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Economy

Inflation falls for second straight month to 10-month low of 8.26pc

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- Inflation has fallen to 8.26pc in August, marking a second straight monthly decline and its lowest level in 10 months. It was 8.32pc during July 2026.
- Food inflation dropped to 7.02pc in August from 8.16pc in July, while non-food inflation edged up to 9.32pc from 9.28pc.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/inflation-falls-for-second-straight-month-to-10-month-low-of-826pc

EU seeks fairer trade terms in Bangladesh

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- The European Union has called for a level playing field for its businesses and investors in Bangladesh, highlighting the proposed purchase of Airbus aircraft as an example, as Dhaka reported progress in resolving trade barriers raised by the bloc.
- The two delegation raised the issue with ministers and senior officials at a meeting, when the Bangladesh side briefed 27 EU representatives on progress in addressing the non-tariff barriers (NTBs). The two sides also discussed a free trade agreement and EU support for Bangladesh's request to defer its LDC graduation.
- We have so far addressed 48 of the 61 identified non-tariff barriers (NTBs), while 13 remain at various stages of resolution.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/eu-seeks-fairer-trade-terms-in-bangladesh

Bangladesh makes final push to defer LDC graduation

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- Bangladesh is making a final push to win support from countries and trade blocs for a three-year delay to its graduation from the UN list of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), as the 81st session of the UN General Assembly begins in New York. The decision on Bangladesh and Nepal's requests to defer their LDC graduations by three years is expected at the session.
- Bangladesh's request to defer its graduation has already been recommended by the UN Committee for Development Policy (UNCDP). Following that, the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) agreed to put the proposal before the General Assembly.

From: https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-makes-final-push-defer-ldc-graduation-4267416

Banking

Bangladesh Bank approves 131 firms to value bank loan collateral

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- The Bangladesh Bank has enlisted 131 valuation firms and companies to assess collateral or mortgaged assets against loans taken or to be taken from scheduled banks.
- Of the 131 enlisted firms, 98 have been classified under Group A, while 33 have been placed in Group B.
- Scheduled banks have been advised to use the enlisted firms to assess collateral provided by their customers against existing or prospective loans.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-approves-131-firms-value-bank-loan-collateral-1536091

Telecom

Bangladesh to open submarine cable market to private investors

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- The government is preparing to open Bangladesh's submarine cable market to more private and international investment as it seeks to build the connectivity infrastructure needed for a coming surge in data demand from artificial intelligence (AI), cloud computing and data centres.
- The government would open the licensing process for new submarine cable systems, including through international-local partnerships, after necessary amendments to the existing regulatory framework.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-to-open-submarine-cable-market-to-private-investors

RMG

US tariffs push down Bangladesh apparel prices 2.26% in seven months

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- The average price of Bangladesh's apparel exports to the United States fell 2.26pc year-on-year in the first seven months of 2026, as exporters faced part of the additional tariff burden imposed by the Trump administration.
- The decline in unit prices came alongside a 6.50pc fall in Bangladesh's apparel export value to the US during the same period (January-July), while shipment volume dropped 4.34pc, according to data from the US Office of Textiles and Apparel.
- During the period covered by the latest data, Bangladeshi exporters faced a 20pc reciprocal tariff from January to March and a 10pc tariff from

April to June. Exporters said they did not all bear the additional tariff burden equally. In some cases, buyers and exporters shared the cost, with exporters absorbing roughly one-third of the additional tariff and, in some cases, up to half. As a result, the exporters needed to cut their prices, squeezing margins, to retain orders.

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