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Macro:**BB to hold BDT 50 Bn special repo auction as govt cash demand rises**

- Bangladesh Bank has called a special auction for 91-day treasury bills worth BDT 50 Bn as the government's demand for cash increases towards the end of the fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bb-hold-tk5000cr-special-repo-auction-govt-cash-demand-rises-1398101>

ADB to provide USD 1 Bn as Bangladesh seeks to cushion Mideast war shocks

- The Asian Development Bank will provide Bangladesh with USD 1 Bn in budget support to help the country cope with economic pressures arising from the ongoing US-Israel war against Iran.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adb-provide-1b-bangladesh-seeks-cushion-mideast-war-shocks-1397276>

Brent heads for record monthly jump

- Oil prices extended gains on Monday, with Brent headed for a record monthly rise, after Yemeni Houthis launched their first attacks on Israel over the weekend, widening the US-Israel war with Iran in the Middle East. Brent has soared 59% this month, the steepest monthly jump, exceeding gains seen during the 1990 Gulf War.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/brent-heads-record-monthly-jump-4139601>

T-bill yields mixed amid weak credit demand

- Yields on treasury bills showed a mixed trend on Sunday as banks channelled excess liquidity into short-term government securities, reflecting subdued private sector credit demand and cautious market sentiment.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/t-bill-yields-mixed-amid-weak-credit-demand>

Japanese investors want tax, regulatory reforms

- Unpredictable tax practices, weak enforcement, and conflicting regulatory directives continue to raise costs and delay operations for businesses, Japanese investors said today.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/japanese-investors-want-tax-regulatory-reforms-4139371>

Dhaka eyes RCEP entry with Wellington's backing

- Bangladesh has expressed interest in joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and sought New Zealand's support to secure membership in the world's largest trade pact.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/dhaka-eyes-rcep-entry-wellingtons-backing-4139176>

BD, India fast-track currency swap in cross-border biz transactions

- Bangladesh and India have begun formal discussions on bilateral currency-swap arrangement in cross-order trade transactions. Although the high-profile initiative to settle portion of bilateral trade in Indian Rupee (INR) had launched in July 2023, not through taka-rupee swap, struggled to gain traction due to a significant trade imbalance and availability of limited INR liquidity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-india-fast-track-currency-swap-in-cross-border-biz-transactions-1774893258>

Japan's EPA with Bangladesh most concessionary one ever: Envoy

- Japanese Ambassador claimed the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Bangladesh is the most concessionary one Japan has ever signed and matches the new administration's and BNP's manifesto focus on economic growth.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/japans-epa-with-bangladesh-most-concessionary-one-ever-envoy>

Repayment nears USD 3 Bn in 8 months

- Bangladesh's received USD 3.05 Bn in foreign loans and grants in 8MFY26, while debt servicing, including both principal and interest, stood at about USD 2.9 Bn. The debt repayment in 8MFY26 increased by 9.98%.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/295237/repayment-nears-3b-in-8-months>

Subdued taka improves BD's trade competitiveness

- The real effective exchange rate (REER) index stood at 101.43 in February 2026, down from 102.02 a month earlier, latest central bank data showed. Based on the index, the implied equilibrium exchange rate for February suggests the dollar should have been traded at BDT 124.05.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/subdued-taka-improves-bds-trade-competitiveness-1774893343>

Ctg Port regains 'zero waiting time' as operations stabilise after Eid rush

- Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has once again achieved 'zero waiting time' for vessels at the port, marking a significant turnaround in port efficiency after a brief disruption earlier this year and the recent rush during the Eid-ul-Fitr holidays.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-port-regains-zero-waiting-time-operations-stabilise-after-eid-rush-1397631>

Sector & Industries:**INSURANCE AND CAPITAL MARKET | Digital customer verification now compulsory for insurance, brokers, and fund managers**

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has made it mandatory for all insurance companies and capital market intermediaries (stock dealers and brokers, portfolio managers and merchant bankers, securities custodians, and asset management firms) operating in Bangladesh to comply with the electronic Know Your Customer (e-KYC) or digital customer identification verification process.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bfiu-issues-new-e-kyc-guidelines-insurance-capital-market-entities-1397911>

BANK | Dedicated BB div pursuing 200 major NPL cases of BDT 2.0 Bn each

- A dedicated division under Bangladesh Bank spearheads anew stolen-asset-recovery initiative with over 200 high-value non-performing loan (NPL) cases under scrutiny. According to compiled information, these cases collectively account for approximately USD 12 Bn or BDT 1.47 trillion in NPLs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dedicated-bb-div-pursuing-200-major-npl-cases-of-tk-20b-each-1774892955>

TELECOM | Starlink gains just 3,500 users after 8 months in Bangladesh

- Starlink has received a lukewarm response in Bangladesh as prices up to ten times higher than local broadband fail to attract subscribers. The satellite internet service attracted only 3,469 customers as of January 2026.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/starlink-gains-just-3500-users-after-8-months-bangladesh-4139626>

RMG | RMG exports could face 5% EU carbon tax after 2030, study warns

- The European Union (EU) has introduced the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) to curb emissions across its supply chains. If current emission levels in Bangladesh's garment sector persist, an additional 4.8% carbon tax may be imposed on apparel exports after 2030, according to the study.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-exports-could-face-5-eu-carbon-tax-after-2030-study-warns-1398221>

ENERGY | Govt appoints international legal consultant

- The government has appointed an international legal consultant to resolve existing and future disputes involving liquefied natural gas (LNG) contracts. The legal consultant will also be responsible for drafting, reviewing, negotiating, and amending TUAs, re-gasified LNG supply agreements, and the related implementation agreements.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-appoints-international-legal-consultant-1774893484>

Stocks:

REGULATOR | City Sugar, SAJIDA Foundation get nod for zero-coupon bonds

- The securities regulator has approved two zero-coupon bonds highlighting the growing reliance of large corporations on alternative financing instruments. City Sugar Industries will collect BDT 13 Bn through a three-year zero-coupon, 100% secured (mortgage-backed) bond. SAJIDA Foundation would raise BDT 1.58 Bn through the country's first Orange Zero-Coupon Bond, with a discount rate ranging between 7.0-11.50%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/city-sugar-sajida-foundation-get-nod-for-zero-coupon-bonds-1774885042>

SIBL | SIBL deliberately weakened over years, alleges former chairman

- A once-profitable Social Islami Bank (SIBL) has been deliberately weakened over the past seven to eight years, with both the S Alam business group and Bangladesh Bank equally blamed for its decline, according to former chairman Major Dr. Rezaul Haque (Retd.) and his lawyer.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/sibl-deliberately-weakened-over-years-alleges-former-chairman>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 101.05	USD 43.62	75.95%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 105.02	USD 44.17	72.59%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,598.42	USD 257.42	5.93%
DSEX	5,230.77	365.43	7.51%
S&P 500	6,343.72	-555.10	-8.05%
FTSE 100	10,127.96	196.58	1.98%
BSE SENSEX	71,947.55	-12,846.03	-15.15%
KSE-100	146,842.97	-27,211.33	-15.63%
CSEALL	21,092.24	-1,532.07	-6.77%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 123.12 BDT****1 GBP = 162.62 BDT****1 Euro = 141.29 BDT****1 INR = 1.31 BDT**

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