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Macro:**Govt plans to launch onshore bidding after 28 years**

- The interim government is preparing to offer several onshore blocks in hilly regions to international oil companies (IOCs) under a proposed production sharing contract (PSC), aiming to enhance domestic natural gas production amid rising demand.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-plans-to-launch-onshore-bidding-after-28-years-1751131148>

Rising debt signals warning for Bangladesh's economy

- Bangladesh's rising public debt is raising red flags among economists and policymakers, as the debt-to-GDP ratio has climbed nearly 11 percentage points over the past decade, reaching 37.62% in the last fiscal year (FY 2023-24).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rising-debt-signals-warning-for-bangladeshs-economy-1751129695>

Reserves cross USD 25 Bn after 2.5 years

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves crossed USD 25 Bn after two and a half years, thanks to an increased inflow of remittance and the release of funds by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank (WB), and other lending agencies. On Thursday, forex reserves stood at USD 25.51 Bn as per the IMF's calculation method, up from USD 21.38 Bn a week earlier, according to the central bank's data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/reserves-cross-25b-after-25-years-3927916>

Weaker taka, high interest rates strain private sector

- A weaker taka, prolonged high inflation, and tighter monetary policy have placed increasing pressure on the private sector, according to business leaders. "Interest rates on bank loans have climbed from 9% to around 14% in 2025, which has saddled the private sector with an additional interest burden of roughly BDT 1.4 Tn," said Ashraf Ahmed, former president of the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/weaker-taka-high-interest-rates-strain-private-sector-3927906>

Refrain from approving large-scale projects

- Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed urged all concerned to refrain from approving unnecessary and large-scale development projects that could jeopardise the country's debt sustainability. The Adviser stressed the importance of a symbiotic relationship among all stakeholders to maintain fiscal stability amid a volatile global financial environment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/refrain-from-approving-large-scale-projects-1751127729>

India restricts land-route import of certain products

- India has imposed a ban on the import of specific jute products and woven fabrics from Bangladesh through all land routes amid worsening relations between the two nations, reports UNB.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/india-restricts-land-route-import-of-certain-products-1751127743>

Dhaka continues tariff talks with US

- Bangladesh has continued its consultations with the United States on finalising the agreement on reciprocal tariff, reports BSS. The latest round of discussions took place in Washington DC on Thursday, where the Bangladesh side was led by National Security Adviser Dr Khalilur Rahman and the US side by US Assistant Trade Representative Brendan Lynch, according to a message from CA's Press Wing said on Saturday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/dhaka-continues-tariff-talks-with-us-1751126319>

Sector & Industries:**TELECOM | Telecom policy flaws putting ISPs at risk, warns ISPAB**

- The Internet Service Providers Association of Bangladesh (ISPAB) has issued a strong call for comprehensive reforms in the country's telecom policy, warning that regulatory ambiguity, arbitrary pricing, and unequal treatment are threatening the sustainability of local internet service providers.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/telecom-policy-flaws-putting-isps-at-risk-warns-ispab-1751126308>

BANK | BB injects BDT 525 Bn into 12 weak banks

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has injected an unprecedented amount of BDT 525 Bn into 12 financially weak banks by printing new currency, despite maintaining a tightened monetary policy stance, reports UNB. The banks receiving this support include First Security Islami Bank, Social Islami Bank (SIBL), National Bank, EXIM Bank, Global Islami Bank, Islami Bank Bangladesh, AB Bank, Bangladesh Commerce Bank Ltd (BCBL), Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), Basic Bank, and Padma Bank. Notably, First Security Islami Bank received the largest share, amounting to BDT 142 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/bb-injects-tk-525b-into-12-weak-banks-1751127631>

FUEL & POWER | Bangladesh slashes Adani Power dues with USD 384 Mn payment, USD 500 Mn still outstanding

- Bangladesh has paid USD 384 Mn to India's Adani Power in June, significantly cutting down its outstanding payments under an existing power supply agreement, according to officials familiar with the matter. After this payment, Adani Power's remaining claimed dues from Bangladesh will drop to about USD 500 Mn, assuming the full June commitment is met, the officials added.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/bangladesh-slashes-adani-power-dues-384-million-payment-500-million-still>

Stocks:**BAYLEASING | Bay Leasing douses recovery hopes as losses soar in 2024**

- Bay Leasing & Investment's loss surged in 2024 to more than 11 times the amount it had incurred in the first nine months of the year through September, driven by an escalation in provisioning against bad loans. Compared to 2023, the annual loss, BDT 4.39 Bn, in 2024 was 5.3 times higher. The non-bank financial institution (NBFI) announced its financial results for 2024 on Saturday after a meeting of the board of directors.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bay-leasing-douses-recovery-hopes-as-losses-soar-in-2024-1751124372>

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries to buy more land worth BDT 212 Mn for expansion

- Olympic Industries is set to purchase an additional 702 decimals of land adjacent to its factories in the Kanchpur and Gazipur areas, at a cost of BDT 212 Mn, to facilitate its future expansion plans. This latest acquisition follows the purchase of five pieces of land totalling 504 decimals, worth BDT 222.5 Mn, last month.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/olympic-industries-to-buy-more-land-worth-tk-212m-for-expansion>

ONEBANKPLC | How ONE Bank hides BDT 9.95 Bn loss through provision deferral

- ONE Bank, a private sector lender, reported an 11.30% profit growth in 2024, posting a net profit after tax of BDT 1.28 Bn. However, according to its external auditor, the bank would have actually incurred a massive net loss of BDT 9.95 Bn if it had made full provisioning as required by the central bank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/how-one-bank-hides-tk995cr-loss-through-provision-deferral-1176141>

PARAMOUNT | Paramount Textile to raise BDT 6.30 Bn for capacity expansion, debt repayment

- Paramount Textile, a listed concern of the Paramount Group, has announced plans to raise BDT 6.3 Bn through the issuance of a zero-coupon bond and preference shares to repay existing high-cost debt and enhance production capacity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paramount-textile-raise-tk630cr-capacity-expansion-debt-repayment-1176131>

LEGACYFOOT | Legacy Footwear eyes BDT 366 Mn boost in annual revenue from China export deal

- Legacy Footwear, a listed shoe exporter in the tannery sector, has partnered with China's Wenzhou Honshengda Industry Co. Ltd. (HSD) to export 0.3 Mn pairs of shoes a year, targeting BDT 366 Mn in extra annual revenue. Following the deal with the Chinese firm, the company's share price rose by 9.94% to BDT 58.60 on Thursday, hitting the upper circuit limit for the day, according to Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) data.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/legacy-footwear-eyes-tk366cr-boost-annual-revenue-china-export-deal-1174951>

ONEBANKPLC | One Bank to issue BDT 6 Bn subordinated bond

- One Bank PLC, a listed lender on the Dhaka Stock Exchange, has decided to float its sixth subordinated bond, to be titled "One Bank Subordinated Bond – 6th." The decision was approved at the bank's 397th board meeting held yesterday (25 June), according to a company disclosure.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/one-bank-issue-tk600-crore-subordinated-bond-1174281>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.52	(USD 5.91)	-8.27%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.77	(USD 6.62)	-8.90%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,274.33	USD 665.85	25.53%
DSEX	4,832.83	-383.61	-7.35%
S&P 500	6,173.07	266.13	4.51%
FTSE 100	8,798.91	677.90	8.35%
BSE SENSEX	84,058.90	5,858.97	7.49%
KSE-100	124,379.07	9,120.07	7.91%
CSEALL	17,872.74	1,928.13	12.09%

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