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# *Important News Snippets*

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## Macro:

### NBR banks on tobacco, high-value litigations to boost revenue by 47%

- The National Board of Revenue has ordered a nationwide drive targeting high-yield revenue sectors, including tobacco, and the speedy disposal of major tax disputes as it seeks to raise revenue collection by nearly 47% in the fiscal 2026-27 despite concerns from field officials over the feasibility of the target.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-banks-tobacco-high-value-litigations-boost-revenue-47-1498836

### Bangladesh collects only half as much corporate tax as peers

- Corporate income tax revenue in Bangladesh stands at around 1.5-1.8% of GDP, around half the level of many peer economies, according to Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-collects-only-half-much-corporate-tax-peers-4233281

### Exports face massive 15% growth test

- Bangladesh has set an ambitious export goal for the current fiscal year, targeting a 15% jump in earnings to USD 63.4 Bn despite factories operating well below capacity for months amid a persistent shortage of orders.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-sets-634bn-export-target-fy27-eyes-15pc-growth-1498511

### Economists question US trade deal gains after new tariff

- Despite signing a USD 3.7 Bn aircraft purchase agreement and agreeing to buy higher-priced American wheat as part of its commitments under the US Agreement on Reciprocal Trade, Bangladesh has so far gained little except fresh tariffs imposed unilaterally by Washington, raising questions about the deal's effectiveness.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/economists-question-us-trade-deal-gains-after-new-tariff-1497991

### ADB, GPE to provide USD 350 Mn to improve digital learning, skills

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) are set to provide USD 350 Mn to support a wide-ranging education reform programme in Bangladesh.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adb-gpe-to-provide-350m-to-improve-digital-learning-skills-1785089924

### USD 1.0 Bn co-financing by South Korea on backburner

- Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) line-5 southern metro rail in Dhaka city faces fresh hurdle as co-financer South Korea delays confirming its assured USD 1.0 Bn loan, throwing the timeline of the USD 4.9 Bn project into a pause.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/10b-co-financing-by-south-korea-on-backburner-1785085469

### Chinese economic zone to break ground in Ctg tomorrow

- Construction of the long-awaited Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone (CEIZ) in Chattogram's Anwara is finally set to begin on Monday. Authorities expect the project to attract USD 500 Mn in foreign direct investment (FDI) and create more than 1.0 Mn direct and indirect jobs.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/chinese-economic-zone-break-ground-ctg-tomorrow-1497946

### Port customs consumes more time despite digitisation

- Import container-dwell time at Bangladesh's principal seaport has increased despite a series of customs-digitisation initiatives and procedural-simplification measures. According to the World Bank's Logistics Performance Indicators (LPI), the average container import-dwell time (CIDT) at Chattogram Port increased from 7.8 days in 2023 to 8.3 days in 2024.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/port-customs-consumes-more-time-despite-digitisation-1785089569

### Bangladesh needs about USD 421 Bn in extra funding in 5 years to attain SDGs

- Bangladesh will need about USD 421 Bn in extra funding over the next five years to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to a new government assessment.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-needs-about-usd-421b-in-extra-funding-in-5-years-to-attain-sdgs

### Oil slips 5% after US, Iran pause fighting over weekend

- Oil prices tumbled 5% on Monday after the US and Iran paused strikes over the weekend after two weeks of attacks, raising hopes of a diplomatic solution that would de-escalate the conflict and allow shipping to resume in the Strait of Hormuz.

https://www.tbsnews.net/world/global-economy/oil-slips-5-after-us-iran-pause-fighting-over-weekend-1498881

## Sector and Industries:

### BANK | Banks can now spend more on business centres

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) introduced comprehensive guidelines on the establishment, relocation, rent/lease, and contract renewal of bank business centres, raising the cost ceiling. Bangladesh Bank has also barred banks from paying above-market rent for office premises owned by their directors.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/banks-can-now-spend-more-business-centres-4233126

### BANK | BB asks banks to finish task within 60 days

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked all scheduled banks to complete disciplinary proceedings against employees within 60 days aligning banking regulations with the Bangladesh Labour Rules of 2015.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/bb-asks-banks-to-finish-task-within-60-days

### ENERGY | LNG terminal still offline, power output down 1,500MW

- The technical failure at a FSRU off Moheshali on July 21 has snowballed into a nationwide power crisis, with gas-fired plants scaling back generation and heavy load-shedding gripping much of the country.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/307698/lng-terminal-still-offline-power-output-down-1500mw

## Stocks:

### REGULATOR | Deadline extended for appointing female director in listed firms

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has extended the deadline for listed companies to appoint female independent directors to their boards until December 31, 2026.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/deadline-extended-appointing-female-director-listed-firms-4233241

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### EXCHANGE | Listed insurers post strong earnings growth in H1 2026

- Most listed general insurance companies posted higher earnings in the first half of 2026, with eight of nine insurers reporting year-on-year growth in earnings per share (EPS).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-insurers-post-strong-earnings-growth-h1-2026-1498806

### WALTONHIL | Walton signs deal to expand footprint in Libya

- Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC, one of Bangladesh's leading electrical and electronics manufacturers, has signed a global distributorship agreement with Libya-based ASR Al Techniyah to expand its presence in North Africa.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/walton-signs-deal-expand-footprint-libya-4233231

### SOUTHEASTB | Southeast Bank sponsor Rehana Kashem to sell 1 Mn shares

- Rehana Kashem, a sponsor of Southeast Bank PLC and wife of the bank's Chairman MA Kashem, has announced plans to sell 1.0 Mn shares of the bank through the public market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/southeast-bank-sponsor-rehana-kashem-sell-10-lakh-shares-1498796

### RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics turns around H1 performance, posts BDT 22.8Mn profit

- RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited staged a turnaround in H1'26, returning to profit with BDT 22.8 Mn in earnings after posting a BDT 210 Mn loss in the same period a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rak-ceramics-turns-around-h1-performance-posts-tk228cr-profit-1498731

### EBL | Eastern Bank signs MoU with RHD for electronic toll collection

- Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) to introduce advanced digital toll collection solutions across RHD-operated toll bridges.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/eastern-bank-signs-mou-rhd-electronic-toll-collection-4233181

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**Stock and Commodities***

| Index Name | Close Value | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crude Oil (WTI)* | USD 85.25 | USD 27.82 | 48.44% |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 92.77 | USD 31.92 | 52.46% |
| Gold Spot* | USD 4,089.09 | (USD 251.91) | -5.80% |
| DSEX | 5,784.37 | 919.03 | 18.89% |
| S&P 500 | 7,411.98 | 513.16 | 7.44% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,736.23 | 804.85 | 8.10% |
| BSE SENSEX | 76,059.77 | -8,733.81 | -10.30% |
| KSE-100 | 171,400.60 | -2,653.70 | -1.52% |
| CSEALL | 21,172.74 | -1,451.57 | -6.42% |

**Exchange Rates**

**1 US Dollar = 123.41 BDT**

**1 GBP = 164.79 BDT**

**1 Euro = 140.74 BDT**

**1 INR = 1.27 BDT**

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