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Macro:**BB to unveil first-ever quarterly monetary policy today**

- For the first time, Bangladesh Bank (BB) is set to announce its monetary policy on a quarterly basis today (Sep 30, 2026), replacing the existing six-month cycle. The central bank has decided to move to quarterly statements to make monetary policy more responsive to volatile domestic and global economic conditions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-unveil-first-ever-quarterly-monetary-policy-today-4286286>

IMF picks holes in NBR revenue reform plan

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has found flaws in the proposed revenue-sector reforms tagged to the next credit programme for Bangladesh. IMF officials found that the revenue board gave importance on this fiscal year's higher revenue-generation plan. The proposal lacks required plans for the coming years as to how reforms will be carried out to boost revenue collection.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/imf-picks-holes-in-nbr-revenue-reform-plan-1790704177>

Govt borrowing from banks jumps fivefold in July-August

- Government borrowing from commercial banks rose more than fivefold in July-August of FY27, underscoring growing pressure on public finances and raising concerns about the availability of credit for the private sector.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/315918/govt-borrowing-from-banks-jumps-fivefold-in-july-august>

Bangladesh's export supply chain riddled with 66 info gaps

- Bangladesh faces 66 operational and policy gaps in ensuring supply-chain traceability in major export sectors, which poses compliance problems in major export destinations. A comprehensive diagnostic presented by the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) at a recent closed-door workshop has revealed these gaps. The diagnostic was conducted by BUILD with the support of GIZ.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladeshs-export-supply-chain-riddled-with-66-info-gaps-1790705642>

Private sector credit growth stays below 5% for six months

- Private sector credit growth has remained below 5% for six consecutive months, with growth standing at 4.75% at the end of August. Bankers and economists attributed the slowdown to weak business and investment demand, sluggish domestic consumption and economic activity, and an energy crisis that has increased operating costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-sector-credit-growth-stays-below-5-six-months-1557971>

ECNEC okays 13 dev projects with BDT 157.13 Bn

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council on Tuesday approved 13 development projects involving BDT 157.13 Bn. The government will provide BDT 101.18 Bn, external sources BDT 52.12 Bn and the implementing agencies BDT 3.82 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/315963/ecnec-okays-13-dev-projects-with-tk-1571263cr>

Rising costs, rates: Japanese loans raise concerns for govt

- Concerns were raised at the latest meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnecon) after the costs of two metro rail projects financed by Japan nearly doubled. The government has decided to scrutinise Japanese loan conditions more carefully before accepting future financing.

<https://tob.news/rising-costs-rates-japanese-loans-raise-concerns-for-govt/>

BBS plans advance calendar for data releases

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is set to introduce an annual advance calendar showing when it will publish major statistics, making government data more predictable and accessible to users.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bbs-plans-advance-calendar-data-releases-4286296>

Bangladesh pitches competitive offshore terms to global oil, gas companies at World Energies Summit

- Bangladesh has invited global oil and gas companies to invest in 26 offshore blocks, highlighting competitive terms under its Offshore Model Production Sharing Contract (PSC) 2026 and the Bay of Bengal's largely unexplored hydrocarbon potential at the World Energies Summit in London.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/bangladesh-pitches-competitive-offshore-terms-global-oil-gas-companies-world-energies>

Brent rises to USD 105.47

- Oil prices rose for a second successive session on Tuesday as lingering concern over Middle East supply disruption brought about by the US-Israeli war on Iran outweighed signs of recovering crude exports.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/brent-rises-10547-4286211>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | 5 banks to issue bonds to raise BDT 35 Bn**

- The securities regulator has allowed five listed banks to raise a combined BDT 35 Bn through bonds. The issuers are One Bank, Southeast Bank, Al-Arafah Islami Bank, Bank Asia, and BRAC Bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/5-banks-to-issue-bonds-to-raise-tk-35b-1790700029>

BANK | Layoff fears grip 18,000 staff at Sammilito Islami Bank

- Uncertainty over jobs is deepening among nearly 18,000 employees of Sammilito Islami Bank as their formal transfer to the new entity and a unified pay and human resources structure remain unresolved.

<https://tob.news/layoff-fears-grip-18000-staff-at-sammilito-islami-bank/>

ENERGY | After 11yrs, BPC gets BDT 45.0 Bn loan to buy fuel

- After an 11-year gap, the government is set to provide Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) with a BDT 45.0 Bn interest-free loan to help ensure uninterrupted fuel supplies. The loan will have to be repaid in half-yearly installments over five years, including a six-month grace period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/after-11yrs-bpc-gets-tk-4500cr-loan-buy-fuel-4286591>

ENERGY | BERC to scrutinise utilities' finances, enforce project approval rules

- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission will conduct a fresh review of the financial statements of power-and energy-sector companies and has moved to enforce mandatory project approvals as part of efforts to strengthen regulatory oversight.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/berc-to-scrutinise-utilities-finances-enforce-project-approval-rules-1790704512>

ENERGY | BPC moves to plug fuel losses with AI-based automation

- State-run Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) is planning to introduce artificial intelligence-based automation across the entire fuel import and marketing chain - from mother vessels at outer anchorage to consumers at petrol pumps - to curb pilferage, prevent contamination and reduce operating costs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bpc-moves-to-plug-fuel-losses-with-ai-based-automation-1790706020>

RMG | ADB to lend USD 50 Mn to MSL for polyester chip production

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) would provide a USD 50 Mn loan to Bangladeshi private sector company Modern Syntex Limited (MSL) to manufacture modern, energy-efficient polyester chips.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/adb-to-lend-50m-to-msl-for-polyester-chip-production-1790699710>

PHARMA | Local drugmakers see little gain from US tariff exemption

- Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry may see some opportunities from the latest US tariff adjustment, but the immediate benefits are likely to be limited because the country does not currently manufacture many of the highly specialised medicines covered by the measure, industry leaders said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/local-drugmakers-see-little-gain-us-tariff-exemption-4286326>

Stocks:**BXPHERMA | BSEC gives nod to Beximco Pharma's board overhaul proposal**

- The securities regulator has decided to allow Beximco Pharmaceuticals to overhaul its board with nine members proposed by the company, subject to the withdrawal of cases filed challenging the appointment of independent directors across the listed companies of the conglomerate. The board will include three sponsor-directors: Ahmed Sohail Fasihur Rahman, Osman Kaiser Chowdhury, and Iqbal Ahmed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-gives-nod-to-beximco-pharmas-board-overhaul-proposal-1790699993>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's remittance inflows cross USD 2.5 Bn in nine months

- BRAC Bank has crossed USD 2.5 Bn in foreign remittance inflows during the first nine months of 2026, surpassing its previous full-year record of USD 2.2 Bn in 2025.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-banks-remittance-inflows-cross-25b-in-nine-months-1790700122>

ACI | ACI to invest anew in beverage business, form new venture with Japanese firm

- ACI has approved an additional equity investment of BDT 600 Mn in ACI CO-RO Bangladesh, its existing joint venture with Danish beverage maker CO-RO, to expand its presence in the beverage market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/aci-to-invest-anew-in-beverage-business-form-new-venture-with-japanese-firm-1790700077>

SOUTHEASTB | Southeast launches TeleCash

- A subsidiary of Southeast Bank PLC, TeleCash Limited received the final approval from Bangladesh Bank on September 24, to commence its commercial services.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/315912/southeast-launches-telecash>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 89.68	USD 32.25	56.16%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 103.31	USD 42.46	69.78%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,179.24	(USD 161.76)	-3.73%
DSEX	5,524.37	659.03	13.55%
S&P 500	7,670.84	772.02	11.19%
FTSE 100	10,636.71	705.33	7.10%
BSE SENSEX	72,529.07	-12,264.51	-14.46%
KSE-100	169,600.40	-4,453.90	-2.56%
CSEALL	20,817.82	-1,806.49	-7.98%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.98 BDT

1 GBP = 162.67 BDT

1 Euro = 139.45 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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