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Economy

Electrical, electronics exports hit record growth amid rising EU compliance hurdles

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- Bangladesh's electrical and electronics exports are gaining momentum, with shipments of electrical products rising nearly 24pc in FY2025-26, even as manufacturers seek to keep pace with increasingly demanding sustainability, traceability, and product-compliance requirements in the European Union.
- According to the latest Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) data, exports of electrical products increased 23.82pc from USD 166.52mn a year earlier, reaching a record USD 206.19mn. The category was the largest earner among engineering products, surpassing bicycles, which earned USD 151.04mn, up 29.71pc.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/electrical-electronics-exports-hit-record-growth-amid-rising-eu-compliance-hurdles

Non-tax revenue surges in fourth quarter of FY26

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- Bangladesh's non-tax revenue surged nearly threefold in the final quarter of last fiscal year (FY2025-26), driven largely by dividend payouts from state enterprises, interest earnings and administrative fees. Non-tax revenue (NTR) in Bangladesh refers to government earnings from sources other than taxes, such as administrative fees, dividends, profits, interest and tolls.
- The revised target for total revenue collection for FY26 was set at over BDT 5.88tn (USD 48.2bn), 13.51pc higher than the revised revenue target of BDT 5.18tn (USD 42.5bn) for FY25. In FY26, total revenue receipts stood at over BDT 4.76tn (USD 39.0bn), equivalent to 81.0pc of the revised target for the year and 12.7pc higher than the actual revenue collection of BDT 4.23tn (USD 34.7bn) in FY25.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/non-tax-revenue-surges-in-fourth-quarter-of-fy26

Banking

Money gets cheaper, yet takers are hard to get

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- Interest rates have steadily declined as banks accumulate vast excess liquidity amid weak credit demand. Simultaneously, Bangladesh Bank has shifted towards an easier monetary stance by cutting its benchmark policy rate, placing further downward pressure on money-market yields.
- Healthy commercial banks have trimmed both lending and deposit rates by 1-2pc in recent months. This comes as private-sector credit growth dropped to 4.47pc in June – the lowest level in 33 years. Average deposit rates at most institutions now hover between 7pc and 8pc, while lending rates range from 10pc to 11pc. With minimal credit demand from businesses, banks have piled into government securities, driving yields on all Treasury bills and bonds down into single digits.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/money-gets-cheaper-yet-takers-are-hard-get-1538616

Internet banking transactions rise 6.22pc in June

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- The value of internet banking transactions in Bangladesh grew by 6.22pc month-on-month to BDT 1.84tn (USD 15.1bn) in June 2026, driven mainly by sharp increases in two payment systems, according to a recent central bank report. The total had stood at BDT 1.73tn (USD 14.2bn) in May 2026.
- However, the total number of internet banking customers fell slightly during the same period, decreasing 0.64pc to 22.7mn in June from 22.8mn in May.

From: https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/internet-banking-transactions-rise-622-june-4268676

Energy and Power

Adani plant's one unit trips amid Bangladesh power crunch

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- A unit of the 1,600-megawatt Adani power plant in India's Jharkhand has shut down following "technical fault" that further tightened Bangladesh's power-supply situation amid ongoing gas, coal and liquid-fuel shortages. The shutdown has cut down electricity generation capacity to half.
- Officials familiar with the plant said a technical glitch had developed in the boiler of one of its units. The boiler may take around 48 hours to cool before repair can begin, meaning it could take several days for generation to return to normal.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/adani-plants-one-unit-trips-amid-bangladesh-power-crunch

Pertamina to get O&M contract for BD's first SPM

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- Indonesian state-run company - PT Pertamina - is all set to bag the operation and management (O&M) contract of Bangladesh's maiden single-point mooring (SPM) for carrying fuel from vessels in outer anchorage to onshore storage tanks.
- The SPM system is used for piping petroleum from vessels far offshore and onshore storage tanks, thus slashing both time and cost of oil imports. Once it is fully executed, the BPC will be able to unload petroleum products from a 100,000-deadweight tonnage tanker within 48 hours, which now takes 11 days. No lighter vessels would be required to carry fuel from mother vessel, which is now moored at the outer quay, after implementation of the project.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/pertamina-to-get-om-contract-for-bds-first-spm

Capital Market

Aftab Automobiles fined over dividend payment irregularity
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- The securities regulator has imposed an aggregate fine of BDT 13.5mn (USD 0.11mn) on the chairman, directors and senior officials of Aftab Automobiles for failing to distribute the declared dividends within the stipulated time.
- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has also ordered the company to distribute the outstanding dividend for the financial year ended June 2024 among investors within 30 days of the enforcement order issued on Thursday.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/top-brass-of-aftab-automobiles-fined-over-dividend-payment-irregularity

BSEC tightens stock investment curbs on market insiders, opens more options
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- The securities regulator has widened the scope of investment for directors, officers and employees of stock exchanges and market operators while retaining restrictions on their direct investment in stocks.

- According to a new directive issued by the securities regulator, the officials concerned will be allowed to invest in non-convertible bonds, government securities, open-end mutual funds, exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and real estate investment trust (REIT) funds. ETFs and REIT funds, however, are yet to be introduced in Bangladesh's capital market.

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Regulatory incentives fail to stem foreign capital flight in August
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- Foreign investors accelerated their sell-off in the capital market in August, cutting holdings in several fundamental and large-cap stocks despite recent regulatory measures aimed at easing foreign investment. Market experts cite concerns over policy consistency in the market and stringent cash dividend regulation for Banks despite implementing several other positive policy for the capital market.
- According to Dhaka Stock Exchange data, City Bank saw the sharpest decline, with foreign ownership falling 1.72pc to 8.26pc, BRAC Bank followed with a 0.57-point drop to 32.39pc. Prime Bank's foreign holding fell 0.35 points to 5.36pc, while Uttara Bank declined 0.17 points to 0.45pc.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/regulatory-incentives-fail-stem-foreign-capital-flight-august-1540876

Trade and Commerce

IDRA to pay BDT 230.3mn (USD 1.89mn) insurance claims to 5,868 policyholders
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- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) will facilitate the payment of BDT 230.3mn (USD 1.89mn) in long-pending insurance claims to 5,868 policyholders on 14 September under the second phase of its claim settlement programme. The claim involves 5 life insurance companies.
- IDRA is arranging the funds from various sources, including assets and security bonds of the concerned insurers, to settle legitimate claims that have remained unpaid for an extended period.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/idra-pay-tk2303cr-insurance-claims-5868-policyholders-1540926

Gold prices rebound after three consecutive cuts
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- The Bangladesh Jewellers Association (Bajus) has raised the price of gold in the local market, reversing three consecutive rounds of cuts, with a hike of BDT 1,050 (USD 8.61) per bhori.
- According to a notice issued by Bajus on Saturday morning, the new price of 22-carat gold, inclusive of VAT, has been fixed at BDT 232,930 (USD 1,909.26) per bhori, effective from 10 am the same day.

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International

US inflation steady in August

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- US consumer inflation was unchanged at 3.4pc in August, government data showed Friday, with persistent high prices raising expectations that the Federal Reserve will hike interest rates in the world's largest economy next week.
- Consumer price index (CPI) inflation remains significantly elevated from earlier in the year and well above the Fed's long-term 2.0pc target.

From: https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/us-inflation-steady-august-4271181

US Commerce Department finalizes steep duties on solar imports from India, Indonesia, Laos

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- The US Commerce Department on Friday finalized steep duties on imports of solar cells and panels from India, Indonesia and Laos, finding that producers in those countries dumped cheap products in the United States and benefited from unfair government subsidies.
- The agency assigned anti-dumping margins of 123.04pc for Indian producers, 94.36pc for Indonesian producers and 65.43pc for producers from Laos.

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