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Macro:**Bangladesh's UN-defined role as regional hub undermined**

- Bangladesh's UN-mandated role as a regional logistics hub is getting undercut as manifest in the value of its re-exported goods plummeting, according to the first-quarter statistics of this fiscal year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladeshs-un-defined-role-as-regional-hub-undermined-1766944560>

Manufacturers fret over BDT 120 Bn unsold apparel raw material

- Millers fret over a stockpile of unsold local yarn worth BDT 120 Bn amid massive influx of the cheap-rated clothing raw material, allegedly meant to undercut domestic industry, manufacturers say.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/manufacturers-fret-over-tk120b-unsold-apparel-raw-material-1766944458>

State firms' classified loans doubled in FY25

- Classified loans of state-run firms more than doubled in fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25), with the Bangladesh Jute Mills Corporation (BJMC) accounting for nearly 88 % of the total amount. According to the Bangladesh Economic Review, classified loans of state-run firms rose to BDT 4.29 Bn at the end of FY25, up from BDT 1.99 Bn a year earlier. Of that amount, BJMC alone held BDT 3.77 Bn, equivalent to 87.88 % of the total, up sharply from BDT 1.31 Bn in the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/state-firms-classified-loans-doubled-fy25-4068071>

House rent climbs for three consecutive quarters

- The House Rent Index (HRI), which tracks quarterly changes in rental costs, climbed to 5.19 % in the July-September quarter of fiscal 2025-26, up slightly from 5.16 % in April-June and 5.14 % in January-March, according to data compiled by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/house-rent-climbs-three-consecutive-quarters-4068056>

Sector & Industries:**INSURANCE | Non-life insurers fear loss of business without agents**

- Non-life insurers fear losing business because of the ban on agent commission, while the insurance regulator says it took the action to stop the misuse of the tool to attract premiums in an effort to discipline the sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/non-life-insurers-fear-loss-of-business-without-agents-1766941091>

IT | Climate-resilient digital lifeline planned for remote islands

- The ICT Division has proposed a USD99.84-Mn project to build climate-resilient digital infrastructure across some of most remote and disaster-prone islands, targeting 77 unions and 701 villages in five coastal districts.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/climate-resilient-digital-lifeline-planned-for-remote-islands-1766944966>

Stocks:**BXPHARMA, SINGERBD | Norway fund's Bangladesh stake rises 3.3% after six years, exits Beximco Pharma, Singer**

- Norway's sovereign wealth fund, the world's largest investment fund, has modestly increased its equity exposure in Bangladesh after six years, even as it exited holdings in Beximco Pharmaceuticals and Singer Bangladesh, citing company-specific risks and limited scope for diversification in the local market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/norway-funds-bangladesh-stake-rises-33-after-six-years-exits-beximco-pharma-singer>

BEXIMCO | Beximco, 9 other firms face lawsuits over failure to repay BDT 7 Bn wage loans

- The interim government has decided to take legal action against owners of at least 10 struggling industrial firms, including the Beximco Group, after more than BDT 7 Bn in interest-free loans given to clear workers' wage arrears were not repaid within the agreed timeframe.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/beximco-9-other-firms-face-lawsuits-over-failure-repay-tk700cr-wage-loans-1320281>

EXCHANGE | Bangladesh Bank buys USD 3.05 Bn to stabilise forex market

- Bangladesh Bank has stepped up purchases of US dollars from commercial banks to stabilise the foreign exchange market following a sharp rise in inward remittances this year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-bank-buys-305-billion-to-stabilise-forex-market>

EXCHANGE | T-bill yields edge down

- The yields on treasury bills (T-bills) edged down on Sunday as the central bank purchased USD115 Mn more from three banks on the day to keep the exchange rate stable. The cut-off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the 91-Day T-bills fell to 10.52 % on the day from 10.53 % of the previous level while the yield on 182-day T-bills remained almost unchanged at 10.65 %.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-edge-down-1766945170>

EXCHANGE | BB issues risk-based supervision framework for banks

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has issued a detailed framework outlining how banks will shift to risk-based supervision (RBS), with the new supervisory system set to be implemented across the banking sector from January 2026.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-issues-risk-based-supervision-framework-for-banks-1766944879>

EXCHANGE | Volatile market pushes investors to empty 66,500 BO accounts in 2025

- Data from the Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL) show that at least 66,514 BO accounts were emptied of shareholdings in 2025, underscoring the depth of investor disenchantment amid falling indices, shrinking market capitalisation and ongoing economic uncertainty. As of 24 December, the total number of BO accounts stood at 1.639 Mn, marking a decline of 42,789 compared to December 2024. The fall has been visible across all categories of investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/volatile-market-pushes-investors-empty-66500-bo-accounts-2025-1320311>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 57.27	(USD 14.16)	-19.82%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 61.22	(USD 13.17)	-17.70%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,512.46	USD 1,903.98	72.99%
DSEX	4,869.00	-347.44	-6.66%
S&P 500	6,929.94	1,023.00	17.32%
FTSE 100	9,870.68	1,749.67	21.54%
BSE SENSEX	85,041.45	6,841.52	8.75%
KSE-100	172,400.73	57,141.73	49.58%
CSEALL	22,068.83	6,124.22	38.41%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.21 BDT****1 GBP = 165.06 BDT****1 Euro = 143.90 BDT****1 INR = 1.36 BDT**

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