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Macro:**Ensure governance, stop violence to attract funds**

- Foreign investors at a conference yesterday urged the interim government to ensure good governance, accountability, transparency, and policy continuity in the economy, as well as to prevent violence in order to draw more funds from abroad. To make the industry grow and go to the next stage, they will need more long-term capital, which is equity capital, where investors like us can play a role," said Takao Hirose, managing director of Contextual Investment LLC. Hirose was taking part in a panel discussion titled "Bangladesh Capital Market, an unsung story of growth and opportunities" at the Foreign Investors Summit 2025, organised by BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage at Sheraton Dhaka.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ensure-governance-stop-violence-attract-funds-3962221>

Future economy must be investment-centric: Amir Khasru

- Economy of future Bangladesh will be based on investment-centric model rather than depending on high-powered money and unsustainable levels of debt, said Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, former commerce minister and standing committee member of BNP. Mr Chowdhury made the remarks while speaking as the chief guest at an event titled 'Foreign Investors Summit, 2025: Bangladesh Capital Market' held at a city hotel on Wednesday, hosted by BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/future-economy-must-be-investment-centric-amir-khasru>

BoP reverses into USD 3.4 Bn surplus

- Bangladesh sees its deficit balance of payments (BoP) reverse into around USD 3.4-Bn surplus in fiscal year 3025 after three financial years, in early signs of much-needed economic rebound. Officials and economists hail record remittance and steady growth in export receipts against import contraction for the turnaround in the BoP situation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bop-reverses-into-34-billion-surplus-1755108783>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Bank Company Act: BB moves to cap family directors at 2, cut directors' tenure to 6 years**

- The Bangladesh Bank is proposing a comprehensive overhaul of the country's banking laws, targeting long-standing governance failures caused by family dominance, political influence, and lax loan regulations. The proposed changes, part of a final draft amendment to the Bank Company Act, aim to strengthen corporate governance and restore stability to a sector crippled by rampant loan scams and rising non-performing loans over the past two decades. The central bank's most significant proposals focus on limiting the power of influential individuals and families.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bank-company-act-bb-moves-cap-family-directors-2-cut-directors-tenure-6-years>

ENGINEERING | Building-material makers seem in tailspin

- Building-material manufacturers continue to struggle amid lower demand from public-sector development projects and private-sector business sluggishness, insiders say. They have said demands for key construction materials like rod, cement, brick and the like have plummeted in the recent times both in public and private sectors.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/building-material-makers-seem-in-tailspin-1755109087>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS | BTRC plans for massive telecom law overhaul

- The telecom regulator has unveiled plans for one of the most far-reaching legal shake-ups in the sector in over a decade, aiming to bring the country's communications framework in line with rapid digital transformation and rising security demands. In a recent proposal sent to the government, the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) outlined extensive amendments to the Bangladesh Telecommunication (Amendment) Act, 2010 and the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/btrc-plans-for-massive-telecom-law-overhaul-1755109599>

BANK | BFIU seeks bank details of 3 ex-governors, 6 ex-deputy governors

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has directed all banks to provide detailed account information of three former Bangladesh Bank governors and six former deputy governors who served during the 2009–2024 Awami League regime. The move comes following a request from the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) as part of an investigation into allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the banking sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bfiu-seeks-bank-details-3-ex-governors-6-ex-deputy-governors-1211611>

Stocks:**SUMMITPOWER | Summit Power to sell Narayanganj plant**

- Summit Power Ltd has signed an agreement with Sabson Energy FZCO of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the sale and re-export of its Narayanganj Unit I, a 102-megawatt heavy fuel oil-fired power plant.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/summit-power-sell-narayanganj-plant-3962151>

GIB | Global Islami Bank's accumulated losses hit BDT 49.74 Bn by mid-2025

- The accumulated losses of Global Islami Bank, once controlled by the controversial S Alam Group, have risen to BDT 49.74 Bn as of June 2025, according to the bank's disclosure published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) website today (13 August).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/global-islami-bank-reports-tk1700cr-loss-first-half-2025-1211116>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.95	(USD 8.48)	-11.87%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.94	(USD 8.45)	-11.36%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,368.22	USD 759.74	29.13%
DSEX	5,314.33	97.89	1.88%
S&P 500	6,466.58	559.64	9.47%
FTSE 100	9,165.23	1,044.22	12.86%
BSE SENSEX	80,539.91	2,339.98	2.99%
KSE-100	146,529.31	31,270.31	27.13%
CSEALL	19,975.50	4,030.89	25.28%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.64 BDT****1 GBP = 164.97 BDT****1 Euro = 142.24 BDT****1 INR = 1.39 BDT**

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