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Macro:**Exports fetch USD 48.28 Bn in FY25**

- Merchandise exports earned Bangladesh USD 48.28 Bn in the just- concluded fiscal year 2024-25 in a steady growth, bar the last month, banking heavily on the performance of readymade garments as usual.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/exports-fetch-4828b-in-fy25-1751479012>

Import rises on economic rebound

- In an early indication of economic rebound following months of sluggishness, Bangladesh's overall imports increased around 7.0% in the just-passed fiscal year. According to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank (BB), the opening of fresh LCs or letter of credits, generally known as import orders, increased to USD 70.72 Bn in the FY'25 from USD 68.77 Bn recorded in the previous fiscal year (FY24). In FY'23, the volume of import orders was worth USD 67.63 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/import-rises-on-economic-rebound-1751479089>

Hard-term World Bank lending window beckoning Bangladesh

- Bangladesh is asked to borrow from the International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), a hard-term lending arm of the World Bank, which extends costlier market-based loan that the country can ill afford at this stage of its graduation process, officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/hard-term-world-bank-lending-window-beckoning-bangladesh-1751479213>

SME sector crucial for growth, but hindered by funding gap: Finance adviser

- Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed on Wednesday said the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector remains a key driver of economic growth and employment in Bangladesh, but its full potential is constrained by persistent challenges in financing, technology adoption, and global market integration.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/sme-sector-crucial-for-growth-but-hindered-by-funding-gap-finance-adviser-1751480194>

BD clears all dues to Adani Power

- Bangladesh has cleared all outstanding dues to India's Adani Power, making a one-time payment of USD 437 Mn in June for electricity imports. The sources indicated that with all dues settled, Bangladesh has instructed Adani to keep both 800 MW units (totaling 1,600 MW) operational as per the demand of the BPDB. To ensure timely future payments, Bangladesh has now provided a Letter of Credit (LC) equivalent to two months' worth of bills, approximately USD180 Mn, and a sovereign guarantee for all remaining dues.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bd-clears-all-dues-to-adani-power-1751476954>

Bank branches, hotels, gift shops can now obtain limited money changer licences

- Scheduled bank branches, booths, hotels, or establishments like gift shops will now be able to receive limited money changer licences under specific regulations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bank-branches-hotels-gift-shops-can-now-obtain-limited-money-changer-licences>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | RMG, textile leaders urge gas policy reforms to boost output**

- Leaders from Bangladesh's leading ready-made garment (RMG) and textile industry associations have urged the government to exempt industrial and captive gas-run facilities from seeking re-approval from Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Ltd during internal rearrangements-provided their hourly load, monthly load, and outlet pressure remain unchanged.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rmg-textile-leaders-urge-gas-policy-reforms-to-boost-output-1751479541>

INSURANCE | IDRA to investigate 17 general insurers in disciplinary crackdown

- Seventeen non-life insurance companies will also undergo special audits as the regulator has identified them as high-risk after a similar measure taken for poorly-regulated life insurance companies.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/idra-to-investigate-17-general-insurers-in-disciplinary-crackdown>

Stocks:**BERGERPBL | Berger Paints recommends 525% dividend, highest in 8 years**

- Berger Paints Bangladesh Ltd saw its profit rise for the year ended March 31, 2025, as the company recommended its highest dividend in eight years. The company reported a net profit of BDT 3.37 Bn for FY25, reflecting a 4% year-on-year growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/berger-paints-recommends-525-dividend-highest-8-years-3931221>

REPUBLIC | Republic Insurance gets new Chairman

- Dr Suborna Barua, a professor at the Department of International Business, Dhaka University, has been elected Chairman of the Republic Insurance Company Limited while SM Shafiul Hoque has been re-elected as its Vice Chairman in the 159th meeting of the Board of Directors of the company.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/republic-insurance-gets-new-chairman-1751475032>

RAHIMAFOOD | Oil production suspension to have little impact on Rahima Food revenue

- Rahima Food Corporation has suspended coconut oil production due to low market demand, without concerns over impacts on revenue as the segment constitutes less than 1% of the company's sales.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/oil-production-suspension-to-have-little-impact-on-rahima-food-revenue-1751475006>

GQBALLPEN | Political tensions, funding woes delay Econo Ball Pen factory renovation

- GQ Ball Pen Industries, known for its brand Econo Ball Pen, recently announced delays in its factory renovation plans, citing political tensions, funding difficulties, and import hurdles as key obstacles.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/political-tensions-funding-woes-delay-econo-ball-pen-factory-renovation-1179686>

EXCHANGE | Asifur Rahman appointed CTO of Dhaka Stock Exchange

- Dr Mohammad Asifur Rahman, a technology expert with vast experience in both domestic and international corporate organisations, has officially joined the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) as its chief technology officer (CTO).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/asifur-rahman-appointed-cto-dhaka-stock-exchange-1179561>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 66.95	(USD 4.48)	-6.27%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 68.58	(USD 5.81)	-7.81%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,349.26	USD 740.78	28.40%
DSEX	4,865.33	-351.11	-6.73%
S&P 500	6,227.42	320.48	5.43%
FTSE 100	8,774.69	653.68	8.05%
BSE SENSEX	83,409.69	5,209.76	6.66%
KSE-100	130,344.03	15,085.03	13.09%
CSEALL	18,141.79	2,197.18	13.78%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.20 BDT****1 GBP = 166.62 BDT****1 Euro = 144.17 BDT****1 INR = 1.43 BDT**

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