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Defaulters swallow BDT 800 billion bank money

- Lawmakers have identified the legal loopholes as one of the major reasons why bank-loan defaulters go unscathed, in most cases. In, at least, 600 cases, the court issued order asking the banks concerned not to show the credit status of the borrowers though the central bank's Credit Information Bureau (CIB) had identified them as defaulters. The lawmakers proposed enactment of a new law by removing the weaknesses of the existing ones. Experts, however, differed with the lawmakers' proposal and recommended the formation a dedicated bench in the High Court, instead, for settling the loan-default cases.

- Of the top 25 listed defaulters 18 defaulted on the repayment of full amount they had borrowed. Replying to a query, a BB representative said the volume of default loans in the banking sector was BDT 800 billion, according to the latest estimate.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/defaulters-swallow-tk-800b-bank-money-1527442398>

Scrutiny helps boost Value Added Tax (VAT) from large unit

- The collection of Value Added Tax (VAT) from large businesses increased significantly until March of the current fiscal year (FY). The increase was attributed to the intensive scrutiny and investigation by the Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU). LTU's VAT collection posted 22.0% growth, although the combined VAT collection grew by 15.0%. The unit collected BDT 313 billion VAT out of aggregate collection BDT 577.50 billion in July-March period.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/scrutiny-helps-boost-vat-from-large-unit-1527442526>

Singer partners with Zoje Sewing

- World renowned industrial sewing machine brand Zoje has partnered with Singer Bangladesh Limited at a ceremony at a city hotel, according to a statement issued in Dhaka on Sunday. Zoje Sewing Machine Co. Ltd. is an industrial sewing machines and equipments manufacturer in China. It is one of the leading industrial sewing machine brands in China with state of the art technology and enriched research and development. At present, they export to more than 60 countries. Now Zoje has 16 major categories and more than 260 different models of industrial sewing machines.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/singer-partners-with-zoje-sewing-1527437085>

IPO subscription of two companies to begin next month

- The public subscription of Aman Cotton Fibrous is set to start on June 03 and will continue till June 10 as the company would raise BDT 800 million from the capital market under the book building method. The IPO (initial public offering) fund will be used to buy machinery, repay bank loans and meet the IPO expenses. The net asset value per share of the company was BDT 35.6 as of June 2016 and the weighted average earnings per share (EPS) was BDT 3.49, according to the IPO prospectus.

- The IPO subscription of VFS Thread Dyeing will open on June 24 and continue till July 02. VFS Thread Dyeing will raise a capital worth BDT 220 million under fixed price method. As per the approval, the company will issue 22 million ordinary shares at an offer price of BDT 10.0 each. The company will utilize the IPO proceeds to purchase plant and machinery, repay bank loans and bear the IPO expenses. According to financial statement for the year ended on June 30, 2017, the company's net asset value (NAV) per share stood at BDT 19.9 (without revaluation), while the weighted average of earnings per share (EPS) was BDT 2.02.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ipo-subscription-of-two-cos-to-begin-next-month-1527437141>

Eight gas companies may offload shares

- Petrobangla is working to list eight of its gas distribution companies in the stock market, in a development that is set to bring some cheer to investors. Infrastructure Investment Facilitation Company (IIFC), a consultancy firm, and Roots Investment, a private merchant bank, have been enlisted to conduct a feasibility study on the listing of the eight companies.

- The companies are: Gas Transmission, Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution, Bakhrabad Gas Distribution, Jalalabad Gas Transmission and Distribution Systems, Paschimanchal Gas, Bangladesh Gas Field, Sylhet Gas Fields and Rupantarita Prakritic Gas. Of these, Titas Gas has already been listed in the market back in 2008 but a further 10 percent shares will now be offloaded.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/eight-gas-companies-may-offload-shares-1582588>

County's power generation hits new high of 10,699 MW

- The country's overall electricity generation reached the highest-ever level of 10,699 megawatts (MW) at 9:00 pm on Saturday. It broke the previous power generation record of 10,147 megawatts on May 22. Earlier, 10,137 MW of electricity was generated on April 24, 2018.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/countys-power-generation-hits-new-high-of-10699-mw-1527438719>

USD 30.1 million export earnings from shipbuilding in 10 months

- Export earnings from the thriving shipbuilding industry in the first ten months of the current fiscal year 2017-18 was USD 30.1 million, according to latest data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB). The data showed Bangladesh made the earnings exporting ships, boats, and floating structures in the period from July 2017 to March 2018.

- Business Wire, a global economic data analysis agency, estimated that around USD 650.8 billion will be spent for the procurement of new ships in the year 2026 across the world, mainly focusing on building environment-friendly ships. While the market for small ocean-faring vessels would grow to USD 400 billion annually, stakeholders in Bangladesh hope that the country could gain at least 1.0% of the market share, worth USD 4.0 billion annually.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2018/05/27/30-12m-export-earnings-from-shipbuilding-in-10-months>

World Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change	% Change
Crude Oil (WTI)*	\$66.21	-1.67	-2.46%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	\$74.91	-1.53	-2.00%
Gold Spot*	\$1,298.35	-3.90	-0.30%
DSEX	5456.82	+27.13	+0.50%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	24,753.09	-58.67	-0.24%
FTSE 100	7,730.28	+13.54	+0.18%
Nikkei 225	22,445.27	-5.52	-0.02%

Exchange Rates

USD 1 = BDT 83.43*
 GBP 1 = BDT 111.13*
 EUR 1 = BDT 97.68*
 INR 1 = BDT 1.23*

*Currencies and Commodities are taken from Bloomberg.

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