Bangladesh Market	
Major Indices	**Last closing**
DSEX Index	5,164.84
% change	2.94%
DS30 Index	1,915.86
% change	3.10%
DSES Index	1,136.21
% change	2.03%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,193.13
Turnover (USD mn)	43.28
% change	49.84%
Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange	

International Market	
Major Indices	**Last closing**
Dow Jones Industrial Average	42,141.54
% change	-0.22%
S&P 500	5,813.67
% change	-0.33%
Nikkei 225	39,277.39
% change	0.96%
FTSE 100	8,159.63
% change	-0.73%
Source: Bloomberg	

Exchange rate		
Major Currencies	**Low (BDT)**	**High (BDT)**
USD	120.00	120.00
EUR	129.82	129.83
GBP	156.18	156.19
INR	1.43	1.43
Source: BB		

Money market		
Date	**Call Money Rate Range (%)**	**Weighted Average**
30-Oct-24	9.75 – 11.00	9.97
29-Oct-24	9.75 – 11.00	9.98
Source: BB		

Commodities		
Major Commodities	**Price**	**% Change**
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	72.16	2.02%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	2,786.15	0.40%
Cotton, USD/lb.	69.92	-0.91%
Source: Bloomberg		

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX gained 2.94% in the last trading day, closing at 5,164.84 points.
- The daily turnover increased 49.84% in the last trading day.

Global Market

- Majority of the leading global indices posted negative returns as Dow Jones posted 0.22% loss, S&P 500 posted 0.33% loss and FTSE 100 posted 0.73% loss yesterday.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI posted 0.96% gain yesterday.

Key macro indicators

- While the USD rate remained stable, the value of all major currencies appreciated against BDT.
- The average overnight rate decreased in the last trading day.
- The current weighted average overnight rate stood at 9.97% with a high rate of 11.00% and low rate of 9.75%.
- The oil price increased 2.02% in the last trading day.

Global Macro Update

Slow growth, high debt taking heavy toll on developing nations: UN

- Poorer nations are increasingly struggling to navigate the sluggish global economy, according to the UN.
- A report from the United Nations' trade and development agency UNCTAD highlighted how slow growth, soaring debt burdens, and weak investment and trade, were holding back developing countries and widening the economic chasm with wealthier nations.
- Although some developing economies show promising growth, the overall picture in the global South is one of weak growth, growing exposure to global shocks and the risk of trade fragmentation.
- And if China is excluded, growth in the Global South averaged only 2.8% since 2014.
- The report also cautioned that post-pandemic inflation, driven by supply chain disruptions and concentrated market power in key sectors like agriculture and energy, had significantly eroded purchasing power in developing countries especially.

News Source:

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/slow-growth-high-debt-taking-heavy-toll-developing-nations-un-3740991

China files complaint over EU's new taxes on its EVs

- Beijing said that Wednesday it had lodged a complaint with the World Trade Organization over the European Union's decision to impose hefty tariffs on Chinese-made electric cars.
- The extra taxes of up to 35% were announced Tuesday after an EU probe found Chinese state subsidies were undercutting European automakers.
- But the move has faced opposition from Germany and Hungary, which fear provoking Beijing's ire and setting off a bitter trade war.
- China will take all necessary measures to firmly protect the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese companies, according to Beijing's commerce ministry.
- EU trade chief Valdis Dombrovskis said that by adopting these proportionate and targeted measures after a rigorous investigation, they are standing up for fair market practices and for the EU industrial base.

News Source:

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/china-files-complaint-over-eus-new-taxes-its-evs-3740956

Bangladesh Macro Update

17 road development projects dropped in weeks

- The Planning Commission has declined to approve at least 17 road development projects in recent weeks as those were reportedly undertaken by the Sheikh Hasina government on political grounds.
- Costs of some projects are abnormally high, while some are not so crucial for the country at this moment, according to officials.
- Some mega projects are also included in the axing list as those are not national priorities and their expected rate or return is low.

- At the last moment of the ousted government, the Roads and Highways Department, the Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited and the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority undertook the projects and sent them to the Commission for endorsement.
- What is more, another 11 development projects were under review of the Commission for placing them before the committee

News Source:

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/17-road-development-projects-dropped-in-weeks-1730307782

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Generous fund feeding to banks thru special bonds crosses Tk 400b

- Inflation-fuelling high-powered money makes a comeback as a special liquidity-feeding instrument called AR or assured repo is now in operation.
- In the third phase that started on October 29, 2024, Bangladesh Bank, the country's central bank, is disbursing BDT 55.62 billion to the special bondholders.
- With the amount, the cash supports to banks under special bonds cross BDT 400-billion mark.
- But money-market analysts think such fresh cash feeding might run counter to the central bank's contractionary monetary stance for controlling inflation as it would cause injection of high-powered money into the market that could deliver disservice to government's inflation-combat move.
- The immediate-past government started issuing special bonds meant for settling accumulated arrears to independent power producers and fertiliser suppliers in January last mainly because of revenue shortfalls.

News Source:

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/generous-fund-feeding-to-banks-thru-special-bonds-crosses-tk-400b-1730307380

BB nod not needed for bandwidth import payments

- Banks will no longer be required to take permission from the Bangladesh Bank to process import payments for internet bandwidth and related services.
- The central bank issued a circular allowing the banks to make the payment abroad without its permission yesterday.
- As per the circular, banks must obtain applications from the respective importers with some required documents, such as valid licences, copies of agreements with related parties, and a copy of regulatory approval from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).
- The bank will collect documents as well, including relevant invoices and proof of required tax payments.
- Business insiders hailed the move, saying it would ease the process of bandwidth and related service imports.

News Source:

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-nod-not-needed-bandwidth-import-payments-3741001

No cash incentive for exporting shoe-bag made of synthetic-fabrics mix under bond facility

- Exporters will no longer enjoy any cash incentive for shoes and bags made of a mixture of synthetic materials and fabrics under the bond and duty drawback facilities, according to the central bank.
- The changes will come into effect for shipped goods from 1 February 2024, according to a circular issued by Bangladesh Bank's Foreign Exchange Policy Department (FEPD).
- Explaining the changes, a senior central bank official said that exporters not availing the bond and duty drawback facilities facility will be considered eligible for the incentive.
- Currently, the government offers an 8% incentive on such exports.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/no-cash-incentive-exporting-shoe-bag-made-synthetic-fabrics-mix-under-bond-facility-980461

Apparel and Textile

Govt to support ailing factories hit hard by labour unrest

- The government has formed a special committee to aid the struggling ready-made garment (RMG) and non-RMG factories, particularly those affected by recent labour unrest.
- The 10-member inter-ministerial committee has been tasked with profiling factories which are at risk of closure by examining their financial status, debts, and unpaid wages to workers, according to Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- The committee has been asked to submit a report to the ministry within seven days, outlining potential solutions to address the issues faced by these factories.
- The committee includes representatives from the Finance Division, Bangladesh Army, Industrial Police, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), as well as factory owners and workers.
- Based on the committee's recommendations, the government will take necessary actions to help the factories overcome their challenges

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/govt-support-ailing-factories-hit-hard-labour-unrest-980681

Finnish firm’s wood pulp-made fibre deemed a game-changer for textiles

- Spinnova, a Finnish textile material innovation company, offers innovative technology to reduce the textile industry's dependence on cotton by creating a sustainable alternative cellulose fibre, which can be 100% recyclable.
- This innovative process significantly reduces environmental impact, making it a game-changer for the textile industry.
- After approximately a decade of development, the company has successfully pioneered a method to produce textile fibre from wood pulp or waste pulp.

- It is produced through a mechanical process that avoids use of harmful chemicals or dissolution, explains Shahriare Mahmud, chief product and sustainability officer at Spinnova.
- The technology is now ready for large-scale production of environmentally friendly fibre, which could serve as an alternative to organic cotton.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/finnish-firms-wood-pulp-made-fibre-deemed-game-changer-textiles-980631

Capital Market

DSEX jumps 147 points, turnover crosses Tk 500cr after 20 days

- The benchmark index, DSEX, of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) surged by 147 points on 30 October, marking a second consecutive day of gains, while turnover exceeded BDT 500 crore for the first time in 20 days.
- On the day, the DSEX jumped 2.94% to reach 5,164, while the blue-chip DS30 gained 57 points to close at 1,915.
- Among the traded issues, 373 were advanced, while 15 declined and 9 remained unchanged.
- The securities regulator said that the finance adviser will visit the BSEC today at 3 pm to discuss the ongoing crisis in the capital market.
- Market insiders said that stocks surged in hopes that the affected investors may get stimulus from the government.

News Source:

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-jumps-147-points-turnover-crosses-tk500cr-after-20-days-980126