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Macro:**Final budget set for several tax proposal rollbacks**

- A major reversal is expected on making Tax Identification Number (TIN) mandatory for opening bank accounts. A similar rollback is expected on the proposed package VAT system for small businesses. Plan to replace the existing 20% flat tax on listed company dividends with standard corporate income tax rates is expected to be scrapped.

<https://tob.news/final-budget-set-for-several-tax-proposal-rollbacks/>

EU eyes BD for 20Bn-euro green bond initiative

- The European Union (EU) is moving ahead with plans to roll out its Global Green Bond Initiative (GGBI) in Bangladesh, a move expected to mobilise up to EUR 20 Bn in private capital and significantly strengthen the country's access to sustainable development finance, officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/eu-eyes-bd-for-20b-euro-green-bond-initiative-1782670563>

12 Chinese cos offer to invest USD 9.21 Bn in Bangladesh

- Some 12 Chinese companies, ranging from agriculture, education, power and energy to transport and climate change, have given proposals to make investments worth USD 9.21 Bn in Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/12-chinese-cos-offer-to-invest-921b-in-bangladesh-1782669615>

Govt takes twin-track approach to retain EU duty-free access

- Bangladesh is pursuing a dual-track strategy to retain duty-free access to the European Union after graduating from the least developed country (LDC) category, negotiating a free trade agreement (FTA) with the bloc while also seeking to qualify for its GSP Plus trade preference scheme.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-takes-twin-track-approach-retain-eu-duty-free-access-4210686>

Weak institutions cost Bangladesh billions in tax revenue: WB

- Weak public institutions are holding back Bangladesh's economic growth and costing the country billions in lost tax revenue, the World Bank has said, urging reforms to tax administration, procurement, auditing and project implementation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/weak-institutions-cost-bangladesh-billions-tax-revenue-wb-4210656>

WB-supported SITA project launched to modernise five public institutions

- The government is working to transform state institutions into modern, technology-driven organisations to ensure transparency and accountability in public resource management. The five key public institutions are - the Planning Division, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh Public Procurement Authority (BPPA), and the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (OCAG).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/wb-supported-sita-project-launched-to-modernise-five-public-institutions-1782670712>

Small businesses power industry, employ over 3cr

- Micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) account for nearly 99% of Bangladesh's 11.7 Mn industrial establishments, employ more than 30 Mn people, contributes around 30% to the economy, and provides nearly 85% of industrial employment, underlining their crucial role in the country's economy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/small-businesses-power-industry-employ-over-3cr-4210646>

National savings dip to 5yr low

- Bangladesh's gross national savings (GNS) are projected to decline to 26.93% of GDP in the outgoing fiscal year-hitting a five-year low. Economists attribute the fall in national savings to mounting pressure on household finances amid persistently high inflation, slower income growth and subdued private-sector investment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/national-savings-dip-to-5yr-low-1782669430>

Govt-backed loans to drop by BDT 151.08 Bn on power sector repayments

- The amount of government-guaranteed loans against borrowings by state-owned financial and non-financial institutions is projected to decline by BDT 151.08 Bn in a year, mainly driven by large loan repayments made by several entities in the power sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-backed-loans-drop-tk15108cr-power-sector-repayments-1474681>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Debut short-term sukuk oversubscribed tenfold, exposing Islamic banks' liquidity glut**

- The government wanted to raise BDT 55 Bn. It received offers worth BDT 566.07 Bn instead – more than ten times the amount it sought.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/debut-short-term-sukuk-oversubscribed-tenfold-exposing-islamic-banks-liquidity-glut>

BANK | BDT 100 Bn agri-refinancing scheme, BB revises its policy

- The Bangladesh Bank has formally launched a BDT 100 Bn special refinancing scheme to boost agricultural production and ensure food security, while revising key provisions from its initial proposal.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/agriculture/tk10000cr-agri-refinancing-scheme-bb-revises-its-policy-1474676>

ENERGY | Govt backs pvt sector to drive 10,000MW solar power by 2030

- Power and energy minister on Sunday said the government was prioritising private investment to achieve its target of generating 10,000 megawatts of solar electricity by 2030.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/304331/govt-backs-pvt-sector-to-drive-10000mw-solar-power-by-2030>

ENERGY | Bidding for offshore gas extraction from Bay: Roadshows likely in Houston, Singapore

- Bangladesh will arrange at least two overseas road shows to rope in potential oil- and gas-exploration companies from across the globe for participating in the already-opened offshore bidding round.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/roadshows-likely-in-houston-singapore-1782669569>

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Closed factories, rising stocks: 33 listed firms no longer operational

- According to DSE data, 32 listed manufacturing companies went out of operation between 2016 and Sunday, while another company has remained shut since 2002.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/closed-factories-rising-stocks-33-listed-firms-no-longer-operational-1782666060>

EXCHANGE | DBL Group eyes five more IPOs in four years

- One of Bangladesh's leading industrial conglomerates, DBL Group, plans to list at least five more companies on the country's capital market over the next four years as part of its strategy to strengthen corporate governance, institutionalise professional management and ensure long-term business sustainability.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dbl-group-eyes-five-more-ipos-in-four-years-1782669674>

ACTIVEFINE | DSE inspection team finds Active Fine Chemicals' factory shuttered

- The production operations of Active Fine Chemicals Limited, a listed pharmaceutical ingredient maker, remain entirely suspended, according to an inspection by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-team-finds-active-fine-chemicals-production-remains-shut-1473916>

BRACBANK | Mastercard, bKash to enhance remittance access

- Mobile financial services provider bKash has recently collaborated with Mastercard to make it faster, easier and safer for people to receive remittance from abroad.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/304302/mastercard-bkash-to-enhance-remittance-access>

POPULARLIF | Popular Life Insurance recommends 20% cash dividend for 2025

- Despite a 42% decline in its earnings per share (EPS) compared to the previous year, the company recommended the same dividend it had paid earlier, according to data published (28 June) on the stock exchange's website.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/popular-life-insurance-recommends-20-cash-dividend-2025-1474561>

APEXSPINN | Apex Spinning resumes, with 5,000 workers reinstated

- Textile manufacturer Apex Spinning & Knitting Mills resumed factory operations fully on Saturday after a four-day suspension triggered by labour unrest over service benefits.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/apex-spinning-resumes-with-5000-workers-reinstated-1782666094>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 69.82	USD 12.39	21.57%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 72.25	USD 11.40	18.73%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,060.32	(USD 280.68)	-6.47%
DSEX	5,719.76	854.43	17.56%
S&P 500	7,354.02	455.20	6.60%
FTSE 100	10,508.02	576.64	5.81%
BSE SENSEX	77,100.47	-7,693.11	-9.07%
KSE-100	179,823.70	5,769.40	3.31%
CSEALL	22,409.81	-214.50	-0.95%

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