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Macro:**Cross-industry eligibility status to be spot-checked**

- Bangladeshi exporters' compliance with European Union's regulations, including GSP rules of origin, implementation of REX system and statement on origin, is set to be spot-checked for extended privileged market access. A delegation from the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union (DG TAXUD) will visit Bangladesh in November to monitor compliance-related activities in various sectors, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/cross-industry-eligibility-status-to-be-spot-checked-1759081003>

BD to raise long-term LNG import

- Bangladesh is preparing to significantly ramp up its liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports from long-term suppliers next year, aiming to reduce dependence on costly and uncertain spot market purchases. Imports under long-term sales and purchase agreements (SPAs) are set to rise by more than 53% in 2026, reaching 86 cargoes compared with 56 this year, according to officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-to-raise-long-term-lng-import-1759081348>

External debt servicing rises 13.22% in Jul-Aug

- Bangladesh's external debt servicing surged by 13.22% year-on-year to USD 667.11 Mn in the first two months of the current fiscal year, according to data from the Economic Relations Division released today. Of the amount, the government repaid USD 488.79 Mn in principal and USD 178.32 Mn in interest, compared to USD 415.62 Mn in principal and USD 173.60 Mn in interest during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/external-debt-servicing-rises-1322-jul-aug-3996766>

Industrial throughput on upswing, economy shows steady pickup

- Large-scale manufacturing output is expanding, buoyed by a double-digit growth in dominant clothing sector amid a feel-good external ambience, in signs of a steady economic pickup. Bangladesh's large-scale manufacturing output expanded nearly 7.0% in July, the first month of the 2026 fiscal year, according to official data.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/industrial-throughput-on-upswing-economy-shows-steady-pickup-1759081484>

Policy paper suggests innovation for post-LDC sustainability

- Innovation--technological, institutional, and policy-- should be the unifying principle for Bangladesh's transition to a competitive, inclusive, and sustainable post-LDC economy, a policy paper has suggested. By embedding pro-innovation reforms into its economic governance, Bangladesh can reconcile growth with social welfare and environmental safeguard, positioning itself as a resilient middle-income economy by 2031 and a developed nation by 2041, it added.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/policy-paper-suggests-innovation-for-post-ldc-sustainability-1759081582>

Foreign aid use jumps 64% in July-August

- Bangladesh used USD 750 Mn in foreign aid during the first two months of the current fiscal year, a 64% rise compared to the same period last year, according to data released by the Economic Relations Division (ERD).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/foreign-aid-use-jumps-64-july-august-3997116>

Govt to adjust six safety net schemes with inflation

- The finance ministry has decided to review six cash-based social safety net programmes at least once a year to ensure that the benefits remain adjusted for inflation. According to a circular issued by the ministry around the middle of the current month, the Consumer Price Index will be used as the benchmark economic indicator for reviewing the benefits under these programmes.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-adjust-six-safety-net-schemes-inflation-399>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | New rules bar bank officials, directors from shariah committees**

- Banks will have to form independent "shariah supervisory committees" under a new guideline issued by the Bangladesh Bank, which bars directors, executives, and their family members from serving on such bodies. The guideline, issued yesterday, states that each committee must consist of three to five members, including shariah experts, Islamic scholars, and professionals with experience in economics and banking.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/new-rules-bar-bank-officials-directors-shariah-committees-3997131>

CERAMICS | Ceramics makers battered by real estate slump, credit crunch

- Bangladesh's ceramic industry is going through its harshest downturn in more than 10 years, with demand for tiles and sanitaryware collapsing by as much as 30%, according to industry insiders.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ceramics-makers-battered-real-estate-slump-credit-crunch-3997141>

Stocks:**ENVOYTEX | Envoy Textiles' go-green pursuit has economic motive too**

- Envoy Textiles has begun operations at its second fabric recycling plant to convert all waste into recycled yarn, in a bid to meet buyers' growing demand for environmentally friendly products. With the new plant running, the company's recycling capacity now stands at 18 MT per day. The facility not only processes all in-house waste but also collects waste from nearby factories for recycling.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/envoy-textiles-go-green-pursuit-has-economic-motive-too-1759076320>

ASIATICLAB | From drugs to tower: Asiatic Laboratories bets on real estate

- Asiatic Laboratories has unveiled plans to build a 32-storey tower in Dhaka's Tejgaon commercial area as part of its effort to diversify income beyond medicine manufacturing. The "high-tech" building, to be named Time Square - Dhaka, will be built on 20 kathas of land, according to a stock exchange filing on Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/from-drugs-to-tower-asiatic-laboratories-bets-on-real-estate-1759076361>

RUPALIBANK | Taskforce working to recover NPL of BDT 220 Bn, says Rupali Bank MD

- State-owned Rupali Bank Managing Director (MD) Kazi Md Wahidul Islam has said a dedicated taskforce comprising bank officials is actively working to recover non-performing loan (NPL) of BDT 220 Bn, with BDT 17 Bn already retrieved through its efforts, reports BSS.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/taskforce-working-to-recover-npl-of-tk-220b-says-rupali-bank-md-1759076842>

CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemical's profit surges by 63%, declares 20% dividends

- CVO Petrochemical Refinery PLC, a fuel and power sector firm, has reported a 63% surge in profit for the 2024-25 fiscal year, according to the disclosures published on the stock exchanges today (28 September). Based on the profit growth, the firm has doubled its dividend payout, recommending 20% dividends – 11% in cash and 9% in stock – the highest since FY16, according to available DSE data.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemicals-profit-surges-63-declares-20-dividends-1248286>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.26	(USD 6.17)	-8.64%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 69.74	(USD 4.65)	-6.25%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,794.67	USD 1,186.19	45.47%
DSEX	5,380.08	163.63	3.14%
S&P 500	6,643.70	736.76	12.47%
FTSE 100	9,284.83	1,163.82	14.33%
BSE SENSEX	80,426.46	2,226.53	2.85%
KSE-100	162,257.02	46,998.02	40.78%
CSEALL	21,598.99	5,654.38	35.46%

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