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Macro:**Bangladesh could gain USD 2 Bn business from tariff advantage**

- Higher tariffs imposed on India and China by the Trump administration could divert USD 1.27-2.32 Bn in US export orders from these countries to Bangladesh in the current fiscal year (FY) 2025-26.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-could-gain-2b-business-from-tariff-advantage-zahid-hussain-1756575023>

Govt's fiscal deficit exceeds BDT 1.0 Tn in 11 months of FY'25

- The government's fiscal deficit during the first 11 months of the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 exceeded BDT 1.0 Tn, driven largely by higher operating costs that include increased food imports. The amount was 42% up from that of the corresponding period of the previous fiscal, according to official data.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govts-fiscal-deficit-exceeds-tk-10t-in-11-months-of-fy25-1756489305>

New commodities law soon to thwart price manipulations

- A new essential commodities law incorporating strict punitive actions against market manipulations is in the making with an array of items on the shopping list to protect consumers across Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/new-commodities-law-soon-to-thwart-price-manipulations-1756489134>

US importers shifting from tax-laden India, China to Bangladesh

- Bangladeshi exporters are receiving increased inquiries from American buyers, retailers, and traders as the steep US tariff hike for India and China is making the sourcing from there much costlier. Industry-insiders say Bangladesh's companies are now securing some non-traditional export orders that US firms previously imported from India, such as hardware items, construction materials, PVC pipes, and PP woven bags, in addition to the country's largest export item-apparel.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/us-importers-shifting-from-tax-laden-india-china-to-bangladesh-1756404424>

Forex reserves cross USD 31 Bn, help stabilise exchange rates

- Bangladesh sees its foreign-exchange reserves cross USD 31 Bn mark after two months, helping keep the dollar-taka exchange rate stable and economy in some good ambience. Analysts think regulatory intervention by Bangladesh Bank through dollar buys from the market and steady fund inflows work.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/forex-reserves-cross-31b-help-stabilise-exchange-rates-1756404730>

Tight monetary policy for six more months imperative to curb inflation, says PRI

- Tight monetary policy, fiscal prudence and increase in overseas income have helped in stabilising macro-economy, but high inflation and weak wage growth continue to weigh on households.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/tight-monetary-policy-for-six-more-months-imperative-to-curb-inflation-says-pri-1756404666>

Investment proposals worth USD 1.25 Bn received during Jan-Jun

- Bangladesh received investment proposals worth USD 1.25 Bn during last January-June period through the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) and other relevant government agencies.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/investment-proposals-worth-125b-received-during-jan-jun-1756404798>

Govt shuts three land ports, suspends operations of another one

- The interim government announced on Thursday the complete closure of three land ports and suspension of operational activities of another along the Bangladesh-India border in an effort to save taxpayers' money and ease burden on government's expenditure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/govt-shuts-three-land-ports-suspends-operations-of-another-one-1756403413>

Bangladesh's export to Brazil up 26% in FY25

- Bangladesh's multilateral engagement with Brazil, particularly in the economic sector, has deepened as Dhaka and Brasilia explore new avenues to elevate bilateral relations to greater heights, diplomatic and trade sources said. According to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), Bangladesh exported goods worth USD 187 Mn to Brazil in the 2024-25 fiscal year, marking a 26% rise from USD 147 Mn in 2023-24. In July 2025 alone, exports stood at USD 16 Mn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-export-brazil-26-fy25-1224566>

Sector & Industries:**FUEL & POWER | Oman's OQ Trading plans to build FSRU in Moheshkhali**

- OQ Trading International of Oman is planning to construct a floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) in Moheshkhali in the Bay of Bengal in order to address the country's LNG regasification capacity constraints. The company has already submitted a proposal to state-run Petrobangla to build the FSRU having a capacity of around 3.75 million tonnes per year under the build-own-operate-and-transfer (BOOT) arrangement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/omans-oq-trading-plans-to-build-fsru-in-moheshkhali-1756575466>

BANK | Banks' borrowings from BB window hit record high

- Commercial banks' hefty borrowings from the central bank betray perceived double dealings-healing liquidity crunch in the banking system and investing the funds in plum state treasuries. The banks need fund feeding principally as the deposit growth remains stymied amid higher non-performing loans (NPLs) regime in the banking sector. As such, the volume of commercial lenders' borrowings by using repo instrument of the Bangladesh Bank (BB) continues ballooning to meet their local-currency obligations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-borrowings-from-bb-window-hit-record-high-1756489056>

MISCELLANEOUS | Chinese co to invest USD 10.81 Mn to produce LED, packing materials

- Senxin BD Company Limited, a Chinese company, will invest USD 10.81 Mn to set up a manufacturing unit for various LED bulbs and packaging materials in the Mongla Export Processing Zone (Mongla EPZ). In this connection, an agreement was signed between the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) and Senxin BD Company Limited at the BEPZA Complex in Dhaka.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/chinese-co-to-invest-1081m-to-produce-led-packing-materials-1756403379>

PHARMACEUTICALS | 1,000 drug registrations stuck as Bangladesh risks losing TRIPS waiver

- Over 1,000 applications for generic and biosimilar drugs have been pending with the drug regulatory authority for nearly two and a half years as industry insiders warn that Bangladesh's upcoming LDC graduation will end its pharmaceutical patent waiver under TRIPS agreement. The registration applications cover critical medicines – from cancer drugs to biosimilars used in treating rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, and autoimmune disorders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/1000-drug-registrations-stuck-bangladesh-risks-losing-trips-waiver-1224636>

BANK | BDT 731.01 Bn loan default cases filed in Ctg in a year – 86% tied to S Alam Group alone

- Since the government changed on 5 August last year, 46 banks have lodged 1,028 loan default cases with Chattogram's Artha Rin Adalat, involving a staggering BDT 731.01 Bn – tantamount to more than 9% of the FY2025-26 national budget. An analysis of the case documents by The Business Standard reveals that while only 31 of these cases involve S Alam Group and its entities, they account for 86% of the total defaulted loans — BDT 631.25 Bn across three banks: Islami Bank, Janata Bank, and Social Islami Bank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/tk73101cr-loan-default-cases-filed-ctg-year-86-tied-s-alam-group-alone-1223751>

FUEL & POWER | Imported coal for Matarbari plant had stones – some weighing 30kg, probe finds

- A consignment of Indonesian coal imported to feed the 1200 MW Matarbari Ultra Super Critical power plant in March contained boulders – around 150 and some weighing up to 30 kilograms – finds the Power Division's probe body. These oversized stones were detected after unloading one-third of the coal from 11th consignment. The shipment carried 63,300 tonnes onboard MV Orient Orchid, which docked at the Matarbari jetty on 17 March this year. Beside stones, the coal consignment was soaked in water and mixed with mud and reddish foreign substances that increased its weight.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/imported-coal-matarbari-plant-had-stones-some-weighing-30kg-probe-finds-1224631>

Stocks:**PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank skips dividend for first time in 18 years**

- Premier Bank has declared no dividend for 2024, the first time since its stock market debut in 2007, amid sharp profit declines and continued losses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/premier-bank-declares-no-dividend-2024-posts-loss-first-half-2025-1222366>

EXCHANGE | DSE grants FIX certification to 13 more brokerage houses

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has awarded FIX certification to 13 more brokerage houses, enabling them to connect their own Order Management Systems (OMS) directly to the DSE's trading engine through API connectivity. The newly certified brokerage houses are: Apex Investment, Bank Asia Securities, EBL Securities, Green Delta Securities, ICB Securities Trading Company, Islami Bank Securities, NLI Securities, NRBC Bank Securities, One Securities, SBAC Bank Investment, Shahjalal Islami Bank Securities, Smart Share and Securities, and UCB Stock Brokerage.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-grants-fix-certification-13-more-brokerage-houses-1223031>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 64.01	(USD 7.42)	-10.39%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.48	(USD 6.91)	-9.29%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,447.95	USD 839.47	32.18%
DSEX	5,517.95	301.50	5.78%
S&P 500	6,460.26	553.32	9.37%
FTSE 100	9,187.34	1,066.33	13.13%
BSE SENSEX	79,809.65	1,609.72	2.06%
KSE-100	148,617.78	33,358.78	28.94%
CSEALL	20,997.36	5,052.75	31.69%

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