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Macro:**Regulator intervenes as higher import payments roil forex market**

- The central bank sold USD 122 Mn to the commercial banks at BDT 124 per dollar on the interbank market, according to central bank officials. Higher import payments particularly for government purchase of fuels, gas and power have pushed up the demand for the American currency on the market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regulator-intervenes-as-higher-import-payments-roil-forex-market-1793212047>

NBR faces BDT 420 Bn revenue shortfall in Q1

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) fell BDT 418.79 Bn short of its revenue target in Q1FY27, as collection grew by less than 2% year-on-year. The tax authority collected BDT 925.17 Bn in July-September against a target of BDT 1,343.96 Bn, according to NBR sources.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nbr-faces-tk-42000cr-revenue-shortfall-q1-4310091>

Savings certificate sales on the rise, likely to exceed budget target as bank deposit rates fall

- Savings certificate sales are rising as falling bank deposit rates push ordinary savers towards an investment that they see as safer and offers relatively higher returns, with net sales in July-August already reaching nearly 29% of the government's target for the entire year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/savings-certificate-sales-rise-likely-exceed-budget-target-bank-deposit-rates-fall>

Govt seeks World Bank funding for MRT Line-2

- The government has finally sent a formal request to the World Bank to provide funding for the 30.4-kilometre Metro Rail Line 2. The estimated cost for the metro line is USD 4.95 Bn at current exchange rate.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/transport/news/govt-seeks-world-bank-funding-mrt-line-2-4310266>

BB eyes 3-3.5 percentage-point rise in tax-GDP ratio through digitisation

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has taken several initiatives to accelerate the digitisation of financial transactions to curb corruption, reduce transaction costs and boost revenue mobilisation, targeting an increase of 3 to 3.5 percentage points in the country's tax-to-GDP ratio within the next two years.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-eyes-3-35-percentage-point-rise-in-tax-gdp-ratio>

Execute logistics policy without delay to stay competitive: ADB

- Bangladesh ought to begin implementing the National Logistics Policy (NLP) 2025 right now to stay competitive after graduation from the world's poor-country club, suggests the ADB while offering funds for the upgrades. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has held out a USD 200 Mn worth of policy-based lending programme for the policy execution, officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/execute-logistics-policy-without-delay-to-stay-competitive-adb-1793212379>

NBR asks BTTC to assess impact of tariff cuts

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has sought an assessment from the Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission (BTTC) on whether import duty and tax cuts introduced in the FY2026-27 budget have reduced retail prices and benefited consumers.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-asks-bttc-to-assess-impact-of-tariff-cuts-1793212522>

BBS preps to adjust GDP series for new fiscal calendar

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is preparing to measure gross domestic product (GDP) estimates under a new fiscal calendar, a shift that will require adjustments to historical data and parallel calculations to ensure meaningful year-on-year growth comparisons.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bbs-preps-to-adjust-gdp-series-for-new-fiscal-calendar-1793213128>

Out-of-pocket medical bills push 10.8 Mn into poverty

- Out-of-pocket (OOP) healthcare expenditure pushed more than 6.4% of the population below the poverty line in 2022, a new government study has found. Average monthly household OOP payments (inflation adjusted) rose from BDT 1,241 in 2005 to BDT 3,238 in 2022.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/out-pocket-medical-bills-push-108cr-poverty-4310276>

Sector and Industries:**INSURANCE | IDRA sets qualification rules for insurance CFOs**

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority directed all insurance companies to appoint qualified and professional chief financial officers, making prior approval from the regulator mandatory for such appointments.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/idra-sets-qualification-rules-insurance-cfos-4309986>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | BSEC nods BDT 35 Bn in bonds to boost capital market**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has approved bonds worth BDT 35 Bn over the last five months to create new investment opportunities and expand long-term financing options through the capital market.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-nods-tk-35-billion-in-bonds-to-boost-capital-market>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's nine-month profit jumps 38% to BDT 21.21 Bn

- BRAC Bank PLC's consolidated net profit after tax rose 38% year-on-year to BDT 21.21 Bn in January-September 2026, up from BDT 15.36 Bn a year earlier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-bank-profit-reaches-tk2000cr-nine-months-1585836>

BRACBANK | Bkash's Q3 profit falls 25%

- BKash Limited reported a 25% year-on-year decline in Q32026, as higher operating and administrative expenses weighed on earnings despite continued revenue growth.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/320000/bkashs-q3-profit-falls-25pc>

ROBI | Data revenue drives up Robi's Q3 profit by 4%

- Robi Axiata secured nearly 4% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 2.51 Bn in the third quarter through September this year, riding on higher revenue and improved operating efficiency. Revenue grew 7% year-on-year in the quarter to BDT 26.9 Bn, according to quarterly financial statements published on Wednesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/data-revenue-drives-up-robis-q3-profit-by-4pc-1793208203>

UPGDCL | United Power: Reduced power generation causes revenue slide

- United Power Generation & Distribution Company's profit fell 23% year-on-year to BDT 9.24 Bn in FY26, as lower revenue and higher financing costs weighed on earnings. Due to the decline in earnings, the company slashed its cash dividend to 60% for FY26 from 65% a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/united-power-reduced-power-generation-causes-revenue-slide-1793208237>

UCB | Firms linked to UCB chairman eye BDT 1 Bn bank stake

- Two companies associated with United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) Chairman Sharif Zahir have expressed their intention to buy BDT 1.03 Bn worth of the bank's shares at yesterday's closing price, after the Bangladesh Bank recently eased the shareholding limit for the investors.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/firms-linked-ucb-chairman-eye-tk-100cr-bank-stake-4310096>

IDLC | IDLC Finance's Q3 profit up 17% on improved asset quality

- IDLC Finance reported a 17% year-on-year growth in consolidated profit to BDT 2.07 Bn in Q3, mainly backed by improved asset quality. The company's NPL ratio declined to 4.09% in Q3 this year from 4.71% in the same quarter of the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idlc-finances-q3-profit-up-17pc-on-improved-asset-quality-1793208279>

BATBC | BAT Bangladesh's Q3 profit plunges 67% to BDT 998.4 Mn

- British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh PLC's net profit fell 67.28% year on year to BDT 998.4 Mn in Q32026, as lower revenue and higher operating expenses weighed on earnings.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bat-bangladeshs-q3-profit-plunges-67-tk9984-crore-1586076>

TRUSTBANK, BRACBANK | Trust Bank savings schemes now available on bKash

- Trust Bank customers can now open monthly deposit pension schemes (DPS) through the bKash app, with fixed deposits, loans and pay-later services set to be introduced in phases.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/trust-bank-savings-schemes-now-available-bkash-4310006>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 102.20	USD 44.77	77.96%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 114.90	USD 54.05	88.82%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,056.28	(USD 284.72)	-6.56%
DSEX	5,433.27	567.93	11.67%
S&P 500	7,743.98	845.16	12.25%
FTSE 100	10,694.50	763.12	7.68%
BSE SENSEX	73,246.03	-11,547.55	-13.62%
KSE-100	165,736.80	-8,317.50	-4.78%
CSEALL	19,970.22	-2,654.09	-11.73%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 124.01 BDT****1 GBP = 165.28 BDT****1 Euro = 138.26 BDT****1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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