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## **Macro:**

### **BB to fix single exchange rate for USD soon**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is set to introduce a single exchange rate for the USD, aiming to enhance transparency in dollar trading across banks.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bb-to-fix-single-exchange-rate-for-us-dollar-soon>

### **Recovery on some fronts, but investment gaps, banking instability still key concerns**

- Bangladesh's economy has shown signs of recovery in the final quarter of 2024, with notable improvements in key indicators such as card transactions, remittance inflows, exports, and the issuance of letters of credit (LCs) for imports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/recovery-some-fronts-investment-gaps-banking-instability-still-key-concerns-1031866>

### **Challenges and priorities for 2025**

- Macroeconomic management will remain a formidable challenge for Bangladesh in the coming year. Containing inflation, bolstering foreign exchange reserves and dealing with overstretched banks will be critical priorities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/challenges-and-priorities-2025-3789051>

### **Economy to see muted recovery in 2025**

- As political agendas now occupy a large chunk of reform efforts, economists believe the economic recovery in 2025 could be muted compared to what was expected after the political changeover in August 2024.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/economy-see-muted-recovery-2025-3789031>

### **Revenue collection falls in Nov though business climate improves**

- Bangladesh's revenue collection fell in November this year even though the country saw improvement in its business climate that month thanks to the alleviation of political uncertainties stemming from the nationwide mass uprising in July-August.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/revenue-collection-falls-nov-though-business-climate-improves-3789071>

### **After disgraceful 2024 'goat scandal' NBR steps up efforts to curb graft**

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) faced a chaotic time in 2024 after one of its senior members became embroiled in a high-profile scandal over the purchase of a sacrificial goat worth BDT 1.5 Mn, exposing vast amounts of his illegal wealth.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/after-disgraceful-2024-goat-scandal-nbr-steps-up-efforts-to-curb-graft>

**Sector & Industries:**

**BANK | 3 banks get BDT 125.00 Bn in emergency funds**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has extended a total of BDT 125.00 Bn in emergency funds to three beleaguered banks to dress up their balance sheet ahead of the year's end.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/3-banks-get-BDT-12500cr-emergency-funds-3789026>

**Stocks:**

**GEMINISEA | BSEC approves 7.50% stock dividend for Gemini Sea Food**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved Gemini Sea Food, a leading frozen shrimp and fish exporter, to distribute stock dividends to its shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-approves-750-stock-dividend-gemini-sea-food-1031781>

**BEXIMCO, BXPHERMA, SPCERAMICS | BSEC appoints independent directors at three Beximco firms**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has appointed independent directors to three listed companies owned by the Beximco Group, as per instructions of the Financial Institutions Division under the finance ministry.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-appoints-independent-directors-three-beximco-firms-1031516>

**Stock and Commodities\***

<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 71.72	USD 0.07	0.10%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 74.64	(USD 2.40)	-3.12%
Gold Spot*	USD 2,624.50	USD 561.52	27.22%
DSEX	5,216.44	-1,030.05	-16.49%
S&P 500	5,881.60	1,111.77	23.31%
FTSE 100	8,173.02	439.78	5.69%
BSE SENSEX	78,215.00	5,974.74	8.27%
KSE-100	115,126.90	52,747.49	84.56%
CSEALL	12,003.29	1,349.13	12.66%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 119.59 BDT****1 GBP = 149.68 BDT****1 Euro = 123.82 BDT****1 INR = 1.40 BDT**

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