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Macro:**Govt to split NBR into policy and implementation wings: Khosru**

- The government is set to split the National Board of Revenue into separate policy and implementation wings as part of broader efforts to address Bangladesh's persistently low tax-to-GDP ratio and strengthen revenue administration, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-split-nbr-functions-separate-tax-policy-implementation-finance-minister-1468391>

Taskforce formed to push deregulation

- The government has formed a taskforce to oversee its deregulation drive and will launch a dashboard from the first week of next month to monitor the progress of project implementation in every ministry.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/taskforce-formed-push-deregulation-4204636>

Bangladesh to get USD 1.5 Bn from WB this month

- The World Bank's board is set to approve USD 1.5 Bn in budget support under three loan programmes for Bangladesh this month. Of this, about USD 800 Mn will be repurposed from existing project loans, USD 300 Mn for fertiliser imports and food assistance, and USD 400 Mn for banking sector reforms.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-get-15b-wb-month-4204841>

Govt seeks USD 2.8 Bn ITFC loan for fuel oil, LNG, fertiliser imports

- Negotiations on the financing proposal will take place during the Annual Financing Plan Meeting (FY2026-27) scheduled for 21-24 June in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-seeks-28b-itfc-loan-fuel-oil-lng-fertiliser-imports-1468121>

Revenue collection hits record BDT 3.6 Tn in first 11 months of FY26

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has recorded its highest-ever revenue collection during 11MFY26, collecting BDT 3.61 Tn, surpassing all previous records. The year-on-year growth rate stood at 10.02%. Among the major revenue wings, customs revenue grew by 7.08%, VAT collection rose by 10.05%, and income tax revenue increased by 12.54% during the period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/revenue-collection-hits-record-tk360642cr-first-11-months-fy26-1468876>

Dhaka-Ctg highway set to become expressway

- A BDT 718.50 Bn project proposal to upgrade the existing Dhaka-Chattogram highway into a six-lane, access-controlled expressway with service lanes on both sides. Under the proposal, the government will finance 23.34% of the total project cost, while the remaining expected to come from external sources in the form of project loans. Asian Development Bank (ADB) has expressed its willingness to provide loans for the scheme. The government is also exploring possible co-financing from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dhaka-ctg-highway-set-to-become-expressway-1782063471>

Govt to buy 2 more LNG cargoes from spot mkt in July

- The government has decided to buy two more liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes from the spot market in July to meet its mounting domestic demand amid a falling trend in the global energy prices. If the tenders become successful, the country's total LNG spot cargo buys from the spot market this year will reach 33 so far and 31 of them after the commencement of the war in the Middle East.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-buy-2-more-Ing-cargoes-from-spot-mkt-in-july-1782065278>

Govt seeks action plan to recover BDT 142 Bn in outstanding motor vehicle dues

- The government has extended the ongoing facility allowing vehicle owners to update registration-related documents by paying only the principal tax and fees without penalties until 30 June.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-seeks-action-plan-recover-tk14201cr-outstanding-motor-vehicle-dues-1468936>

Aus rice production drops 3% in FY26

- Rice production in the latest Aus season declined 3%, mainly due to a reduction in both the acreage and yield of the crop harvested during the July-August period of FY26.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/aus-rice-production-drops-3-fy26-4204621>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | BB pumped BDT 21.68 Tn into banks, finance cos in 2025**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) injected BDT 21.68 Tn in liquidity support into the country's financial institutions in 2025 as mounting pressures continued to weigh on the banking sector despite improvements in some external economic indicators. The central bank provided BDT 19.75 Tn in liquidity support to conventional banks and finance companies through regular instruments during 2025, a decline of 26.23% from the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-pumped-tk-2168t-into-banks-finance-cos-in-2025-1782065961>

BANK | Islamic banks fall behind in deposit growth

- Conventional banks outperformed Islamic banks in deposit collection, investment, and asset growth over the past year, mainly due to instability in the Islamic banking sector following the July 2024 uprising. Deposits in conventional banks rose 12.73% year-on-year. In contrast, deposits in Islamic banks increased 8.98%.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/islamic-banks-fall-behind-deposit-growth-4204701>

BANK | Banks' dollar holdings keep falling

- Data from Bangladesh Bank showed that banks' gross foreign currency holdings stood at USD 4.48 Bn at the end of May, down from USD 4.97 Bn a year earlier. Bankers said that the central bank's absorption of excess dollars significantly reduced banks' foreign currency balances. Many banks also preferred selling surplus dollars to the central bank because demand for foreign currency loans remained weak amid sluggish private-sector investment.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/303549/banks-dollar-holdings-keep-falling>

LUBRICANT | Proposed customs valuation raises risk of lube market distortions, say stakeholders

- Bangladesh's lubricant sector is pushing back against a proposed budget measure that would replace fixed customs values for synthetic and semi-synthetic lubricants with a floating formula based on Independent Commodity Intelligence Services (ICIS) price assessments.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/proposed-customs-valuation-raises-risk-lube-market-distortions-say-stakeholders>

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | DSE resumes halting trade in real time

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has resumed halting share trading under its real-time surveillance mechanism, a practice that had largely fallen out of use for nearly a decade. In the past two weeks, the DSE halted trading in Sonargaon Textiles, Shyampur Sugar Mills and Bangladesh National Insurance.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/dse-resumes-halting-trade-real-time-4204646>

EXCHANGE | Brokers push Dhaka bourse to widen free trading limit amid turnover surge

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange is facing pressure from brokers to raise the free trading limit, but is carefully weighing the associated risks before reaching a decision. DSE TREC holders are allowed to place buy orders worth up to BDT 100 Mn without depositing any margin with the exchange. Any amount above this threshold requires a deposit with the exchange before trades are executed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brokers-push-dhaka-bourse-to-widen-free-trading-limit-amid-turnover-surge-1782060723>

ICB | 18 out of 20 closed-end funds under ICB trusteeship face conversion or liquidation

- Around BDT 30 Bn worth of closed-end mutual funds under the trusteeship of the ICB are set to face conversion into open-end funds or liquidation under newly introduced mutual fund rules. Of the 20 mutual funds under ICB's trusteeship, 18, including eight managed by ICB Asset Management Company, have fallen within the scope of the new regulations. This is even though the funds' original maturity periods run from 2027 to as late as 2033.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/18-out-20-closed-end-funds-under-icb-trusteeship-face-conversion-or-liquidation>

ABBANK | Fazlur Rahman made chairman of AB Bank

- Md Fazlur Rahman has been elected chairman of AB Bank PLC, effective from June 18, 2026. He joined AB Bank PLC as a vice-president in 1997 and later served as its president and managing director from 2012 to 2014.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/fazlur-rahman-made-chairman-ab-bank-4204731>

Stock and Commodities*

| Index Name | Close Value | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Crude Oil (WTI)* | USD 75.39 | USD 17.96 | 31.27% |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 79.04 | USD 18.19 | 29.89% |
| Gold Spot* | USD 4,175.82 | (USD 165.18) | -3.81% |
| DSEX | 5,639.89 | 774.56 | 15.92% |
| S&P 500 | 7,500.58 | 601.76 | 8.72% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,363.27 | 431.89 | 4.35% |
| BSE SENSEX | 76,802.90 | -7,990.68 | -9.42% |
| KSE-100 | 179,330.90 | 5,276.60 | 3.03% |
| CSEALL | 22,361.31 | -263.00 | -1.16% |

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.75 BDT****1 GBP = 162.32 BDT****1 Euro = 140.72 BDT****1 INR = 1.30 BDT**

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