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Macro:

Govt proposes BDT 6.61 Bn project to merge all OSS portals into BanglaBiz

- The government moves to supercharge its BanglaBiz portal with a BDT 6.61 Bn project designed to deliver hassle-free, fast-track approvals from a single-entry point.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-proposes-tk661cr-project-merge-all-oss-portals-banglabiz-1499721

Govt seeks NBR action plan to achieve BDT 6.04 Tn revenue target

- The government has asked the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to prepare a detailed strategy and action plan for achieving the BDT 6.04 Tn revenue collection target set for FY27.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-seeks-nbr-action-plan-achieve-tk604-lakh-crore-revenue-target-1499561

Four pillars to drive NBR's VAT target for FY27

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is banking on four key areas to achieve its VAT collection target of BDT 2.57 Tn for FY27. The tax authority plans to narrow the country's wide VAT compliance gap, accelerate the implementation of government development projects, capitalise on a rebound in economic activity, and tighten enforcement in the tobacco sector.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/four-pillars-drive-nbrs-vat-target-fy27-4234126

NBR targets over 10,000 firms to plug BDT 380.0 Bn VAT leakages

- More than 10,000 businesses deemed to pose a high risk of tax evasion are set to come under the National Board of Revenue's scanner as part of a drive to collect an additional BDT 380.0 Bn VAT through enhanced enforcement.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-targets-over-10000-firms-plug-tk38000cr-vat-leakages-1499706

S&P revises Bangladesh outlook to negative on rising economic risks

- S&P Global has revised its long-term outlook on Bangladesh to negative from stable amid persistent weakness in the banking sector, with additional risks stemming from volatile global energy markets and trade conditions.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/sp-revises-bangladesh-outlook-negative-rising-economic-risks-4234451

9th Pay Scale announcement not before IMF loan talks in October

- The government is likely to announce the ninth national pay scale for government employees after concluding negotiations with the International Monetary Fund on a new loan programme in October although the decision will depend largely on the lender's approval, officials familiar with the matter said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/9th-pay-scale-announcement-not-imf-loan-talks-october-1499691

Remittance inflow rises 20.6% to USD 2.30 Bn in 1st 25 days of July

- Bangladesh received USD 2.30 Bn in workers' remittances during the first 25 days of July 2026, marking a 20.6% year-on-year increase compared with USD 1.91 Bn received during the corresponding period of July 2025.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/remittance-inflow-rises-206pc-to-230bn-in-1st-25-days-of-july

Savings certificate sales recover on banking concerns

- Net sales of National Savings Certificates returned to positive territory in 11MFY26, ending three consecutive years of net outflows as concerns over the financial health of several banks prompted many households to shift their savings into government-backed investment instruments. Net certificates sales stood at BDT 8.05 Bn during the period, compared with a negative BDT 58.93 Bn in 11MFY25.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/307854/savings-certificate-sales-recover-on-banking-concerns

Development spending dips to a very worrying level

- The slowdown of public spending left over BDT 1.0 Tn unspent until penultimate month of last fiscal year, squeezing Bangladesh's economic growth, analysts say.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/development-spending-dips-to-a-very-worrying-level

Only 11 of 122 SOEs financially solvent

- Only 11 of Bangladesh's 122 state-owned enterprises and autonomous bodies have been assessed as financially solvent. The 11 entities are the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre, Eastern Lubricants Blenders, Hotels International, Jamuna Fertiliser Company, National Housing Authority, Nuclear Power Plant Company Bangladesh, Petroleum Transmission Company, Rajshahi WASA, SME Foundation, and TSP Complex.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/only-11-of-122-soes-financially-solvent-1785176256

Appropriate reforms can get BD USD 15 Bn FDI annually

- Bangladesh possesses the basics but needs some radical reforms to raise annual foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to USD 15 Bn, investors and economists have said. Per the study findings, a regulatory uncertainty, infrastructure and logistics bottlenecks, financial-sector weaknesses, skills shortages, tax complexity, and a fragmented institutional coordination.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/appropriate-reforms-can-get-bd-15b-fdi-annually-1785176078

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Loans under court stay jump eightfold in three years

- Bank loans tied up under court stay orders jumped more than eightfold over the three years to the end of 2025, reaching BDT 1.82 Tn.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/loans-under-court-stay-jump-eightfold-three-years-4234146

BANK | Islamic, 4th-gen banks buckle under NPL, liquidity crises

- Full-fledged Islamic banks and 4th generation private commercial banks are facing mounting pressure from rising default loans and worsening liquidity shortages, making them the most vulnerable segments of the banking sector.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/islamic-4th-gen-banks-buckle-under-npl-liquidity-crises-4234136

BANK | Unsecured SME loans outperform secured lending

- Small unsecured loans, including nano loans, record lower default rates than collateral-backed lending despite widespread perceptions to the contrary. The discussants urged banks to adopt cash flow-based lending and strengthen digital financial data sharing to improve access to finance for underserved businesses.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/unsecured-sme-loans-outperform-secured-lending-1785175513

ENERGY | Restructuring the energy sector for sustained progress

- Bangladesh is facing major macroeconomic challenges after years of mismanagement. In many cases, these problems have reached a point where major reforms are needed to avert an economic meltdown.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/restructuring-the-energy-sector-sustained-progress-4234131

ENERGY | Gas crisis may last 10-15 more days, says energy minister

- Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister on Monday said a fire at one of the country's two FSRUs disrupted LNG imports, aggravating Bangladesh's ongoing gas shortage and affecting electricity generation as well as industrial production.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/corporate-focused-lending-leaves-smes-short-credit-4234071

RMG | Apparel sector battles gas crunch, weak EU demand

- Bangladesh's apparel manufacturers are increasingly worried about their survival as an acute gas shortage, frequent power outages, weakening demand from the European Union (EU), and persistent price pressure from buyers continue to erode their competitiveness and squeeze profit margins.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/apparel-sector-battles-gas-crunch-weak-eu-demand-1785173846

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Individuals, institutions to access private bonds, funds

- The newly introduced Private Investor (PI) category will now allow general investors, registered institutions and funds to invest in privately offered bonds, open-end mutual funds, exchange-traded funds and equities approved by the fund’s regulatory authority, officials said at a workshop on Monday.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/307819/individuals-institutions-to-access-private-bonds-funds

EBL | Anis Ahmed elected chairman of Eastern Bank

- The board of directors of Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) unanimously elected Anis Ahmed, founder and group chief executive officer of MGH Group, as chairman of the bank, effective Monday, July 27. Prior to his election as chairman, Anis served as a member of the bank’s executive committee and, earlier, as the chairman of the risk management committee.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/anis-ahmed-elected-chairman-eastern-bank-4234041

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank targets USD 9.0 Bn int’l trade volume in 2026

- BRAC Bank has set a target of facilitating USD 9.0 Bn in international trade volume in 2026 after recording a USD 7.3 Bn in 2025, said a press release. The bank facilitated USD 4.52 Bn in trade transactions during 6M’2026.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/307838/brac-bank-targets-9b-intl-trade-volume-in-2026

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 81.83	USD 24.40	42.49%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 87.70	USD 26.85	44.12%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,066.73	(USD 274.27)	-6.32%
DSEX	5,839.77	974.43	20.03%
S&P 500	7,413.24	514.42	7.46%
FTSE 100	10,781.75	850.37	8.56%
BSE SENSEX	76,835.78	-7,957.80	-9.38%
KSE-100	178,543.50	4,489.20	2.58%
CSEALL	21,187.22	-1,437.09	-6.35%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.46 BDT

1 GBP = 164.05 BDT

1 Euro = 140.35 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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