

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-1.61%) lost -90.50 points and closed the week at 5,523.78 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-1.45%) lost -31.68 points and stood at 2,151.08 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-2.74%) lost -33.75 points and stood at 1,196.31 points. The large cap index CDSET (-1.59%) lost -18.06 points and closed at 1,116.13 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +5.89%, +10.90%, +2.34%, +4.69%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 57.5 billion (USD 472 million)

Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 11.5 billion (Δ Week: -11.5%)

Market P/E: 16.7x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions during this week. The market started positively on Sunday (+0.39%), but remained negative throughout Monday (-0.15%), Tuesday (-1.59%), and Wednesday (-1.18%). However, the week ended on a positive note on Thursday (+0.93%).

Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. NBFIL booked the highest gain of 2.99% followed by Mutual Fund (+1.48%). Life Insurance experienced the highest loss of 4.53% followed by Bank (-1.89%), General Insurance (-1.64%).

Most of the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Engineering experienced the highest loss of 3.05% followed by Pharmaceutical (-2.04%), Food & Allied (-1.62%), Fuel & Power (-0.52%), and Telecommunication (+1.31%).

Macroeconomic Arena

ITFC to provide USD 100 Mn loan for fertiliser procurement. Govt unveils draft PPR 2025, removing local procurement price cap. NBR to allow exporters to import duty-free raw materials: Chairman. BANK | Bangladesh Bank plans merger of five banks linked to S Alam by November. TELECOMMUNICATIONS | Spectrum price cut may add USD 45 Bn to economy by 2035: study. BB buys USD 265 Mn more from banks. NBR eases customs assessment for export industries. FOOTWEAR | BD footwear export to US in Jan-July posts exponential 74% growth. FUEL & POWER | Govt to buy BDT 10 Bn worth of LNG. Government in search of BDT 200 Bn to fund bank-resolution recipe. Govt's domestic borrowing surpasses target by BDT 20 Bn. Savings instruments sales plunge 41% in July amid rate cuts, inflation.

Forex still over USD 30 Bn even after ACU payment. Cotton-yarn import up despite land-port ban. Rearing skilled post-LDC era trade negotiators pool starts. Bangladesh Bank targets USD 40 Bn in reserves to stabilise taka. BANK | Banks may be allowed to reschedule unpaid loans up to BDT 3.0 Bn. Bangladesh Bank buys USD 134 Mn thru auctions. USD 16 Bn on avg stolen from BD every year. Govt moves to expedite BDT 380 Bn bad loan cases. TEXTILE | Mandatory 40% local value addition spurs textiles rebound. FUEL & POWER | LNG re-gasification nears saturation level.

Stock Market Arena

RENATA | Renata taps Canadian market with contraceptive pill Miley. ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank's provision shortfall nears record BDT 700 Bn. ICB | ICB to take RACE to court over BDT 2.20 Bn mutual fund irregularities Investment. SAFKOSPINN | Regulator fines 12 individuals for manipulating Saffo Spinning shares. ISLAMIBANK, ARAMITCEM | Islami Bank to auction Aramit Cement assets to recover BDT 5.88 Bn default loans. NTC | National Tea Company seeks cenbank help over BDT 190 Mn unpaid funds from Padma Bank. EXCHANGE | Merger of five Islami banks could drag Dhaka bourse down by 59 points. MIRACLEIND | BCIC to source 50% of its required bags from Miracle Industries. OAL | 30% mandatory holding: BSEC gets tough on Olympic Accessories. CONFIDCEM | Confidence Cement to divest Dhaka plant stake to ease financial strain. HAKKANIPUL | Hakkani Pulp bets BDT 8.0 Mn for BDT 9.55 Mn annual profit boost. MJLBD | Omera Petroleum acquires Totalgaz Bangladesh for BDT 2.27 Bn.

DSEX ended in Red (-1.61%) in the week

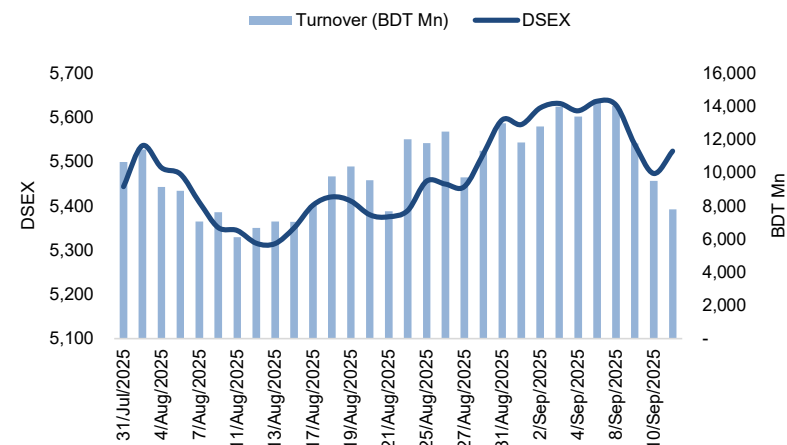
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2024	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,523.78	5,614.28	-90.50	5,216.44	-1.61%	5.89%
DS30	2,151.08	2,182.76	-31.68	1,939.73	-1.45%	10.90%
DSES	1,196.31	1,230.06	-33.75	1,168.90	-2.74%	2.34%
CDSET	1,116.13	1,134.19	-18.06	1,066.09	-1.59%	4.69%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	7,246,126	7,277,929	-0.44%
	Mn USD	59,516	59,778	
Turnover	Mn BDT	57,483	64,917	-11.45%
	Mn USD	472	533	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	11,497	12,983	-11.45%
	Mn USD	94	107	
Volume	Mn Shares	1,832	1,961	-6.56%

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
CAPMBDBLMF	12.9	10.4	+24.0%	647	113.7	NM	1.5x
PRIMEFIN	2.9	2.4	+20.8%	791	9.5	NM	0.4x
SALAMCRST	21.7	18.0	+20.6%	2,135	364.0	NM	1.2x
ALLTEX	13.9	11.7	+18.8%	778	34.7	NM	0.7x
TAMIJTEX	156.0	133.7	+16.7%	4,690	122.3	23.1x	1.6x
RUPALILIFE	121.1	104.6	+15.8%	3,635	806.7	NM	NM
CAPMIBBLMF	9.7	8.5	+14.1%	648	40.1	NM	1.1x
PHOENIXFIN	3.5	3.1	+12.9%	581	5.7	NM	NM
BDFINANCE	10.7	9.5	+12.6%	2,014	25.1	NM	NM
PRAGATILIF	206.6	184.1	+12.2%	6,724	557.7	NM	NM

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
TILIL	70.8	89.2	-20.6%	2,832	1,028.0	NM	NM
UNIONBANK	2.0	2.3	-13.0%	2,073	32.9	5.4x	0.1x
INTECH	39.6	45.3	-12.6%	1,240	685.0	NM	NM
PROGRESLIF	55.2	62.0	-11.0%	919	17.3	NM	NM
ORIONINFU	509.4	571.6	-10.9%	10,371	1,534.4	NM	32.4x
PRIMELIFE	45.6	50.6	-9.9%	1,392	91.3	NM	NM
NATLIFEINS	114.4	126.9	-9.9%	12,415	138.3	NM	NM
SONALIPAPR	271.9	299.8	-9.3%	8,958	719.2	26.3x	1.6x
BDCOM	30.3	33.3	-9.0%	1,816	403.5	36.8x	2.0x
CLICL	60.0	65.9	-9.0%	2,250	288.7	NM	NM

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ROBI	31.4	29.0	+8.3%	164,471	2,160.8	18.9x	2.6x
KBPPWBIL	153.0	138.6	+10.4%	15,006	1,564.2	NM	12.8x
ORIONINFU	509.4	571.6	-10.9%	10,371	1,534.4	NM	32.4x
TILIL	70.8	89.2	-20.6%	2,832	1,028.0	NM	NM
CITYBANK	26.6	27.1	-1.8%	40,465	901.6	3.7x	0.7x
EGEN	29.6	28.2	+5.0%	2,220	839.9	37.0x	1.3x
DOMINAGE	21.0	19.4	+8.2%	2,155	812.1	NM	1.2x
RUPALILIFE	121.1	104.6	+15.8%	3,635	806.7	NM	NM
IPDC	23.3	21.6	+7.9%	9,533	767.6	23.4x	1.4x
LOVELLO	102.5	101.9	+0.6%	9,584	765.7	46.2x	8.1x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
BRACBANK	73.5	+68.8%	146,333	10.3x	1.7x
BXPHERMA	125.8	+54.2%	56,121	8.8x	1.1x
IDLC	43.3	+39.0%	18,900	8.1x	0.9x
ESQUIRENIT	26.2	+34.4%	3,534	11.2x	0.4x
CITYBANK	26.6	+34.1%	40,465	3.7x	0.7x
IPDC	23.3	+33.7%	9,533	23.4x	1.4x
BSRMSTEEL	67.0	+31.9%	25,189	5.7x	0.8x
ENVOYTEX	51.4	+30.5%	8,622	7.4x	0.9x
ACI	181.4	+30.2%	15,933	NM	2.7x
BBSCABLES	22.7	+29.7%	4,806	NM	0.7x

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,517.0	1,546.2	1,429.64	-1.89%	+6.11%
NBFI	1,170.3	1,136.3	1,188.21	+2.99%	-1.51%
Mutual Fund	576.2	567.8	603.30	+1.48%	-4.49%
General Insurance	2,960.3	3,009.5	2,772.79	-1.64%	+6.76%
Life Insurance	2,177.4	2,280.6	1,827.34	-4.53%	+19.15%
Telecommunication	5,106.8	5,040.5	5,185.99	+1.31%	-1.53%
Pharmaceutical	3,155.0	3,220.8	2,959.70	-2.04%	+6.60%
Fuel & Power	1,189.4	1,195.6	1,108.63	-0.52%	+7.28%
Cement	2,041.6	2,100.3	1,957.26	-2.79%	+4.31%
Services & Real Estate	1,131.2	1,108.9	1,013.65	+2.01%	+11.60%
Engineering	2,598.7	2,680.5	2,496.75	-3.05%	+4.08%
Food & Allied	14,958.7	15,204.5	17,177.59	-1.62%	-12.92%
IT	2,156.9	2,284.0	1,994.92	-5.56%	+8.12%
Textile	1,230.2	1,240.3	1,093.38	-0.82%	+12.51%
Paper & Printing	5,502.3	5,935.5	3,998.20	-7.30%	+37.62%
Tannery	2,128.0	2,175.4	2,020.25	-2.18%	+5.33%
Jute	13,991.1	14,673.3	14,455.60	-4.65%	-3.21%
Ceramics	444.5	451.9	359.12	-1.62%	+23.79%
Miscellaneous	4,192.5	4,204.3	4,252.62	-0.28%	-1.41%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	815.2	1,462.6	-44.27%	+7.36%	NM	0.8x
NBFI	459.3	328.8	+39.67%	+4.15%	NM	NM
Mutual Fund	216.1	135.0	+60.02%	+1.95%	NM	0.5x
General Insurance	569.2	562.1	+1.25%	+5.14%	14.2x	1.3x
Life Insurance	879.1	720.4	+22.03%	+7.94%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	507.6	346.7	+46.41%	+4.58%	15.2x	4.4x
Pharmaceutical	1,174.0	1,661.9	-29.36%	+10.60%	13.7x	1.7x
Fuel & Power	687.9	650.0	+5.84%	+6.21%	19.9x	0.7x
Cement	132.7	161.4	-17.79%	+1.20%	22.4x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	464.8	415.1	+11.98%	+4.20%	27.5x	0.5x
Engineering	1,259.5	1,264.4	-0.39%	+11.37%	15.7x	0.9x
Food & Allied	626.6	941.5	-33.45%	+5.66%	20.7x	4.3x
IT	830.7	938.0	-11.44%	+7.50%	23.9x	1.8x
Textile	1,129.6	1,363.3	-17.14%	+10.20%	NM	0.9x
Paper & Printing	310.7	455.0	-31.73%	+2.80%	NM	1.2x
Tannery	85.7	144.9	-40.85%	+0.77%	NM	1.8x
Jute	51.5	91.9	-43.99%	+0.46%	NM	NM
Ceramics	210.9	210.5	+0.15%	+1.90%	NM	1.3x
Miscellaneous	666.6	786.7	-15.27%	+6.02%	90.2x	1.8x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
RECKITT BEN	3,381.9	-22.3%	15,979	21.3x	42.4x
BATBC	287.4	-21.8%	155,196	12.5x	2.9x
RENATA	500.4	-21.2%	57,394	20.4x	1.7x
POWERGRID	33.1	-20.8%	30,247	NM	0.2x
BERGERPBL	1,459.0	-15.3%	71,646	20.4x	4.1x
ISLAMIBANK	41.3	-14.7%	66,493	NM	0.9x
TRUSTBANK	18.6	-9.1%	18,490	5.0x	0.6x
LINDEBD	929.5	-8.8%	14,145	2.3x	4.6x
KPCL	12.1	-7.6%	4,809	35.6x	0.6x
WALTONHIL	453.9	-6.9%	137,499	13.3x	1.1x

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Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

ITFC to provide USD 100 Mn loan for fertiliser procurement

- The International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC), a member of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group, has approved USD 100 Mn in financing for Bangladesh's fertiliser procurement. The Bangladesh government signed the loan agreement with the Jeddah-based trade finance agency on Wednesday. The deal includes a Master Murabaha Financing Agreement and a Syndicated Murabaha Financing Facility, under which ITFC will initially provide USD 100 Mn in funding.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/itfc-to-provide-100m-loan-for-fertiliser-procurement-1757526253>

Govt unveils draft PPR 2025, removing local procurement price cap

- The government has unveiled the draft Public Procurement Rules 2025 (PPR-2025), introducing major updates to several sections of PPR-2008 to align with international standards and improve transparency. The changes include removing the local procurement price cap and introducing a weighted bid evaluation system, updating the limited tender process, and adding a new clause on contract cancellation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-unveils-draft-ppr-2025-removing-local-procurement-price-cap-1233466>

NBR to allow exporters to import duty-free raw materials: Chairman

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has taken a move to introduce duty-free raw material import system for exporters who do not have any bond license. The exporters will have to get a guarantee from any bank saying that the imported raw materials will be exported.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/nbr-allow-exporters-import-duty-free-raw-materials-chairman-1233426>

BANK | Bangladesh Bank plans merger of five banks linked to S Alam by November

- Bangladesh Bank has said the process of merging five debt-ridden banks linked to S Alam Group is moving fast and is expected to be completed by mid-November this year. The new entity will operate as a Shariah-based Islamic bank, with the government injecting BDT 200 Bn as fresh capital from the national budget. The merged bank's total initial capital is projected at BDT 350 Bn, a senior finance ministry official said, preferring anonymity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-plans-five-bank-merger-november-1233296>

TEXTILE | Stern action if RMG owners fail to repay loans by Dec: Labour adviser

- Shipping and Labour and Employment Adviser Brig Gen (retd) Dr M Sakhawat Hussain on Wednesday said the government would take stern legal action against garment factory owners who fail to repay the interest-free loans provided to pay workers' pending wages by December. "To address labour unrest caused by unpaid wages, the government provided interest-free loans from the Finance Division and the Labour and Employment Ministry's Central Fund, but the industries have yet to repay them," he said during a meeting at the Secretariat in Dhaka.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/stern-action-if-rmg-owners-fail-to-repay-loans-by-dec-labour-adviser-1757526154>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS | Spectrum price cut may add USD 45 Bn to economy by 2035: study

- Adjusting spectrum prices could unlock up to USD 45 Bn of economic growth for Bangladesh by 2035, according to a new GSMA study, which warns that the current pricing model risks holding back its digital ambitions. The report, The Impact of Spectrum Pricing in Bangladesh, links high spectrum and tax burdens to underinvestment in networks, slower internet speeds, and delayed 5G adoption.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/spectrum-price-cut-may-add-45b-economy-2035-study-3983076>

FUEL & POWER | Commercial oil transportation via Ctg-Dhaka pipeline to start this yr

- CHATTOGRAM, Sep 10: The commercial operation of the fuel oil transportation through the Chattogram-Dhaka oil pipeline will begin this year. The commissioning operation started on August 16, marking the beginning of a new era in oil transportation in the country. Officials from the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) have stated that the commercial operation of the pipeline has been delayed due to discrepancies found during trial runs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/commercial-oil-transportation-via-ctg-dhaka-pipeline-to-start-this-yr-1757526082>

FOOD & ALLIED | Akij Venture opens S Asia's largest packaged drinking water plant

- Akij Venture Group has inaugurated South Asia's largest and most modern packaged drinking water production line in Dhamrai recently. The mega facility, developed under its subsidiary Akij Food & Beverage Ltd., will stand as a proud testament to Bangladesh's growing industrial infrastructure and development.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/akij-venture-opens-s-asias-largest-packaged-drinking-water-plant-1757521879>

Bangladesh GDP misses BDT 6.7 Tn in unpaid work

- Bangladesh GDP misses a whopping BDT 6.7 Tn or 18.9% in economic value of unpaid work, the womenfolk contributing the highest amount, according to latest official statistics. Of the total unaccounted-for economic value in terms of gross domestic product, women's share is 16.14% which is equivalent to BDT 5.7 Tn, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) survey report shows.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-gdp-misses-tk-67tn-in-unpaid-work-1757452888>

Lower project costs with softer loans: Japan urged

- Bangladesh's interim government has formally requested Japan to review its funded projects in different sectors, including metro rails, for lowering the costs with easier-terms of loans. A high-level delegation led by Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed visited Japan last week and showed government's willingness to continue long-term relationship of Bangladesh and Japan with more investment from the developed country of Asia, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/lower-project-costs-with-softer-loans-japan-urged-1757437426>

BB buys USD 265 Mn more from banks

- The central bank purchased USD 265 Mn more through auction from 17 banks in the interbank spot market on Tuesday aiming to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the local currency stable. The USD 265 Mn were bought on the day under the Multiple Price Auction method and the cutoff was BDT 121.75 per American greenback, according to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-buys-265m-more-from-banks-1757437571>

NBR eases customs assessment for export industries

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has relaxed customs assessment procedures for the export-oriented industries on import of their raw materials. In an order, the NBR instructed the customs officials not to obstruct the imported raw materials under bonded warehouse facility in case of variation in HS code or product description.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-eases-customs-assessment-for-export-industries-1757437492>

Partial exporters to soon get bank-backed bond facility

- To boost export diversification and earnings, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) is set to introduce a temporary duty-free bond facility for partial exporters against bank guarantees. At the same time, the revenue board is moving towards full automation of bond services, which will permanently replace manual procedures.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/partial-exporters-soon-get-bank-backed-bond-facility-1232681>

As funds run out, labour data collection stops

- Labour data collection remains halted this year after the survey project ran out of funds, leaving policymakers without up-to-date figures at a time when unemployment is rising. The last available quarterly data covers the October-December quarter of 2024, when the number of unemployed rose to 2.73 Mn, up from 2.66 Mn in the July-September period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/funds-run-out-labour-data-collection-stops-3982086>

BANK | Overall deposit growth weak, yet strong banks slash rates

- While overall deposit growth in the banking sector remains low, with clients moving funds from weaker to stronger banks, several well-positioned banks are lowering deposit rates. Other factors are also at play: the downward trend in government treasury bill and bond yields, along with limited investment opportunities, has prompted banks with strong liquidity to cut rates, according to industry insiders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/overall-deposit-growth-weak-yet-strong-banks-slash-rates-1231766>

FOOTWEAR | BD footwear export to US in Jan-July posts exponential 74% growth

- Bangladesh's footwear exports to the US market posted an exponential growth of over 74% in the first seven months of 2025 as tariff spikes make Americans diversify sourcing destinations and reduce China reliance. During the January-to-July period, the country's emerging export sector fetched USD 209.61 Mn that marks a 74.21% growth year on year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-footwear-export-to-us-in-jan-july-posts-exponential-74pc-growth-1757438715>

TELECOMMUNICATIONS | Starlink goes live for businesses in Bangladesh, over 20 firms sign up

- Bangladesh has stepped into a new era of connectivity with the launch of Starlink's satellite-based internet service for corporate customers. Eastern Bank became the first in the banking sector to adopt the service yesterday among more than 20 organisations including Ibn Sina Group, Channel 24, and Ananta Group. The service is being delivered from a ground station in Kaliakoir, Gazipur, which is set to host 80 antennas, making it the largest Starlink ground station anywhere in the world.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/tech/starlink-goes-live-businesses-bangladesh-over-20-firms-sign-1232706>

BANK | Working committee formed for bank merger

- The interim government has formed an eight-member working committee to implement the merger of five Shariah-based banks. Md Kabir Ahmed, a deputy governor of Bangladesh Bank, will lead the committee. The other members are: Mohd Rashedul Amin, joint secretary of the finance division; Sheikh Farid and Mohammad Saidul Islam, joint secretaries of the FID; Mohammad Zahir Hussain, a director of Bangladesh Bank; Farid Ahmed, deputy secretary of the finance division; and Kazi Arif Uz Zaman and Md Nazim Uddin, additional directors of the BB.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/working-committee-formed-bank-merger-3981926>

FUEL & POWER | Govt to buy BDT 10 Bn worth of LNG

- The government has approved the purchase of two cargoes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the spot market at a total cost of BDT 10.01 Bn. The Energy and Mineral Resources Division will buy BDT 4.98 Bn worth of LNG at USD 11.85 per Mn British thermal units (MMBtu), which will be supplied by Aramco Trading Singapore Pte Ltd.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-buy-tk-1000-crore-worth-lng-3981846>

A fresh move to build FSRU at Moheshkhali

- The government will conduct feasibility for building a new floating-storage and regasification unit (FSRU) at Moheshkhali island in the Bay of Bengal with a capacity of 4.50 Mn tonnes per year (MTPA). "The state-owned Petrobangla has already decided to engage the state-run Infrastructure Investment Facilitation Company (IIFC) to carry out the feasibility study within the shortest possible time," Petrobangla Chairman Md Rezanur Rahman told The Financial Express Monday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/a-fresh-move-to-build-fsru-at-moheshkhali-1757351642>

Government in search of BDT 200 Bn to fund bank-resolution recipe

- With no budgetary allocations in state coffers for funding bank-resolution recipe, the interim government now looks to secure money required for floating a state-owned shariah bank amalgamating five ailing private banks, officials say. To keep afloat the banks -- hollowed largely by forged lending in the past -- the government at a meeting Sunday decided to sanction some BDT 200 Bn without ascertaining wherefrom the money will come.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/government-in-search-of-tk-200b-to-fund-bank-resolution-recipe-1757350465>

Govt's domestic borrowing surpasses target by BDT 20 Bn

- Despite underspending its budget, the government borrowed more from domestic sources than planned in the last fiscal year (FY), as revenue collection shortfalls, waning foreign aid, and rising interest costs forced it to plug a widening gap. Bangladesh Bank data show net domestic borrowing reached BDT 1.19 Tn in FY2024-25, overshooting the revised target of BDT 1.17 Tn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govts-domestic-borrowing-surpasses-target-tk-2000cr-3981316>

Savings instruments sales plunge 41% in July amid rate cuts, inflation

- The net sales of savings instruments dropped sharply to BDT 12.93 Bn in July 2025 from BDT 21.87 Bn in the same month a year earlier, reflecting a year-on-year (YoY) fall of about 41%, according to Bangladesh Bank data. Economists and policymakers attribute the decline to multiple factors, including stubbornly high inflation, tighter liquidity, reduced bank profitability, and lower yield rates on savings certificates.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/savings-instruments-sales-plunge-41pc-in-july-amid-rate-cuts-inflation-1757351727>

Uncertainty continues to weigh on private credit growth

- Bangladesh's private credit growth edged up slightly in July but remained far below last year's levels, as investment demand remains weak amid political uncertainty, volatile law-and-order situation, and strict scrutiny by banks. Credit to businesses in July grew 6.52% year-on-year to BDT 17,420 Bn according to latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/uncertainty-continues-weigh-private-credit-growth-3981306>

NBR intel detects 1,339 luxury cars hidden from tax records

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR), through its Central Intelligence Cell (CIC), has discovered at least 1,339 high-end cars that have been purchased and used for years — even registered with the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) — but not declared in tax filings. In addition, 409 more car owners were found who did not submit any tax returns.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-intel-detects-1339-luxury-cars-hidden-tax-records-1231706>

RMG | Oasis Accessories to invest USD 4.8 Mn in BEPZA Economic Zone

- Oasis Accessories (Pvt) Ltd, a Bangladeshi company, will invest USD 4.8 Mn to establish a garment accessories factory in BEPZA Economic Zone (BEPZA EZ) at Mirsarai in Chattogram, reports agencies. Under the project, the company will annually produce 1 Mn pieces of carton boxes, 42 Mn polybags, and 1 Mn meters of foam.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/oasis-accessories-to-invest-48m-in-bepza-economic-zone-1757347755>

FOOTWEAR | Tariffs steer US synthetic shoe orders to Bangladesh

- Amid global supply chain volatility and higher tariff pressure on China, US buyers are showing fresh interest in Bangladesh's non-leather footwear and synthetic leather products. For local non-leather footwear manufacturers, Europe remains the biggest destination, taking almost 90% of synthetic shoe exports.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/tariffs-steer-us-synthetic-shoe-orders-bangladesh-3981301>

ENGINEERING | Cable makers hit by construction slowdown

- For years, Bangladesh's cable industry was seen as one of the prized children of the growing economy, bolstered by rapid urbanisation, power and telecom coverage expansion, and massive development projects. Over the last year, that expectation has been dampened by a large margin, with major players reporting up to a 30% demand slump.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/cable-makers-hit-construction-slowdown-3981311>

BANK | BB's loan rescheduling: Relief for borrowers, burden for banks

- A denim mill owned by a politically connected individual received a 12-year loan rescheduling facility across 12 banks without paying any interest. The borrower was allowed to regularise accounts by paying just a 2% down payment, with a two-year grace period. Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued a letter on 18 May, instructing all 12 banks to implement the rescheduling, in line with the central bank's rescheduling committee decision. However, bankers have raised concerns, saying such moves place undue pressure on financial institutions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bbs-loan-rescheduling-relief-borrowers-burden-banks-1231756>

Inflation eases to 8.29% in Aug

- The rate of inflation on a point-to-point basis eased moderately in August but increased slightly on a month-to-month basis. On a point-to-point basis, inflation in August fell to 8.29% from 8.55% in July, the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) said Sunday. On the other hand, inflation on a month-to-month basis increased to 2.36% in August from 2.23% in July. The August inflation rate was the lowest in the last 37 months.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-eases-to-829pc-in-aug-1757266764>

Economic expansion slows in Aug

- Bangladesh's economic expansion slowed in August as both manufacturing and services sectors reported weaker growth, while agriculture and construction slipped back into contraction, according to the latest Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/economic-expansion-slows-in-aug-1757265356>

Forex still over USD 30 Bn even after ACU payment

- Bangladesh's gross foreign exchange (forex) reserves are still over USD 30 Bn, even after settling USD 1.50 Bn in import payment obligations to the Asian Clearing Union (ACU) member countries on Sunday. After the payment for the July-August period of 2025, the country's gross forex reserves came down to USD 30.31 Bn on the day, from USD 31.43 Bn on Wednesday, according to the traditional calculation of the Bangladesh Bank (BB). It was USD 31.19 Bn on Thursday last.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-still-over-30b-even-after-acu-payment-1757265124>

Cotton-yarn import up despite land-port ban

- Bangladesh's clothing industries saw a surge in cotton-yarn import, even after the government imposed in April a ban on its shipment through land ports, as apparel makers eye oncoming export-demand rise. The restrictions were aimed at curbing revenue losses caused by alleged miss-declaration by importers, which, however, could do little to stem the tide of cotton-made yarn from nearby amid the spree of preparation by factory owners to grab impending demand from western markets, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/cotton-yarn-import-up-despite-land-port-ban-1757266832>

Rearing skilled post-LDC era trade negotiators pool starts

- UK assures BD's free market access after LDC exit. Rearing a pool of skilled trade negotiators starts for sustaining export growth, diversifying markets and safeguarding Bangladesh's interests in an increasingly competitive global trading system. The urgency and initial development were unveiled at a meet in Dhaka on Sunday, with main government negotiators in the just-held intense trade-and tariff negotiations with the United States presenting their views.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rearing-skilled-post-ldc-era-trade-negotiators-pool-starts-1757265031>

Bangladesh Bank targets USD 40 Bn in reserves to stabilise taka

- Bangladesh Bank is seeking to boost foreign exchange reserves to around USD 40 Bn by June to help stabilize the local currency, Governor Ahsan H Mansur said. "Our objective is to stabilize the exchange rate, not to fix the price," Mansur said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bank-targets-40-bln-reserves-stabilise-taka-1230981>

BANK | Banks may be allowed to reschedule unpaid loans up to BDT 3.0 Bn

- Banks will be free to take decision on rescheduling of unpaid loans up to maximum BDT 3.0 Bn on bank-client understanding. The regulator plans ceding part of the onus amid appeal buildups from businesses. Officials say the Bangladesh Bank (BB) plans to relieve pressure in dealing with mounting applications from struggling businesses seeking the central bank's policy supports for a getaway.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-may-be-allowed-to-reschedule-unpaid-loans-up-to-tk-30-billion-1757266317>

BANK | Bank Company Act: BAB for lifting family director cap, proposes 9-year tenure

- Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has submitted its recommendations to the central bank on the proposed 2025 amendment to the Bank Company Act, urging reforms that would broaden shareholder participation and ease governance restrictions. The association also proposed raising the maximum shareholding limit for a single family to 25% and relaxing restrictions on the number of directors from one family.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bank-company-act-bab-lifting-family-director-cap-proposes-9-year-tenure-1230946>

RMG | Solar import taxes dim Bangladesh apparel's green ambitions

- Bangladesh's apparel sector is keen to expand rooftop solar, but entrepreneurs say steep import taxes are inflating installation costs and slowing large-scale adoption which could save the government BDT 25 Bn each year on primary fuel imports. The government has pledged to raise the renewable share of power generation to 20% by 2030 from around 5% now.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/solar-import-taxes-dim-bangladesh-apparels-green-ambitions-1230971>

RMG | Banking issues force 400 RMG factories to halt production: BGMEA

- Around 400 ready-made garment (RMG) factories in Bangladesh have been forced to halt production due to banking sector-related problems, according to the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA). With the right policy support, these factories could reopen, potentially creating employment for an additional 100,000 workers, the trade body opined.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/banking-issues-force-400-rmg-factories-halt-production-bgmea-1230906>

Russia wants to export milling wheat to BD under G2G

- US sanction-hit Russia wants to export 0.5 Mn tonnes of milling wheat to Bangladesh under a government-to-government (G2G) arrangement, sources say. Prodtorg, a subordinate organisation under the agriculture ministry of the Russian Federation with 100% state participation, sent a proposal in this regard a few months back.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/russia-wants-to-export-milling-wheat-to-bd-under-g2g-1757096692?date=06-09-2025>

Bangladesh Bank buys USD 134 Mn thru auctions

- Bangladesh Bank (BB), as part of its foreign- exchange market intervention, bought USD 134 Mn through auctions from five commercial banks to stabilise the dollar-taka exchange rate, taking the total volume of purchased dollars past the USD 1 Bn mark. With the latest intervention, the central bank has bought a total of USD 1,129.50 Mn since July 13 under the prevailing free-floating exchange rate regime.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-bank-buys-134m-thru-auctions-1757009638?date=05-09-2025>

Govt to ink 2 deals with ITFC next week

- Bangladesh for the first time is set to receive loans from the Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) to import fertiliser, officials said on Thursday. The government would sign two deals with the Jeddah-based corporation next week to get the first instalment of the USD 100 Mn credit to import fertiliser and major agricultural inputs, Economic Relations Division (ERD) officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-ink-2-deals-with-itfc-next-week-1757009474?date=05-09-2025>

South Korea turns to Bangladesh, Southwest Asia in bid to cut reliance on US, China

- South Korea is stepping up efforts to expand trade with Southwest Asia, targeting Bangladesh as a key partner, as Seoul seeks to reduce its heavy reliance on the United States and China, its top trade negotiator said. South Korea and Bangladesh launched talks in August on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which would cover investment, services, intellectual property and regulatory issues beyond tariffs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/asia/south-korea-turns-bangladesh-southwest-asia-bid-cut-reliance-us-china-1229706>

RMG | Robust growth in RMG export to US, outlook looks better

- Bangladesh's apparel export to the United States posted a robust 21.68% growth in the first seven months of 2025 and exporters expect a better tomorrow as Trump tariff turmoil changes trade equations. According to US official count, the export to the country's single-largest market grew both in terms of value and volume during the period-even under shadows of much-talked-about oncoming tariff hikes.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/robust-growth-in-rmg-export-to-us-outlook-looks-better-1757096210>

BANK | Bureaucrats barred from public banks, FIs' boards

- No top bureaucrat can be chairman or director of public-sector commercial banks and financial institutions under a new rulebook in the making to rectify past misrule that bred massive scams, officials said. The post-uprising Bangladesh government is preparing the guidelines for appointing Chairman and Directors at these institutions as part of its vast reform recipe, including in banking and financial sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/bureaucrats-barred-from-public-banks-fis-boards-1757096071>

BANK | One more bank espouses merger, another shuns bailout

- Crisis-ridden Global Islami Bank (GIB) also accepts the mergers and acquisitions (M&A) option while Social Islami Bank Limited (SIBL) now disagrees to espouse such bailout package launched by the regulator for banking-sector revamp. Instead of embracing the M&A recipe, SIBL sought time from the central bank for turnaround from its severe liquidity crunch in a meeting with Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Ahsan H. Mansur and his deputies at the BB headquarters on Thursday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/one-more-bank-espouses-merger-another-shuns-bailout-1757009180>

FUEL & POWER | Interim govt finally cancels approval for 34 solar power plants

- Approvals for 34 solar-power plants are finally rescinded following the repeal of a special-provision act by an ordinance promulgated by the post-uprising government, generating frustrations in the entrepreneurs. Officials said Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) cancelled the approvals on "clear instructions" from the Power Division.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/interim-govt-finally-cancels-approval-for-34-solar-power-plants-1757096144>

USD 16 Bn on avg stolen from BD every year

- Under the authoritarian regime, USD 16 Bn was stolen from Bangladesh on average every year, Transparency International (TI) Chair François Valérien said on Thursday, the last day of his first visit to Dhaka.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/16b-on-avg-stolen-from-bd-every-year-1757009581?date=05-09-2025>

FUEL & POWER | LNG re-gasification nears saturation level

- Bangladesh's liquefied natural gas (LNG) re-gasification has reached almost the saturation level to around 1,053 Mn cubic feet per day (mmcf) with the country's two operational floating-storage and re-gasification units (FSRUs) running at 95.72% capacity. With the present infrastructure the country has the capacity to re-gasify around 1,100 mmcf in maximum, provided that both the FSRUs run in full capacity, a senior Petropangla official said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/lng-re-gasification-nears-saturation-level-1757009399?date=05-09-2025>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Govt approves telecom policy 2025 to simplify licensing framework

- The government has approved the Telecommunication Networking and Licensing Policy 2025, a major reform initiative aimed at overhauling Bangladesh's telecom licensing system. Officials described the move as a long-awaited breakthrough to replace the outdated, rigid and multi-layered licensing regime with a simplified, technology-neutral framework.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-approves-telecom-policy-2025-to-simplify-licensing-framework-1757009803?date=05-09-2025>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Internet, mobile subscriptions rise modestly in July: BTRC

- Bangladesh's telecom sector posted modest growth in July this year as both internet and mobile subscriptions increased, although the numbers remain below the highs recorded a year earlier, according to fresh data released by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC). The country's total internet subscribers reached 135.99 Mn in July, up from 133.61 Mn in June. Of them, mobile internet users rose to 121.53 Mn, while fixed-line subscribers through ISPs and PSTN providers stood at 14.46 Mn, showing little change. This represents a 1.8% monthly increase and a gain of nearly 6 Mn users since the beginning of the year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/internet-mobile-subscriptions-rise-modestly-in-july-btrc-1757009683?date=05-09-2025>

Govt moves to expedite BDT 380 Bn bad loan cases

- The interim government has moved to expedite long-pending lawsuits filed by 10 institutions, including state-owned banks and a non-bank financial institution (NBFI), against loan defaulters, in a bid to speed up the recovery of defaulted loans.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-moves-expedite-tk-38000cr-bad-loan-cases-3978976>

Important News: Stocks

RENATA | Renata taps Canadian market with contraceptive pill Miley

- Renata has entered the Canadian pharmaceutical market with the launch of a birth control pill, aiming to expand its export portfolio and diversify its global presence. The company introduced Desogestrel/Ethinyl Estradiol (0.15 mg/0.03 mg) tablets, a birth control pill that combines two hormones-desogestrel (a progestin) and ethinylestradiol (an estrogen)-to prevent pregnancy when taken properly.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/renata-taps-canadian-market-with-contraceptive-pill-miley-1757521699>

DHAKABANK | Dhaka Bank inks deal with bb for startup refinancing scheme

- Dhaka Bank has signed a participation agreement with the Bangladesh Bank for BDT 5 Bn Startup Fund Refinancing Scheme. Start-ups, which are introducing new products, services, or processes using technology or intellectual property to meet domestic or global demand, demonstrating rapid scalability, and having the capacity to reshape or significantly improve existing markets through disruptive innovations, will be able to avail Startup loans at a 4% interest rate.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-bank-inks-deal-with-bb-for-startup-refinancing-scheme-1757521554>

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank's provision shortfall nears record BDT 700 Bn

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC ended last year with a provision shortfall of nearly BDT 700 Bn, audit reports show, exposing cracks in the financial health of the country's largest Shariah-based commercial lender for the first time in its four-decade history. Weak asset quality in loans and investments, along with the bank's failure to set aside adequate funds to cover potential losses from defaults or bad debts, overshadowed its reported BDT1 Bn profit for 2024.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/islami-banks-provision-shortfall-nears-record-tk-70000cr-3983056>

MIRACLEIND | BCIC to source 50% of its required bags from Miracle Industries

- Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) will now purchase 50% of its total requirement for woven polypropylene and polyethylene bags from publicly listed Miracle Industries Ltd.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bcic-source-50-its-required-bags-miracle-industries-1231616>

ICB | ICB to take RACE to court over BDT 2.20 Bn mutual fund irregularities Investment – Bangladesh

- The state-run Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) has decided to sue RACE Asset Management, alleging mismanagement of six mutual funds that could result in "losses exceeding BDT 2.2 Bn" for investors. As trustee of those six mutual funds, investment bank ICB served a legal notice to RACE on 24 August, accusing the asset manager of violating trust deeds through BDT 3.45 Bn of investments in four projects.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/corruption/icb-take-race-court-over-tk220cr-mutual-fund-irregularities-investment>

SAFKOSPINN | Regulator fines 12 individuals for manipulating Safko Spinning shares

- The securities regulator has imposed fines totaling BDT 35.55 Mn on 12 individuals for manipulating the stock of Safko Spinning Mills Limited. According to the investigation, between May 2 and June 20 of 2021, the accused colluded to artificially inflate the company's share price through a series of trades, generating significant profits.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulator-fines-12-individuals-for-manipulating-safko-spinning-shares-1757433564>

ISLAMIBANK, ARAMITCEM | Islami Bank to auction Aramit Cement assets to recover BDT 5.88 Bn default loans

- To recover defaulted loans of BDT 5.8893 Bn (as of 21 July), Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has moved to auction the mortgaged assets of Aramit Cement PLC, a company in which former land minister Saifuzzaman Chowdhury is a major stakeholder. The country's largest private bank announced that bids have been invited until 28 September, with prospective buyers being asked to participate in the auction process, according to the auction notice issued by the Chattogram Jubilee Road Branch of the bank on 4 September.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-auction-aramit-cement-assets-recover-tk588cr-default-loans-1232696>

BANKASIA | Bank Asia MD plans to buy 0.1 Mn shares

- Sohail Reza Khaled Hussain, managing director of Bank Asia, has announced his intention to purchase 100,000 shares of the bank through the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) within the next 30 working days. The move will be made at the prevailing market price in the public market, according to a disclosure filed with the bourse.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bank-asia-md-plans-buy-one-lakh-shares-1231601>

EHL | Eastern Housing posts 37% profit growth in FY25 on robust sales

- Eastern Housing secured an impressive 37% year-on-year growth in profit, reaching BDT 772 Mn in FY25, as apartment and land sales increased amid zero finance costs, defying the broader economic slowdown. The listed realtor's earnings per share (EPS) stood at BDT 8.27 for the year through June, up from BDT 6.04 the previous year, according to price-sensitive information published on Tuesday. Eastern Housing declares 25% cash dividend for FY25.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-housing-posts-37pc-profit-growth-in-fy25-on-robust-sales-1757433850>

NTC | National Tea Company seeks cenbank help over BDT 190 Mn unpaid funds from Padma Bank

- National Tea Company, a quasi-government firm listed on the capital market and facing a financial crisis, is raising capital through a private placement share issuance to repay loans and expand its business. However, Padma Bank PLC, a fourth-generation private bank that began operations in 2019 and was formerly known as Farmers Bank, has failed to return BDT 192.8 Mn deposited by buyers of the NTC shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/national-tea-company-seeks-cenbank-help-over-tk19cr-unpaid-funds-padma-bank-1232816>

EXCHANGE | Merger of five Islami banks could drag Dhaka bourse down by 59 points

- The benchmark equity index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is likely to fall by about 59 points, according to EBL Securities, as the merger of five ailing Islami banks may lead to their de-listing. These banks - First Security Islami Bank, Social Islami Bank, Union Bank, Global Islami Bank, and Exim Bank - are expected to be de-listed as the Bangladesh Bank plans to take them over and consolidate them into the largest state-owned Shariah-compliant lender.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/merger-of-five-islami-banks-could-drag-dhaka-bourse-down-by-59-points-1757433204>

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<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bank-asia-md-plans-buy-one-lakh-shares-1231601>

NTC | ICB, Sadharan Bima subscriptions restore govt's majority stake in NTC

- The government has regained control of National Tea Company (NTC) with a majority stake after purchasing placement shares at the eleventh hour of the latest subscription period. The shares, which had been on offer since 2023 but remained unsubscribed until the fourth extension of the subscription period ending on August 13, appear to have been purchased under duress.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/icb-sadharan-bima-subscriptions-restore-govt-majority-stake-in-ntc-1757347152>

SIBL | SIBL founding directors demur at govt decision

- Founding directors of Social Islami Bank PLC (SIBL) have turned down government-planned merger of five struggling shariah-based lenders, including theirs, as the die is all but cast. Terming the mergers move made by the central bank as part of its financial-sector reform recipe as 'unjust' and unacceptable, they said Monday that the interim government should not proceed further and bring back operational authority of the bank to them for its turnaround from the prevailing liquidity crunch.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/sibl-founding-directors-demur-at-govt-decision-1757350525>

OAL | 30% mandatory holding: BSEC gets tough on Olympic Accessories

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has taken a tough stance against Olympic Accessories, a listed firm on the capital market, for failing to maintain the mandatory 30% joint holding by its owners. According to letter of the commission, the regulator has decided to enforce its 2019 directive on mandatory shareholding, as Olympic Accessories' owners currently hold only 25.81%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/30-mandatory-holding-bsec-gets-tough-olympic-accessories-1230896>

HAKKANIPUL | Hakkani Pulp bets BDT 8.0 Mn for BDT 9.55 Mn annual profit boost

- Hakkani Pulp and Paper Mills PLC is set to boost its profitability with an operational overhaul that will see it invest BDT 8.0 Mn in two new energy-efficient projects, expected to generate an additional BDT 9.55 Mn in annual profit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/hakkani-pulp-bets-tk80-lakh-tk955-lakh-annual-profit-boost-1230886>

CONFIDCEM | Confidence Cement to divest Dhaka plant stake to ease financial strain

- After failing to secure regulatory approval for issuing rights shares, Confidence Cement has decided to sell its entire stake in Confidence Cement Dhaka, an associate company, to meet its immediate financial obligations. The Chattogram-based listed cement manufacturer holds a 50% stake in Confidence Cement Dhaka, which it will sell to Confidence Power Holdings, another associate company under the Confidence Group, in order to repay expensive bank loans. The transaction involves 141 Mn ordinary shares of BDT 10 each, amounting to BDT 1.41 Bn in total, according to a stock exchange filing on Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/confidence-cement-to-divest-dhaka-plant-stake-to-ease-financial-strain-1757260038>

MJLBD | Omera Petroleum acquires Totalgaz Bangladesh for BDT 2.27 Bn

- Omera Petroleum, a subsidiary of MJL Bangladesh PLC, has acquired almost all shares of Premier LP Gas Limited commonly known as Totalgaz Bangladesh — for BDT 2.27 Bn, subject to regulatory approval. With the transaction, Omera now holds 99.995% of Premier LP Gas.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/omera-petroleum-acquires-totalgaz-bangladesh-tk227cr-1230816>

EXCHANGE | Govt borrows BDT 65 Bn thru' T-bill, yields fall slightly

- The yields on treasury bills (T-bills) fell slightly on Sunday as banks preferred to invest their excess liquidity in the risk-free securities. The cut-off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the 91-Day T-bills came down to 10.07% on the day from 10.12% of the previous level while the yield on 182-day T-bills fell to 10.13% on the day from 10.29% earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-borrows-tk-65b-thru-t-bill-yields-fall-slightly-1757264698>

BRACBANK, MJLBD | BRAC Bank extends financing to two ocean-going oil tankers for MJL

- BRAC Bank has extended landmark financing to MJL Bangladesh PLC for the acquisition of two ocean-going 'Aframax' oil tankers -- the largest vessels registered under the Bangladeshi flag to date. This transaction represents the largest single-ticket foreign currency (FCY) offshore banking term loan ever arranged by a local private bank in Bangladesh for this industry, says a press statement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-extends-financing-to-two-ocean-going-oil-tankers-for-mjl-1757087037?date=06-09-2025>

ROBI | Robi partners with Starlink to bring satellite internet to Bangladesh

- Robi Axiata has signed an agreement with Starlink, becoming the nation's first telecom operator to be an authorised enterprise reseller of Starlink products and services in Bangladesh. As part of the agreement signed on Thursday, Robi will be able to offer two service tiers of Starlink — Local Priority and Global Priority — catering to both fixed and portable use cases.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/robi-partners-with-starlink-to-bring-satellite-internet-to-bangladesh-1757007031?date=05-09-2025>

EXCHANGE | SME stocks' artificial gains erased amid regulatory crackdown fears

- The SME board of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has plunged since the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led regime in August last year, while the main market has been in recovery mode. According to market analysts, investors started selling off SME stocks following the appointment of the new chairman, Khondoker Rashed Maqsood, at the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), as speculation ran rife that the new commission would take tougher measures to curb price manipulation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/sme-stocks-artificial-gains-erased-amid-regulatory-crackdown-fears-1757007006?date=05-09-2025>

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