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**Macro:****Bangladesh, Malaysia sign eight agreements to boost bilateral cooperation**

- Bangladesh and Malaysia today signed five Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and three Exchange of Notes in diverse areas of cooperation on the first day of Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus's three-day state visit to Malaysia. The signing ceremony took place in Putrajaya this morning, witnessed by Prof Yunus and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, the Chief Adviser's Office said in a press statement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bangladesh-malaysia-sign-eight-agreements-boost-bilateral-cooperation-3960771>

**Beza hands over 12.5 acres of land to China Lesso Group for USD 32 Mn investment**

- The Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (Beza) has leased 12.5 acres of land to China Lesso Group in the National Special Economic Zone, completing the formal handover. According to a press release issued today (11 August), China Lesso Group will invest approximately USD 32 Mn to produce PVC pipes, PEX pipes, solar panels, sanitary ware, kitchen equipment, doors and windows, water purifiers, waterproofing materials, fire-fighting equipment, cables, lighting, environmental protection products, and other construction materials.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/beza-hands-over-125-acres-land-china-lesso-group-32m-investment-1209646>

**Forex robust, bank liquidity eases**

- Bangladesh Bank intervention to bring stability in foreign-exchange market proves a boon for both -- the central bank builds up forex stock and commercial banks quench their liquidity thirst in trying times. Seeking anonymity, a BB official said the inflow of foreign currencies continues to grow on back of remarkable growth of remittance and export receipts in recent months while the pressure of import has yet to get momentum, which leaves a good portion of unused foreign currencies in the banks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-robust-bank-liquidity-eases-1754937230>

**China's Kaixi Group to invest USD 40 Mn in Bepza Economic Zone**

- China's Kaixi Group is set to invest a further USD 40 Mn to establish an intimate apparel and accessories manufacturing facility at the Bepza Economic Zone (Bepza EZ) at Mirsharai in Chattogram. Speaking at the event, Xiao Hongxi cited operational challenges, notably the lack of nearby worker housing, which forces the company to transport employees from distant locations and delays morning attendance.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinas-kaixi-group-invest-40-million-bepza-economic-zone-3960436>

**Experts urge govt to delay LDC graduation**

- Experts have urged the government to consider delaying Bangladesh's graduation from Least-Developed Country (LDC) status until the country is better prepared to manage the economic challenges that may arise following the transition. Sanya Reid Smith pointed out that several countries, such as Myanmar and Timor-Leste, have delayed their LDC graduations citing political and economic reasons, despite meeting the UN's eligibility criteria.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/experts-urge-govt-to-delay-ldc-graduation>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | Six banks shine, five hit record losses**

- How did the first half of this year treat the banking sector? The answer depends on whom the listed banks lent to over the past 15 years. In the January-June period of 2025, six listed commercial lenders posted record profits, buoyed by low levels of bad loans and sizeable, secure returns from treasury bonds.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/six-banks-shine-five-hit-record-losses-3960636>

**BANK | BB readying BDT 200 Bn for bank overhaul**

- Bangladesh Bank is designing a BDT 200 Bn plan to restructure troubled banks, backed by international audits and new legal powers to deal with failing lenders.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bb-readying-tk-20000cr-bank-overhaul-3960641>

**TEXTILES | More RMG buyers flock to Bangladesh after Trump tariff on China, India**

- What initially seemed like a heavy blow to Bangladesh's garment exporters has unexpectedly turned into a major opportunity, with many buyers -- who would previously source from China and India -- are now making initial negotiations for apparel orders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/more-rmg-buyers-flock-bangladesh-after-trump-tariff-china-india-1210096>

**Bank | BB buys USD 83 Mn from banks**

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has purchased USD 83 Mn from 11 commercial banks in an auction yesterday, reacting to the sharp drop in the US dollar rate. A senior central bank official, speaking anonymously, said the cut-off rate was set at BDT 121.50 per dollar. Under the multiple price auction method, exchange rates ranged from BDT 121.47 to BDT 121.50.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-buys-83-million-banks-3959641>

**TRADE | India adds bleached fabric, jute products to land port restrictions**

- Following restrictions imposed over the past six months on imports of certain Bangladeshi products via land ports, the Indian government has now added more items to the list, including bleached woven fabric of man-made fibre, twine, cordage, rope, and sacks and bags made of jute.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/india-adds-bleached-fabric-jute-products-land-port-restrictions-1210036>

**TRADE | Govt to shut 3 border land ports with India, suspend operations at another**

- The government has decided to shut three unprofitable land ports on the Bangladesh-India border and suspend operations at another, citing the absence of trade, immigration activities and basic infrastructure.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-shut-3-border-land-ports-india-suspend-operations-another-1209321>

**TEXTILES | RMG raw material imports down 7.5% in FY25 Q4**

- In the April-June quarter of FY25, Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) sector saw a 7.5-% decline in raw-material imports, standing at over USD 3.94 Bn from over USD 4.25 Bn in the preceding quarter.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rmg-raw-material-imports-down-75pc-in-fy25-q4-1754937282>

**BANK | Loan rescheduling facility for 300 firms draws mixed reactions from bankers, economists**

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has approved a loan rescheduling facility for around 300 companies, including some of the country's largest corporate defaulters. Under the plan, firms may be allowed to extend repayments for up to 15 years, with a low down payment and grace periods of up to three years. The move has drawn mixed reactions from bankers and economists. They note that while this gives commercial banks the option to reschedule loans, it will not necessarily improve their cash management.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/loan-rescheduling-facility-300-firms-draws-mixed-reactions-bankers-economists>

**Stocks:****DAFODILCOM | Regulator rejects Daffodil Computers' loan conversion proposal**

- The securities regulator has rejected the proposal of Daffodil Computers to issue 46.7 Mn shares for the purpose of converting a loan into equity, taken from a concern of the common business group. Earlier in December last year, the company informed its board's decision to issue 46.7 Mn shares at a price of BDT 10 each to convert a loan received from Creative International, a concern of the Daffodil Family.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/regulator-rejects-daffodil-computers-loan-conversion-proposal>

**EXCHANGE | CSE seeks BSEC approval to offload 35% shares, list on Dhaka bourse**

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has sought approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to offload its remaining 35% blocked shares and list on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), aiming to complete the demutualisation process after more than a decade. In a letter to the regulator, the CSE stated that its board, at the 143rd meeting held on 13 July 2025, decided to proceed with the share offloading in compliance with the Exchanges Demutualisation Act 2013.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cse-seeks-bsec-approval-offload-35-shares-list-dhaka-bourse-1210026>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 64.05	(USD 7.38)	-10.33%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 66.77	(USD 7.62)	-10.24%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,354.30	USD 745.82	28.59%
DSEX	5,344.05	127.61	2.45%
S&P 500	6,373.45	466.51	7.90%
FTSE 100	9,129.71	1,008.70	12.42%
BSE SENSEX	80,604.08	2,404.15	3.07%
KSE-100	146,929.84	31,670.84	27.48%
CSEALL	19,923.02	3,978.41	24.95%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 121.69 BDT****1 GBP = 163.51 BDT****1 Euro = 141.43 BDT****1 INR = 1.39 BDT**

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