

*Following is a summary of important business news published in the leading daily newspapers of Bangladesh. For the complete news, please follow the online link given below each news. Please note that the news summary doesn't reflect the opinion of BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited.*

**Macro:****Bangladesh eyes 10-20% tariff in final US talks**

- The Bangladeshi delegation left for the US yesterday to engage in the third and final round of negotiations with the Trump administration, seeking to lower a new tariff rate on the country's products.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-eyes-10-20-tariff-final-us-talks-3950206>

**Importing more soybeans from US could ease Trump tariffs**

- Increasing soybean imports from the United States could help narrow the trade gap between Bangladesh and its biggest single-nation apparel market, according to an American industry group.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/importing-more-soybeans-us-could-ease-trump-tariffs-3950186>

**Govt to import USD 1.5 Bn wheat, pulses, LNG from US to secure tariff relief**

- Ahead of final negotiations to secure tariff relief from the United States, Bangladesh has decided to import USD 1.5 Bn worth of American wheat, pulses, and liquefied natural gas (LNG) over the next year to narrow its trade deficit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/importers-sign-deals-us-increased-cotton-soybean-and-wheat-supply-commerce-secretary>

**Repayment eats up half of FY25 foreign aid**

- Bangladesh spent almost half of its FY25 foreign-aid receipts on repaying its external loans, officials said on Monday. The government secured USD 8.11 Bn in loans and repaid USD 4.09 Bn in this period, the Economic Relations Division (ERD) data showed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/repayment-eats-up-half-of-fy25-foreign-aid-1753722012>

**Sector & Industries:****PHARMACEUTICALS | Heavy import reliance leaves pharma industry vulnerable**

- Local medicine manufacturers can meet almost the entire domestic demand and export to as many as 160 countries, given that supplies of raw materials come from China and India. But without these imported ingredients, the 45-year-old pharmaceutical industry cannot produce even something as basic as Esomeprazole—a commonly used tablet to treat heartburn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/heavy-import-reliance-leaves-pharma-industry-vulnerable-3950226>

**BANK | Islamic banks fall behind in remittance race**

- Bangladeshi nationals living abroad sent more money home in the twelve months to March this year compared with the same period a year earlier. But many chose to avoid Shariah-based banks—once key players in channeling these funds—due to the institutions' fragile financial health, a severe liquidity crisis, and media reports of massive lending irregularities and mismanagement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/islamic-banks-fall-behind-remittance-race-3950211>

**BANK | Reform must come from within**

- The banking sector in Bangladesh is at a crossroads. Non-performing loans, the near absence of corporate governance, weak risk management practices and a lack of accountability have all prompted urgent calls for reform. International models are often considered key solutions, and consultants from abroad are brought in as preferred advisers. Yet, the real strength of sustainable reform lies in the knowledge, experience and contextual understanding of local professionals.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/reform-must-come-within-3950171>

**TRADE | How triple blow of US tariff, port, and ICD charges threatens foreign trade**

- Adding to the strain on an economy already reeling from high inflation and a prolonged dollar crisis, Bangladesh's foreign trade is now facing a fresh triple blow – a 35% US tariff on Bangladeshi exports, sharp hikes in cargo and vessel handling charges at Chattogram Port, and a significant increase in service fees at Inland Container Depots (ICDs).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/how-triple-blow-us-tariff-port-and-icd-charges-threatens-foreign-trade-1199181>

**BANK | Same beneficial owners sit on boards of two banks, bypassing law**

- Some influential businesspeople are simultaneously holding directorships in more than one private commercial bank, effectively bypassing the law and "Ultimate Beneficial Owners (UBOs)" circular of the Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/same-beneficial-owners-sit-boards-two-banks-bypassing-law-1198491>

**Stocks:****ROBI | Robi's profit doubles in Apr–Jun**

- Profits of Robi Axiata almost doubled, mainly due to lower sales costs, although the mobile telecom operator saw a fall in revenue in the April to June period of the current year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/robis-profit-doubles-apr-jun-3949926>

**CITYBANK | City Bank's Q2 profit jumps 34%**

- City Bank PLC reported higher profits in the second quarter of 2025, driven by strategic investments in government securities that boosted its income. The private commercial lender posted a profit of BDT 2.36 Bn in the April–June quarter, marking a 34% year-on-year rise.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/city-banks-q2-profit-jumps-34-3949766>

**RENATA | Renata to issue convertible preference shares**

- Renata PLC has received approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to issue convertible preference shares, according to a disclosure published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) website today. The consent, granted through a letter dated July 27, 2025, is subject to shareholder approval at an upcoming extraordinary general meeting (EGM).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/renata-issue-convertible-preference-shares-3949796>

**BRACBANK | BRAC Bank profit jumps 53% to BDT 9.06 Bn in H1**

- BRAC Bank has reported that its consolidated net profit jumped by 53% to reach BDT 9.06 Bn in the first half of this year, primarily driven by the increased income from investment in government securities and interest income.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-bank-profit-jumps-53-tk906cr-h1-1199221>

**FIRSTSBANK | First Security Islami Bank to sell its Italy-based exchange house**

- First Security Islami Bank has announced its decision to sell its Italian exchange house. The decision was approved at a meeting of the bank's Board of Directors held on Sunday, according to Dhaka Stock Exchange disclosure today (28 July).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/first-security-islami-bank-sell-its-italy-based-exchange-house-1199196>

**EBL | Eastern Bank sees 11% profit growth in Apr–Jun quarter**

- Eastern Bank has posted an 11% year-on-year increase in its consolidated net profit for the second quarter of this year. According to a statement published on the bank's website today (28 July), the consolidated earnings per share (EPS) rose to BDT 1.23 in the April–June quarter, up from BDT 1.11 in the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-bank-sees-11-profit-growth-apr-jun-quarter-1199001>

**PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank profit grows 32% in H1**

- Prime Bank has reported a 32% year-on-year rise in its net profit for the first half of 2025, driven by higher interest, investment, and deferred tax income.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/prime-bank-profit-grows-32-h1-1198496>

**IPDC | IPDC Finance profit sees 45.3% jump in H1**

- IPDC Finance, one of Bangladesh's leading non-bank financial institutions, recorded a 45.3% year-on-year increase in profit to BDT 150 million in the first half of 2025, driven primarily by a robust growth in investment income.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ipdc-finance-profit-sees-453pc-jump-in-h1-1753718958>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 66.71	(USD 4.72)	-6.61%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 70.05	(USD 4.34)	-5.83%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,318.73	USD 710.25	27.23%
DSEX	5,332.07	115.62	2.22%
S&P 500	6,389.77	482.83	8.17%
FTSE 100	9,081.44	960.43	11.83%
BSE SENSEX	80,891.02	2,691.09	3.44%
KSE-100	139,380.06	24,121.06	20.93%
CSEALL	19,517.86	3,573.25	22.41%

**Exchange Rates**
**1 US Dollar = 122.44 BDT**
**1 GBP = 163.52 BDT**
**1 Euro = 141.99 BDT**
**1 INR = 1.41 BDT**

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