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**Macro:****BB to unveil monetary policy on Jan 29**

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) is going to unveil its monetary policy statement for January to June of the current fiscal year on January 29, at a time when inflation remains elevated despite a high policy rate.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bb-unveil-monetary-policy-jan-29-4086306>

**Economy suffering from 'overregulation', says Amir Khosru**

- BNP Standing Committee member Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury on Tuesday said Bangladesh's economy, including its capital market, is currently being stifled by 'overregulation' and it must move towards deregulation and liberalisation to recover. He made the remarks while speaking at a seminar titled 'Post-Election 2026 Horizon: Economy, Politics, and Capital Market', organised by BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage at a city hotel.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/economy-suffering-from-overregulation-says-amir-khosru>

**NBR logs 14% revenue growth in H1, still misses target by BDT 460 Bn**

- In the July-December period of FY2025-26, NBR logged BDT 1,852.29 Bn, according to the board's provisional data. All three main revenue streams contributed to the rise. Local level value-added tax (VAT) collection reached BDT 704.93 Bn, up from BDT 587.59 Bn a year earlier, marking around a 20% increase.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbr-logs-14-revenue-growth-h1-still-misses-target-tk-46000cr-4086036>

**Onus of pay-hike burden left to oncoming govt**

- Additional BDT 800 Bn may be needed in fully implementing the proposed new pay scale for public employees, however the financial burden will be borne by the next government. According to estimation, full-fledged implementation of the new pay scale may account for around 11% of total fiscal budget of Bangladesh and some 14.0% of revenue budget.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/onus-of-pay-hike-burden-left-to-oncoming-govt-1768929396>

**BB buys USD 743 million from banks in first 20 days of January**

- The Bangladesh Bank purchased USD 45 Mn from two commercial banks on January 20. This marks a total USD 743 Mn purchased from commercial banks through auctions during the first 20 days of January, as part of its ongoing efforts to stabilise the exchange rate.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-buys-743m-banks-first-20-days-january-1339416>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | BB reopens loan rescheduling facility for shipbuilding industry**

- The Bangladesh Bank has reinstated a special loan rescheduling facility for the shipbuilding industry, allowing defaulted borrowers to regularise their loans with a 3% down payment until 30 June this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-reopens-loan-rescheduling-facility-shipbuilding-industry-1339441>

**BANK | BDT 400 Bn resolution fund planned for banks if in trouble**

- The Bangladesh Bank plans to create a dedicated "resolution fund" of up to BDT 400 Bn to rescue and restructure failing banks without relying on taxpayer-funded government bailouts. Banks will have to contribute up to 0.25% of their deposits annually. Banks will have to contribute an annual premium of up to 0.25% of their deposits, compared to the current 0.07%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/tk40000cr-resolution-fund-planned-banks-if-trouble-1339601>

**BANK | Conventional banks lead remittances as Islamic lenders recover ground**

- Conventional banks continued to dominate remittance inflows between November 2023 and November 2025, even as Islamic banks recorded a noticeable recovery in market share over the past year, according to central bank report.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/conventional-banks-lead-remittances-islamic-lenders-recover-ground-4086281>

**Stocks:****EXCHANGE | Foreign investors flag tax complexity, thin listings, insecurity as key hurdles to Bangladesh market**

- Foreign portfolio investors on 20 January identified capital gain tax complexities and a limited pool of quality listed companies and a sense of insecurity as major structural barriers holding back Bangladesh's capital market, urging policy reforms, mandatory listings and political stability to unlock long-term growth. The issues were highlighted at a seminar titled 'Post-Election 2026 Horizon: Economy, Politics, and Capital Market', organised by BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-flag-tax-complexity-thin-listings-insecurity-key-hurdles-bangladesh>

**OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries to invest in land, new company**

- With a view to future expansion of operations, Olympic Industries, a listed company in the food and allied sector, has decided to purchase 19.25 decimals of land at an agreed price of BDT 5.8 million in Narayanganj.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-invest-land-new-company-1339511>

**ACI | ACI's growth paradox: A profitable parent, bleeding subsidiaries**

- ACI has continued expanding into new territories despite its already launched subsidiaries and associate companies weighing heavily on its business and pushing it into the red. A top ACI executive involved in the decision to set up new subsidiaries explained that the group's business is closely linked to the country's core economy. Regarding the newly formed subsidiaries, he said they would be light-asset and light-capital-based ventures.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/acis-growth-paradox-a-profitable-parent-bleeding-subsidiaries-1768926978>

**SQURPHARMA | Square Pharma chairman to buy 2 million shares worth BDT 430 million**

- Square Pharmaceuticals' Chairman Samuel S Chowdhury has announced that he will buy 2.0 Mn shares of the company at the prevailing market price, according to a disclosure filed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/square-pharma-chairman-buy-20-lakh-shares-worth-tk43cr-1339501>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.68	USD 2.25	3.92%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.07	USD 3.22	5.29%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,826.64	USD 485.64	11.19%
DSEX	5,108.95	243.61	5.01%
S&P 500	6,796.86	-101.96	-1.48%
FTSE 100	10,126.78	195.40	1.97%
BSE SENSEX	82,180.47	-2,613.11	-3.08%
KSE-100	188,621.78	14,567.48	8.37%
CSEALL	23,623.74	999.43	4.42%

## Exchange Rates

**1 US Dollar = 122.27 BDT****1 GBP = 164.48 BDT****1 Euro = 143.41 BDT****1 INR = 1.34 BDT**

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