

Economy

Cabinet clears draft VAT law requiring returns within 15 days

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- The Cabinet on Monday gave the final approval, subject to vetting by the Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division, to a draft ordinance seeking to restore the provision requiring taxpayers to submit VAT returns within 15 days after the end of each tax period instead of every three tax periods.
- The clearance was given to the draft Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026, at the cabinet meeting.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/cabinet-clears-draft-vat-law-requiring-returns-within-15-days>

Banking

Trade, commerce occupy top slots in NPL buildups

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- Bank loans between BDT 400mn (USD 3.28mn) and BDT 500mn (USD 4.1mn) recorded the highest classified-loan ratio among the specified loan-size categories, with trade and commerce bearing the largest default liabilities.
- According to Bangladesh Bank's latest report, the classified-loan ratio for this category under nearly 700 such accounts stood at 46.4pc as of June last.
- They are followed by loans in the BDT 100mn-BDT 200mn (USD 0.82mn-USD 1.64mn) range with the ratio of 44.6pc.

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Energy and Power

Qatar extends force majeure notices on LNG supply to Edison, Asian clients including Bangladesh

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- QatarEnergy has extended force majeure notices and will not be able to deliver liquefied natural gas cargoes to Italian utility Edison or some Asian clients as the Strait of Hormuz remains closed, Edison and trading sources said today (28 September).
- Edison, one of the company's biggest customers in Europe, will not receive LNG cargoes until the beginning of December, the Italian group said on Monday, in the latest extension under a force majeure notification first issued in April following disruptions caused by the US-Iran war.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/asia/qatar-extends-force-majeure-notices-lng-supply-edison-asian-clients-including>

Trade and Commerce

Companies are dodging price shock by cutting costs

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- All the cost cutting, efficiency initiatives and shrinkflation decisions are aimed at keeping retail prices unchanged even though the latest fuel price hike has raised production and transport costs.
- Amid fuel and energy shocks that have raised overall business costs by around 30pc in recent years, local conglomerates say they are absorbing the higher costs rather than raising product prices as high inflation has been eroding purchasing power for years.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/companies-are-dodging-price-shock-cutting-costs-4285476>

Govt picks 18 countries for export diversification push

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- The government is preparing separate export strategies for 18 key trading destinations as part of its export diversification drive.
- The destinations are the United States, China, the United Kingdom, India, France, Russia, Malaysia, South Korea, Switzerland, Iran, Brazil, Türkiye, Japan, Canada, Belgium, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-picks-18-countries-export-diversification-push-4285471>

India imposes fresh anti-dumping duties on Bangladesh jute goods

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- India has imposed anti-dumping duties of up to USD 445 per tons on jute products from Bangladesh, including jute yarn/twine, even as overall shipments to the country have declined in recent years, according to a notification by its finance ministry.
- The development follows a mid-term review by India's Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), which three months ago concluded that Bangladeshi exporters continued to dump jute products in India, injuring the domestic industry.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/india-imposes-fresh-anti-dumping-duties-bangladesh-jute-goods-4285161>

Capital Market

Envoy Textiles recommends 32.50pc cash dividend despite lower profit

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- Envoy Textiles has recommended a 32.50pc cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2026, up from 30pc a year earlier, despite a fall in net profit.
- The company's net profit for the period stood at BDT 1.38bn (USD 11.3mn), down from BDT 1.40bn (USD 11.48mn) in the same period a year earlier, according to a price-sensitive information statement released on September 27.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/envoy-textiles-recommends-3250-cash-dividend-despite-lower-profit-4285006>

BSEC pushes unified back-office system to curb investor fund embezzlement

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- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is pushing for a unified, secure back-office software system for brokerage houses to prevent the misuse of investors' funds and detect financial irregularities in real time.
- The system would give regulators real-time access to brokers' bank balances and funds held in customer clearing accounts (CCAs), enabling daily reconciliation and early detection of any shortfall.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-pushes-unified-back-office-system-curb-investor-fund-embezzlement-1556786>

International

Gold hits 7-week low

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- Gold fell 3pc on Monday to touch its lowest in more than seven weeks, as higher oil prices stoked inflation fears, bolstering the case for elevated interest rates.
- Spot gold was down 3pc at USD 4,156.45 per ounce, as of 0814 GMT, hitting its lowest since August 5.

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