

Economy

Net FDI inflows drop 28pc in first half of 2026

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- Bangladesh recorded a sharp decline in net foreign investment inflows in the first half of 2026 as fresh equity inflows from international investors slumped, raising concerns.
- During January-June this year, net foreign investment declined 28pc year on year, from over USD 1,100mn to roughly USD 795mn, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) data.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/net-fdi-inflows-drop-28-first-half-2026-4296376>

Excess liquidity, weak credit demand push Treasury bill yields below 8pc

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- Yields on treasury bills fell below 8pc in 11 October auction for the first time since October 2023, as excess liquidity in the banking sector and weak private-sector credit demand drove down the government's short-term borrowing costs to their lowest levels in nearly three years.
- According to Bangladesh Bank data, the yield on 91-day Treasury bills declined to 7.65pc, while those on 182-day and 364-day bills fell to 7.75pc and 7.89pc, respectively.

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Bangladesh's foreign debt rises to USD 114.98bn at end of Apr-Jun

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- Bangladesh's foreign debt grew by 3.65pc from the previous quarter to reach USD 114.98bn at the end of the April-June quarter of the previous fiscal year, according to Bangladesh Bank data.
- At the end of the final quarter, public sector foreign debt increased by USD 4.19bn to hit USD 95.10bn. In contrast, private sector foreign debt declined by USD 140mn to stand at USD 19.89bn.

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Capital Market

GQ ball pen maker returns to profit after 9 years, shares jump 6.65pc

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- GQ Ball Pen Industries, the maker of the once-popular Econo ballpoint pen, has returned to profitability after nine consecutive years of losses,

posting a net profit of BDT 13.1mn (USD 0.107mn) in FY26 as it cuts operating costs and earns rental income from its commercial property. The company last reported a profit of BDT 15.5mn (USD 0.127) in 2016.

- Following the earnings disclosure and dividend announcement, the company's share price rose 6.65pc to BDT 609.30 (USD 4.994) on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/econo-ball-pen-maker-returns-profit-after-9-years-shares-jump-665-1569686>

Weak self-regulation by brokers, asset managers exposes investors to scams

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- Self-regulation and strong supervision by associations can help protect investors from scams committed by brokers and asset management companies.
- Market intermediaries can self-regulate through their associations by formulating and enforcing their own guidelines, as they do in many countries. The associations may have committees to keep watch on the operations of their members.

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Olympic Industries recommends 35pc dividend, plans BDT 33.8mn (USD 0.277mn) land purchase

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- Olympic Industries has recommended a higher dividend even though its earnings fell marginally to BDT 1.99bn (USD 16.3mn) during the financial year 2025-26 ended on June 30.
- The leading biscuits and confectionery maker said it would pay a 35pc cash dividend to its shareholders for the financial year 2025-26, higher than the 30pc paid a year earlier, according to a price-sensitive disclosure.

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Energy and Power

Bangladesh enters nuclear era as fission starts at Rooppur unit-1

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- The first controlled fission reaction started on Sunday at Unit-1 of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant, marking Bangladesh's entry into nuclear power generation.
- The reactor achieved first criticality — a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction — after the

Bangladesh Atomic Energy Regulatory Authority (BAERA) granted the B-2 licence on Thursday.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-enters-nuclear-era-as-fission-starts-at-rooppur-unit-1>

Corporate

Walton signs deal with Kenyan firm to expand in Africa

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- Walton Hi-Tech Industries has signed an agreement with Kenya-based North Light Holdings to expand its market presence in the African country.
- Under the memorandum of understanding, the two companies will collaborate to sell, market and promote Walton products while providing customer care services to grow the Walton brand in the region.

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Telecom

BTRC sets base price for lower-band spectrum

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- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has proposed a base price of BDT 2.14bn (USD 17.5mn) per MHz for a block of E-GSM spectrum with limited interference, a lower-frequency band that helps mobile operators extend network coverage and improve indoor connectivity. It has also proposed a price of BDT 178 crore per MHz for another block with higher interference.
- The telecom regulator has decided to seek government approval for the proposed prices before holding the auction, which it intends to conduct this year.
- For customers, the additional spectrum could improve network coverage and capacity, particularly in areas where mobile networks face congestion or coverage gaps. It could also support more reliable mobile internet services as operators deploy additional capacity.

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Trade and Commerce

Marubeni eyes new investments in Bangladesh

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- Japanese conglomerate Marubeni Corporation is interested in expanding its existing investments in Bangladesh and entering new industrial sectors,

including fertilizer production, information technology and ship recycling.

- The corporation also sees opportunities to modernize the Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company (KAFCO), improve natural gas efficiency and increase fertiliser production capacity. The Japanese trading group is an equity investor in KAFCO.

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<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/marubeni-eyes-new-investments-bangladesh-4296356>

International

Gold hits one-week high

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- Gold rose for a second straight session on Friday, touching a one-week high, as bargain buying emerged after bullion fell to two-month low earlier this week, while traders assessed the likelihood of further US Federal Reserve interest rate hikes.
- Spot gold rose 1.5pc to USD 4,194.36 per ounce by 03:29 p.m. EDT (1929 GMT), heading for a weekly gain of about 1.3pc.

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