

Economy

BB holds policy rate on inflation risks, weak economy

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- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has kept its main interest rate unchanged at 9.5pc for the October-December quarter, saying inflation risks ahead are still large and the economy is weak.
- The risks include higher global energy prices, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, the recent fuel price hike and partial implementation of the new pay scale for public employees.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-holds-policy-rate-inflation-risks-weak-economy-4287336>

Banking

Bangla QR-based P2P transactions from Nov; transactions up nearly fivefold to BDT 1.4bn (USD 11.7mn) daily

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- Bangla QR-based person-to-person transactions will be introduced from November, allowing customers to transfer funds interoperably by scanning another customer's Bangla QR code or uploading an image of the code through the relevant mobile app, according to Bangladesh Bank Executive Director and Spokesperson Arief Hossain Khan.
- From 1 October, payments made through all Bangla QR codes will be deposited instantly into the respective merchants' accounts. Also, the minimum 1pc merchant discount rate imposed by acquiring institutions on Bangla QR payments will be scrapped. At the same time, the interchange reimbursement fee for issuing institutions will be set at zero.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangla-qr-based-person-person-transactions-start-nov-1558251>

Energy and Power

Petrobangla sees no LNG shortage as 19 cargoes due in Oct-Nov

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- Petrobangla has secured 19 LNG cargoes for October and November, ensuring uninterrupted supply and ruling out any shortage during the two-month period, officials from Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation Petrobangla) said.
- Of the total, 10 cargoes are scheduled to arrive in October and the remaining nine in November. So, there will be no shortage of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) during October and November, they said.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/etrobangla-sees-no-lng-shortage-as-19-cargoes-due-in-oct-nov>

Fuel prices to remain unchanged in October

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- The government has kept the retail prices of diesel, octane, petrol and kerosene unchanged for October 2026.
- According to a notification issued by the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) on Wednesday, the existing prices will remain effective throughout October.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/fuel-prices-to-remain-unchanged-in-october>

Furnace oil price increased by nearly BDT 12 (USD 0.098) per litre

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- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) increased the price of furnace oil by BDT 11.92 (USD 0.098) per litre, or 12.30pc, to BDT 108.78 (USD 0.89) per litre from the previous price of BDT 96.86 (USD 0.79) with effect from Wednesday midnight, according to an order issued by the regulatory body.
- The increase marks a sharp reversal after two consecutive months of price reductions and is expected to raise the cost of furnace-oil-fired electricity generation, a key component of Bangladesh's power sector.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/furnace-oil-price-increased-by-nearly-tk-12-per-litre>

Capital Market

CSE revises CSE50, adds seven companies, excludes seven

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- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has revised its benchmark CSE50 Index, adding seven companies and excluding seven others based on the performance of listed companies.
- The revised index will come into effect on October 11, according to a CSE press release issued on Wednesday.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/cse50-index-revised-new-composition-effective-oct-11>

Beximco Pharma board reshuffled, Salman F Rahman left out

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- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved the

reconstitution of Beximco Pharmaceuticals' board, excluding the company's vice-chairman Salman F Rahman.

- The new nine-member board will comprise three representatives of the Beximco Group, one director nominated by IFIC Bank PLC, four independent directors, including one woman, and the company's managing director.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-new-beximco-pharma-board-salman-f-rahman-excluded-1557531>

IBN Sina Pharma's profit jumps 25.4pc in FY26

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- IBN Sina Pharmaceuticals registered a 25.4pc growth in profit to BDT 794mn (USD 6.5mn) in FY26, supported by higher sales and improved operational efficiency.
- The drug maker reported consolidated earnings per share (EPS) of BDT 25.43 (USD 0.21) for the year, up from BDT 20.27 (USD 0.17) in the previous year.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/ibn-sina-pharmas-profit-jumps-254pc-in-fy26>

Trade and Commerce

After jute, India seeks anti-dumping duty on PET film

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- India's trade remedies authority has recommended definitive anti-dumping duties of up to USD 218 per tonne on imports of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film, widely used in packaging, from Bangladesh for five years.
- In the final findings of a year-long probe, dated September 29, the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) proposed a duty of USD 218 per tonne on film exported by most Bangladeshi firms.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/after-jute-india-seeks-anti-dumping-duty-pet-film-4287321>

International

Dollar set for large rise in September, mainly at euro's expense

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- The dollar stood near this year's high versus the euro on Wednesday and was poised for the largest monthly rise against it in 14 months, powered by US growth and rising US interest rates in contrast to the energy and debt worries swirling in Europe.
- On Tuesday the euro dipped to its lowest since May 2025, at USD 1.1312, and it traded nearby at

USD 1.1339 in Asia on Wednesday. The euro is also testing support around 178 yen.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dollar-set-for-large-rise-in-september-mainly-at-euros-expense>

Oil gains after Trump denies he is willing to ease sanctions on Iran

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- Oil prices rose on Wednesday after US President Donald Trump denied he would be willing to ease sanctions on Iran while Qatar pushed for peace talks, after falling in the previous session on a recovery in crude supply from the Middle East.
- The Brent futures November contract, which is expiring on Wednesday, rose 71 cents, or 0.69pc, to USD 103.30 a barrel by 0408 GMT.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/oil-gains-after-trump-denies-he-willing-ease-sanctions-iran-4286761>

China vows response if EU introduces moves targeting Chinese trade

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- China has vowed a "resolute response" to safeguard its industries if the European Union goes ahead with restrictions against Chinese companies or products, according to its commerce ministry.
- The ministry was referring to a reported joint document drafted by some EU member states pushing for a tool to tackle unfair trade and take more forceful measures against China.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/news/world/news/china-vows-response-if-eu-introduces-moves-targeting-chinese-trade-4286681>

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