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Macro:**ECNEC okays 11 development projects worth BDT 78.55 Bn**

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) on Sunday approved 11 development projects involving a total cost of BDT 78.55 Bn. The projects include five new initiatives, three revised projects and tenure extension of three ongoing projects without additional costs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/ecnec-okays-11-development-projects-worth-tk-7855b-1755454252>

Assets worth BDT 400 Bn in laundered money unearthed abroad

- Revenue intelligence has tracked down nearly BDT 400 Bn worth of assets amassed in different countries around the world through money laundering from Bangladesh. National Board of Revenue Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) Director-General Ahsan Habib apprised Chief Adviser of the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus that investigations had been conducted in seven cities across five countries since January this year, leading to this discovery, said a spokesperson for the CA Office.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/assets-worth-tk-400b-in-laundered-money-unearthed-abroad-1755453905>

NBR orders same-day transfer from Ctg port

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has directed that containers destined for Inland Container Depots (ICDs) must be moved from Chattogram port on the same day they are unloaded from vessels.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-orders-same-day-transfer-from-ctg-port-1755454208>

July development spending is below 1%

- Development spending saw a sluggish start this fiscal year, as the expenditure stood below 1 % of the total allocation at the end of July -- a sign that irked Planning Adviser Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/july-development-spending-below-1-3964951>

Banks, NBFIs report sharp rise in green, sustainable finance

- Banks and non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) report a strong rebound in both green and sustainable finance during January-March 2025, reflecting renewed institutional focus on climate and sustainability-focused lending.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banks-nbfis-report-sharp-rise-in-green-sustainable-finance-1755454336>

Logistics costs eat up 16% of GDP

- Bangladesh spends as much as 16% of its gross domestic product (GDP) on moving goods from factories to customers, far above the global average of 10%, according to a senior World Bank official.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/logistics-costs-eat-16-gdp-3964946>

Sector & Industries:**TRADE | Multimodal hub integrating rail, road, Ctg seaport in sight**

- A multimodal logistics hub integrating railway, road, and Chittagong seaport facilities will be developed near the Bay Terminal to boost Bangladesh's trade-facilitating efficiency, as efforts are geared towards USD 100 Bn annual export earnings.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/multimodal-hub-integrating-rail-road-ctg-seaport-in-sight-1755453836>

FOOD & ALLIED | Private co allowed to import 1.0 Mn tonnes of sugar, lentil

- The government has allowed Sincos Automation Technologies Limited, a private company, to import 1.0 Mn tonnes of sugar and lentils for sale under the state-run Trading Corporation of Bangladesh's (TCB) sales drive.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/private-co-allowed-to-import-10m-tonnes-of-sugar-lentil-1755454298>

BANKS | Deposit growth still below 8% in June as inflation, job scarcity hit savers

- The country's banking sector recorded deposit growth of less than 8% in June, despite an increase in remittance inflows, as inflationary pressures, sluggish private investment, and weak job creation continue to weigh on people's savings capacity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/deposit-growth-still-below-8-june-inflation-job-scarcity-hit-savers-1214456>

NBFI | Ten non-banks lose BDT 10.79 Bn in H1

- Ten listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) sank into a combined loss of BDT 10.79 Bn in the first half of this year, an increase of 17% from the same period a year earlier.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ten-non-banks-lose-tk-1079cr-h1-3964961>

TEXTILES | After Beximco, Nassa Group to get govt lifeline to keep factories running

- Although several companies within the group are classified as defaulters, authorities will facilitate the opening of back-to-back letters of credit (LCs) and provide policy-level assistance to sustain production

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/after-beximco-nassa-group-get-govt-lifeline-keep-factories-running-1214481>

Stocks:**DHAKABANK | Dhaka Bank MD quits**

- Sheikh Mohammad Maroof, Managing Director of Dhaka Bank PLC, has tendered his resignation, citing personal reasons. Mr. Maroof took charge of the bank management following the death of its previous managing director Emranul Huq. Prior to this, he served at The City Bank as the Additional Managing Director and Chief Business Officer.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-bank-md-quits-1755454096>

CAPMBDBLMF | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund declares no dividend for FY25

- The trustee board of CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund 01 announced no dividend for the year ended 30 June 2025. According to the report, the total net asset value (NAV) of the fund stood at BDT 5.46 Bn based on cost price, while it amounted to BDT 3.84 Bn based on market price as on June 30 this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-declares-no-dividend-fy25-1214361>

SEMLLECMF | SMEL lecture equity fund declares no dividend despite profit

- SEML Lecture Equity Management Fund, a closed-end mutual fund managed by Strategic Equity Management Limited, has declared no dividend for the fiscal year 2024-25 despite posting a profit during the period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/smel-lecture-equity-fund-declares-no-dividend-despite-profit-1214366>

EXCHANGE | Mutual Fund investors face another dry year amid market slump

- Mutual fund investors are in a tight spot yet again as most closed-end mutual funds failed to declare dividends for the financial year that ended in June 2025 due to depressed market conditions and higher provisioning against unrealised losses.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/mutual-fund-investors-face-another-dry-year-amid-market-slump-1755450727>

EXCHANGE | BSEC probe uncovers BDT 720 Mn asset-stripping scandal at Ashraf Textile

- An investigation by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has revealed a massive asset-stripping scandal at Ashraf Textile Mills Limited, one of the country's oldest textile companies, which has been inactive for over a decade.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-probe-uncovers-tk72cr-asset-stripping-scandal-ashraf-textile-1214356>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.76	(USD 8.67)	-12.14%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.74	(USD 8.65)	-11.63%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,343.42	USD 734.94	28.18%
DSEX	5,401.49	185.05	3.55%
S&P 500	6,449.80	542.86	9.19%
FTSE 100	9,138.90	1,017.89	12.53%
BSE SENSEX	80,597.66	2,397.73	3.07%
KSE-100	146,491.62	31,232.62	27.10%
CSEALL	20,218.36	4,273.75	26.80%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.38 BDT****1 GBP = 164.46 BDT****1 Euro = 142.01 BDT****1 INR = 1.39 BDT**

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