year's average wages for all unemployed young people aged 15-24 in the country.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-lost-226b-tax-abuse-2023-alone-global-study-finds-1614181

Vietnam says it is working with US to complete trade deal as soon as possible

- Vietnam's trade ministry said it is working with the US to complete a trade deal as soon as possible, hours after the Trump administration rolled out new tariffs on 14 trading partners to fight excess factory capacity.

https://www.tbsnews.net/world/vietnam-says-it-working-us-complete-trade-deal-soon-possible-1614271

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BDT 1.73 Tn stuck in 47,500 cases of six state banks

- Nearly 47,500 cases involving unpaid loans of six state-owned banks are pending across the country, with about BDT 1.73 Tn tied up in them, according to internal Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tk-173-lakh-crore-stuck-47500-cases-six-state-banks-4333331

BANK | BB resumes currency swap with banks to shore up dollar stock

- The central bank adopted the swapping mechanism again not only to bring stability in the exchange rate but also foil all possible ploys of currency aggregators to destabilise the forex market through unnecessarily heating up the rates of remittance and bill-for-collection (BC) dollar rates.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-resumes-currency-swap-with-banks-to-shore-up-dollar-stock-1795628576

RMG | Turkish group Sanko plans USD 300 Mn denim factory

- Turkish industrial conglomerate Sanko Holding plans to invest USD 300 Mn in a denim manufacturing plant in Moulvibazar in partnership with local conglomerate DBL Group.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/turkish-group-sanko-plans-300m-denim-factory-4333326

PHARMA | More bugs beat antibiotics as resistance rises

- Around 55% of the samples analysed in the government's latest national surveillance were resistant to multiple antibiotics, with the proportion rising to 93% in intensive care units (ICUs), exposing a year-on-year increase in multidrug resistance.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/more-bugs-beat-antibiotics-resistance-rises-4333336

Stocks:

REGULATOR | Proposed law seeks RJSC power to share company data with foreign agencies

- The Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) has sought the power to share information about companies and their beneficial owners with domestic and foreign agencies in cases involving money laundering, terrorist financing, corruption, tax evasion, fraud or other serious offences.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/proposed-law-seeks-rjsc-power-share-company-data-foreign-agencies-1614161

PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank, Lloyds, Enigio streamline UK-Bangladesh digital trade

- Prime Bank PLC, Lloyds and Swedish tech firm Enigio have completed multiple cross-border documentary collections for apparel shipments from Bangladesh to the United Kingdom entirely in digital form, preparing and transferring the full set of documents in under an hour.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/324117/prime-bank-lloyds-enigio-streamline-uk-bangladesh-digital-trade

SQURPHARMA | Square Pharma launches digital product ordering platform for chemist shops

- Square Pharmaceuticals PLC has introduced 'SHC100,' a product ordering application designed to make medicine ordering easier, faster and more convenient for chemist shops across Bangladesh.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/324118/square-pharma-launches-digital-product-ordering-platform-for-chemist-shops

HEIDELBCEM | Heidelberg turns to Olympic Cement to expand in south

- Cement manufacturer Heidelberg Materials Bangladesh will outsource production to Barishal-based Olympic Cement, in a bid to expand its reach in southern Bangladesh, speed up deliveries and reduce transportation costs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/heidelberg-turns-olympic-cement-expand-south-4333286

GPHISPAT | Banks consider turning GPH Ispat loans into bonds

- Around two dozen banks are exploring an alternative to loan rescheduling to rescue GPH Ispat, struggling under liabilities of about BDT 120 Bn as business slumps.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-consider-turning-gph-ispat-loans-bonds-4333341

SEAPEARL | Sea Pearl Resort declares no dividend for FY26 as losses widen to BDT 310 Mn

- Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa Limited has recommended no dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2026, as its annual loss widened, and net asset value and operating cash flow continued to deteriorate.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sea-pearl-resort-declares-no-dividend-fy26-losses-widen-tk31cr-1614141

LIBRAINFU | BSEC launches probe into alleged share transfer, asset disposal irregularities at Libra Infusions

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has launched an investigation into alleged irregularities at Libra Infusions Limited involving share transfers, the sale and disposal of company assets, and the closure of its factory operations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-launches-probe-alleged-share-transfer-asset-disposal-irregularities-libra

SAFKOSPINN | Saiham Group to take control of Safko Spinning

- Safko Spinning said its board approved the transfer of 8,994,903 ordinary shares, representing the entire sponsor-director holdings, at a meeting held on November 24.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/324124/saiham-group-to-take-control-of-safko-spinning

WALTONHIL | BSEC clears 0.78 Mn Walton Hi-Tech shares for Digi-Tech merger

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved the issuance and allotment of 0.78 Mn ordinary shares of Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC, each with a face value of BDT 10, to shareholders of Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited under their merger scheme.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-780-lakh-walton-hi-tech-shares-digi-tech-merger-1614076

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 83.97	USD 26.54	46.21%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 94.66	USD 33.81	55.56%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,568.60	(USD 772.40)	-17.79%
DSEX	5,533.32	667.98	13.73%
S&P 500	7,182.89	284.07	4.12%
FTSE 100	10,426.94	495.56	4.99%
BSE SENSEX	83,938.28	-855.30	-1.01%
KSE-100	178,121.25	4,066.95	2.34%
CSEALL	21,315.84	-1,308.47	-5.78%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 125.32 BDT

1 GBP = 164.32 BDT

1 Euro = 137.48 BDT

1 INR = 1.35 BDT

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