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Macro:

Next IMF loan tranche uncertain for unfinished banking reforms

- Hints are rife the IMF might hold back the next installment of its USD 5.5 Bn loan from stipulated payout by December deadline as Bangladesh couldn't complete agreed banking reforms, officials said Tuesday. The IMF mission is scheduled to arrive in Dhaka today (October 29) for a two-week review of progress made until last June.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/next-imf-loan-tranche-uncertain-for-unfinished-banking-reforms-1761673914

Singapore-China JV to invest USD 27.57 Mn in Bepza EZ Star

- Journey Outdoors Bangladesh Co Ltd, a Singapore- and China-owned company, will invest USD 27.57 Mn to set up a high-end garments and outdoor products manufacturing factory at the Bepza Economic Zone (Bepza EZ) in Mirsharai, Chattogram.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/singapore-china-jv-invest-2757m-bepza-ez-star-4021601

Govt tightens spending control, bars extra budget allocations

- The government has imposed a strict expenditure ceiling on all ministries and divisions as part of its ongoing austerity measures amid mounting fiscal pressures and slower revenue growth.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-tightens-spending-control-bars-extra-budget-allocations-1761674589

A2i project faces massive cost surge

- The government's flagship Aspire-to-Innovate (a2i) project has run into major financial controversy after racking up deferred payments of BDT 3.0 Bn in its data-preservation segment, twelve times the original allocation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/a2i-project-faces-massive-cost-surge-1761674451

Sector & Industries:

BANK | Experts foresee 'huge' problem with merger of five Islamic banks

- Criticising the central bank's proposed merger of five problem-ridden Islamic banks, speakers at a roundtable discussion expressed the fear that the merged Sariah-based bank could become a huge burden for the government.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/experts-foresee-huge-problem-with-merger-of-five-islamic-banks-1761674395

FUEL & POWER | Power import payment rules relaxed

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed regulations governing power-import payments, allowing authorised dealer banks to make outward remittances for electricity purchases under government-approved cross-border arrangements without obtaining prior approval for each case from the central bank.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/power-import-payment-rules-relaxed-1761674629

RMG | BGMEA seeks review of labour law changes

- Apparel leaders have called on the government to review recent amendments to the labour law, particularly changes concerning the definition of workers, the threshold for forming trade unions, and the benefit package.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bgmea-seeks-review-labour-law-changes-4021551

IT | BTRC wants 5.5% of revenue from broadband operators

- Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has proposed a new licensing framework that would require broadband operators and fixed-line telephone service providers to share 5.5% of their annual revenue with the regulator -- similar to the system already in place for mobile operators.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/btrc-wants-55-revenue-broadband-operators-4021556

STEEL | AKS now country's largest steel maker

- Abul Khair Steel Ltd (AKS) has inaugurated a new rebar rolling mill, taking its annual capacity beyond that of any other steelmaker in the country, a press release from the group said yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/aks-now-countrys-largest-steel-maker-4021576

Stocks:

MARICO | Marico posts record quarterly revenue on strong Parachute sales

- Marico has secured double-digit revenue growth year-on-year to BDT 5 Bn in the second quarter through September this year, the highest quarterly revenue since its listing on the secondary market.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/marico-posts-record-quarterly-revenue-on-strong-parachute-sales-1761670211

CITYBANK | City Bank profit jumps 60% to BDT 7.20 Bn in Jan–Sep

- City Bank has reported a strong financial performance for the first nine months of this year, with its consolidated net profit jumping by 60% year-on-year to BDT 7.20 Bn. Based on the six-month audited financial statements, Marico has declared a 500% interim cash dividend. So, investors will get BDT 50 per share in cash dividends.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-profit-jumps-60-tk720cr-jan-sep-1271791

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries triples dividend payout as profit hits four-year high

- Olympic Industries reported its strongest profit in four years and recommended a 30% cash dividend for fiscal 2024-25, tripling last year's payout as revenue and earnings continued to climb.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/olympic-industries-triples-dividend-payout-profit-hits-four-year-high-4021201

BATASHOE | Bata declares 143% interim cash dividend

- Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Limited has decided to pay 143% cash dividend as interim considering the financial statement for January-September period this year. During the period, its earnings per share was BDT 9.32, which was 48% lower from the previous year at the same time.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bata-declares-143-interim-cash-dividend-1271741

MJLBD | MJL Bangladesh recommends 52% dividend

- MJL Bangladesh PLC has recommended a 52% cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2025, unchanged from last year, even as profit rose. Its consolidated net operating cash flow per share fell compared to the previous year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/mjl-bangladesh-recommends-52-dividend-4021206

EHL | Land sales boost Eastern Housing's Q1 profit by 27%

- Eastern Housing declared a 27% rise in profit to BDT 201.79 Mn for the first quarter through September of FY26 as revenue from land sales experienced a boost and finance income grew modestly.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/land-sales-boost-eastern-housings-q1-profit-by-27pc-1761670236

IPDC | IPDC Finance's quarterly profit surges 136%

- IPDC Finance PLC, the country's first private sector non-bank financial institution, has reported a remarkable 136% year-on-year rise in net profit for the July-September quarter of 2025, driven by higher investment income, disciplined cost control, and a diversified portfolio.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ipdc-finances-quarterly-profit-surges-136-1271676

RUNNERAUTO | Runner Automobiles returns to profit in FY25 on strong three-wheeler sales

- The country's pioneering motorcycle manufacturer reported a consolidated profit of BDT 102 Mn in FY25 against a loss of BDT 61 Mn a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/runner-automobiles-returns-to-profit-in-fy25-on-strong-three-wheeler-sales-1761670259

IPDC | IPDC Finance profit jumps 74% in Jan-Sept on higher investment income

- The growth was driven by higher investment returns, steady lending income, and cost discipline amid economic headwinds, according to a press release issued on Tuesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ipdc-finance-profit-jumps-74pc-in-jan-sept-on-higher-investment-income-1761670319

TITASGAS | Titas Gas bleeds BDT 16.80 Bn over 3 years despite turnaround efforts

- The state-owned Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company PLC has suffered losses for the third consecutive fiscal year, with its net loss for FY2024–25 widening to BDT 7.72 Bn – up 4% from the previous year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/titas-gas-bleeds-tk1680cr-over-3-years-despite-turnaround-efforts-1271771

ICB | Investment Corporation Bangladesh reports record BDT 12.13 Bn loss for FY25

- The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) has incurred a record loss of BDT 12.13 Bn for the fiscal year 2024-25, marking the first time in its history. Officials attributed the loss to higher provisioning, lower capital gains and the impact of elevated interest rates.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/investment-corporation-bangladesh-reports-record-tk1213cr-loss-fy25-1271806

EXCHANGE | Bond yields climb as banks hold back

- According to auction results, the cut-off yield, effectively the interest rate, on 15-year Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) increased to 10.08% from 9.67%, while the yield on 20-year BGTBs rose to 10.30% from 9.70%.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bond-yields-climb-as-banks-hold-back-1761674674

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 60.10	(USD 11.33)	-15.86%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.38	(USD 10.01)	-13.46%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,965.77	USD 1,357.29	52.03%
DSEX	5,084.13	-132.31	-2.54%
S&P 500	6,890.89	983.95	16.66%
FTSE 100	9,696.74	1,575.73	19.40%
BSE SENSEX	84,628.16	6,428.23	8.22%
KSE-100	160,101.03	44,842.03	38.91%
CSEALL	22,689.22	6,744.61	42.30%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.37 BDT

1 GBP = 162.19 BDT

1 Euro = 142.45 BDT

1 INR = 1.39 BDT

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