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Macro:

Tax relief on cards for firms with turnover up to BDT 20 Mn

- The National Board of Revenue is set to exempt businesses and companies with annual turnover of up to BDT 20 Mn from minimum turnover tax, easing a tax burden that currently applies regardless of profitability.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/tax-relief-cards-firms-turnover-tk2cr-1525146

New import regime lays groundwork for free trade zones, central bonded warehouses

- The Import Policy Order 2026–2029 includes provisions for free trade zones and central bonded warehouses, with the government aiming to strengthen Bangladesh's potential as a regional hub for trade, logistics and re-export.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/new-import-regime-lays-groundwork-free-trade-zones-central-bonded-warehouses-1524466

Economy shows signs of stabilisation, but macroeconomic stress persists: MCCI

- Bangladesh's economy showed signs of stabilisation during April–June of FY26, but continued to face significant macroeconomic stress, according to the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/economy-shows-signs-stabilisation-macroeconomic-stress-persists-mcci-1524451

CPD regrets factual error in factory closure data

- The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) has acknowledged a factual error in data presented at a media dialogue on the first six months of the new government, saying the mistake occurred because its research team relied on a media report without verifying the original source.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cpd-regrets-factual-error-factory-closure-data-4256906

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank: Principal withdrawal from Sept 1

- Sammilito Islami Bank will allow individual depositors to withdraw their principal amounts from certain deposit accounts as needed from September 1, Bangladesh Bank Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman instructed the bank's top officials yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sammilito-islami-bank-principal-withdrawal-sept-1-4256916

BANK | June spread remains unchanged at 5.7%

- The spread between banks' weighted average lending and deposit rates remained unchanged at 5.70% in June 2026 from the previous month, according to the Bangladesh Bank data released on Tuesday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/june-spread-remains-unchanged-at-57pc

RMG | RMG net earnings rebound 10% in April-June amid looming energy, cost pressures

- Bangladesh's net readymade garment (RMG) export earnings rebounded strongly in the fourth quarter of FY26, rising 10.38% quarter-on-quarter, driven by higher knitwear exports.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-net-earnings-rebound-10-april-june-amid-looming-energy-cost-pressures-1525126

TELECOMMUNICATION | 5G-ready handsets gain ground as users upgrade

- The share of 5G-enabled handsets on Bangladesh's three major mobile networks rose from 5.74 percent in August 2025 to 8.29 percent in July 2026, showing that consumers are steadily moving towards next-generation smartphones despite limited 5G availability.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/5g-ready-handsets-gain-ground-users-upgrade-4256911

BANK | 10 banks control 73% of govt bond trading

- Bangladesh Bank's latest data showed that total secondary trading reached BDT 5276.47 Bn during the quarter, and these ten banks alone handled BDT 3827.02 Bn of it.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/311230/10-banks-control-73pc-of-govt-bond-trading

Stocks:

REGENTTEX | Regent Textile directors face record fine as regulator tightens grip on IPO fund misuse

- The securities regulator has stepped up enforcement against several listed firms over the misuse and diversion of funds raised through initial public offerings (IPOs), imposing hefty penalties on the issuers and their directors.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/regent-textile-directors-face-record-fine-as-regulator-tightens-grip-on-ipo-fund-misuse

RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics MD plans to sell 0.885 Mn shares through Mohammed Trading

- SAK Ekramuzzaman, sponsor shareholder and managing director of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Ltd, has announced his intention to sell 0.885 Mn shares of the company through his proprietary firm, Mohammed Trading.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rak-ceramics-md-plans-sell-885-lakh-shares-through-mohammed-trading-1525051

CITYBANK | City Bank drops board expansion, retains BDT 30 Bn capital plan

- City Bank PLC has withdrawn its proposal to increase the maximum number of non-independent directors from eight to 10, while retaining its plan to raise authorised capital to BDT 30 Bn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-drops-board-expansion-retains-tk3000cr-capital-plan-1525041

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 81.67	USD 24.24	42.21%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 87.24	USD 26.39	43.37%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,618.33	USD 277.33	6.39%
DSEX	5,640.09	774.75	15.92%
S&P 500	7,675.83	777.01	11.26%
FTSE 100	10,878.12	946.74	9.53%
BSE SENSEX	77,472.94	-7,320.64	-8.63%
KSE-100	177,370.70	3,316.40	1.91%
CSEALL	21,279.65	-1,344.66	-5.94%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.79 BDT

1 GBP = 166.93 BDT

1 Euro = 143.15 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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