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Macro:**ADP implementation drops to 3.89% in Q1**

- The government's Annual Development Programme (ADP) implementation rate fell to 3.89% in Q1FY27, the lowest level recorded in at least four years, signifying a sluggish start to public development spending.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/adp-implementation-drops-to-389pc-in-q1-1792949202>

Treasury bill yields rebound from three-year lows

- The yield on 364-day Treasury bills climbed to 8.79% at the latest auction, from 8.74% a week earlier and 7.89% on 11 October.

<https://tob.news/treasury-bill-yields-rebound-from-three-year-lows/>

FTA talks with KL tomorrow

- Bangladesh and Malaysia will hold the first round of negotiations on a free-trade agreement on Tuesday amid hope that the deal will narrow lopsided trade balance and help exporters stay competitive after LDC graduation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/fta-talks-with-kl-tomorrow-1792951988>

Bangladesh's foreign debt repayments more than double aid inflows in Q1 of FY27

- External debt servicing costs soared to USD 1,351.23 Mn, while foreign aid disbursements dropped sharply to USD 662.31 Mn, leaving net inflows deeply negative for the period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-foreign-debt-repayments-more-double-aid-inflows-q1-fy27-1582971>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | BB to relax lending rules for BDT 17 Bn City Group bailout**

- Eight private commercial banks are set to receive regulatory relief to extend BDT 17 Bn in fresh loans to debt-laden City Group, in a move aimed at keeping its operations running and ensuring supplies of essential commodities ahead of Ramadan. The banks are City Bank, Mutual Trust Bank, Prime Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank, Southeast Bank, Trust Bank, NCC Bank and Pubali Bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-relax-lending-rules-tk-1700cr-city-group-bailout-4307291>

BANK | BB fights on to curb family grip on banks

- Bangladesh Bank has held its ground on curbing family control of private banks in a new reform proposal, resisting pressure from the country's powerful bank owners.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-fights-curb-family-grip-banks-4307481>

BANK | BB to run alternative to SWIFT for local LCs

- Bangladesh Bank will shift the processing of local back-to-back LCs from the international SWIFT network to a domestic messaging system next month. The system will reduce around BDT 750 Mn costs for banks annually.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/319567/bb-to-run-alternative-to-swift-for-local-lcs>

BANK | Sikder Group's stolen USD 500 Mn funds abroad

- Seven banks and an international asset-recovery consortium squabble over an agreement on repatriating Sikder Group's stolen assets worth around USD 1.0 Bn detected abroad.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/sikder-groups-stolen-500m-funds-abroad-1792951681>

ENERGY | Govt to buy six LNG cargoes from BP Singapore, Qatar

- Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase approved proposal to purchase five LNG cargoes from BP Singapore at a price of USD 0.17/MMBtu below the Japan-Korea Marker (JKM) benchmark.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-buy-six-lng-cargoes-bp-singapore-qatar-1582056>

RMG | IBC demands USD 260 minimum wage for garment workers

- The IndustriALL Bangladesh Council (IBC) has demanded a minimum monthly wage of USD 260 for garment workers, citing rising living costs and market volatility.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/ibc-demands-260-minimum-wage-for-garment-workers-1792946513>

Stocks:**BRACBANK | BRAC Bank to issue first BDT 10 Bn green bond from Nov 15**

- BRAC Bank is set to issue a BDT 10 Bn green bond from November 15, becoming the country's first bank to launch such an instrument in line with Bangladesh Bank's policy on green bond financing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-to-issue-first-tk-10b-green-bond-from-nov-15-1792948259>

MALEKSPIN | BSEC probes disputed sales of Malek Spinning shares

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has ordered an investigation into alleged irregularities in the sale of Malek Spinning Mills shares from the beneficiary owner (BO) accounts of five individual investors at a merchant bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-probes-disputed-sales-of-malek-spinning-shares-1792948321>

SQUARETEXT | Square Textiles' profit hits five-year low at BDT 890 Mn in FY26

- Earnings per share (EPS) declined by nearly 38% to BDT 4.50 in FY26 from BDT 7.24 in the previous fiscal year. The board recommended a 32% cash dividend for its shareholders for the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/square-textiles-profit-hits-five-year-low-fy26-1582501>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 100.89	USD 43.46	75.67%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 114.26	USD 53.41	87.77%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,010.66	(USD 330.34)	-7.61%
DSEX	5,432.55	567.21	11.66%
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 = 123.53 BDT****1 GBP = 165.34 BDT****1 Euro = 138.59 BDT****1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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