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Dhaka Stock Exchange

Weekly Market Update

DSEX ended in Red (-2.59%) in the week

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-2.59%) lost -146.92 points and closed the week at 5,515.17 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-2.12%) lost -45.42 points and stood at 2,095.31 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-2.90%) lost -32.95 points and stood at 1,105.06 points. The large cap index CDSET (-1.98%) lost -22.25 points and closed at 1,103.36 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +13.36%, +13.04%, +10.43%, +9.81%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 27.7 billion (USD 225 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 5.5 billion (∆% Week: -9.0%)
Market P/E: 13.0x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-1.83%), turned positive on Monday (+0.16%); however, it turned negative again on Tuesday (-0.50%) and remained negative on Wednesday (-0.03%) and Thursday (-0.41%).

Sectoral Peformance

Most of the financial sectors registered negative performance this week. Life Insurance experienced the highest loss of -5.02% followed by General Insurance (-4.54%), NBFI (-3.94%), Bank (-1.12%), and Mutual Fund (+3.49%).

All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Food & Allied experienced the highest loss of 3.25% followed by Engineering (-2.79%), Fuel & Power (-2.20%), Pharmaceutical (-2.05%), and Telecommunication (-1.56%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | Brokers seek rules for share buyback, merger. EXCHANGE | BSEC tightens stock investment curbs on market insiders, opens more options. PUBALIBANK | Trouser Line keen to buy 2.350 Mn Pubali Bank shares worth BDT 88.6 Mn. SBACBANK | SBAC Bank joins BB's refinance scheme for CMSME working capital. EXCHANGE | DSE to launch online platform for open-end mutual funds. ROBI | Robi AI Space launched. BSC | BSC seeks exemption from depositing surplus funds in govt exchequer. EXCHANGE | DSEX to hit 10,000 by 2027 as Bangladesh economy 'shifts gears': Capital Alliance. EXCHANGE | DBA urges DSE to avoid 'unnecessary harassment' of brokerage firms. EXCHANGE | Six months in, new govt yet to break IPO drought. EXCHANGE | BSEC weighs extended audit rule to safeguard public interest post-IPO. FAREASTFIN | Bangladesh Bank appoints administrator for Fareast Finance resolution.

Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	∆(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	∆% Week	∆% YTD
DSEX	5,515.17	5,662.09	-146.92	4,865.34	-2.59%	13.36%
DS30	2,095.31	2,140.73	-45.42	1,853.54	-2.12%	13.04%
DSES	1,105.06	1,138.01	-32.95	1,000.72	-2.90%	10.43%
CDSET	1,103.36	1,125.61	-22.25	1,004.81	-1.98%	9.81%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,930,680	6,984,978	-0.78%
	Mn USD	56,313	56,754	
Turnover	Mn BDT	27,712	30,441	-8.96%
	Mn USD	225	247	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	5,542	6,088	-8.96%
	Mn USD	45	49	
Volume	Mn Shares	997	1,064	-6.25%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in Last Four Weeks

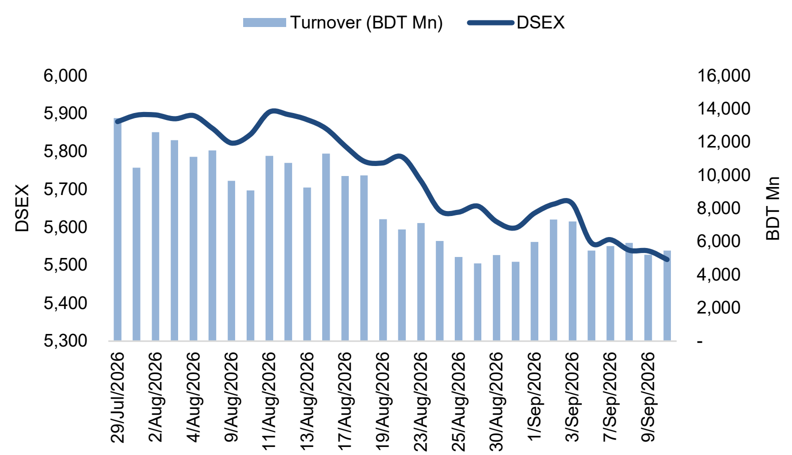

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Table 3: Top Ten Gainers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ENVOYTEX	74.5	61.9	+20.4%	12,496	1,084.6	9.0x	1.2x
PF1STMF	17.8	14.8	+20.3%	1,068	204.2	NM	2.0x
EXIM1STMF	7.4	6.5	+13.8%	1,060	285.2	NM	0.8x
MERCINS	48.3	43.2	+11.8%	2,082	203.5	31.0x	2.2x
MBL1STMF	9.7	8.8	+10.2%	970	262.5	NM	1.1x
ICBSONALI1	6.9	6.3	+9.5%	690	51.4	NM	0.7x
AIBL1STIMF	6.1	5.6	+8.9%	610	90.5	NM	0.7x
SOUTHEASTB	12.6	11.6	+8.6%	18,031	366.9	4.2x	0.5x
NCCBLMF1	6.7	6.2	+8.1%	727	8.5	NM	0.7x
NITOLINS	56.8	52.6	+8.0%	2,398	424.8	28.0x	1.8x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
AL-HAJTEX	70.0	84.2	-16.9%	1,561	71.6	NM	4.9x
ISNLTD	44.1	52.1	-15.4%	482	40.8	NM	20.6x
ORIONINFU	188.6	221.2	-14.7%	3,840	131.3	NM	11.6x
SAMATALETH	79.5	92.8	-14.3%	820	16.1	NM	5.5x
DSHGARME	150.8	174.7	-13.7%	1,250	66.4	NM	1.0x
PRIMETEX	14.1	16.2	-13.0%	539	2.9	NM	0.2x
SONARGAON	88.0	100.6	-12.5%	2,329	70.1	NM	4.8x
MEGHNAPET	62.9	71.8	-12.4%	755	14.5	NM	0.9x
SHARPIND	19.0	21.6	-12.0%	5,766	1,176.1	NM	2.4x
BEACHHATCH	26.6	30.1	-11.6%	1,101	19.0	5.7x	1.6x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
SHARPIND	19.0	21.6	-12.0%	5,766	1,176.1	NM	2.4x
ENVOYTEX	74.5	61.9	+20.4%	12,496	1,084.6	9.0x	1.2x
MALEKSPIN	46.4	50.6	-8.3%	8,983	819.9	8.2x	0.7x
SAIHAMCOT	22.7	24.0	-5.4%	3,377	815.2	24.9x	0.6x
SAIHAMTEX	32.3	34.4	-6.1%	2,925	745.0	52.1x	0.7x
BXPHARMA	150.9	153.2	-1.5%	67,318	710.7	7.8x	1.1x
PTL	78.1	74.8	+4.4%	13,989	695.0	12.3x	1.6x
IPDC	31.7	32.0	-0.9%	13,618	469.9	26.6x	1.9x
NITOLINS	56.8	52.6	+8.0%	2,398	424.8	28.0x	1.8x
DOMINAGE	63.7	63.6	+0.2%	6,536	390.3	NM	3.8x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
IPDC	31.7	+76.1%	13,618	26.6x	1.9x
SHASHADNIM	27.3	+75.0%	3,850	41.4x	0.7x
ENVOYTEX	74.5	+53.6%	12,496	9.0x	1.2x
BARKAPOWER	10.1	+50.7%	2,378	10.9x	0.4x
BXPHARMA	150.9	+47.8%	67,318	7.8x	1.1x
POWERGRID	38.2	+43.1%	34,907	8.6x	0.3x
PIONEERINS	63.6	+41.2%	6,531	12.1x	1.3x
CITYBANK	29.8	+40.5%	52,132	3.4x	0.8x
UCB	9.6	+38.5%	22,325	57.6x	0.6x
BSRMSTEEL	85.8	+36.0%	32,257	5.3x	0.9x

*BDT
*BDT Mn

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,540.1	1,557.4	1,367.20	-1.12%	+12.64%
NBFI	1,078.1	1,122.3	860.23	-3.94%	+25.32%
Mutual Fund	661.1	638.8	478.27	+3.49%	+38.23%
General Insurance	4,317.8	4,522.9	2,879.11	-4.54%	+49.97%
Life Insurance	1,697.4	1,787.1	1,691.42	-5.02%	+0.35%
Telecommunication	4,373.6	4,442.7	4,431.51	-1.56%	-1.31%
Pharmaceutical	3,073.3	3,137.8	2,764.29	-2.05%	+11.18%
Fuel & Power	1,086.3	1,110.8	996.11	-2.20%	+9.06%
Cement	1,934.8	2,032.3	1,739.18	-4.80%	+11.25%
Services & Real Estate	1,148.6	1,168.3	949.82	-1.69%	+20.93%
Engineering	2,598.8	2,673.3	2,290.78	-2.79%	+13.44%
Food & Allied	12,292.7	12,705.9	12,942.72	-3.25%	-5.02%
IT	2,420.5	2,503.1	1,703.25	-3.30%	+42.11%
Textile	1,384.9	1,416.3	1,060.76	-2.22%	+30.56%
Paper & Printing	4,355.3	4,615.7	4,485.61	-5.64%	-2.90%
Tannery	2,094.7	2,143.5	1,806.05	-2.28%	+15.98%
Jute	12,988.6	13,404.3	11,805.57	-3.10%	+10.02%
Ceramics	448.0	475.9	370.10	-5.87%	+21.04%
Miscellaneous	2,464.1	2,537.2	3,881.56	-2.88%	-36.52%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	411.8	368.6	+11.74%	+7.78%	7.2x	0.7x
NBFI	138.7	231.0	-39.98%	+2.62%	NM	1.1x
Mutual Fund	295.6	215.7	+37.08%	+5.59%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	753.2	683.4	+10.21%	+14.24%	18.0x	1.7x
Life Insurance	87.4	78.8	+10.90%	+1.65%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	61.1	43.5	+40.63%	+1.16%	10.5x	3.6x
Pharmaceutical	553.2	650.3	-14.93%	+10.46%	10.6x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	158.8	152.6	+4.08%	+3.00%	9.2x	0.6x
Cement	51.8	59.4	-12.81%	+0.98%	21.1x	2.0x
Services & Real Estate	138.9	169.4	-17.99%	+2.63%	25.4x	0.5x
Engineering	347.8	370.0	-5.99%	+6.57%	15.4x	0.8x
Food & Allied	217.5	256.6	-15.25%	+4.11%	32.9x	3.3x
IT	179.0	147.4	+21.48%	+3.38%	47.8x	2.0x
Textile	1,559.5	1,911.1	-18.40%	+29.48%	NM	1.0x
Paper & Printing	42.3	40.1	+5.50%	+0.80%	NM	1.4x
Tannery	33.2	34.3	-3.30%	+0.63%	NM	1.5x
Jute	19.6	24.5	-20.00%	+0.37%	NM	1.8x
Ceramics	41.9	39.3	+6.64%	+0.79%	NM	1.3x
Miscellaneous	198.7	213.9	-7.13%	+3.76%	38.4x	1.0x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ISLAMIBANK	27.7	-15.5%	44,597	NM	0.8x
SINGERBD	72.3	-14.4%	7,209	NM	NM
TRUSTBANK	14.6	-11.4%	15,239	4.8x	0.5x
LINDEBD	679.2	-9.5%	10,336	29.5x	3.2x
BATBC	228.0	-8.3%	123,120	21.2x	2.1x
GP	239.1	-7.3%	322,857	9.2x	5.8x
UNILEVERCL	1,994.6	-7.3%	38,445	62.8x	23.6x
HEIDELBCEM	206.9	-4.3%	11,691	NM	2.9x
ACI	186.7	-4.1%	16,398	NM	2.2x
UPGDCL	111.7	-3.8%	64,752	7.0x	1.4x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Smaller firms pay 20% of goods value in import requirements

- Smaller firms in developing countries pay 20% of the value of imported goods in import requirements, such as customs fees, other payments and fees paid to customs brokers or freight forwarders, according to UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/smaller-firms-pay-20-goods-value-import-requirements-4269016

Govt injecting USD 81.68 Mn into the bank's overseas operation

- A fresh USD 81.68 Mn capital is going to be funneled into Janata Bank's UAE operations to avert wind-down of its business following persistent capital-shortfall-triggered regulatory restrictions on its reserve accounts. The fund will be sourced from Janata Bank's head office in Dhaka and routed through its local office to the United Arab Emirates.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-injecting-8168m-into-the-banks-overseas-operation

Online sales face VAT scrutiny

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has stepped up its drive against VAT evasion by online businesses, with a preliminary review of documents seized from a retailer in Dhaka revealing around BDT 20 Mn in evaded revenue.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/online-sales-face-vat-scrutiny-1788978153

Bangladesh, Hong Kong sign investment protection agreement

- Bangladesh and Hong Kong signed an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA) on September 9 to strengthen bilateral investment flows and provide greater protection for investors from both sides.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-hong-kong-sign-investment-protection-agreement-1537791

PAYMENT | How the abuse of Bangla QR threatens the country's MFS ecosystem

- Bangla QR, a unified QR payment platform designed to facilitate digital transactions at zero fee, is being abused by some merchants and MFS agents to bypass cash-out charges, raising concerns over the sustainability of the country's mobile financial services (MFS) ecosystem and the reliability of digital transaction data.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/how-abuse-bangla-qr-threatens-countrys-mfs-ecosystem-1538591

Oil prices fly blind as the Hormuz enigma deepens

- Benchmark Brent crude futures breached USD 100 a barrel on Wednesday as escalating attacks in the Middle East, including on tankers, stifled hopes of a normalisation of oil shipping in the region.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/oil-prices-fly-blind-the-hormuz-enigma-deepens-4269006

BANK | Ten banks account for 72% of total bad loans

- Ten banks accounted for more than 72% of the banking sector's total non-performing loans, showing that the country's 61 commercial lenders are not equally responsible for the sector's financial distress.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ten-banks-account-72-total-bad-loans-4269046

BANK | 26,000 Sammilito Islami Bank customers withdraw BDT 1.040 Bn in 3 days

- More than 10,000 customers withdrew their funds on the third day of the bank's repayment programme. Since the repayment programme began, 26,056 customers have withdrawn a total of BDT 10.40 Bn over three days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/26000-sammilito-islami-bank-customers-withdraw-tk1040cr-three-days-1538541

BANK | Internet banking transactions rose 6.22% in June

- The value of internet banking transactions in Bangladesh grew by 6.22 % month-on-month to BDT 1.84 Tn in June 2026, driven mainly by sharp increases in two payment systems. The total stood at BDT 1.73 Tn in May 2026.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/internet-banking-transactions-rose-622-june-4268966

BANK | Deposits at bank sub-branches grow 5.7%, loans drop 7.7% in Q2

- Deposits mobilised through banking sub-branches rose by 5.7% to BDT 842.63 Bn at the end of June 2026, up from BDT 797.17 Bn in March 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/deposits-at-bank-sub-branches-grow-57pc-loans-drop-77pc-in-q2

AUTOMOBILE | Auto dealers seek permission to import used EVs

- Auto dealers have urged the government to allow the import of used and reconditioned EVs, saying a ban on older EVs could limit access to affordable electric cars.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/auto-dealers-seek-permission-import-used-evs-4268931

ENERGY | Govt to buy 18 LNG cargoes from France's TotalEnergies over nine months

- The government will import 18 cargoes of LNG from France-based energy company TotalEnergies over the next nine months, with two cargoes scheduled each month from October this year to June next year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-buy-18-lng-cargoes-frances-totalenergies-over-nine-months-1538106

ENERGY | Singapore-based Trafigura, Vitol offer to supply fuel oil to Bangladesh in Sept-Dec

- Singapore-based energy traders Trafigura Pte Ltd and Vitol Asia Pte Ltd have submitted offers to supply fuel oil to Bangladesh between September and December under an international competitive tender.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/trafigura-vitol-offer-supply-fuel-oil-bangladesh-september-december-1538176

TELECOM | Banglalink tops 8 out of 11 KPIs in BTRC's Quality of Service report

- Banglalink, the country's leading digital operator, has secured the top position in compliance across all Network, District and Upazilla-level KPIs in the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission's (BTRC) Quality of Service (QoS) assessment for July 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/banglalink-tops-8-out-of-11-kpis-in-btrcs-quality-of-service-report

RMG | RMG exports to major destinations post positive growth in July-August

- The country's RMG shipments to major export destinations showed mostly positive performance in 2MFY27, with overall earnings rising. RMG exports grew by 5.12% to USD 7.50 Bn, up from SUD 7.13 Bn in 2MFY26.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/313184/rmg-exports-to-major-destinations-post-positive-growth-in-july-august

RMG | Swisscontact to help RMG firms raise capital market financing

- Swisscontact, an international development organisation, has announced plans to offer advisory and technical support to promising RMG companies looking to raise long-term financing through Bangladesh's capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/swisscontact-help-rmg-firms-raise-capital-market-financing-1538491

Economic activity contracts in August as PMI falls to 49.9

- Bangladesh's overall economic activity contracted in August, as disruptions to energy and power supplies weighed on business activity, according to the latest Bangladesh Purchasing Managers' Index. The headline PMI fell to 49.9 in August, slipping below the 50-point threshold that separates expansion from contraction.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/economic-activity-contracts-in-august-as-pmi-falls-to-499

Trade deficit widens to USD 2.1 Bn as exports fall, petroleum, fertiliser imports rise

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened in July, mainly due to higher imports of petroleum products and fertiliser, while exports declined. The trade deficit rose to USD 2.09 Bn in July'26, compared with USD 1.5 Bn in July'25.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/trade-deficit-widens-2b-exports-fall-petroleum-fertiliser-imports-rise-1537316

Bangladesh exports to India rise 7.67% despite diplomatic tensions

- Bangladesh exported goods worth USD 335.2 Mn to India during 2MFY27, up 7.67 % from USD 311.3 Mn during 2MFY26, according to Export Promotion Bureau data released on Tuesday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-exports-to-india-rise-767-percent-despite-diplomatic-tensions

Tariff cuts, FTAs could add USD 4.0 Bn to Bangladesh economy: WB

- Bangladesh could unlock roughly USD 4.0 Bn in additional economic output by making imported materials and other goods used in production cheaper for local industries and securing better market access through free trade agreements (FTAs), according to a preliminary World Bank analysis.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tariff-cuts-ftas-could-add-4b-bangladesh-economy-wb-4268081

Bepza Zone-2 makes export debut with USD 50,000 machinery shipment

- Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) Economic Zone-2 in Mirsharai, Chattogram, has seen its first export with a USD 50,000 shipment of tobacco machinery to Indonesia.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bepza-zone-2-makes-export-debut-50000-machinery-shipment-1537311

Iran retaliates against US allies after its oil tankers destroyed

- The Middle East war intensified on Tuesday with Houthis in Yemen launching strikes on several Saudi cities, while US forces hit multiple Iranian oil tankers and Iran targeted a US base in Jordan.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/world/iran-retaliates-against-us-allies-after-its-oil-tankers-destroyed

BANK | 7,896 customers withdraw BDT 3.27 Bn from Sammilito Bank on second day

- Some 7,896 customers of the five merged banks withdrew BDT 3.27 Bn on the second day of fund disbursement, officials of Sammilito Islami Bank said. In addition, around 12,000 new customers applied to withdraw BDT 3.31 Bn today, the officials said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/7896-customers-withdraw-tk-327cr-sammilito-bank-second-day-4268166

ENERGY | Govt to buy 6 more spot LNG cargoes for Oct delivery

- The government has moved to purchase six more spot LNG cargoes for delivery over October windows as its contracted suppliers have ceased LNG deliveries due to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. State-run Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) has floated tenders to purchase these LNG cargoes for delivery over October 8-9, October 11-12, October 15-16, October 24-25, October 27-28, and October 30-31 windows.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-to-buy-6-more-spot-lng-cargoes-for-oct-delivery

ENERGY | BD pays dearly for lack of LNG storage facility

- Bangladesh pays dearly for neglecting building LNG- storage facility across the country as the government has to buy this expensive fuel for immediate consumption no matter how high or low international energy prices are.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-pays-dearly-for-lack-of-lng-storage-facility-1788890122

ENERGY | Govt to tap idle khas land for large solar plants; eyes 460MW in Rampal, 70MW in Matarbari

- With the country's power demand expected to rise to 25,000MW by 2030, the government plans to use idle state-owned land for large-scale solar projects to slash land acquisition costs and reduce the reliance on imported fuel.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-targets-20-electricity-renewables-2030-amit-1537066

ENERGY | PRAN-RFL, Walton go big on solar equipment manufacturing amid energy crisis

- Amid the ongoing energy crisis and a strong government push for renewables, industrial conglomerates Walton and PRAN-RFL are establishing local manufacturing units for solar inverters and lithium-ion batteries. Walton is also planning a dedicated solar panel manufacturing facility.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/pran-rfl-walton-go-big-solar-equipment-manufacturing-amid-energy-crisis-1536411

TELECOM | Conflicting data clouds picture of mobile network quality

- Bangladesh’s mobile network quality mostly met regulatory standards in July, but a long-delayed assessment by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) found significant differences between operators’ reported figures and the regulator’s own measurements.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/conflicting-data-clouds-picture-mobile-network-quality-4268101

TEXTILE | NBR tightens yarn import rules under bond facility

- The National Board of Revenue has tightened rules for duty-free yarn imports under the bond facility by export-oriented readymade garment factories, suspending the facility for imports of 10–30 count cotton yarn.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/313055/nbr-tightens-yarn-import-rules-under-bond-facility

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

- Inflation has fallen to 8.26% in August, marking a second straight monthly decline and its lowest level in 10 months. Point-to-point inflation stood at 8.32% in July, the first month of the current fiscal year. It was 8.17% in October 2025 before rising again.

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

WB gives USD 450 Mn to repair banking sector damage

- The government has finalised a USD 450 Mn borrowing from the World Bank to strengthen the financial sector and rebuild the deposit-protection system. Of the credit, USD 340 Mn will be released against 24 actions under eight groups of banking reform conditions and deposited in the Deposit Protection Fund.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/312919/wb-gives-450m-to-repair-banking-sector-damage

Govt presents plan to resolve energy-power crisis

- The government Monday rolled out a slew of measures to address the energy and power crises. Some of these measures include establishing a land-based LNG terminal at Matarbari, a third FSRU at Matarbari under a G-to-G agreement with China, to be completed within 18 months, a 620-megawatt coal-fired power plant using domestic coal at Barapukuria, and move for a 1,320-megawatt second phase of the Payra coal-fired power plant.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-presents-plan-to-resolve-energy-power-crisis-1788805006

Govt successfully services foreign debt amid legacy loan strains

- The government repaid USD 453.23 Mn in principal and interest on foreign loans in July 2026. The amount was USD 446.68 Mn in the same month of 2025.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-successfully-services-foreign-debt-amid-legacy-loan-strains

Bangladesh makes final push to defer LDC graduation

- 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.

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

Commercial importers of solar equipment: Uniform duty structure proposed

- The government is considering a uniform duty structure for industrial users and commercial importers of solar equipment, including batteries. Under the proposed arrangement, importers may enjoy a concessional 1.0 per cent customs duty on solar energy equipment for six months.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/commercial-importers-of-solar-equipment-uniform-duty-structure-proposed

Govt aims to raise creative economy's share of GDP to 3%

- The government is working to grow Bangladesh's creative economy to 3.0% of GDP by mainstreaming the people involved in it through skills, design and branding and marketing support, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said on Monday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-aims-to-raise-creative-economys-share-of-gdp-to-3-per-cent-khosru

Firm registration decisions should come within 30 days

- Businesses have proposed a 30-day deadline for Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) to decide on applications under the proposed amendment to Companies Act, with undecided applications deemed approved.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/firm-registration-decisions-should-come-within-30-days-4267401

RMG | NBR suspends bond facility for yarn imports, BGMEA, BKMEA protest

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is bringing major changes to duty-free yarn imports under the bond facility for export-oriented garment factories. Under the new decision, imports of 10-30 count cotton yarn under the bond facility have been suspended. Exporters will be able to continue importing this yarn subject to a bank guarantee.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/nbr-curbs-bonded-yarn-imports-bgmea-bkmea-protest

BANK | Customers withdraw BDT 2.5 Bn as Sammilito Islami Bank begins deposit return

- Sammilito Islami Bank began returning principal amounts to customers who applied to withdraw on 1 September. Around 6,000 customers collected BDT 2.5 Bn nationwide on the first day, against BDT 13.29 Bn sought by 18,000 applicants scheduled for repayment that day.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/customers-withdraw-tk250cr-sammilito-islami-bank-begins-deposit-return-1536361

BANK | BB enlists 131 collateral valuation firms to curb loan fraud

- Bangladesh Bank has published a list of 131 institutions eligible to value collateral pledged against bank loans, aiming to standardise asset appraisal across the financial sector and curb the practice of artificially inflating collateral values to secure unearned credit.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-enlists-131-collateral-valuation-firms-curb-loan-fraud-4267376

BANK | Rescheduling soars 80pc as recoveries slump

- Bangladesh's sustainable-and green-finance sector saw a worrying shift in Q1'2026 with loan recovery losing gear while rescheduling gaining a spurt. The rescheduling of sustainable loans saw 80% growth while green finance witnessed 675.8% rise year on year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rescheduling-soars-80pc-as-recoveries-slump-1788805873

ENERGY | Petrobangla loosens rules to attract spot LNG suppliers

- The state-run corporation will now allow companies to seek enlistment with just one successfully completed LNG supply contract and USD 50 Mn in financial capacity. This is a significant relaxation of the experience, financial and operational requirements introduced in March.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/petrobangla-loosens-rules-attract-spot-lng-suppliers-4267411

ENERGY | Summit asks for reconsidering FSRU deal, says it could save USD 1.10 Bn

- Summit says if the agreement signed in March 2024 is retained, the FSRU, mooring system and subsea pipeline would be handed over to Petrobangla free of cost after 15 years of operation. The company said retaining the agreement instead of proceeding with an FSRU proposed by a Chinese company could save USD 1.10 Bn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/summit-asks-reconsidering-fsru-deal-says-it-could-save-110b-1536371

TOBACCO | Cabinet approves tax breaks for solar equipment imports

- The Cabinet approved a proposal to amend the maximum retail price of low-tier cigarettes to be reset at BDT 65 and above per 10 sticks, replacing the existing threshold of BDT 62 and above.

https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/422071

PHARMA | Govt considers production costs, reasonable profit in setting medicine prices

- The Health minister has said a new "Drug Price Determination Committee" has been reconstituted under Section 12 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2023.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/govt-considers-production-costs-reasonable-profit-setting-medicine-prices-1536181

BBS to adopt UN's SNA 2025 to broaden coverage

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) plans to incorporate the United Nations' updated System of National Accounts into its ongoing rebasing of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), officials familiar with the process have told. The national statistical agency is currently rebasing GDP using 2025-26 as the new base year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bbs-to-adopt-uns-sna-2025-to-broaden-coverage-1788718071

An economic buffer: Bangladesh's gross forex reserves reach USD 36 Bn

- Reserves under the IMF's BPM6 methodology stand at USD 31.47 Bn, enough to cover about 4.8 months of imports. Bangladesh's gross foreign exchange reserves have reached USD 36.38 Bn, underscoring a cautious stabilisation of the country's external finances.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/economic-buffer-bangladeshs-gross-forex-reserves-reach-36-billion-4266666

Bangladesh ranks high among LDCs in remittance costs

- Bangladesh has one of the highest costs for remittance transfers among the least developed countries (LDCs), with the average transaction cost of sending remittances to the country standing at 7-8%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-ranks-high-among-ldcs-remittance-costs-4266516

Another metro getting on track

- The MRT-5 southern route is finally getting a move on, with the project set to be placed before the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) next week for approval. The BDT 455.04 Bn Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line-5 (southern route) will be funded from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and South Korea. More than two-thirds of the 17.2km line will be underground.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/another-metro-getting-track-4266701

Govt plans domestic testing push to cut export costs

- The government is planning a major overhaul of the country's standards, testing and certification system to reduce exporters' reliance on overseas testing facilities and cut compliance costs that undermine competitiveness in international markets.

https://tob.news/govt-plans-domestic-testing-push-to-cut-export-costs/

ENERGY | Qatar delegation coming to talk out LNG supply suspension

- A delegation of QatarEnergy, Bangladesh's largest contracted liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplier, is coming soon to find a possible way of resuming the LNG supply as its cargo halt created fuel furors in the country. The LNG-marketing team of QatarEnergy is expected to hold discussion with top officials of state-run Petrobangla and its subsidiary Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) on September 9.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/qatar-delegation-coming-to-talk-out-lng-supply-suspension

EU seeks fair shot for Airbus in Biman deal

- European Union's Ambassador called on the government to ensure a level playing field in Biman Bangladesh Airlines' aircraft purchase, as the government is set to buy Boeing planes over European rival Airbus.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/eu-seeks-fair-shot-airbus-biman-deal-4266551

BANK | BB mulls return to 9-month NPL definition to mask bad loan

- Bangladesh Bank has mulled over extending the period for classifying overdue loans as non-performing loans to nine months from the current three months, a move that could reduce the volume of defaulted loans on paper.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/312731/bb-mulls-return-to-9-month-npl-definition-to-mask-bad-loan

BANK | Bangladesh Bank raises annual travel forex limit to USD 18,000

- The Bangladesh Bank has increased the annual foreign exchange travel entitlement for Bangladeshi nationals travelling abroad to USD 18,000, up from the previous USD 12,000, in a move aimed at facilitating genuine travel-related foreign currency needs.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bangladesh-bank-raises-annual-travel-quota-18000-12000-1534831

NBR to separate tax policy, implementation branches to curb audit fear: Finance minister

- The NBR is being restructured to separate its tax policy formulation and implementation branches in a bid to prevent audit-related fears and harassment among taxpayers, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury informed Parliament on Sunday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/nbr-to-separate-tax-policy-implementation-branches-to-curb-audit-fear-finance-minister

BANK | Janata Bank carries bulk of state banks' bad loans

- Janata Bank had the highest amount of NPLs among the country's six state-owned banks, Finance Minister has said. About 80% of its bad loans are stuck with its top 20 defaulters, including Beximco, S Alam and AnonTex.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/janata-bank-carries-bulk-state-banks-bad-loans-4266546

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank readies BDT 50 Bn as withdrawal requests hits BDT 40 Bn in 4 days

- Sammilito Islamic Bank has received nearly BDT 50 Bn from BB to repay deposits, while customers have sought to withdraw BDT 39.25 Bn over the past four working days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islami-bank-readies-tk5000cr-withdrawal-requests-hits-tk4000cr-4-days

BANK | Banks' provisioning shortfall crosses BDT 2.0 Tn

- Overall provisioning shortfall against loans in Bangladesh's banking system overran BDT 2.0 Tn mark with a 16% or BDT 309.16 Bn rise in the first half of 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/banks-provisioning-shortfall-crosses-tk-20-trillion

Bangladesh's per capita debt stands at BDT 0.129 Mn

- The per capita public debt of Bangladesh stood at BDT 0.12 Mn as of March 31, 2026, Finance Minister told Parliament on Sunday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladeshs-per-capita-debt-tk-129000

Bangladesh resolves 48 EU trade barriers, seeks support for LDC deferment

- Bangladesh has resolved 48 non-tariff barriers (NTBs) raised by the European Union (EU), while 13 others remain under review, Commerce Minister has said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-resolves-48-eu-trade-barriers-seeks-support-for-ldc-deferment

Bangladesh received USD 82 Bn in foreign loans since 2010

- Between 2010 and June 2024, Bangladesh received nearly USD 82 Bn in foreign loans while repaying USD 23.15 Bn , comprising USD 17.11 Bn in principal and USD 6.04 Bn in interest, according to the Finance Minister in Parliament.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-takes-82b-in-foreign-loans-over-14-years

ENERGY | Novatek proposes USD 950 Mn seabed-fixed LNG terminal

- A new option for Bangladesh's long-term LNG import infrastructure has been proposed, with Novatek Middle East presenting a USD 950 Mn gravity-based structure (GBS) as a cheaper and longer-lasting alternative to a conventional land-based LNG terminal.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/novatek-proposes-950m-seabed-fixed-lng-terminal-4266536

TELECOM | Bangladesh to open submarine cable market to private investors

- 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.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bangladesh-to-open-submarine-cable-market-to-private-investors-1788713561

HOSPITALITY | Singapore-based Ascott eyes Bangladesh's hospitality market

- Singapore-based global hospitality giant, The Ascott Limited is eyeing Bangladesh as a potential growth market and is open to partnering with local property owners to bring its international hotel and serviced-residence brands to the country.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/singapore-based-ascott-eyes-bangladeshs-hospitality-market-1535286

Large-scale manufacturing sector rebounds with 14.5% growth in June

- The large-scale manufacturing rebounded sharply with a 14.5 % expansion in June, the final month of the fiscal year 2026, according to official statistics. It provides a stronger-than-expected end to a volatile 2025-26 fiscal year marked by repeated contractions amid economic uncertainty.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/large-scale-manufacturing-sector-rebounds-with-145pc-growth-in-june

UKEF offers up to USD 2 Bn financing support for Bangladesh projects

- With country capacity ranging between USD 1 Bn and USD 2 Bn, UKEF can support eligible projects in sectors including transport, agriculture, healthcare, airports, manufacturing, renewable energy and infrastructure.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ukef-offers-ps2b-financing-support-bangladesh-projects-1532791

BB widens access to finance against Offshore Banking Unit-held foreign currency deposits

- The Bangladesh Bank has widened the scope of financing against foreign currency deposits held with Offshore Banking Units, allowing such balances to be used as collateral for a broader range of loans in local currency.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-widens-access-finance-against-obu-held-foreign-currency-deposits-1532886

Energy crisis forces businesses to cut output, seek alternatives

- Factories producing garments, food, ceramics and pharmaceuticals are cutting production, changing work schedules and turning to alternative energy sources as the ongoing gas and power shortages make it harder and more expensive to keep plants running.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/energy-crisis-forces-businesses-cut-output-seek-alternatives-4265701

High tariff protection hinders export diversification: study

- High tariff protection for local industries is making it harder for Bangladesh to diversify its exports beyond ready-made garments while also discouraging investment in export-oriented sectors, according to a government study.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-front/312611/high-tariff-protection-hinders-export-diversification-study

Set pension age at 55 for RMG workers: BGMEA

- Leaders of the country's apparel sector have demanded that the pension age for garment workers be fixed at 55 instead of 60 and that a special incentive be provided during the first two years to make the Universal Pension Scheme attractive and popular among workers.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/set-pension-age-at-55-for-rmg-workers-bgmea

Govt seeks urgent action to roll out subsidised LPG for rural poor

- The Ministry of Commerce (MoC) has sought detailed opinions and an urgent action plan from relevant authorities to introduce subsidised liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders for low-income rural households amid an ongoing shortage of the cooking fuel in the domestic market.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/govt-seeks-urgent-action-to-roll-out-subsidised-lpg-for-rural-poor

BANK | Over BDT 2.0 Tn stuck in 0.13 Mn cases belongs to 20 state-run banks, FIs

- State-run banks and financial institutions grapple with thousands of long-pending cases trapping over two-trillion taka where Janata Bank leads the list with BDT 1.11 Tn sucked out of vaults into labyrinth of litigation.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/over-tk-20t-stuck-in-013m-cases-belongs-to-20-state-run-banks-fis

INSURANCE | IDRA hands over BDT 145.1 Mn in insurance claims

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) handed over insurance claim cheques worth BDT 145.1 Mn to 2,549 policyholders, as part of its efforts to speed up claim payments and rebuild public trust in the insurance sector.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/idra-hands-over-tk-1451cr-insurance-claims-4264281

RMG | Bangladesh retains No 2 spot in US apparel exports

- Bangladesh retained the second position in garment exports to the US in the January-July period as China's apparel shipments to the American market recorded their steepest decline. Bangladesh first overtook China in January-February as the Trump administration imposed higher tariffs on Chinese garment imports.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-retains-no-2-spot-us-apparel-exports-4265686

TEXTILE | BGMEA, BKMEA want import ban on knit fabric withdrawn

- Two leading apparel trade bodies—the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) and the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA)—have demanded the cancellation or suspension of a provision restricting knit fabric imports under the country's new import policy.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bgmea-bkmea-want-import-ban-on-knit-fabric-withdrawn

ENERGY | Fossil fuel import bill may rise by USD 2.8 Bn this year

- Bangladesh's annual fossil fuel import bill could rise by USD 2.8 Bn in 2026, a 30% increase from 2025, if oil, gas and coal prices remain at their January-August averages, according to a briefing by UK-based international research group Zero Carbon Analytics.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/312283/fossil-fuel-import-bill-may-rise-by-28b-this-year-study

Cenbank eases foreign remittance rules for Hi-Tech Park firms

- Bangladesh Bank has eased foreign remittance rules for industrial enterprises operating in Hi-Tech Parks, allowing them to make certain overseas payments from their BDT accounts.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-eases-foreign-remittance-rules-hi-tech-park-firms-1532371

Global grain prices at three-year high

- Rice prices at the retail level in Bangladesh have recorded an unabated rise in recent months, as grain prices have risen to three-year high in the global market. Global rice prices edged higher in August, led by gains in the Indica segment, as strong sales lifted Indian parboiled rice quotations, according to the latest Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Rice Price Update.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/global-grain-prices-at-three-year-high-1788628856

Oil touches USD 97 per barrel as diesel prices surge to highest level this year

- A monthlong run of rising crude oil prices and refineries' nearing capacity has pushed the average cost of diesel fuel to its highest since 2022. The international oil benchmark Brent surpassed USD 97 per barrel Thursday morning but ended the day nearly unchanged at USD 95.52. The price of Brent is up 20% since August 4.

https://www.nbcnews.com/business/energy/oil-touches-97-barrel-diesel-prices-surge-highest-level-year-rcna595904

BANK | BB to launch interest-free digital credit

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is set to introduce an "e-Payment Credit" facility, likely today, to promote cashless payments and help customers manage temporary cash shortages. Under the facility, eligible customers will be able to borrow between BDT 50 and BDT 10,000 to meet essential expenses through digital payments.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-launch-interest-free-digital-credit-4265706

BANK | Individual depositors hold BDT 687.26 Bn at merged bank

- Individual depositors hold BDT 687.26 Bn at Sammilito Islami Bank, created through the merger of five crisis-hit banks, putting the new bank under immediate pressure to return depositors' money while carrying a far larger burden of bad loans and capital shortages.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-front/312616/individual-depositors-hold-tk-68726cr-at-merged-bank

ENERGY | Eastern Refinery to be modernised with refining capacity trebling to 4.5 Mn tonnes

- Modernising and expanding refining capacity of Eastern Refinery Limited, the country's lone facility for converting crude oil into refined petroleum products, is finally set to see the light of day. A financing agreement was signed between the Government of Bangladesh and the IsDB on Thursday (3 September).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/eastern-refinery-be-modernized-refining-capacity-trebling-45-lakh-tonnes-1534186

CERAMICS | Gas crisis pushes ceramics industry to the brink

- The country's prolonged gas crisis has pushed the ceramics industry to the brink, forcing some factories to shut production lines while others operate at less than half their capacity. Overall production in the ceramics sector has fallen to around 35%.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/gas-crisis-pushes-ceramics-industry-brink-1534416

TANNERY | CETP crisis threatens leather export ambitions

- Bangladesh’s plan to turn its leather and footwear industry into a USD 5.0 Bn export sector by 2030 could remain out of reach unless long-standing environmental and compliance problems at the Savar tannery estate are fixed, industry leaders have said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cetp-crisis-threatens-leather-export-ambitions-4264366

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | Brokers seek rules for share buyback, merger

- The DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) has urged the government to incorporate provisions allowing listed companies to buy back their own shares and undertake mergers and acquisitions in the proposed third amendment to the Companies Act, 1994.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/brokers-seek-rules-share-buyback-merger-4269026

EXCHANGE | BSEC tightens stock investment curbs on market insiders, opens more options

- 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.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-tightens-stock-investment-curbs-on-market-insiders-opens-more-options

PUBALIBANK | Trouser Line keen to buy 2.350 Mn Pubali Bank shares worth BDT 88.6 Mn

- Garment manufacturer Trouser Line Limited has expressed its intention to purchase 2.350 Mn shares of Pubali Bank through the public market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/trouser-line-keen-buy-2350-lakh-pubali-bank-shares-worth-tk886cr-1538466

SBACBANK | SBAC Bank joins BB's refinance scheme for CMSME working capital

- SBAC Bank PLC has signed an agreement to participate in BB's BDT 50 Bn refinance scheme aimed at providing working capital support to entrepreneurs in the Cottage, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (CMSME) sector, says a press release on Wednesday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/sbac-bank-joins-bbs-refinance-scheme

EXCHANGE | DSE to launch online platform for open-end mutual funds

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is set to introduce a web-based order collection system within this year, allowing investors to purchase and redeem units of open-end mutual funds through an integrated online platform.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/dse-to-launch-online-platform-for-open-end-mutual-funds

ROBI | Robi AI Space launched

- Robi Axiata PLC has launched Robi AI Space. Bangladesh's first integrated AI hub inside the My Robi app. Partnering with Every AI, the platform provides local users unified access to frontier models (ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude, and DeepSeek) via a single premium subscription or dedicated bundle packs.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/313177/robi-ai-space-launched

BSC | BSC seeks exemption from depositing surplus funds in govt exchequer

- Heaving under huge debts and liabilities, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) has sought immunity from the provision of mandatory depositing of surplus funds in state exchequer.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/bsc-seeks-exemption-from-depositing-surplus-funds-in-govt-exchequer

EXCHANGE | DSEX to hit 10,000 by 2027 as Bangladesh economy 'shifts gears': Capital Alliance

- Bangladesh's benchmark DSEX index could reach the 10,000-point mark by the end of 2027 as the economy moves from stabilisation to recovery and eventually acceleration, according to Capital Alliance (CAL), a frontier-markets-focused investment bank.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-hit-10000-2027-bangladesh-economy-shifts-gears-capital-alliance-1537206

EXCHANGE | DBA urges DSE to avoid 'unnecessary harassment' of brokerage firms

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) Brokers Association (DBA) has urged the stock exchange to avoid what it called "unnecessary harassment" of brokerage houses, particularly in cases where inspections or investigations could disrupt their normal business operations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dba-urges-dse-avoid-unnecessary-harassment-brokerage-firms-1537241

EXCHANGE | Six months in, new govt yet to break IPO drought

- Several merchant bankers have told that they are preparing several candidate firms for IPOs; however, many are waiting for regulatory clarity before submitting paperwork.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/six-months-new-govt-yet-break-ipo-drought-1536231

EXCHANGE | BSEC weighs extended audit rule to safeguard public interest post-IPO

- Issuers of initial public offerings (IPOs) will be required to undergo an "extended audit" to physically verify assets, inventories, and bank transactions, as part of a regulatory move to protect public interest post-IPO. Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is considering amending the public issue rules to this effect.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-weighs-extended-audit-rule-to-safeguard-public-interest-post-ipo-1788882979

FAREASTFIN | Bangladesh Bank appoints administrator for Fareast Finance resolution

- Bangladesh Bank has appointed an administrator and two associate administrators to oversee the resolution process of listed non-bank financial institution Fareast Finance and Investment Limited, amid efforts to ensure its smooth and effective implementation.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-bank-appoints-administrator-fareast-finance-resolution-1537186

EXCHANGE | BSEC seeks share buyback provision in 'Companies Act' amendment

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has recommended key revisions to the draft Companies Act 1994, urging provisions for listed company share buybacks, regulatory approval for mergers involving public firms, modernized corporate reporting, and extended validity for prospectus financial statements.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-seeks-share-buyback-provision-companies-act-amendment-1536201

NRBCBANK | NRBC Bank sponsor to gift 3 Mn shares to brother

- Rafikul Islam Mia Arzoo, a sponsor and former vice chairman of NRBC Bank PLC, has announced plans to gift 3 Mn shares of the bank to his brother, Aktarul Islam.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/nrbc-bank-sponsor-gift-30-lakh-shares-brother-1536216

CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemicals shuts factory for maintenance

- CVO Petrochemical Refinery, a listed company, has temporarily shut its factory for emergency maintenance from 7 September to 30 September, according to a disclosure published on the stock exchanges (7 September).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemicals-shuts-factory-maintenance-1536226

EXCHANGE | Stocks plunge over 100 points as sell-off spreads

- Stocks recorded a sharp fall yesterday amid heavy selling pressure as investors grew concerned over queries from the bourses about large trades, while the risk of political escalation and the energy crisis further weakened market sentiment.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/stocks-plunge-over-100-points-sell-spreads-4266556

EXCHANGE | Regulator to allow IPO or RPO after direct listing

- The securities regulator would allow companies to float an IPO (initial public offering) or a Repeat Public Offering (RPO) even after their direct listing. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) said this on Thursday at a meeting with representatives of companies and conglomerates. The market watchdog convened the meeting to brief them on draft rules for direct listing and the benefits of listing on stock exchanges.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/regulator-to-allow-ipo-or-rpo-after-direct-listing

VAMLRBBF | Vanguard Rupali Bank Fund sets Oct 26 SGM for open-end conversion

- The trustee board of Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund has approved a proposal to voluntarily convert the closed-end mutual fund into an open-end scheme, potentially improving liquidity and providing unitholders with a more flexible exit option.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/vanguard-rupali-bank-fund-sets-oct-26-sgm-open-end-conversion-1534331

AAMRANET | Aamra Networks offers just 1 paisa dividend amid mounting losses

- Aamra Networks Limited has recommended a nominal 0.10% cash dividend for its general shareholders only for FY2025, which amounts to just 1 paisa per share.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aamra-networks-offers-just-1-paisa-dividend-amid-mounting-losses-1534321

NBL | National Bank seeks to appoint Abu Jafar as MD amid ACC probe

- Amid an Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) probe into financial irregularities against Md Mohammad Abu Jafar, the board of National Bank has applied for approval to appoint him as the bank's managing director (MD).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/national-bank-seeks-appoint-abu-jafar-md-amid-acc-probe-1535296

EXCHANGE | IPO pipeline set to revive as aspiring issuers line up after long dry spell

- After the IPO market has remained dry for a long time, the securities regulator is optimistic that new primary issues will be floated in the next few months. Many of the aspiring issuers have already signed agreements with issue managers and are working to prepare financial statements. They include BRB Cables, Solar Equity Venture, Confidence Infrastructure, Super Star Electrical Accessories, and Shoeniverse Footwear.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/ipo-pipeline-set-to-revive-as-aspiring-issuers-line-up-after-long-dry-spell

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank launches CORPnet mobile app for faster corporate banking

- BRAC Bank PLC has launched the CORPnet mobile app, a secure mobile banking solution designed for corporate and business customers. The app enables authorised signatories to approve transactions round the clock, monitor accounts and access critical financial information on the go, according to a press release.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/brac-bank-launches-corpnet-mobile-app-faster-corporate-banking-4265656

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