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Macro:**Export target set at USD 63.5 Bn, eying US tariff advantage**

- The government has set a high export target of USD 63.5 Bn for fiscal year (FY) 2025-26, hoping to boost shipments to the United States by capitalising on Bangladesh's favourable position under the new US tariff regime.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/export-target-set-635b-eying-us-tariff-advantage-3961451>

Yunus urges Malaysians to invest in Bangladesh

- Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus yesterday urged Malaysian investors to invest in Bangladesh, saying that the interim government had taken a series of measures to create a business-friendly environment.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/yunus-urges-malaysians-invest-bangladesh-3961446>

Chinese company Baishili Household to invest USD 10.47 Mn in Bepza economic zone

- Baishili Household Products Bangladesh Co Ltd, a Chinese company, will invest USD 10.47 Mn to establish a household products and bag manufacturing industry at Bepza Economic Zone (Bepza EZ) at Mirsharai in Chattogram. The project will annually produce 21.41 Mn pieces of various household storage, decoration, and related products, along with different types of bags.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-company-baishili-household-invest-1047m-bepza-economic-zone-3961001>

Growth sluggish amid early turnaround signs

- The outgoing fiscal year (FY), 2024-25, ended with mixed outcomes for Bangladesh's economy, the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI) has said. "Though growth remains sluggish, the quarter under review (Q4 of FY25) showed early signs of a turnaround," the MCCI said in its quarterly economic review for April-June 2025 released on Tuesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/growth-sluggish-amid-early-turnaround-signs-1755023031>

Sector & Industries:**TRADE | Govt aims to boost duty-free market access in UK, EU; eyes lower US tariffs from 20% to 15%**

- The government has set a USD 63.5 Bn export target for FY 2025–26, with Commerce Adviser Sheikh Bashir Uddin emphasising the need to maximise duty-free market access in the UK and European Union.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-aims-boost-duty-free-access-uk-eu-eyes-lower-us-tariffs-20-15-1210551>

AGRICULTURE | BB sets BDT 390 Bn agricultural loan target for FY26

- To boost agricultural productivity, curb inflation, and reduce poverty, Bangladesh Bank has set an agricultural and rural loan disbursement target of BDT 390 Bn for the 2025–26 fiscal year. The target is 2.63% higher than last year's BDT 380 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-sets-tk39000-crore-agricultural-loan-target-fy26-1210411>

FUEL & ENERGY | Dhaka, KL ink MoUs on defence and energy

- Bangladesh and Malaysia Tuesday agreed to deepen ties at summit talks capped with the adoption of eight instruments of cooperation with thrust on economy, investment, free trade, and labour recruitment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-kl-ink-mous-on-defence-and-energy-1755022628>

BANK | Banks shift focus from deposit drive to BB's liquidity tools

- Commercial banks in Bangladesh are scaling back efforts to grow deposits as slowing economic activity reduces investment opportunities, prompting a shift towards maximising the use of Bangladesh Bank's short-term liquidity instruments.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banks-shift-focus-from-deposit-drive-to-bbs-liquidity-tools-1755023161>

Stocks:**BSC | Shipping Corp to acquire BDT 9.34 Bn bulk carriers from US firm Hellenic**

- Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), the state-owned oceangoing vessel management authority, has selected a US-based company, Hellenic Dry Bulk Ventures LLC, to purchase two bulk carriers for USD 76.698 Mn, equivalent to BDT 9.35 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/shipping-corp-acquire-tk934cr-bulk-carriers-us-firm-hellenic-1210896>

PRAGATILIF | Pragati Life faces BDT 476.3 Mn in doubtful investments

- The auditor has flagged that BDT 476.3 Mn of Pragati Life Insurance's investments are doubtful in terms of recovery, warning that the amount could result in a significant financial loss for the company.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pragati-life-faces-tk4763cr-doubtful-investments-1210886>

EXCHANGE | CSE's application to list 35% shares on DSE rejected

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has had its application to list 35% of its blocked shares on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rejected. The main reasons for the rejection include a prohibition on the direct listing of shares of companies other than government-owned enterprises on the stock exchange. Additionally, the proposed method of offloading shares—20% through private placement and 15% through public placement—conflicts with the provisions of the Exchanges Demutualization Act, 2013.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cs-es-application-list-35-shares-dse-rejected-1210926>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 63.05	(USD 8.38)	-11.73%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 66.07	(USD 8.32)	-11.18%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,351.31	USD 742.83	28.48%
DSEX	5,315.45	99.00	1.90%
S&P 500	6,445.76	538.82	9.12%
FTSE 100	9,147.81	1,026.80	12.64%
BSE SENSEX	80,235.59	2,035.66	2.60%
KSE-100	147,005.31	31,746.31	27.54%
CSEALL	19,972.79	4,028.18	25.26%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.64 BDT****1 GBP = 164.21 BDT****1 Euro = 142.06 BDT****1 INR = 1.39 BDT**

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