Important News Snippets

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Macro:

BD team visits South Korea to attract FDI

- A high-level delegation from Bangladesh, led by Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun, Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), arrived in South Korea on Monday on a five-day visit focused on attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) and strengthening institutional cooperation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bd-team-visits-south-korea-to-attract-fdi-1760981638

Several FTAs up for early signing to facilitate trade

- Negotiations for inking free-trade agreements (FTAs) with a number of countries are ripe, officials say, while deal-feasibility studies with scores of others get underway. The ministry is planning to begin feasibility study soon aiming to sign FTA with Turkey and Nigeria, among others, they added.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/several-ftas-up-for-early-signing-to-facilitate-trade-1760982718

Businesses count USD 1.0 Bn losses in burnt goods, harmed exports

- Trade bodies have initially estimated a loss of over USD 1.0 Bn or BDT 120 Bn inflicted on Bangladesh's export sector by the devastating fire in the cargo village of Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/businesses-count-10b-losses-in-burnt-goods-harmed-exports-1760982810

Dhaka airport's fire-hit cargo village had insurance of only BDT 2 Mn

- The cargo village at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, gutted in the recent devastating fire, had insurance coverage of only BDT 2 Mn, according to officials.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dhaka-airports-fire-hit-cargo-village-had-insurance-only-tk20-lakh-1265501

Statistics bureau be made an independent body

- A government taskforce has recommended transforming the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) into an independent statutory body to reduce bureaucratic control by the Statistical and Informatics Division (SID).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/statistics-bureau-be-made-an-independent-body-1760982666

Sector & Industries:

RMG, PHARMACEUTICALS | Airport fire may delay RMG, pharma production by at least two months

- Local manufacturers are scrambling for raw materials after a massive fire destroyed imported production inputs at the cargo complex of Dhaka airport on Saturday. Of them, apparel and pharmaceutical producers face the heaviest burden.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/airport-fire-may-delay-rmg-pharma-production-least-two-months-4015056

BANK | Banks' uninvested liquidity keeps rising amid sluggish investment regime

- The volume of uninvested cash in the country's banking system keeps rising in recent months, signalling a slow rebound in their liquidity situations against the backdrop of a sluggish investment regime.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banks-uninvested-liquidity-keeps-rising-amid-sluggish-investment-regime-1760983704

FUEL & POWER | BD's LNG import financing set to get an impetus from next month

- Country's liquefied natural gas (LNG) import financing is set to get an impetus from next month (November) with the availability of fiscal support from World Bank (WB). WB's USD 350 Mn support under its Energy Sector Security Enhancement Project (ESSEP), aimed at improving Bangladesh's gas supply security facilitating affordable financing for LNG imports, is expected to get rolling from next month.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bds-lng-import-financing-set-to-get-an-impetus-from-next-month-1760983532

Stocks:

LINDEBD | Linde Bangladesh profit plunges 98% in July-Sept

- Linde Bangladesh posted a sharp fall in quarterly profit as the industrial gas supplier's earnings were hit by the absence of the one-time income booked a year earlier. Despite the earnings slump, its revenue rose 9% year-on-year to BDT 588 Mn in the July-September quarter.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/linde-bangladesh-profit-plunges-98-july-sept-4014601

DBH | DBH Finance's Q3 profit edges down due to higher expenses, provisioning

- DBH Finance has reported nearly a 3% year-on-year decline in profit to BDT 324 Mn for the third quarter (Q3) through September, mainly due to higher provisioning amid a spike in interest expenses on deposits and borrowings. The leading non-bank financial institution (NBFI), which focuses exclusively on home loans, had earned a record quarterly profit of BDT 333 Mn in the same period a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dbh-finances-q3-profit-edges-down-due-to-higher-expenses-provisioning-1760981490

CROWNCEMNT | Crown Cement's FY25 profit dips 33% as expenses offset revenue gains

- Crown Cement has reported a 33% year-on-year drop in profit to BDT 0.67 Bn for FY25, despite a rise in revenue. In a disclosure on Monday, the company attributed the decline in profit to higher marketing expenses, additional depreciation from a newly inaugurated plant, and increased finance costs.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/crown-cements-fy25-profit-dips-33pc-as-expenses-offset-revenue-gains-1760981533

EXCHANGE | Rumours spread over margin rules, BSEC urges investors not to panic

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has urged investors not to panic amid rumours surrounding the finalisation of the amended margin loan rules, saying that a vested group is attempting to destabilise the market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rumours-spread-over-margin-rules-bsec-urges-investors-not-panic-1265471

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 57.22	(USD 14.21)	-19.89%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 60.78	(USD 13.61)	-18.30%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,349.37	USD 1,740.89	66.74%
DSEX	5,111.60	-104.85	-2.01%
S&P 500	6,735.13	828.19	14.02%
FTSE 100	9,403.57	1,282.56	15.79%
BSE SENSEX	84,363.37	6,163.44	7.88%
KSE-100	166,242.90	50,983.90	44.23%
CSEALL	22,633.80	6,689.19	41.95%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.91 BDT

1 GBP = 163.24 BDT

1 Euro = 141.84 BDT

1 INR = 1.39 BDT

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