

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-1.01%) lost -56.07 points and closed the week at 5,475.58 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+0.10%) gained 2.13 points and stood at 2,105.68 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-1.21%) lost -13.28 points and stood at 1,086.97 points. The large cap index CDSET (+0.47%) gained 5.22 points and closed at 1,108.48 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +12.54%, +13.60%, +8.62%, +10.32%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 27.8 billion (USD 226 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 5.6 billion (Δ% Week: -21.2%)
Market P/E: 12.9x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. The market started negatively on Sunday (-0.89%), remained negative on Monday (-0.68%) and Tuesday (-0.37%), but turned positive on Wednesday (+0.72%), and remained positive on Thursday (+0.21%).

Sectoral Performance

Most of the financial sectors registered negative performance this week. Mutual Fund experienced the highest loss of -6.60% followed by General Insurance (-5.16%), NBFIL (-0.78%), Life Insurance (-0.33%), and Bank (+0.04%).

Non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted mixed performance this week. Telecommunication booked the highest gain of 0.27% followed by Fuel & Power (+0.15%). Pharmaceutical experienced the highest loss of 1.05% followed by Food & Allied (-0.19%), and Engineering (-0.05%).

Macroeconomic Arena

Talks with IMF for new loan to continue in Bangkok. Inflation edges up on food costs after fuel price hike. Manufacturing, services lift Apr-Jun GDP growth to 4.6%. Bangladesh, ADB sign USD 277.72 Mn financing agreements for housing, CHT energy projects. CPA to get 40-67% NCT revenue. ECNEC approves BDT 162.08 Bn projects, including Rampal solar plant. Bring EPZ workers under Labour Act. Corporates see BDT 150 Bn VAT refunds stuck, fresh claims blocked. Firms under industries ministry incur BDT 7.32 Bn losses in FY26. Bangladesh eyes USD 10 Bn trade with Indonesia. BANK | Q-Cash services restored at 30 banks. BANK | Central bank allows FC accounts for approved foreign loan proceeds.

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | DBA seeks special fund ceiling of BDT 3.0 Bn. EXCHANGE | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund-01 unitholders approve conversion to open-end fund. UCB, CITYBANK | UCB seizes land housing City Bank head office. BANGAS | Lexus, Glucose biscuit maker Bangas sees domestic sales drop as exports surge. EXCHANGE | IPO approval to take no more than 3 months: BSEC chairman. UPGDCL, KPCL | BSEC orders probe into alleged insider trading by United Group officials. GPHISPAT | GPH Ispat seeks BB help to reschedule part of its BDT 120 Bn debt. SP CERAMICS, BEXIMCO | Salman F Rahman exits boards of two more companies. ITC | ITC's over USD 0.5 Mn due to foreign vendor/ Software licence cutoff triggered Q-Cash outage. FINDFOODS | Fine Foods recommends 40.5% cash dividend for general shareholders. REGULATOR | BSEC eases approval process to speed up market monitoring. BEXIMCO | Beximco seeks to reopen factories with USD 23 Mn investment.

DSEX ended in Red (-1.01%) in the week

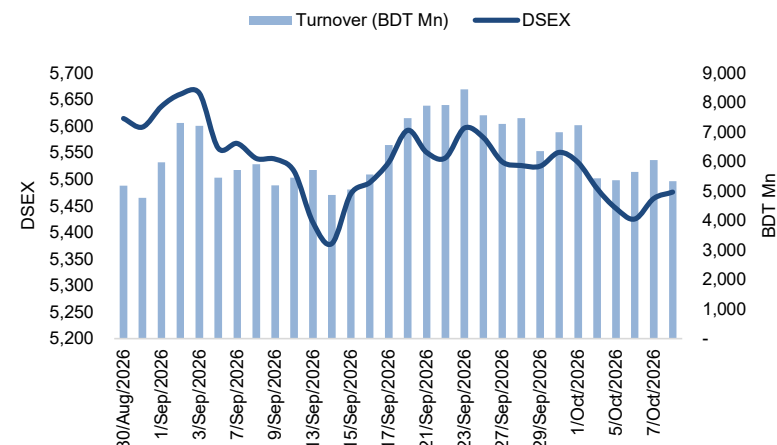
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,475.58	5,531.65	-56.07	4,865.34	-1.01%	12.54%
DS30	2,105.68	2,103.55	+2.13	1,853.54	0.10%	13.60%
DSES	1,086.97	1,100.26	-13.28	1,000.72	-1.21%	8.62%
CDSET	1,108.48	1,103.26	+5.22	1,004.81	0.47%	10.32%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,842,062	6,859,358	-0.25%
	Mn USD	55,569	55,709	
Turnover	Mn BDT	27,823	35,306	-21.19%
	Mn USD	226	287	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	5,565	7,061	-21.19%
	Mn USD	45	57	
Volume	Mn Shares	901	1,132	-20.35%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in Last Four Weeks



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Table 3: Top Ten Gainers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
APEXFOODS	328.3	259.2	+26.7%	1,872	518.1	23.1x	1.4x
BDLAMPS	267.1	228.1	+17.1%	2,812	372.1	NM	5.7x
AZIZPIPES	86.3	76.4	+13.0%	461	22.7	NM	NM
SONALILIFE	102.0	90.7	+12.5%	4,845	432.2	NM	NM
SONALIANS	244.8	218.0	+12.3%	2,656	514.4	67.8x	1.0x
DESCO	25.3	22.6	+11.9%	10,059	33.9	84.3x	0.6x
ECABLES	132.2	118.3	+11.7%	3,490	18.6	NM	0.4x
SHYAMPSUG	314.7	287.3	+9.5%	1,574	56.7	NM	NM
ALLTEX	25.3	23.1	+9.5%	1,416	28.3	NM	0.9x
SAMATALETH	105.2	96.6	+8.9%	1,086	143.4	NM	7.3x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
PF1STMF	13.6	17.6	-22.7%	816	206.3	NM	1.5x
SILVAPHL	10.4	12.5	-16.8%	1,420	16.7	NM	0.7x
MBL1STMF	9.0	10.8	-16.7%	900	156.7	NM	1.0x
SAIFPOWER	6.4	7.6	-15.8%	2,428	17.6	18.3x	0.4x
EXIM1STMF	5.4	6.4	-15.6%	774	90.3	NM	0.6x
FEKDIL	18.5	21.8	-15.1%	4,047	173.4	NM	1.0x
PRIMEFIN	2.4	2.8	-14.3%	655	4.2	NM	NM
GSPFINANCE	3.0	3.5	-14.3%	471	2.3	NM	NM
PENINSULA	16.8	19.5	-13.8%	1,994	24.6	45.4x	0.6x
TECHNODRUG	35.5	41.2	-13.8%	4,686	311.8	0.0x	1.1x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
PTL	78.1	81.9	-4.6%	13,989	1,145.7	12.3x	1.6x
SAHAMTEX	45.3	42.5	+6.6%	4,102	1,056.7	73.1x	1.0x
ETL	16.0	15.9	+0.6%	2,940	939.8	25.0x	1.2x
IPDC	30.7	33.1	-7.3%	13,188	571.9	25.8x	1.8x
BRACBANK	66.4	65.7	+1.1%	152,027	555.8	6.7x	1.3x
MALEKSPIN	47.3	50.0	-5.4%	9,157	546.1	8.3x	0.7x
ORIONINFU	250.8	257.7	-2.7%	5,106	521.7	NM	15.5x
APEXFOODS	328.3	259.2	+26.7%	1,872	518.1	23.1x	1.4x
SONALIANS	244.8	218.0	+12.3%	2,656	514.4	67.8x	1.0x
ENVOYTEX	71.2	72.8	-2.2%	11,943	488.1	8.6x	1.2x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
SHASHADNIM	27.3	+75.0%	3,850	41.4x	0.7x
IPDC	30.7	+70.6%	13,188	25.8x	1.8x
ENVOYTEX	71.2	+46.8%	11,943	8.6x	1.2x
PIONEERINS	65.6	+45.6%	6,737	12.5x	1.4x
POWERGRID	38.3	+43.4%	34,999	8.6x	0.3x
BSRMSTEEL	90.2	+42.9%	33,911	5.6x	0.9x
BXPHERMA	144.6	+41.6%	64,508	7.5x	1.1x
CITYBANK	29.9	+40.9%	52,307	3.4x	0.8x
BARKAPOWER	9.3	+38.8%	2,190	10.0x	0.4x
BSRMLTD	99.6	+32.6%	29,739	4.6x	0.6x

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,546.1	1,545.5	1,367.20	+0.04%	+13.08%
NBFI	1,055.2	1,063.4	860.23	-0.78%	+22.66%
Mutual Fund	633.8	678.6	478.27	-6.60%	+32.53%
General Insurance	4,312.9	4,547.5	2,879.11	-5.16%	+49.80%
Life Insurance	1,701.2	1,706.8	1,691.42	-0.33%	+0.58%
Telecommunication	4,410.0	4,398.1	4,431.51	+0.27%	-0.48%
Pharmaceutical	3,051.9	3,084.2	2,764.29	-1.05%	+10.40%
Fuel & Power	1,093.5	1,091.9	996.11	+0.15%	+9.78%
Cement	1,943.5	1,959.0	1,739.18	-0.79%	+11.75%
Services & Real Estate	1,087.9	1,132.6	949.82	-3.94%	+14.54%
Engineering	2,518.3	2,519.5	2,290.78	-0.05%	+9.93%
Food & Allied	12,113.6	12,136.8	12,942.72	-0.19%	-6.41%
IT	2,253.7	2,338.9	1,703.25	-3.64%	+32.32%
Textile	1,370.2	1,410.1	1,060.76	-2.83%	+29.17%
Paper & Printing	4,431.1	4,406.3	4,485.61	+0.56%	-1.22%
Tannery	2,037.6	2,069.2	1,806.05	-1.53%	+12.82%
Jute	14,707.5	13,417.5	11,805.57	+9.61%	+24.58%
Ceramics	425.6	440.7	370.10	-3.44%	+14.98%
Miscellaneous	2,455.8	2,452.4	3,881.56	+0.14%	-36.73%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	367.6	401.3	-8.39%	+7.10%	7.3x	0.7x
NBFI	160.4	316.6	-49.35%	+3.10%	NM	1.1x
Mutual Fund	297.2	526.0	-43.50%	+5.74%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	564.0	1,221.3	-53.82%	+10.89%	17.9x	1.7x
Life Insurance	206.7	166.9	+23.87%	+3.99%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	29.8	35.8	-16.90%	+0.58%	10.6x	3.7x
Pharmaceutical	545.4	717.5	-23.99%	+10.53%	10.5x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	153.0	129.6	+18.10%	+2.96%	9.3x	0.6x
Cement	28.9	71.1	-59.28%	+0.56%	21.2x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	97.7	149.6	-34.71%	+1.89%	26.4x	0.4x
Engineering	401.5	389.7	+3.03%	+7.75%	14.9x	0.8x
Food & Allied	248.9	168.9	+47.35%	+4.81%	31.9x	3.3x
IT	91.7	105.4	-13.00%	+1.77%	48.6x	1.8x
Textile	1,529.5	1,733.2	-11.75%	+29.54%	NM	1.0x
Paper & Printing	55.6	45.3	+22.72%	+1.07%	NM	1.4x
Tannery	67.7	55.5	+21.95%	+1.31%	NM	1.5x
Jute	103.1	44.8	+130.43%	+1.99%	NM	2.0x
Ceramics	51.7	59.9	-13.74%	+1.00%	NM	1.3x
Miscellaneous	177.8	227.3	-21.76%	+3.43%	37.7x	1.0x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ISLAMIBANK	25.5	-22.3%	41,055	NM	0.7x
TRUSTBANK	13.5	-18.1%	14,091	4.5x	0.4x
LINDEBD	657.3	-12.4%	10,003	28.5x	3.1x
ACTIVEFINE	4.9	-10.9%	1,176	NM	0.2x
SINGERBD	75.5	-10.7%	7,528	NM	NM
BATBC	222.6	-10.5%	120,204	20.7x	2.1x
UNILEVERCL	1,983.4	-7.8%	38,229	62.4x	23.4x
GP	242.0	-6.2%	326,773	9.3x	5.8x
HEIDELBCEM	204.9	-5.2%	11,578	NM	2.9x
RECKITTEN	3,251.8	-5.0%	15,365	18.6x	41.1x

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Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Talks with IMF for new loan to continue in Bangkok

- Talks with the International Monetary Fund on a new loan programme worth up to USD 5.0 Bn are set to continue next week in Thailand. Negotiations are expected to revisit carryover conditions, focusing on exchange rate management, banking sector reforms, subsidy cuts in electricity and fertiliser, and domestic revenue mobilisation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/talks-imf-new-loan-continue-bangkok-4293361>

Inflation edges up on food costs after fuel price hike

- Inflation rose to 8.34% in September from 8.26% in August, as higher food costs pushed up overall consumer prices. Food inflation increased to 7.22% last month from 7.02% in August.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-edges-food-costs-after-fuel-price-hike-4293211>

Manufacturing, services lift Apr-Jun GDP growth to 4.6%

- Bangladesh's economic growth more than doubled to 4.60% in Q4FY26 from 2.05% a year earlier, driven by a strong recovery in manufacturing and services. Industrial production grew 6.52% in the April-June quarter, compared with just 0.92% in the same period a year earlier.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/manufacturing-services-lift-apr-jun-gdp-growth-46-4293216>

Bangladesh, ADB sign USD 277.72 Mn financing agreements for housing, CHT energy projects

- Bangladesh and Asian Development Bank signed USD 277.72 Mn financing agreements for two development projects aimed at expanding affordable housing finance and improving electricity access in Chattogram Hill Tracts.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-adb-sign-27772m-financing-agreements-for-housing-cht-energy-projects>

CPA to get 40-67% NCT revenue

- Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) will receive 40-67% of revenue from the New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) under a concession agreement with DP World. The UAE-based global port operator will also invest USD 150 Mn. It will pay the government a USD 50 Mn upfront fee and an annual fee of USD 0.75 Mn.

<https://tob.news/cpa-to-get-40-67-nct-revenue/>

ECNEC approves BDT 162.08 Bn projects, including Rampal solar plant

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved Rampal solar power plant and 12 other development projects involving BDT 162.08 Bn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/ecnec-approves-tk-16208b-projects-including-rampal-solar-plant>

Govt seeks USD 6.47 Bn foreign loans for 13 projects, including Dhaka-Ctg 6-lane, MRT-2

- The government is seeking USD 6.47 Bn in foreign loans from multilateral development banks and bilateral development partners to implement 13 new projects, including upgrading the Dhaka-Chattogram highway to six lanes, constructing MRT Line-2 and procuring 300 electric buses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/infrastructure/govt-seeks-647b-foreign-loans-13-projects-including-dhaka-ctg-6-lane-mrt-2>

Bring EPZ workers under Labour Act

- A high-level international delegation representing global trade unions and employers has urged the government to abolish separate legal frameworks for export processing zones and bring their workers under the Labour Act.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bring-epz-workers-under-labour-act-1791390557>

Corporates see BDT 150 Bn VAT refunds stuck, fresh claims blocked

- Corporate kingpins see BDT 150 Bn in VAT refunds long stuck and fresh demands barred as the government revenue authority's digital platform stays dysfunctional.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/corporates-see-tk-150b-vat-refunds-stuck-fresh-claims-blocked>

Firms under industries ministry incur BDT 7.32 Bn losses in FY26

- State-owned industrial enterprises under the industries ministry incurred a combined net loss of BDT 7.32 Bn in FY26, with heavy losses at the Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation and Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation outweighing the profit earned by the Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/317031/firms-under-industries-ministry-incur-tk-732cr-losses-in-fy26>

Bangladesh eyes USD 10 Bn trade with Indonesia

- Bangladesh wants to raise bilateral trade with Indonesia to more than USD 10 Bn by reducing the existing trade gap and expanding exports of readymade garments, pharmaceuticals and agricultural products.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/bangladesh-eyes-10b-trade-indonesia-4293146>

BANK | Q-Cash services restored at 30 banks

- Card, ATM, POS, internet banking and NPSB-IBFT services of 30 banks resumed on Tuesday night after being disrupted since Sunday, October 4, following a sudden system upgrade by Q-Cash.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/q-cash-services-restored-30-banks-4293191>

BANK | Central bank allows FC accounts for approved foreign loan proceeds

- Bangladesh Bank has allowed designated authorised dealer (AD) banks to open and maintain foreign currency accounts in the names of eligible private sector industrial borrowers to retain proceeds of approved foreign loans.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/432245>

BANK | Bangladesh, Singapore to form trade digitisation working group

- Bangladesh and Singapore are moving to digitise cross-border trade through Singapore's TradeTrust platform, with a joint working group to help local banks expand paperless trade transactions.

<https://tob.news/bangladesh-singapore-to-form-trade-digitisation-working-group/>

ENERGY | Jet fuel prices rise for second straight month

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the price of Jet A-1 aviation fuel for both domestic and international flights by around 10.3% for October, continuing an upward trend in jet fuel prices.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/jet-fuel-prices-rise-second-straight-month-1565506>

WB lowers Bangladesh GDP growth to 3.4% for FY27

- Bangladesh's GDP growth may get stuck at a low 3.4% in the current fiscal year as decelerators like energy and banking-sector vulnerabilities, weak investment and persistent inflationary pressure subdue economic activity.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/wb-lowers-bangladesh-gdp-growth-to-34pc-for-fy27>

TELECOM | Banglalink launches Starlink-powered satellite-to-mobile service

- Banglalink launched its satellite-to-mobile service powered by Starlink, enabling customers to access essential apps and location services beyond the reach of conventional mobile networks. For the service, customers need only a 4G phone and a Banglalink SIM, the operator said.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/432299>

ENERGY | Cabinet body recommends G2G fuel imports, shorter bidding period for 2027

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs recommended in principle approval of three proposals to ensure crude oil and refined petroleum product supplies in 2027, including G2G procurement and a shorter bidding period for imports through international tenders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/cabinet-body-recommends-g2g-fuel-imports-shorter-bidding-period-2027-1565586>

ENERGY | CCGP approves revised tariff for Ashuganj 400MW power plant

- The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) approved a proposal to determine a levelized tariff for the 400-MW combined-cycle (East) power plant of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited (APSCL). The reference tariff was set at US Cents 3.700 per kilowatt-hour, equivalent to BDT 4.5436 per kwh.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/432312>

ENERGY | Gas discovered in new Noakhali well, output likely 7mmcf

- Gas has been discovered following the completion of drilling at the Sundalpur-4 Appraisal-cum-Development Well in Noakhali. Preliminary estimates suggest that 7.0 Mn cubic feet of gas per day (mmcf) could be added to the national grid from the well.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/316966/gas-discovered-in-new-noakhali-well-output-likely-7mmcf>

RMG | Bangladesh weathers US apparel import downturn better than peers

- US apparel imports fell 7.42% year-on-year to USD 49.08 Bn in 8M'2026, while imports from Bangladesh declined 4.43% to USD 5.39 Bn. Shipments from China and India fell 29.39% and 26.44%, respectively, while Pakistan declined 3.83% and Vietnam 0.76%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-outperforms-rivals-us-apparel-imports-fall-scope-gains-remains-1565601>

RMG | BGMEA urges WB to scale up funding, scope for RMG water management

- The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) called upon World Bank to significantly expand the funding and scope of its sustainable water management programme to accelerate the green transformation of the country's RMG sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bgmea-urges-wb-scale-funding-scope-rmg-water-management-1565891>

Bangladesh remittance inflow rises 21.4% in October 1-5

- Bangladesh received USD 513 Mn in workers' remittances during October 1-5, 2026, marking a 21.4 % increase from USD 422 Mn received during the corresponding period of 2025.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-remittance-inflow-rises-214pc-in-october-1-5>

Bangladeshi exports thrive in Asian markets

- Bangladesh's exports to several major Asian markets recorded year-on-year growth in Q1FY27, signalling scope for further market diversification beyond traditional destinations in the United States (US) and Europe.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladeshi-exports-thrive-in-asian-markets>

Trade deficit widens to USD 3.82 Bn in Jul-Aug

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened to USD 3.82 Bn in 2MFY27 as import payments rose faster than export earnings. Export increased by 5.8% to USD 8.38 Bn while import increased by 12.1% to USD 12.20 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/trade-deficit-widens-382b-jul-aug-4292306>

Govt set to approve proposed USD 3.3 Bn hard-term foreign loans

- Proposals on borrowing two hard-term foreign loans worth USD 3.3 Bn are set to get government seal of approval to finance fuel-oil and LNG imports and the upgrading of power-distribution network. Of the total sum, the ITFC will provide USD 2.5 Bn for petroleum import and USD 600 Mn to import LNG. ADB has agreed to provide USD 200 Mn for electricity-distribution system project in the areas of 13 Palli Bidyut Samities (PBSs).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-set-to-approve-proposed-33b-hard-term-foreign-loans-1791310011>

Ctg port plans to go fully digital by December

- The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) is planning to launch massive digital transformation aimed at turning the entire operational activities of Chattogram port into a fully paperless 'smart port' by next December.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ctg-port-plans-go-fully-digital-december-4292221>

Businesses seek faster loans from BDT 200 Bn factory revival fund

- Business leaders have urged the BB to expedite the disposal of loan applications submitted under its BDT 200 Bn incentive fund aimed at reviving the closed factories.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/businesses-seek-faster-loans-tk20000cr-factory-revival-fund-1564856>

Cost-of-living crises have lasting impact on inflation expectations, poverty, IMF says

- Sharp spikes in food and energy prices will likely become more common, the International Monetary Fund said, warning such crises drive inflation expectations higher for longer, worsen poverty and threaten economic stability.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/cost-of-living-crises-have-lasting-impact-on-inflation-expectations-poverty-imf-says>

Nearly 62pc of poor in BD outside govt safety nets: WB

- Bangladesh's social protection framework faces an unprecedented test as rising national poverty, persistent food inflation, and deteriorating real wages leave vulnerable households exposed to severe economic shocks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nearly-62pc-of-poor-in-bd-outside-govt-safety-nets-wb-1791309964>

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank yet to shed overlapping footprint of 5 predecessors

- Sammilito Islami Bank began operating as a single entity in August and has successfully withstood withdrawal pressure, but rationalising its workforce and branch network and reducing costs remain key challenges if the merger is to succeed. The new bank has inherited a huge physical network comprising about 760 branches, 698 sub-branches, 511 agent-banking outlets and 975 ATMs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/sammilito-islami-bank-yet-to-shed-overlapping-footprint-of-5-predecessors-1791305784>

Rental power plants added to Bangladesh's fiscal liabilities: WB

- Heavy reliance on rental and quick-rental power plants and capacity payment arrangements created significant fiscal liabilities for Bangladesh, the World Bank has said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rental-power-plants-added-bangladeshs-fiscal-liabilities-wb-4292236>

Foreign funding cuts put 2,200 NGOs at risk

- Around 2,200 small and medium-sized NGOs in Bangladesh could be particularly vulnerable as foreign funding declines, with grant-reliant organisations providing social services facing the greatest risk, according to a study by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/foreign-funding-cuts-put-2200-ngos-risk-4292261>

AUTOMOBILE | Toyota Tsusho plans vehicle manufacturing in Bangladesh

- Toyota Tsusho Corporation is exploring plans to manufacture vehicles in Bangladesh, with a high-level delegation from the Japanese company briefing Prime Minister on its proposed investment on Tuesday. Toyota Bangladesh will begin work in 2027 to establish a Hybrid Electric Vehicle (HEV) manufacturing industry.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/toyota-tsusho-plans-vehicle-manufacturing-bangladesh-4292451>

BANK | BB summons Q-Cash operator over bank service disruption

- Bangladesh Bank on Tuesday summoned the managing director of IT Consultants PLC, operator of the Q-Cash network, to explain the disruption of digital transaction services at around 31 banks.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316870/bb-summons-q-cash-operator-over-bank-service-disruption>

BANK | How a Russian contract dispute brought down Bangladesh's digital payment

- According to the Information Technology Consultants Ltd (ITCL), operator of the Q-Cash network, the Russian firm installed a disruptive script on ITCL's servers after learning that it was being replaced by WAY4, an enterprise payment platform developed by Brussels-based OpenWay.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/how-russian-contract-dispute-brought-down-bangladeshs-digital-payment-1564861>

RMG | Low costs no longer enough: Apparel loses ground in US

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the USA fell 5.3% in H1'2026 as rising demand for compliance, flexibility and supply chain transparency challenged the country's traditional low-cost advantage, according to World Bank report.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/low-costs-no-longer-enough-apparel-loses-ground-us-4292266>

ENERGY | OQ Trading LNG deliveries remain suspended since March

- Oman's OQ Trading International has halted LNG supply to Bangladesh under its long-term sales and purchase agreements (SPAs) for the past seven months amid the Middle East crisis and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/oq-trading-lng-deliveries-remain-suspended-since-march-1791310724>

INDUSTRIAL | Govt moves to simplify shipbuilding, recycling processes

- The government has taken steps to simplify approval procedures and remove institutional complexities to improve the international competitiveness of Bangladesh's shipbuilding and ship recycling industries.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/316816/govt-moves-to-simplify-shipbuilding-recycling-processes>

Remittance inflow rises 16.2% to USD 8.98 Bn in July-Oct 4

- Bangladesh received USD 8.979 Bn in workers' remittances during July 1 to October 4 of the current fiscal year (FY2026-27), marking a 16.2% increase from USD 7.726 Bn received during the corresponding period of FY26.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-rises-162pc-to-us898b-in-july-oct-4>

Gazette makes online VAT return mandatory for 11 goods, services

- The government has issued a gazette notification making online submission of VAT returns through the National Board of Revenue's eVAT portal mandatory for producers of eight goods and providers of three services. The goods are cigarettes, mobile phones, MS products, medicines, beverages, cement, tiles, and paints and varnishes.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/316753/gazette-makes-online-vat-return-mandatory-for-11-goods-services>

Buyback of govt securities resumes after 17 years

- The buyback will involve a 2-Y Treasury bond scheduled to mature on November 6, 2026, carries annual coupon of 12.30%, and outstanding amount of BDT 66.66 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/buyback-of-govt-securities-resumes-after-17-years-1791224372>

World Bank to provide USD 300 Mn for food security; deal signed

- A financing agreement was signed on Monday between the Government of Bangladesh and the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group for an amount of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) equivalent to USD 300.00 Mn, to implement the "Emergency Support for Food Security Project".

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/world-bank-to-provide-300m-for-food-security-deal-signed>

Govt plans to cut business-startup process to 14 days with a single ID

- The government is planning to issue entrepreneurs unique business IDs, allowing them to apply for various licences, clearances and approvals through a single digital platform, and cutting the time required to start a business to 14 days.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-plans-cut-business-startup-process-14-days-single-id-1563856>

BANK | Banks cut CSR spending by 80% in five years

- Banks have sharply cut spending on corporate social responsibility (CSR) as financial difficulties have reduced the capacity of many lenders to contribute, while some have been simply unable to make any contribution amid losses.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-cut-csr-spending-80-five-years-4291406>

After jacked-up project costs, comes higher borrowing rate

- The government will have to borrow from Japan at a rate of 3.50% for any projects, including the two major Dhaka metro-rail schemes-in a sharp increase in the cost of borrowing compared to the highly concessional terms secured when the projects were initiated in 2019.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/after-jacked-up-project-costs-comes-higher-borrowing-rate>

Govt seeks to advance FTA talks with Türkiye

- Bangladesh wants to advance negotiations on a FTA with Türkiye and strengthen trade and investment ties between the two countries, Commerce Minister has said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-seeks-advance-fta-talks-turkiye-4291381>

Rate gap with banks sends savers to NSCs

- Net sales of the government's savings certificates and other savings instruments surged in 2MFY27 as investors continued to seek relatively higher returns than those on bank deposits. Net sales stood at BDT 4.04 Bn in August 2026, sharply up from BDT 2.79 Bn in the same month a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rate-gap-with-banks-sends-savers-to-nscs-1791224234>

AFD launches sovereign risk assessment

- A monitoring mission of the AFD began Monday the four-day assessment in Dhaka as the development-financing agency says the risk of over-indebtedness in Bangladesh is increasing due mainly to higher debt servicing and dependence on domestic bank financing.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/afd-launches-sovereign-risk-assessment>

RMG | Project launched to improve RMG traceability, cut emissions

- Bangladesh has launched a project to advance circularity, supply-chain traceability and decarbonisation in the garment sector while helping manufacturers comply with emerging trade regulations.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/project-launched-improve-rmg-traceability-cut-emissions-4291301>

BANK | BB to limit borrower's sector-wide exposure, target each bank's top defaulters

- The central bank has unveiled a five-year roadmap to clean up the country's crisis-hit banking sector, after non-performing loans soared to a record BDT 6.06 Tn, accounting for a third of all disbursed credit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-limit-borrowers-sector-wide-exposure-target-each-banks-top-defaulters-tame-bad>

BANK | Q-Cash upgrade catches banks, customers off guard

- Digital banking and card-based services at as many as 31 banks have been disrupted following a sudden system upgrade by Q-Cash, an electronic payment network used by the lenders. The upgrade began Sunday night and is scheduled to continue until noon on October 10.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/q-cash-upgrade-catches-banks-customers-guard-4291566>

ENERGY | Govt likely to approve 442MW Rampal solar power plant on 7 Oct

- Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) plans to set up the solar power plant in Bagerhat's Rampal with completion targeted for December 2030. The proposed electricity tariff is BDT 6.18 per unit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/442mw-rampal-solar-project-awaits-ecneq-approval-1563501>

INDUSTRIAL | RANCON Lubricants to invest USD 19.65 Mn in special EZ

- RANCON Lubricants Ltd plans to invest USD 19.65 Mn to set up an industrial unit at the National Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Chattogram. The company signed a 50-year land lease agreement with Invest Bangladesh Authority.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/rancon-lubricants-invest-1965m-special-ez-4291296>

TELECOM | BTRC plans to relaunch NEIR on January 1

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has decided to relaunch the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR) on January 1, 2027, with a feature to block illegal handsets brought into the country after the launch.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/btrc-plans-relaunch-neir-january-1-4291376>

Bangladesh deprived of USD 410 Mn in taxes in 2022 alone: TJN data

- Bangladesh's illicit capital outflows reached a seven-year high of USD 1.33 Bn in 2022, with the associated tax loss estimated at around USD 410 Mn, according to UK-based Tax Justice Network (TJN).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-deprived-of-410m-in-taxes-in-2022-alone-tjn-data>

NBFC | NBFC loans shrink in second quarter despite deposit growth

- Outstanding loans and advances of NBFCs fell by BDT 3.10 Bn to BDT 781.15 Bn at the end of June 2026 from BDT 784.25 Bn three months earlier.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/home/nbfc-loans-shrink-in-second-quarter-despite-deposit-growth>

AVIATION | EU Airbus deal likely Oct 7

- Signing the proposed deal is likely on October 7 for the buy of 10 Airbus aircraft for Biman Bangladesh Airlines, under an ambitious government plan for the national flag-carrier's fleet expansion.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/eu-airbus-deal-likely-oct-7>

Overseas jobs fall 29% in September YoY

- The overseas employment market has been under pressure due to the closure or restriction of several labour markets, including Malaysia, Oman and Bahrain, while the UAE has not been fully recruiting less-skilled Bangladeshi workers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/migration/overseas-jobs-fall-29-september-yoy-1562796>

Not donors, govt to raise funds through bonds: finance minister

- Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said the days of running the country on money provided by the World Bank, IMF and ADB are over.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/not-donors-govt-raise-funds-through-bonds-finance-minister-4290376>

Zero-cost Malaysia jobs for 10,000 Workers

- Bangladesh is preparing to send 10,000 workers to Malaysia at zero migration cost, with recruitment to focus on skills, experience and employers' requirements as the two countries move ahead with restarting labour migration.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/work-and-migration/news/zero-cost-malaysia-jobs-10000-workers-4290646>

Govt to launch employment exchange centre in Dec

- The government will launch an Employment Exchange Centre in December to connect jobseekers with employers and create more employment opportunities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-launch-employment-exchange-centre-dec-4290581>

BANK | Banks sit on record BDT 4.46 Tn idle funds

- Bangladesh's banking sector is holding a record BDT 4.46 Tn in excess liquidity as remittances and deposits surge, but private-sector lending has slowed to a historic low.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316451/banks-sit-on-record-tk-4.46-lakh-crore-idle-funds>

Remittance inflow hits 11-month low

- Bangladesh's remittance inflow hit an 11-month low of USD 2.76 Bn in September despite posting a 3% year-on-year rise. September's inflow had a sluggish run, remaining below USD 3.0 Bn for fourth consecutive month.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/top-news/news/remittance-inflow-hits-11-month-low-4287956>

BANK | CRAR falls to negative 3.17pc as bad loans mount

- Banks' Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio sank deeper into negative territory at -3.17% in March 2026 as massive bad loans and accumulated losses eat away the financial strength needed to protect depositors and absorb further shocks.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316589/crar-falls-to-negative-3.17pc-as-bad-loans-mount>

Govt to borrow additional BDT 300 Bn from banks in Q2

- Financing pay scale and growing fuel subsidies emerges as main public-debt hiker as the government plans fresh borrowing of BDT 300 Bn from the banking system in Q2FY27 to meet budget shortfalls.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-borrow-additional-tk300b-from-banks-in-q2-1790878164>

Exports rise 8.54pc in September

- Bangladesh's merchandise export earnings grew by 8.54% year-on-year to USD 3.94 Bn in September, extending the growth momentum of the previous month. The September performance lifted cumulative export earnings in Q1FY27 by 6.34% to USD 13.09 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/316222/exports-rise-854pc-in-september>

Rising REER may blunt country's export edge

- A 1.39% rise to 105.37 in the local currency's real effective exchange rate against the greenback worries businesses that Bangladesh's export competitiveness on the global market may wane.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/rising-reer-may-blunt-countrys-export-edge>

NBR extends VAT return deadline to Oct 15

- The NBR on Thursday extended deadline for filing online VAT returns for the July and August 2026 tax periods on the eVAT system to October 15, as the government scrapped the quarterly VAT submission system introduced earlier this year and restored monthly filing.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/316225/nbr-extends-vat-return-deadline-to-oct-15>

BANK | BB raises pre-shipment credit fund to BDT 70.0 Bn

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has increased the size of its Pre-Shipment Credit Refinance Scheme to BDT 70.0 Bn from BDT 50.0 Bn to facilitate low-cost financing for exporters.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-raises-pre-shipment-credit-fund-to-tk-7000-cr-1790879294>

INSURANCE | IDRA settles BDT 263.7 Mn in insurance claims in 3rd phase

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) has overseen the disbursement of BDT 263.7 Mn in insurance claims to 7,641 policyholders in the third phase of a payout initiative aimed at rebuilding public trust in the insurance sector and protecting policyholders' rights.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/idra-settles-tk-2637cr-insurance-claims-3rd-phase-4290591>

ENERGY | LPG price hike adds to consumer woes amid supply shortages

- Consumers are growing worried over the latest LPG price hike as shortages persist across the country, with 12-kg cylinders being sold for BDT 2,200 to BDT 2,500 in areas where gas is available, far above the newly announced official price of BDT 1,837.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/lpg-price-hike-adds-consumer-woes-amid-supply-shortages-1562526>

BANK | Banks sink deeper into distress

- Financial distress in Bangladesh's banking sector is deepening despite a series of reform and rescue measures, exposing deep-rooted fragility that continues to undermine depositor confidence and the broader economy. The report also highlighted banks' growing dependence on central bank support, with asset quality and profitability under severe strain.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/316606/banks-sink-deeper-into-distress>

NBFI | Non-banks losing out to unfair rules

- Although banks and non-bank financial institutions operate under the same central bank, well-managed finance companies face tighter restrictions on deposits, lending and loan restructuring, while banks have steadily expanded into areas previously served by non-banks, top NBFI executives have said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/non-banks-losing-out-unfair-rules-4290621>

RMG | Reconstitute RMG wage board by Oct 10: IBC

- The IndustriALL Bangladesh Council (IBC) has called on the government to reconstitute the Minimum Wage Board for ready-made garment (RMG) workers by October 10 to determine a new minimum wage structure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/reconstitute-rmg-wage-board-by-oct-10-ibc-1791133559>

Why private sector turns away from foreign loans

- Bangladesh's private-sector external debt fell by more than 23% from its 2022 peak to nearly USD 19.94 Bn in July 2026, as high global interest rates, taka depreciation and foreign-exchange pressures prompted businesses to pay down short-term dollar liabilities and reduce reliance on foreign borrowing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/why-private-sector-turns-away-foreign-loans-1561686>

World Bank team in Bangladesh to discuss energy financing, infrastructure reforms

- A high-level World Bank delegation is visiting Bangladesh to discuss the country's ongoing energy challenges, energy security and infrastructure reforms with the government, as Dhaka faces growing financial pressure from fuel imports and volatile global energy prices.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/world-bank-team-bangladesh-discuss-energy-financing-infrastructure-reforms-1561581>

mCapital unveils USD 1 Bn Bangladesh fund plan

- mCapital has launched its flagship initiative, announcing a USD 1.0 Bn investment framework to channel non-resident Bangladeshi capital, expertise and global networks towards the country's development.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mcapital-unveils-1b-bangladesh-fund-plan-4288251>

Plug and Play to help mobilise over USD 500 Mn FDI for BD

- Bangladesh's engagement with Silicon Valley-based global innovation platform Plug and Play has opened a potential pathway to mobilise USD 500 Mn in FDI, alongside technology partnerships and innovation cooperation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/plug-and-play-to-help-mobilise-over-500m-fdi-for-bd-1790875068>

BANK | BUILD urges BB to shrink deposit-lending rate gap

- Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD) has urged the Bangladesh Bank (BB) to narrow the wide gap between deposit-and lending-interest rates to make credit affordable for private businesses. While the BB kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 9.50%, BUILD noted that actual market borrowing costs remained high at 13-17%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/build-urges-bb-to-shrink-deposit-lending-rate-gap-1790878999>

BANK | Deposit growth uneven across bank generations in Apr-Jun'26

- Deposit growth remained uneven across the generations of private banks in April-June 2026 quarter, with first-generation banks recording the weakest performance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/deposit-growth-uneven-across-bank-generations-in-apr-jun-26-1790879172>

BANK | BASIC Bank still struggling to heal from Bacchu-era damage

- The current chairman of the bank said they are seeking BDT 50.0 Bn in low-cost deposits from the government or BB to improve its financial position and reduce NPLs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/basic-bank-still-struggling-heal-bacchu-era-damage-4289571>

BANK | Finance ministry softens bank law reforms aimed at curbing family control

- The finance ministry is watering down proposed amendments to the bank company law meant to curb family control of banks. Although the current 12-year continuous tenure for a director is to be reduced to nine years, the limit of three directors from one family will remain the same.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/finance-ministry-softens-bank-law-reforms-aimed-curbing-family-control-1560276>

ENERGY | ADB to funnel funds into govt's ambitious solar power recipe

- Policy-based lending by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is expected funnel several-hundred Mn USD into government's ambitious recipe to heal electricity crises by enhancing solar-power generation, officials said.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/adb-to-funnel-funds-into-govts-ambitious-solar-power-recipe>

ENERGY | G7 countries agree on release of diesel and oil stocks after US pressure

- Group of Seven countries agreed on Friday to release 100 Mn barrels of diesel and crude oil from emergency reserves and pledged to refrain from energy export restrictions. The release will begin immediately and last four months, with a substantial amount of diesel to be released within 20 days by G7 members and partners.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/europe-discussing-plan-diesel-stock-releases-after-us-pressure-source-says-2026-10-02/>

ENERGY | China proposes 100MW nuclear plant in Mongla

- China has proposed building a 100-MW small nuclear power plant near the planned Chinese Economic Zone in Mongla, Bagerhat, in what could become Bangladesh's first project using Small Modular Reactor technology.

<https://tob.news/china-proposes-100mw-nuclear-plant-in-mongla/>

PAYMENT | Grameen Telecom concern launches gpay

- Samadhan Services Ltd, a concern of Grameen Telecom Trust, today launched its digital financial services platform gpay. The platform will offer merchant payments, remittance transfers and other financial transactions, with the company initially targeting online merchants and about 900,000 retail touchpoints.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/grameen-telecom-concern-launches-gpay-4288091>

RSGT mulls more investment in Bangladesh ports

- Saudi Arabia-based Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT) plans to expand its investment in Bangladesh's port sector, including in yard expansion, equipment, and technology. The expansion comes after PCT recently recorded a productivity rate of 58 containers an hour, almost twice the 28-30 containers an hour typically handled at other terminals of the Chittagong port.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rsgt-mulls-more-investment-in-bangladesh-ports-1791136048>

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | DBA seeks special fund ceiling of BDT 3.0 Bn

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange Brokers Association of Bangladesh has urged Bangladesh Bank to raise the ceiling of its special fund for scheduled banks from BDT 2.0 Bn to BDT 3.0 Bn and extend the facility for another five years to help ease the ongoing liquidity crisis in the stock market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/317007/dba-seeks-special-fund-ceiling-of-tk-300cr>

EXCHANGE | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund-01 unitholders approve conversion to open-end fund

- Unitholders of CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund-01 have overwhelmingly approved a proposal to convert the closed-end mutual fund into an open-end fund. At a Special General Meeting (SGM), 99.19% of unitholders, based on units held, voted in favour of the conversion.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-01-unitholders-approve-conversion-open-end-fund-1565756>

UCB, CITYBANK | UCB seizes land housing City Bank head office

- United Commercial Bank PLC has attached a piece of land owned by NASSA Group that houses the head office of City Bank PLC, following a court order to recover defaulted loans from a NASSA Group concern.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316986/ucb-seizes-land-housing-city-bank-head-office>

BANGAS | Lexus, Glucose biscuit maker Bangas sees domestic sales drop as exports surge

- Bangas Limited saw its business decline in FY26, as domestic sales fell by around 16% year-over-year despite a strong rise in exports. The company reported EPS of BDT 0.24 at the end of June 2026, down from BDT 0.28 in the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lexus-glucose-biscuit-maker-bangas-sees-domestic-sales-drop-exports-surge-1565841>

EXCHANGE | IPO approval to take no more than 3 months: BSEC chairman

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has set a target of approving IPOs within a maximum of three months of application under the new rules, aiming to cut long delays in the process.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/ipo-approval-to-take-no-more-than-3-months-bsec-chairman>

UPGDCL, KPCL | BSEC orders probe into alleged insider trading by United Group officials

- The top management of the United Group have come under regulatory scrutiny over alleged involvement in insider trading in shares of United Power Generation & Distribution Company and Khulna Power Company. As per the BSEC order, Hasan Mahmud Raja, chief advisor of United Group, and Moinuddin Hasan Rashed, chairman of United Enterprise & Company Ltd. (UECL), face allegations of insider trading in the shares.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-orders-probe-into-alleged-insider-trading-by-united-group-officials-1791390899>

GPHISPAT | GPH Ispat seeks BB help to reschedule part of its BDT 120 Bn debt

- GPH Ispat, a listed steelmaker with liabilities of around BDT 120 Bn, has asked the BB to waive or relax Credit Information Bureau (CIB) requirements for four months as it seeks to restructure part of the debt owed to more than two dozen banks and finance companies.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gph-ispate-seeks-bb-help-reschedule-part-its-tk-12000cr-debt-4293221>

SPCERAMICS, BEXIMCO | Salman F Rahman exits boards of two more companies

- BSEC has approved the reconstitution of the boards of directors of two listed Beximco Group companies - Bangladesh Export Import Company (Beximco) and Shinepukur Ceramics. Under the newly approved structure, ASF Rahman, the brother of Salman F Rahman while OK Chowdhury, Iqbal Ahmed, Ajmal Kabir and Quamrun Nahar Ahmed have been appointed as directors.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/317019/salman-f-rahman-exits-boards-of-two-more-companies>

ITC | ITC's over USD 0.5 Mn due to foreign vendor/ Software licence cutoff triggered Q-Cash outage

- A software licence cutoff by Q-Cash technology vendor Compass Plus (Great Britain) Ltd triggered the 48-hour disruption that hit card and electronic transactions at more than 30 banks this week.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gph-ispate-seeks-bb-help-reschedule-part-its-tk-12000cr-debt-4293221>

FINDFOODS | Fine Foods recommends 40.5% cash dividend for general shareholders

- Listed company Fine Foods Limited has recommended a 40.5% cash dividend for its general shareholders for FY26, while its sponsors and directors will receive a 5% cash dividend for the year. The company's EPS rose sharply to BDT 11.81 in FY26 from BDT 4.18 a year earlier, marking an increase of around 183%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fine-foods-recommends-405-cash-dividend-general-shareholders-1565726>

REGULATOR | BSEC eases approval process to speed up market monitoring

- The BSEC has decided to speed up stock market surveillance by allowing its concerned units to investigate abnormal transactions and price movements without prior approval from the commission.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bsec-eases-approval-process-speed-market-monitoring-4292201>

BEXIMCO | Beximco seeks to reopen factories with USD 23 Mn investment

- British firm Charter HCP Ltd and Chinese company Besting Ltd plan to invest USD 23 Mn to partially restart Prefix Fashions Ltd at Beximco's industrial park in Gazipur under the proposed leasing arrangement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/beximco-seeks-reopen-factories-23m-investment-4292316>

APEXFOODS | Apex Foods shares jump 19% as profit soars 121% in FY26

- Shrimp exporter Apex Foods Limited reported that its profit jumped more than 121% year-on-year, driven by higher revenue compared with the previous fiscal year. At the end of June 2026, Apex Foods' EPS rose to BDT 14.21, The board of Apex Foods recommended a 20% cash dividend for shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-foods-shares-jump-19-profit-soars-121-fy26-1563726>

EXCHANGE | Foreign transactions in capital market rise 37.6% in 8 months

- Foreign investors' participation in Bangladesh's capital market is increasing with their total transactions rising 37.6% year-over-year in 8MCY26. The total value of foreign investors' transactions reached BDT 37.01 Bn, compared to BDT 26.87 Bn during the corresponding period in 2025.

<https://tob.news/foreign-transactions-in-capital-market-rise-37-6-in-8-months/>

EHL | Eastern Housing recommends 20% cash dividend amid earnings decline

- Eastern Housing Limited has recommended a 20% cash dividend for FY26, down from 25% a year earlier, as its EPS fell nearly 20%. The real estate company's share price also dropped 5.44% to BDT 78.20 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (6 October) from BDT 82.70 in the previous session.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-housing-recommends-20-cash-dividend-amid-earnings-decline-1564786>

REGULATION | Govt lifts 16-year ban on direct listing

- The Ministry of Finance has lifted a 16-year-old restriction on direct listing, allowing multinational, state-owned and high-value private companies to list on local stock exchanges without issuing an initial public offering (IPO).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/government-lifts-16-year-ban-direct-listing-clear-path-mnncs-large-firms-1563636>

EXCHANGE | BSEC urges investors to consider NAV before investing in mutual funds

- The BSEC has urged investors to consider the latest disclosed NAV per unit of a mutual fund before making investment decisions in its units.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bsec-urges-investors-to-consider-nav-before-investing-in-mutual-funds>

EXCHANGE | BSEC fines Bangladesh Race Management BDT 0.5 Mn for securities rules violation

- The BSEC has fined Bangladesh Race Management PCL BDT 0.5 Mn for violating a provision of the securities rules concerning the financial reporting of mutual funds under its management.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-bangladesh-race-management-tk5-lakh-securities-rules-violation-1563791>

EXCHANGE | Depository authority to roll out app against broker fraud

- The depository authority has developed a mobile app that can instantly help investors become aware of any unauthorised transaction in their portfolios.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/depository-authority-to-roll-out-app-against-broker-fraud-1791133268>

EXCHANGE | Govt working to revive capital market, economy, says finance minister

- Finance and Planning Minister on Sunday has called for stronger coordination among the BSEC, Bangladesh Bank, National Board of Revenue (NBR), Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA), stock exchanges, brokers and financial-reporting bodies.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/govt-working-to-revive-capital-market-economy-says-finance-minister-1791133206>

NCCBANK, DHAKABANK, PUBALIBANK | Directors of NCC, Dhaka, Pubali Bank announce major share buy-sell plans

- Sponsors and director entities of three major private commercial banks NCC Bank, Dhaka Bank, and Pubali Bank have disclosed intentions to trade substantial blocks of shares in their respective institutions on the public and block markets of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/directors-ncc-dhaka-pubali-bank-announce-major-share-buy-sell-plans-1562641>

DOMINAGE | Akij Resources, new investors to take over Dominage Steel as DSE approves 30% stake transfer

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has approved the transfer of a 30.01% stake in Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited outside the regular trading system, paving the way for a change in ownership, management and operational control by Akij Resources Limited and two individual investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/akij-resources-new-investors-take-over-dominage-steel-dse-approves-30-stake-transfer>

SEAPEARL | Sea Pearl shareholders have proposed cash dividend to 0.50% at high court-ordered AGM

- Shareholders of Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa Limited have approved a reduced 0.50% cash dividend for general investors at the company's long-delayed 16th AGM.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sea-pearl-shareholders-have-proposed-cash-dividend-050-high-court-ordered-agm-1562621>

MERCANBANK | Shaheen joins Mercantile Bank as AMD

- Ahmed Shaheen has recently joined Mercantile Bank PLC as additional managing director. Prior to his new role, he served as AMD at Eastern Bank PLC.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/316582/shaheen-joins-mercantile-bank-as-amd>

IPO | Confidence Power to kick off IPO roadshow on 18 October

- Confidence Power and Energy PLC, a power-sector company under Confidence Group, will hold a roadshow on 18 October as it moves ahead with plans to raise capital from the primary market through an initial public offering (IPO) under the book-building method.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/confidence-power-kick-ipo-roadshow-18-october-1561621>

IBNSINA | Ibn Sina Pharma to buy BDT 574 Mn commercial space in Dhanmondi

- The Ibn Sina Pharmaceutical Industry PLC is set to invest BDT 574.3 Mn in a 24,321-square-foot commercial space, with the purchase price equivalent to about 72% of its net profit in the latest fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ibn-sina-pharma-buy-tk57cr-commercial-space-dhanmondi-1561636>

ICB | Finance minister pushes professionalism as ICB seeks BDT 100 Bn rescue fund

- ICB sought government support, including a BDT 100 Bn low-cost fund, to restructure its capital and ease its financial pressure. ICB Managing Director said the proposed fund is to be used partly to repay high-cost loans and partly for investment in the capital market

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/finance-minister-pushes-professionalism-icb-seeks-tk10000cr-rescue-fund-1560086>

CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemical resumes regular operations after emergency maintenance

- CVO Petrochemical Refinery PLC (CVOPRL) has resumed regular operations at its factory after completing emergency maintenance that temporarily halted production in September.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemical-resumes-regular-operations-after-emergency-maintenance-1561626>

RUPALIBANK | RUPALI BANK LAUNCHES CHEQUE-FREE CASH WITHDRAWAL SERVICE 'CASH BY QR'

- Cheque-free cash withdrawal service has been launched for the customers of state-owned Rupali Bank PLC. From now on, customers can use the Rupali E-Bank app to withdraw cash from any branches completely free of charge in just two minutes.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/rupali-bank-launches-cheque-free-cash-withdrawal-service-cash-by-qr-1790875192>

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