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Drive for budget deficit financing gets going

- An aggressive drive gets going for Bangladesh's budget-deficit financing as government officials are set to sit with the World Bank tomorrow (Thursday) for fund negotiations to begin with.
- The government is expecting USD 500 Mn to USD 750 Mn worth of budgetary support titled 'Green resilient and inclusive development policy credit (GRID)' from the WB over next three years to meet the deficit in the budget outlay

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/drive-for-budget-deficit-financing-gets-going-1655835881>

Flat 20pc tax rate for listed cos suggested

- The proposed budgetary measure for a reduction in corporate tax by 2.5% for listed companies will do little to woo good companies because of conditions, speakers tell a post-budget discussion.
- "If the listed companies only fulfil the first condition, the tax rate will be 22.5%. If they don't meet both conditions, the rate will be 25%. So, it will benefit the companies little," says Suborna Barua, research fellow at Bangladesh Institute of Capital Market (BICM).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/flat-20pc-tax-rate-for-listed-cos-suggested-1655835925>

Dutch co to invest USD 10.5 Mn in BEPZA economic zone

- Checkpoint System Bangladesh Limited-Unit 2, a Netherlands-owned company, is going to establish a garments accessories manufacturing industry in the BEPZA Economic Zone, reports BSS.
- The company will invest USD 10.52 Mn to produce 1,319 million units of different types of Hang Tag, tickets, stickers and labels annually, said a press release.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/dutch-co-to-invest-105m-in-bepza-economic-zone-1655833048>

Local factories can expand car market by ten times

- The new progressive manufacturing policy and incentives offered for car-making are smart moves by the government which have unleashed the potential to expand the local market by ten times, industry players said at a webinar hosted by The Business Standard.
- The government earlier this month offered to waive all taxes and duties, except customs duty (CD), on imported components for up to 2,500cc cars if a company invests in a local modern plant for assembling cars and painting car bodies.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/local-factories-can-expand-car-market-ten-times-444498>

20 businesses get nod for USD 326 Mn foreign loan for expansion

- Large groups, such as Akij, Beximco Group, Abul Khair, and Envoy, are now going to expand their businesses with foreign loans, signalling good times for Bangladesh's economy even at this time of global uncertainty caused by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.
- Some 11 companies will spend USD 326 Mn of the external loans approved on 5 June on importing capital machinery to implement their new investment plans, according to minutes of the loan scrutiny committee.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/20-businesses-get-nod-326m-foreign-loan-expansion-444494>

Gains from Padma Bridge to cross USD 10 Bn, hope experts

- Bangladesh will receive benefits worth more than USD 10 Bn, which is three and a half times more than the construction cost, from the Padma Bridge during its economic life, according to transportation experts, economists and businessmen as they emphasised gaining even more by completing other projects in line with the mega-structure quickly.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/infrastructure/gains-padma-bridge-cross-10b-hope-experts-444474>

Govt's borrowing from banks spikes

- Government borrowing from banking sources has gone up significantly this month as it is now on a spending spree to materialise different development and non-development programmes by the time this fiscal year ends. The government had borrowed BDT 267,410 Mn from banks from July 1 to May 26 of fiscal year 2021-22 against its fiscal target of BDT 764,520 Mn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-borrowing-banks-spikes-3053346>

Employment injury protection scheme launched for RMG workers

- The labour ministry in collaboration with the International Labour Organisation on Tuesday launched an employment injury protection scheme in the readymade garment sector to provide income protection to the victims of work-related accidents and occupational diseases.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/173935/employment-injury-protection-scheme-launched-for-rmg-workers>

Fu-Wang Ceramic's Q3 profit unchanged

- Fu-Wang Ceramic Industries Ltd's earnings did not see any change in the third quarter of the current financial year. The ceramics maker reported earnings per share of BDT 0.06 for the January-March quarter against BDT 0.06 registered in the same period a year ago, according to its un-audited financial statement. The EPS, however, fell to BDT 0.23 during the July-March period from BDT 0.28 for the identical nine-month period last year.
- The Net Operating Cash Flows Per Share, a measure of a firm's financial strength, was a minus BDT 1.65 in the July-March period, way lower than BDT 0.61 reported during a similar period a year ago. The net asset value, which shows a company's total assets minus its total liabilities, was BDT 11.78 per share on March 31 this year and BDT 11.70 on June 30 last year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/fu-wang-ceramics-q3-profit-unchanged-3053256>

National Tea advised issuing fresh primary shares to increase paid-up capital

- The stock market regulator has suggested National Tea Company issue fresh primary shares – known as Repeat Public Offering (RPO) – to increase its paid-up capital to comply with regulatory requirements – instead of issuing the right shares. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) came up with the advice this week in response to an application the company had filed earlier seeking permission to issue the right shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-tea-advised-issuing-fresh-primary-shares-increase-paid-capital-444454>

One Bank gets BSEC nod to issue Tk400cr bond

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has allowed One Bank Ltd to issue a BDT 4 billion fully redeemable subordinated bond. With the bond proceeds, the private sector commercial bank would strengthen its Tier-II capital base, BSEC said in a statement on Tuesday. The bond will be an unsecured, non-convertible one with floating rates of interest to be paid to the investors. Its tenure will be seven years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/one-bank-gets-bsec-nod-issue-tk400cr-bond-444350>

World Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 105.66	USD 30.45	40.49%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 110.90	USD 33.12	42.58%
Gold Spot*	USD 1,828.72	(USD 0.48)	-0.03%
DSEX	6,311.66	-445.00	-6.59%
S&P 500	3,764.79	-1,001.39	-21.01%
FTSE 100	7,152.05	-232.49	-3.15%
BSE SENSEX	52,532.07	-5,721.75	-9.82%
KSE-100	42,525.95	-2,070.12	-4.64%
CSEALL	7,502.28	-4,723.73	-38.64%

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