

Economy

Govt's domestic borrowing drops 48pc in first 5 months of FY26

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- Government net domestic borrowing dropped 48pc to BDT 117bn (USD 0.95bn) in the first five months of FY26, driven by low development spending, falling treasury yields, political uncertainty and a shift toward cheaper non-bank funding sources.
- Only 8.33pc of the ADP budget has been spent and private sector credit growth has fallen to 6.23pc, a four-year low, as weak investment, lower imports and energy shortages suppress loan demand and banking-sector borrowing.
- The government's target for domestic borrowing this fiscal year is BDT 1.04tn (USD 8.52bn), but only 11.25pc of that target has been met so far.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/decline-attributed-low-development-spending-and-falling-treasury-yields-1301496>

BB aims to bring inflation below 5pc this fiscal year: Governor Mansur

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- Speaking at an investment organized by the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida), Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur said inflation can fall below 5pc by fiscal year end, allowing interest rates to decline once price pressures ease and real rates turn positive.
- With headline inflation slightly above 8pc, Mansur stressed that monetary tightening must continue for several months. He said recent exchange rate reforms have stabilized the taka and improved confidence in the foreign exchange market.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-aims-bring-inflation-below-5-fiscal-year-governor-mansur-1301726>

Exports slump enters fourth month amid global slowdown, political uncertainty; outlook bleak until Feb

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- Bangladesh's exports have declined for four straight months as November shipments fell 5.54pc to 3.89bn dollars. Exporters cite weaker US demand, tougher European competition and buyer caution linked to political uncertainty.
- Despite the slump, July to November exports totaled 20.03bn dollars with 0.62pc growth due to a strong July. Apparel exports fell 5pc in November and most non-apparel sectors also posted year-on-year declines.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/exports-decline-4th-straight-month-down-554-nov-yoy-1301841>

Subsidies, interest payments rose 30pc in FY25

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- In FY25, Bangladesh's government spending on subsidies and interest payments rose 30pc to BDT 2,430bn (USD 19.9bn). Subsidies increased 49pc to BDT 1.08tn (USD 8.85bn), while interest payments grew 17pc to BDT 1,340bn (USD 11.0bn).
- The rise in subsidy and interest payments reflects arrears repayment and higher borrowing costs. Domestic bond yields climbed to 11–13pc, and interest on foreign loans increased 25pc to BDT 178.1bn (USD 1.5bn).

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/subsidies-interest-payments-rose-30-fy25-4050926>

BIDA currently managing dedicated investment pipeline worth USD 1.5bn

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- BIDA is managing a curated 1.5bn dollar investment pipeline built through global summits and outreach, with an early conversion rate of around 25pc and another 2.8bn dollars in proposals outside the pipeline.
- From January to November, investors registered 1.5bn dollars in planned projects under BIDA's monitored pipeline, while the 2025 Investment Summit drew 415 foreign delegates from 50 countries and 2,500 local investors for targeted matchmaking.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dedicated-investment-pipeline-worth-15b-bida-1301871>

Govt goes heavy on bank borrowing in September as private demand expansion falls to 20-year low

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- According to the Bangladesh Bank (BB), outstanding bank loans to the government rose 24.45pc in September compared with a year earlier, reaching BDT 5,650bn (USD 46.3bn).
- By contrast, loans to the private sector increased by just 6.29pc year-on-year to BDT 17.56tn (USD 143.9bn), down slightly from 6.35pc in August. In September 2024, private sector lending stood at BDT 16.52tn (USD 145.41bn).

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-goes-heavy-bank-borrowing-private-demand-falls-4052201>

EU names Chattogram Port Authority as Bangladesh's focal point for Indo-Pacific maritime cooperation

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- The EU has named the Chattogram Port Authority as Bangladesh's national focal point for the Indo-Pacific IORIS maritime information network, giving the country a larger role in a system used by over 150 organizations in 57 nations.
- The designation follows CPA-led inter-agency training and participation in the IORIS Policy Board meeting, and it is expected to streamline coordination among the Navy, Coast Guard and other agencies while strengthening Bangladesh's position as an active maritime state.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/eu-names-chattogram-port-authority-bangladeshs-focal-point-indo-pacific-maritime-cooperation>

Telecom

BTRC to introduce separate SIM series for IoT, M2M devices

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- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has decided to introduce a separate SIM numbering series for Internet of Things (IoT) and Machine-to-Machine (M2M) devices to manage the country's rapidly growing network of smart gadgets and sensors.
- These devices communicate with each other and the internet without human intervention. The move is aimed at handling the rising flow of data and preparing Bangladesh for the next phase of digital transformation.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/btrc-introduce-separate-sim-series-iot-m2m-devices-4050931>

Trade and Commerce

Mid-range apartments prop up ailing property market

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- Sales of mid-segment apartments now appear to be the savior of a property market that has been struggling for nearly three years amid economic turbulence and political uncertainty. Realtors say they once sold around 1,000 units a year, but annual sales have fallen by half after gradual fall over the years.
- Developers say wealthy buyers are either in hiding or keeping a low profile following the mass uprising that removed the previous regime. They also noted that the interim government's move to remove the option to legalize undeclared income by investing in property has further deteriorated investment.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mid-range-apartments-prop-ailing-property-market-4052191>

Bangladesh's US wheat intake rises to 239,586 tonnes

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- Bangladesh has received 239,586 tonnes of US wheat across four government-to-government shipments, including 60,950 tonnes on Thursday, as part of efforts to safeguard US market access and reinforce food security needs.
- With the latest 60,950-tonne arrival, total US wheat imports stand at 239,586 tonnes, while approval for another 220,000 tonnes aims to strengthen public food stocks and support social safety net program.

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<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-us-wheat-intake-rises-239586-tonnes-4052176>

Closed sugar mills will be reopened: Industries adviser

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- Industries Adviser Adilur Rahman Khan announced plans to reopen sugar mills closed under the previous government. Modernization under the BMRI project will begin soon, and a five-year roadmap addresses farmers', workers', and production issues.
- The 88th sugarcane crushing season was inaugurated at Carew and Co in Darshana, Chuadanga. The government aims not only to revive mills but also to modernize facilities, increase output, and safeguard workers' and farmers' interests.

From:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/industries/news/closed-sugar-mills-will-be-reopened-industries-adviser-4051391>

Ctg Port extends suspension of four-times penal rent on imported FCL containers

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- The Chittagong Port Authority has extended the suspension of its four-times penal rent on imported FCL containers at Chattogram Port and Kamalapur ICD until 31 December to ease traders' costs and maintain cargo flow.
- Originally introduced in March, the four-time storage charge raised fees to USD 24–USD 96 per 20-foot container and USD 48–USD 192 per 40-foot container. The suspension aims to prevent congestion amid vessel bunching, customs delays, and transport bottlenecks.

From:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-port-extends-suspension-four-times-penal-rent-imported-fcl-containers-1302466>

Capital Market

ICB panel for Beximco Sukuk extension by six years as principal repayment in crisis

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- A Bangladesh Bank-mandated working committee has recommended extending the maturity of Beximco Ltd's landmark Shariah-compliant green Sukuk by six years, after the issuer informed regulators that it will be unable to return investors' principal when the bond matures in December 2026.
- The extension has been sought amid Beximco's ongoing financial strain, delays in two of the three Sukuk-funded projects, and the company's failure to convert Sukuk units into its shares as originally planned.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/icb-panel-beximco-sukuk-extension-six-years-principal-repayment-crisis-1303361>

International

India central bank cuts rates

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut the benchmark repo rate, the level at which it lends to commercial banks, 25 basis points to 5.25pc after a unanimous vote by its monetary policy committee.
- The decision also comes after the rupee hit a record low against the dollar this week, having dropped around 5pc in 2025, owing to ongoing worries about the lack of a trade deal with Washington and impact of the levies on the country's goods.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/indian/news/india-central-bank-cuts-rates-4052181>

Oil gains

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- Oil prices firmed on Thursday after Ukrainian attacks on Russia's oil infrastructure signalled potential supply constraints, and stalled peace talks tempered expectations of a deal restoring Russian oil flows to global markets, though weak fundamentals kept gains limited.
- Brent crude rose 41 cents, or 0.65pc, to USD 63.08 at 0659 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate rose 45 cents, or 0.76pc, to USD 59.40

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/oil-gains-4050941>

Apple woes undercut India's opening-up drive

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- Apple is resisting India's mandate to preload the Sanchar Saathi app on iPhones, citing privacy concerns, while also contesting a potential USD 38bn antitrust fine, highlighting challenges in Prime Minister Modi's push to attract foreign investment.
- India's net FDI fell 96pc to USD 400mn as foreign investors' repatriated funds. Apple's legal and regulatory battles, alongside similar issues faced by other multinationals, underline obstacles to expanding manufacturing and creating jobs.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/apple-woes-undercut-indias-opening-drive-4050946>

Poor hiring data points to US economic weakness

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- US private-sector hiring data released Wednesday painted a downcast picture of the job market in the world's biggest economy, especially among small businesses.
- The report showed US companies shed 32,000 jobs in November, payroll firm ADP said, in a surprise drop set to firm up expectations of a Federal Reserve interest rate cut next week.

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Gold slips as investors turn cautious ahead of Fed meeting

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- Gold slipped 0.2pc to USD 4,196.96 per ounce as investors booked profits ahead of the US Federal Reserve meeting. Markets expect a 25-basis point rate cut, favoring non-yielding assets like gold.
- Silver fell 0.4pc to USD 58.26 after reaching a record USD 58.98. Strong gains this year, up 101pc, reflect tight supply, low Shanghai inventories, US stock outflows, and inclusion in the US critical minerals list.

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