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**Macro:****IMF to give USD 645 Mn in fourth tranche**

- The International Monetary Fund will give Bangladesh USD 645 Mn in the fourth tranche under the USD 4.7 Bn loan programme, taking the total disbursement to USD 2.31 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/imf-give-645m-fourth-tranche-3779681>

**ADB to give USD 600 Mn for economic management**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will extend a USD 600 Mn loan to Bangladesh to help the country strengthen its economic management and establish a transparent and accountable regulatory environment for private sector development.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/adb-give-600m-economic-management-3779176>

**IMF cuts Bangladesh growth forecast, warns of high inflation**

- The South Asian economy may grow 3.8% in fiscal year 2024-25, down from 4.5% the multilateral lender projected in early October, because of output losses caused by the July uprising, floods, and tighter policies.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/imf-cuts-bangladesh-growth-forecast-warns-high-inflation-3779746>

**BB to make exchange rate more flexible**

- The exchange rate of the taka and the US dollar is going to be turned more flexible in line with suggestions of International Monetary Fund (IMF), according to Bangladesh Bank. Currently, there is a crawling peg exchange rate system in place and banks are allowed to buy and sell US dollars freely at a mid-range of BDT 117.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-make-exchange-rate-more-flexible-3779731>

**Bangladesh seeks additional USD 750 Mn from IMF to address economic challenges**

- Bangladesh has requested an additional USD 750 Mn loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to address economic challenges and foreign exchange shortages. If approved, the total loan amount from the Washington-based multilateral lender will go up to USD 5.3 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-seeks-additional-750-million-loan-imf-address-economic-challenges-1021966>

**Remittance dollar hits all-time high of BDT 127 – signalling economic headwinds**

- The government's increased efforts to clear overdue foreign payments and the tactics of aggregator exchange houses have driven the remittance dollar rate to an all-time high of BDT 127, signalling heightened economic headwinds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-dollar-hits-all-time-high-tk127-signalling-economic-headwinds-1022161>

**International:****USA | US makes third interest rate cut despite inflation risk**

- The US central bank has cut interest rates for a third time, despite concerns that the move will boost the economy that risks reigniting inflation. The decision was expected, setting the Federal Reserve's key lending rate in a target range of 4.25% to 4.5%.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/clyj3ym3e55o>

**Sector & Industries:****BANK | Call money rate eases on BB liquidity support to banks**

- The interbank call-money rate has eased slightly, thanks to the Bangladesh Bank's liquidity support and sluggish credit growth in the country's banking sector. The overnight call rate stood at 9.96% on Wednesday, compared to more than 10.10% recorded on Thursday last.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/call-money-rate-eases-on-bb-liquidity-support-to-banks-1734545906>

**FUEL & POWER | 1,320MW Payra plant shut for maintenance, new unit tests**

- The Payra thermal power plant in Kalapara upazila of Patuakhali has halted production to conduct maintenance and facilitate the test commissioning of a neighbouring facility, according to officials of the 1,320-megawatt (MW) coal-fired power station.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/1320mw-payra-plant-shut-maintenance-new-unit-tests-3779756>

**Stocks:****NFML | National Feed plunges into losses after persistent business decline**

- While most listed feed makers are posting profits and paying dividends to shareholders, National Feed Mills Limited stands as an exception, having incurred losses in the fiscal 2023-24, leaving its shareholders deprived.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-feed-plunges-losses-after-persistent-business-decline-1022111>

**EXCHANGE | CCBL rejects Dhaka exchange's request for procurement suspension**

- Central Counterparty Bangladesh Limited (CCBL) has rejected the Dhaka Stock Exchange's (DSE) request to suspend procurement activities, saying the request is legally invalid.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/ccbl-rejects-dhaka-exchanges-request-for-procurement-suspension>

**EXCHANGE | AFC predicts bullish Bangladesh stock market in H2 of 2025**

- Global fund manager Asia Frontier Capital (AFC) predicted a bullish outlook for Bangladesh's stock market towards the second half of the next year, driven by an economic turnaround.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/afc-predicts-bullish-bangladesh-stock-market-in-h2-of-2025>

**Stock and Commodities\***

<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 70.19	(USD 1.46)	-2.04%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 72.88	(USD 4.16)	-5.40%
Gold Spot*	USD 2,610.58	USD 547.60	26.54%
DSEX	5,208.21	-1,038.28	-16.62%
S&P 500	5,872.20	1,102.37	23.11%
FTSE 100	8,199.11	465.87	6.02%
BSE SENSEX	80,237.87	7,997.61	11.07%
KSE-100	111,070.29	48,690.88	78.06%
CSEALL	12,003.29	1,349.13	12.66%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 119.43 BDT****1 GBP = 150.33 BDT****1 Euro = 123.92 BDT****1 INR = 1.40 BDT**

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