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Macro:**Policy, tech-driven reforms yield over 14% more revenue**

- Some rigorous policy, administrative, structural and technology-driven reforms under the post-uprising interim government of Bangladesh contributed to revenue-earning growth by over 14%. The reform scorecard shows the revenue authority collected BDT 1.85 Tn in an increase by BDT 230.20 Bn from July to December 2025 compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/policy-tech-driven-reforms-yield-over-14pc-more-revenue-1769450954>

Move on to make Sanchayapatras tradable on bond market

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has called upon the finance ministry to make national savings certificates tradable in the secondary market. The country has a huge saving-certificate market of around BDT 6.0 Tn. The Governor also added the process is easily doable, just requires a decision.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/move-on-to-make-sanchayapatras-tradable-on-bond-market>

Strict action against bond coupon payment failure could restore investor trust: Governor

- BB governor pointed out that lack of investor confidence remains the biggest obstacle to developing Bangladesh's corporate bond market, and that the weak enforcement of existing rules has badly damaged confidence, particularly in cases where issuers have failed to pay bond coupons without facing consequences. He noted that three macroeconomic factors are critical for bond market development: stability, lower interest rates and controlled inflation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/strict-action-against-bond-coupon-payment-failure-could-restore-investor-trust>

BB to push private firms to capital market: Governor

- Central bank Governor has told that Bangladesh Bank (BB) will push private firms to the capital market to ease the economy's dependence on the banking sector. He added that they [firms] will not be pushed out of the banking sector fully, however, after a certain level of lending, they should not remain in the banking sector. He also said that measures will be taken to ensure that no one can exceed a bank's single borrower limit, so that large borrowers raise funds through bonds and other capital market instruments.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/bb-push-private-firms-capital-market-governor-4091186>

South Korea, Bangladesh hold second round of CEPA talks in Dhaka

- The four-day negotiations are aimed at advancing a trade framework that goes beyond traditional market access, focusing instead on broader economic cooperation and exchanges between the two countries.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/south-korea-bangladesh-hold-second-round-cepa-talks-dhaka-1344826>

Defence industrial park planned at Mirsarai as G2G Indian EZ scrapped

- Bangladesh plans to set up a defence industrial park in Mirsarai and to establish the country's first free trade zone (FTZ) in Anwara.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/military-economic-zone-be-set-mirsarai-national-special-economic-zone-bida-chief-1344366>

Private sector credit growth continues to slow down

- Private sector bank credit growth remains below 7% for the seventh consecutive month. Economists and bankers say the primary reason for the slowdown in bank lending is stagnation in new investment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/private-sector-credit-growth-continues-slow-down-1344711>

EU flags non-tariff barriers in Bangladesh: Commerce secretary

- European Union has identified 15 non-tariff barriers in Bangladesh, primarily targeting inefficient customs procedures and excessive protectionist measures like mandatory airport luggage scanning. Bangladesh needs to simplify these operations and reduce import tax collection from 2.5% to 1% of GDP to maintain trade competitiveness.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/eu-flags-non-tariff-barriers-bangladesh-commerce-secretary-1344761>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Banks lean harder on BB liquidity windows**

- Banks turned sharply to the central bank for short-term funds during December. Call money market activity fell by 19.95% MoM to BDT 1.06 Tn, while weighted average call money rate increased by 20 basis points MoM to 9.99%. This indicates banks have become more cautious in extending unsecured funds, reflecting uneven liquidity positions.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/289381/banks-lean-harder-on-bb-liquidity-windows>

TEXTILE | BTMA calls for urgent govt action to curb unfair yarn import advantages

- According to mill representatives, domestic spinning mills are facing heavy losses due to an unusually high volume of yarn imports under duty-free bonded warehouse facilities. They alleged that these imports benefit from incentives and subsidies provided by neighbouring countries' governments, creating unequal competition that is pushing local industries towards an existential crisis.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/btma-calls-urgent-govt-action-curb-unfair-yarn-import-advantages-1344806>

BANK | PKSF signs credit guarantee agreements with five banks

- Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) has signed five separate credit guarantee agreements with Jamuna Bank, Commercial Bank of Ceylon, Trust Bank, Mercantile Bank and NCC Bank under its Credit Enhancement Scheme (CES), where the banks will be able to extend BDT 10 Bn in guaranteed loans to PKSF's partner organisations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/pksf-signs-credit-guarantee-agreements-five-banks-1344521>

TELECOM | Telenor shrinks Asian footprint, puts GP in spotlight

- Telenor Group has shifted its focus toward the Bangladeshi market following its recent exits from Pakistan and Myanmar and the consolidation of its operations in Malaysia and Thailand. As Grameenphone becomes a central pillar of Telenor's remaining Asian presence, the Norwegian telecom giant is now prioritizing digital transformation and modernized infrastructure to sustain growth in the country.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/telenor-shrinks-asian-footprint-puts-gp-spotlight-4091221>

Stocks:**JAMUNAOIL | Interest income shock halves Jamuna Oil's Q2 profit**

- Jamuna Oil Company's profit halved year-on-year to BDT 691 Mn in Q2'FY26 as it failed to realise interest income from deposits in Islamic banks that have been merged to salvage them from a liquidity crisis.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/interest-income-shock-halves-jamuna-oils-q2-profit-1769446375>

PENINSULA | Peninsula Chittagong comes out of the red, aided by cost cuts

- The Peninsula Chittagong posted a profit of BDT 6.27 Mn in Q2'FY26, rebounding from losses in the same quarter a year earlier, mainly due to reduced salary and tax expenses.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/peninsula-chittagong-comes-out-of-the-red-aided-by-cost-cuts-1769446406>

APEXTANRY | Apex Tannery shares jump 9.88% despite widening losses

- Apex Tannery reported posted a loss per share (LPS) of BDT 5.80 for Q2'FY26, compared to BDT 3.29 loss in Q2'FY25. In H1'FY26, LPS rose to BDT 10.78 from BDT 7.99 in H1'FY25

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-tannery-shares-jump-988-despite-widening-losses-1344756>

SPCL | Shahjibazar Power posts BDT 568.1 Mn profit in H1

- Shahjibazar Power Company Limited (SPCL) has reported a 99.47% year-on-year consolidated profit growth in H1FY26 riding on associate companies' profit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/shahjibazar-power-posts-tk5681-cr-profit-h1-1344716>

Stock and Commodities*

| Index Name | Close Value | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
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| Crude Oil (WTI)* | USD 60.27 | USD 2.84 | 4.95% |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 65.16 | USD 4.31 | 7.08% |
| Gold Spot* | USD 5,065.76 | USD 724.76 | 16.70% |
| DSEX | 5,080.57 | 215.24 | 4.42% |
| S&P 500 | 6,950.30 | 51.48 | 0.75% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,148.85 | 217.47 | 2.19% |
| BSE SENSEX | 81,537.70 | -3,255.88 | -3.84% |
| KSE-100 | 188,587.66 | 14,533.36 | 8.35% |
| CSEALL | 23,953.09 | 1,328.78 | 5.87% |

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.19 BDT

1 GBP = 167.24 BDT

1 Euro = 145.21 BDT

1 INR = 1.33 BDT

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