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Macro:**Fuel loading into country's N-power plant Apr 28**

- The much-awaited fuel loading into Bangladesh's maiden nuclear power plant takes place on April 28 amid global fuel crisis. Officials say after several weeks of fuel loading, the unit-1 of the 2,400 MW Rooppur nuclear power plant will start generating electricity. There will be an incremental rise in power generation: 300 MW by August and 500 MW by October. The full-capacity production from the unit-1 will be available by January 2027.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fuel-loading-into-country-s-n-power-plant-apr-28-1777224936>

NBR to introduce QR code system for packaged goods to curb VAT evasion

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) plans to introduce a QR code system on packaged products sold in the market to curb value-added tax (VAT) evasion and improve tax compliance. At the initial stage, NBR plans to start with tobacco products. Later, it will be implemented for all packaged goods such as soap, shampoo, bottled water, and sugary items.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/nbr-introduce-qr-code-system-packaged-goods-curb-vat-evasion-1421856>

ADP spending in first 9 months of FY falls by BDT 72.87 Bn Y-o-Y

- According to Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED), BDT 756.07 Bn was spent under the Annual Development Programme (ADP) in 9MFY26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adp-spending-first-9-months-fy-falls-tk7287cr-y-o-y-1422171>

Tax reforms vital as national revenue shortfall hits BDT 590.0 Bn: Policy Research Institute

- The PRI also cautioned that frequent and unpredictable changes in tax policy are contributing to investor uncertainty. Bangladesh is facing a deepening structural revenue strain, with the National Board of Revenue (NBR) recording an average annual shortfall of nearly BDT 590.0 Bn over the past five fiscal years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tax-reforms-vital-national-revenue-shortfall-hits-tk59000cr-policy-research-institute>

Coal overtakes gas in power generation

- Declining gas output shifts Bangladesh's energy balance for the first time Bangladesh's coal-fired power plants have, for the first time, outpaced gas-based generation, marking a major shift in the country's power mix amid declining domestic gas supply and stagnant LNG imports.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/coal-overtakes-gas-power-generation-4161546>

IEA sees 'tight' LNG markets through 2027

- Liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies are likely to remain strained through the end of 2027 due to disruptions and infrastructure damage from the US-Iran war, the International Energy Agency said Friday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/iea-sees-tight-lng-markets-through-2027-4161351>

Sector and Industries:**PAINT | Paint industry seeks relief as supplementary duty adds to mounting pressures**

- Bangladesh's paint industry is navigating one of its most challenging periods in recent years, squeezed by slowing economic growth, rising input costs, and what an industry leader described as an ill-timed and unjustified tax burden. At the centre of their concern is the 10% supplementary duty (SD) on locally manufactured paints.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/paint-industry-seeks-relief-supplementary-duty-adds-mounting-pressures-4160901>

TEXTILE | Businesses for removal of 10pc tax on export stimuli

- Leaders of the apparel and textile sectors on Sunday urged the National Board of Revenue to withdraw the 10% tax imposed on export incentives, arguing that the levy undermines the very purpose of the cash support. They also demanded the reduction of tax at source to around 0.6% from the existing 1.0%, saying that it would help to reduce production costs and to remain competitive against the global major competitors.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/298085/businesses-for-removal-of-10pc-tax-on-export-stimuli>

TEXTILE | Apparel leaders demand policy perks for MMF, solar panels

- Apparel and associated industries asked for policy perks for MMF garments and ease the import of solar-panel systems amid the ongoing fuel crisis.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/apparel-leaders-demand-policy-perks-for-mmf-solar-panels-1777225068>

NBFI | BB appoints administrator to Aviva Finance

- Bangladesh Bank has appointed an administrator to Aviva Finance Limited to ensure uninterrupted operations of the non-bank financial institution.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-appoints-administrator-aviva-finance-4161306>

Stocks:**BRACBANK | BRAC Bank posts 57% growth, records BDT 22.51 Bn profit in 2025**

- BRAC Bank posted a record consolidated profit of BDT 22.5 Bn in 2025 – the highest in its history – marking a staggering 57% year-on-year growth over the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-bank-posts-57-growth-records-tk2251cr-profit-2025-1422176>

EXCHANGE | Low demand, high costs drag down foreign firms' profits in 2025

- Most listed multinational companies experienced a sharp year-on-year decline in profits in 2025, weighed down by elevated finance costs, persistent macroeconomic challenges, and political uncertainty. Sluggish demand, driven by prolonged high inflation, alongside rising raw material costs, has complicated the business environment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/low-demand-high-costs-drag-down-foreign-firms-profits-in-2025-1777220508>

REGULATOR | BSEC bans audit firms, partners over flawed financial reporting

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed bans on two audit firms and several partners over irregularities in the financial statements of Fareast Islami Life Insurance and Ring Shine Textiles.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-bans-audit-firms-partners-over-flawed-financial-reporting-1422306>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 95.51	USD 38.08	66.31%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 106.69	USD 45.84	75.33%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,706.41	USD 365.41	8.42%
DSEX	5,316.18	450.85	9.27%
S&P 500	7,165.08	266.26	3.86%
FTSE 100	10,379.08	447.70	4.51%
BSE SENSEX	76,856.05	-7,937.53	-9.36%
KSE-100	171,613.30	-2,441.00	-1.40%
CSEALL	22,567.63	-56.68	-0.25%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.65 BDT****1 GBP = 165.99 BDT****1 Euro = 143.81 BDT****1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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