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Macro:**Bangladesh begins FTA talks with Malaysia optimistically**

- Bangladesh and Malaysia Tuesday opened negotiations on a free-trade agreement (FTA) aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investment, as Dhaka looks for easy market access in post-graduation era. Officials hope the trade deal to be signed by 2027 with the Southeast Asian country-a gateway to a vast market in the ASEAN bloc.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-begins-fta-talks-with-malaysia-optimistically-1793125233>

BD to seek final commitment on USD 1.1 Bn loan for MRT-5

- Bangladesh will seek final commitment for USD 1.1 Bn loan from South Korea next week for co-financing the MRT-5 Southern-line project as the government is ready to start construction of the metro-rail route, officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-to-seek-final-commitment-on-11b-loan-for-mrt-5-1793125334>

Fuel import payments push dollar rate to BDT 124

- The US dollar has strengthened against the Bangladeshi taka as demand for foreign currency rose to settle state energy import bills. The dollar was traded at BDT 123.75 around the middle of October but climbed to BDT 124.20 on Tuesday.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/319840/fuel-import-payments-push-dollar-rate-to-tk-124>

Ramadan essentials see rise in imports, LC openings

- Imports of major essentials, including edible oil, sugar, chickpeas, red lentils and dates, have increased in the first four months of the current fiscal year, improving the supply outlook ahead of Ramadan.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ramadan-essentials-see-rise-imports-lc-openings-4309121>

Govt mulls joint venture import of TCB essentials with private firms

- Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) is moving to import commodities through joint ventures with private companies, raising fresh questions over price control, transparency and the future of its public-service mandate.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/govt-mulls-joint-venture-import-of-tcb-essentials-with-pvt-firms-1793123861>

Indian firm L&T wins USD 1.0 Bn Dhaka Metro contracts

- India's infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has secured contracts worth up to USD 1.0 Bn to design and build two key system packages for Dhaka Metro Rail Line 1.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/indian-firm-lt-wins-1b-dhaka-metro-contracts-4309131>

Gas crisis slows machinery imports

- In Q1FY27, fresh letters of credit (LCs) openings for capital machinery fell by 3.58% to USD 515 Mn. Similarly, LC settlements for manufacturing equipment declined by 2.56% to USD 433 Mn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gas-crisis-slows-machinery-imports-4309151>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Janata Bank seeks urgent government intervention to save UAE operations**

- Janata Bank has sought urgent government intervention to avert the impending shutdown of its operations in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), after CBUAE appointed an administrator to oversee its local business and suspended approvals for cash withdrawals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/janata-bank-seeks-urgent-government-intervention-to-save-uae-operations-1793126103>

BANK | BDT 19.58 Bn export incentives stuck in payment delays

- The government owes commercial banks BDT 19.58 Bn in cash incentives for exports of goods and services, with payments for July, August, and September remaining unpaid.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tk1958cr-q1-export-incentives-stuck-payment-delays-1585081>

NBFI | Financial cos asked to end spl rescheduling process by Dec

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has directed all financial companies operating in the country to complete the process of receiving applications and obtaining board approval for providing special loan-rescheduling and-restructuring facilities to affected borrowers by December 31, 2026.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/financial-cos-asked-to-end-spl-rescheduling-process-by-dec-1793125460>

RMG | Trade unions for USD 300 minimum wage for RMG workers

- RMG workers' unions on Monday demanded a minimum monthly wage of USD 300, equivalent to BDT 37,125, for entry-level workers in the next wage structure, almost three times the current BDT 12,500.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/319734/trade-unions-for-300-minimum-wage-for-rmg-workers>

TELECOM | Telcos seek deeper cuts in spectrum renewal prices

- Mobile phone operators have urged the telecom regulator to further cut spectrum renewal prices and allow payments in 20 equal annual instalments instead of 12. The Association of Mobile Telecom Operators of Bangladesh (AMTOB) welcomed the commission's proposal to extend the spectrum renewal tenure to 20 years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/telcos-seek-deeper-cuts-spectrum-renewal-prices-4309126>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | DBL's Parkway Packaging eyes BDT 780 Mn IPO with BDT 30 premium**

- Parkway Packaging and Printing Ltd, a concern of DBL Group, plans to raise BDT 780 Mn through an initial public offering (IPO), offering shares at BDT 40 each, including a BDT 30 premium over the BDT 10 face value.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dbls-parkway-packaging-eyes-tk78cr-ipo-tk30-premium-1584961>

UCB | Families, firms allowed to hold 30% shares at UCB Bank

- Bangladesh Bank has exempted United Commercial Bank (UCB) from the legal limit on shareholding concentration, allowing an individual, family or related parties to hold up to 30% of the bank's shares. The decision comes after the UCB failed to attract sufficient subscriptions of a rights share issue from existing shareholders.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/319855/families-firms-allowed-to-hold-30pc-shares-at-ucb-bank>

IDLC | IDLC Finance's profit rises 17% to BDT 2.0 Bn in nine months

- IDLC Finance PLC reported a 17% year-on-year rise in net profit for 9M2026, supported by higher investment income and growth in operating revenue.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/idlc-finance-profit-rises-17-tk-200-crore-nine-months-4308911>

SUMITPOWER | Summit Power profit surges 173% in FY26, declares 10.50% cash dividend

- Summit Power Limited (SPL) reported a significant growth by 173% in its consolidated net profit for FY26, alongside recommending a 10.50% cash dividend for its shareholders. The company explained that consolidated EPS increased due to a lower impairment loss recognised against seven non-operating power plants.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/summit-power-profit-surges-173-fy26-declares-1050-cash-dividend-1584761>

RUNNERAUTO | Runner Automobiles' FY26 profit up 142%, fueled by higher sales, cost control

- Runner Automobiles posted 142% year-on-year growth in consolidated profit to BDT 300 Mn in FY26, driven by higher sales of four-wheeler commercial vehicles and electric two-wheelers, improved cost management and a recovery in its subsidiary's business.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/runner-automobiles-fy26-profit-up-142pc-fueled-by-higher-sales-cost-control-1793123730>

TITASGAS | Titas Gas loss down on lower sales tax

- Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution managed to reduce losses by 23% year-on-year to BDT 5.95 Bn in FY26, backed by lower sales tax.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/titas-gas-loss-down-on-lower-sales-tax-1793123795>

RUPALIBANK | Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund approaches liquidation

- Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund is set to be wound up after an overwhelming majority of its unitholders voted against converting it into an open-end scheme ahead of its maturity in January next year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/vanguard-aml-rupali-bank-balanced-fund-approaches-liquidation-1793123829>

RAKCERAMIC | Gas disruption pushes RAK Ceramics into the red in Q3

- RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited incurred a net loss of BDT 50 Mn in Q3'26, reversing from a profit a year earlier, as gas supply disruptions hampered production and increased operating costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/gas-disruption-pushes-rak-ceramics-red-q3-1584951>

MIRAKHTER | Mir Akhter Hossain shares plunge 12% on zero dividend declaration

- Shares of Mir Akhter Hossain Limited plummeted by 12.41% on 27 October after the company declared no dividend for the first time since its stock market listing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mir-akhter-hossain-shares-plunge-12-zero-dividend-declaration-1584971>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 101.09	USD 43.66	76.02%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 115.27	USD 54.42	89.43%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,059.88	(USD 281.12)	-6.48%
DSEX	5,386.54	521.20	10.71%
S&P 500	7,722.60	823.78	11.94%
FTSE 100	10,686.54	755.16	7.60%
BSE SENSEX	73,598.67	-11,194.91	-13.20%
KSE-100	164,467.20	-9,587.10	-5.51%
CSEALL	19,692.67	-2,931.64	-12.96%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 123.93 BDT****1 GBP = 164.88 BDT****1 Euro = 137.89 BDT****1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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