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Macro:**Cenbank to unveil new monetary policy today; no change to 10% policy rate likely**

- Bangladesh Bank is expected to keep the policy (repo) rate unchanged at 10% when it unveils its Monetary Policy Statement for the July-December period of FY2026-27 today (30 June), maintaining its tight monetary stance to curb inflation while rolling out targeted measures to support private sector credit and economic recovery.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-unveil-new-monetary-policy-tomorrow-no-change-10-policy-rate-likely-1475456>

BB caps bank interest rate spread at 4% to support industrial growth

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has directed banks to keep the weighted average spread between deposit and lending rates within 4% , in a move aimed at reducing borrowing costs and boosting industrial growth.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-caps-bank-interest-rate-spread-4-support-industrial-growth-1475586>

Loan defaulters now offered one-time lump-sum exit

- The move comes at a time when the country's banking sector is grappling with over 32 percent of non-performing loans, which has constrained banks' capacity to extend fresh credit to businesses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-launches-one-time-exit-scheme-recover-bad-loans-boost-fresh-lending-1475576>

Zero-coupon bond income to remain tax-free for individual investors

- The government has decided to retain the tax exemption on income earned from zero-coupon bonds for individual investors, reversing a proposal in the FY2026-27 budget to withdraw the long-standing benefit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/zero-coupon-bond-income-remain-tax-free-individual-investors-1475636>

Finance Bill passed in parliament; tax-free income threshold set at BDT 0.4 Mn

- Parliament yesterday (29 June) passed the Finance Bill 2026 with several significant changes including raising the income tax-free threshold for individual taxpayers and withdrawing the proposed provision on the disclosure of investments.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/finance-bill-passed-parliament-tax-free-income-threshold-set-tk4-lakh-1475511>

Bangladesh's budget implementation trap

- Every year, Bangladesh presents a national budget that reads like a manifesto of ambitions. This year is no different. The proposed budget of BDT 9.38 Tn for FY2026-27 arrives with familiar promises: more for education, more for health, more for social protection, more for farmers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/thoughts/bangladeshs-budget-implementation-trap-1475076>

BB launches BDT 100 Bn agri refinancing scheme with revised 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>

Budget FY27: PM proposes tax cuts for industries, digital economy

- Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has proposed a series of tax cuts and relief measures for industries and the digital economy in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-27, including reducing VAT on digital advertisements and lowering duties on raw material imports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/budget/budget-fy27-pm-proposes-tax-cuts-industries-digital-economy-1475056>

Sector and Industries:**CAPITAL MARKET | Dividend tax slashed, listing threshold axed to ignite capital market**

- The government has unveiled one of the most comprehensive fiscal packages for Bangladesh's capital market in recent years, cutting taxes on dividend income, removing investment limits for mutual fund tax rebates and easing listing requirements in a bid to attract fresh investment and deepen the market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dividend-tax-slashed-listing-threshold-axed-ignite-capital-market-1475656>

CAPITAL MARKET | Govt proposes minimum share offload threshold withdrawal to attract listings

- Listed companies will receive a 2.5% corporate tax rebate regardless of the volume of shares floated, while firms offloading at least 10% of their shares will qualify for an additional 2.5% tax benefit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-proposes-minimum-share-offload-threshold-withdrawal-attract-listings-1475401>

BANK | Govt decides to scrap Section 18(a) of Bank Resolution Act, blocking former owners' return

- Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury today (29 June) announced that the government has decided to scrap Section 18(a) of the Bank Resolution Act, 2026, which was introduced with a clause that would have allowed former owners to regain control of weak banks after their merger.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-decides-scrap-section-18ka-bank-resolution-act-1475166>

TELECOM | Banglalink parent VEON plans new investments in Bangladesh

- Banglalink's parent company VEON plans to make new investments in Bangladesh to support digital and financial inclusion, the company said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/banglalink-parent-veon-plans-new-investments-bangladesh-1475376>

TEXTILE & JUTE | Govt to revive state-owned textile, jute mills through PPP, leasing: Minister to parliament

- Responding to a tabled starred question from BNP lawmaker Mst Farida Yeasmin (Reserved Women's Seat-6) in Parliament, the minister said 15 of the 25 state-owned textile mills under the Bangladesh Textile Mills Corporation (BTMC) have been selected for operation under the PPP model.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/jute-and-textiles-minister-briefs-js-govt-initiatives-revive-jute-industry-1474831>

CEMENT | Cement manufacturers seek lower clinker duty, tax relief in FY27 budget

- In a letter sent to the secretary of the Internal Resources Division and chairman of the NBR on 28 June, BCMA President Mohammad Amirul Haque proposed reducing customs duty on clinker, lowering advance income tax (AIT), withdrawing supplementary duty on limestone and revising customs valuation of key raw materials.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/cement-manufacturers-seek-lower-clinker-duty-tax-relief-fy27-budget-1475366>

Stocks:

FIRSTFIN | First Finance skips 2025 dividend as losses deepen

- According to the financial statements, First Finance reported a loss per share (EPS) of BDT6.66 for 2025, compared with a loss of BDT 5.88 a year earlier, reflecting a further deterioration in its financial performance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/first-finance-skips-2025-dividend-losses-deepen-1475651>

MEGHNALIFE | Meghna Life announces 15% cash dividend for shareholders

- Meghna Life Insurance PLC has declared a 15 percent cash dividend for its shareholders based on the company's financial performance for 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/meghna-life-announces-15-cash-dividend-shareholders-1475101>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 70.21	USD 12.78	22.25%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 72.55	USD 11.70	19.23%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,984.70	(USD 356.30)	-8.21%
DSEX	5,722.54	857.20	17.62%
S&P 500	7,440.27	541.45	7.85%
FTSE 100	10,484.22	552.84	5.57%
BSE SENSEX	76,728.37	-8,065.21	-9.51%
KSE-100	178,414.80	4,360.50	2.51%
CSEALL	22,409.81	-214.50	-0.95%

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