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**Macro:****Bangladesh in 'intensive discussion' with UK to recover laundered money: BB governor**

- The government is in intensive discussion with the United Kingdom to recover laundered money by people tied to the regime of ousted prime minister Sheikh Hasina, said Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Ahsan H Mansur today.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-intensive-discussion-uk-recover-laundered-money-bb-governor-3917456>

**Bangladesh's economy at risk from Iran-Israel conflict**

- The intensifying Iran-Israel conflict has created ripples across the globe, affecting economies far removed from the battle zones. Bangladesh is no exception. While oil prices rise amid instability in the Middle East and key sea routes such as the Suez Canal and Strait of Hormuz become insecure, Bangladesh is confronted with multiple economic stresses, from inflation and crippling import bills to declining remittances and strained foreign reserves.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-economy-risk-iran-israel-conflict-3917831>

**ICC joins coalition of global businesses for ocean sustainability**

- The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has joined a coalition of over 80 businesses and organisations from 25 countries in a Business Call to Action ahead of the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice, France.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/icc-joins-coalition-global-businesses-ocean-sustainability-3917791>

**Stuck in limbo BDT 1.47 Tn new MRT works**

- Large-haul rapid travel leapfrogging the gridlock in Dhaka remains an unfulfilled dream as BDT 1.47 Tn new metro-rail works miss takeoff for endorsement procrastination. Sources have said anomalies in implementing the already-running metro rail on the designated line 6 derailed three more mass rapid transit (MRT) projects.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/stuck-in-limbo-tk-147t-new-mrt-works-1750011248>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | Bad loans hit record BDT 4.20 Tn**

- Bad loans in Bangladesh's banking sector reached a record BDT 4.20 Tn for the first time at the end of March this year. The amount posted a 131% year-on-year rise, up from BDT 1.82 Tn in the same period last year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bad-loans-hit-record-tk-420335-crore-3917621>

**BANK | Five Islamic banks to merge into one soon**

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) will soon start the process to merge five Islamic banks into a single large bank, said Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur yesterday. "We are planning to merge some banks, and it will begin with Islamic banks in the first phase," he said in a media briefing at the central bank headquarters.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/five-islamic-banks-merge-one-soon-3917821>

**FUEL & POWER | Power import from Nepal resumes**

- Bangladesh has resumed importing electricity from Nepal through India's grid line, following a multilateral agreement that also involves India, reports bdnews 24.com. Zahurul Islam, a member (generation) of the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), confirmed that the electricity supply from Nepal began on Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/power-import-from-nepal-resumes-1750011373>

**PHARMACEUTICALS | Drug makers' growth hinges on whether they can raise money**

- The country's pharmaceutical industry has great potential to grow further, with the rising income and aged population and expansion of export markets, but it has not yet built capacity to explore fund-raising options, including IPO. Of as many as 200 local companies, only 19 firms of the industry have listed in the equity market. While fund collection by issuing shares to the public has remained insignificant, other instruments for capital, such as corporate bonds, preference shares, private equity, and foreign direct investment (FDI) too have remained largely unused.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/drug-makers-growth-hinges-on-whether-they-can-raise-money-1750008081>

**TEXTILES | Four more apparel units get LEED certification**

- Four more readymade garment (RMG) factories in Bangladesh have secured Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the US Green Building Council (USGBC). Obtaining of such LEED certification gives a clear indication of the sector's growing commitment to green manufacturing and a continued stride towards sustainable industrialisation. Of the newly LEED-certified factories, Advance Attire Ltd, located at Phukuria on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Manikganj, has earned LEED Platinum certification with securing an impressive 96 points.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/four-more-apparel-units-get-leed-certification-1750008132>

**BANK | Farm loan disbursement rises in April**

- Disbursement of agricultural credit by scheduled banks surged significantly month-on-month in April, although it was slightly lower than that in the corresponding period of last year. According to a report by the Bangladesh Bank, banks disbursed a total of BDT 32.39 Bn in agricultural loans during the month.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/farm-loan-disbursement-rises-april-3917751>

**ENERGY | BDT 80 Bn SPM idle as BPC delays contractor hire**

- The country's maiden single-point mooring (SPM) project faces further delays in starting formal operations as the authorities continue to defer the process of selecting a contractor for operations and maintenance (O&M), sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/tk-80b-spm-idle-as-bpc-delays-contractor-hire-1750010853>

**TRADE | Stakeholders' meet to raise Ctg seaport tariffs inconclusive**

- The meeting with participation of representatives from about 28 government and private organisations, including Chittagong Port, was held at the meeting room of the Ministry of Shipping on June 2 last. Adviser to the Ministry of Shipping Brigadier General (Retd.) M Sakhawat Hossain presided over the meeting. According to sources, the participants discussed the issue of increase in tariffs of Chittagong port. But, a large section of the stakeholders opposed the proposal of the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) for increasing the tariffs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/stakeholders-meet-to-raise-ctg-seaport-tariffs-inconclusive-1750011180>

**TRADE | Ship congestion at Ctg port lingers as berthing time rises**

- The Singapore-flagged vessel Sinar Sorong arrived at the outer anchorage of Chattogram Port on 6 June with a consignment of containers from the Port of Singapore. However, due to the Eid holidays and a lack of berthing slots, the ship has yet to berth at the jetty. It is scheduled to dock today, 10 days after arrival.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ship-congestion-ctg-port-lingers-berthing-time-rises-1166091>

**Stocks:****ILFSL | International Leasing depositors seek BB intervention**

- The depositors of the International Leasing and Financial Services Limited (ILFSL) have urged the Bangladesh Bank to intervene so they can recover their money. The International Leasing Individual Depositors' Forum made the demand at a press conference at the National Press Club in Dhaka yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/international-leasing-depositors-seek-bb-intervention-3917566>

**STANDBANKL | Standard Bank sponsor to buy its 2 Mn shares**

- Ferdous Ali Khan, a sponsor director of Standard Bank PLC, a publicly listed lender, has expressed his intention to buy 2 Mn shares of the bank, according to a disclosure published on the stock exchange's website today (15 June). Ferdous Ali Khan will buy the shares at prevailing market price in the public market through Dhaka Stock Exchange within the next 30 working days. Considering the current market price, the value of the shares is around BDT 102 Mn as its shares traded today at BDT 5.10 each.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/standard-bank-sponsor-buy-its-20-lakh-shares-1166041>

**MAMUNAGRO | Mamun Agro gets shareholder nod for main board listing**

- Mamun Agro Products Ltd, a company listed on the SME platform of the stock exchanges, has received shareholder approval to shift its listing to the main board, in line with regulatory requirements. The approval came today (15 June) at an extraordinary general meeting (EGM), where shareholders endorsed the board's decision made nearly two months ago, on 23 April.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mamun-agro-gets-shareholder-nod-main-board-listing-1166036>

**PREMIERCEM | BSEC rejects Premier Cement's BDT 1.61 Bn preference share application**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected Premier Cement Mills PLC's application to issue preference shares worth BDT 1.61 Bn. The commission rejected the application as the company's Memorandum of Association does not permit the issuance of preference shares, Premier Cement said in a disclosure filed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (15 June).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-rejects-premier-cements-tk161cr-preference-share-application-1166031>

**EXCHANGE | BSEC seeks roadmap from 60 firms on BDT 300 Mn capital compliance**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has again requested that 60 listed companies submit a clear roadmap outlining how they plan to comply with the minimum paid-up capital requirement to remain listed on the main board of the stock exchanges.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-seeks-roadmap-60-firms-tk30cr-capital-compliance-1166021>

**EXCHANGE | T-bill yields rise further as banks hold back ahead of June closing**

- The upward trend in yields on treasury bills (T-bills) continued on Sunday as banks showed reluctance to invest their excess liquidity in the risk-free securities. The cut-off yield-generally referred to as the interest rate-on the 91-day T-bills rose to 12.10% from 12.02% in the previous auction, while the yield on the 364-day T-bills climbed to 12.24% from 12.00%. However, the yield on the 182-day T-bills remained unchanged at 12.11%, according to the auction results.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-rise-further-as-banks-hold-back-ahead-of-june-closing-1750011282>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 73.96	USD 2.53	3.54%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 74.91	USD 0.52	0.70%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,436.50	USD 828.02	31.74%
DSEX	4,724.00	-492.44	-9.44%
S&P 500	5,976.97	70.03	1.19%
FTSE 100	8,850.63	729.62	8.98%
BSE SENSEX	81,118.60	2,918.67	3.73%
KSE-100	122,143.57	6,884.57	5.97%
CSEALL	17,427.08	1,482.47	9.30%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 122.05 BDT****1 GBP = 165.13 BDT****1 Euro = 140.53 BDT****1 INR = 1.41 BDT**

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