

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+1.59%) gained 83.14 points and closed the week at 5,328.36 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+2.46%) gained 48.67 points and stood at 2,030.34 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (+1.02%) gained 10.91 points and stood at 1,077.04 points. The large cap index CDSET (+2.03%) gained 21.39 points and closed at 1,075.99 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +9.52%, +9.54%, +7.63%, +7.08%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 48.8 billion (USD 397 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 8.1 billion (Δ% Week: -7.5%)
Market P/E: 13.5x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed six sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-0.36%) and remained negative on Monday (-0.44%). It turned positive on Tuesday (+0.16%) and remained positive on Wednesday (+0.21%) and Thursday (+0.80%) and ended positively on Saturday (+1.22%).

Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. General Insurance booked the highest gain of 2.67% followed by NBFI (+1.62%), and Bank (+1.52%). Mutual Fund experienced the highest loss of 1.70% followed by Life Insurance (-0.41%).

All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted positive performance this week. Telecommunication booked the highest gain of 1.79% followed by Engineering (+1.59%), Fuel & Power (+1.51%), Pharmaceutical (+1.20%), and Food & Allied (+0.22%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

REGULATOR | Capital market reforms in two months: Khosru. KBPPWBIL, GENEXIL | Officials of two listed firms fined BDT 15 Mn. REGULATOR | BSEC clarifies who can subscribe to, trade SME shares. ROBI | Robi's hiring of foreign executive challenged. EXCHANGE | Govt to form capital market reform commission. REGULATOR | Cenbank removes tax certificate hurdle to ease foreign investment in stocks. INTRACO | Intraco Refueling under BSEC scanner. ICBIBANK | BB now appoints 3 independent directors at ICB Islami Bank. NCCBANK | NCC Bank eyes full Shariah transition within 4 years. RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank sinks into hefty Q1 loss on bad loans. MEGHNA PET | DSE serve query after Meghna PET shares soar 225% in four months. REGULATOR | Listed firms face stricter governance rules. EXCHANGE | DSE, BRAC EPL signs agreement to launch Sajida Orange Bond through electronic subscription system.

DSEX ended in Green (+1.59%) in the week

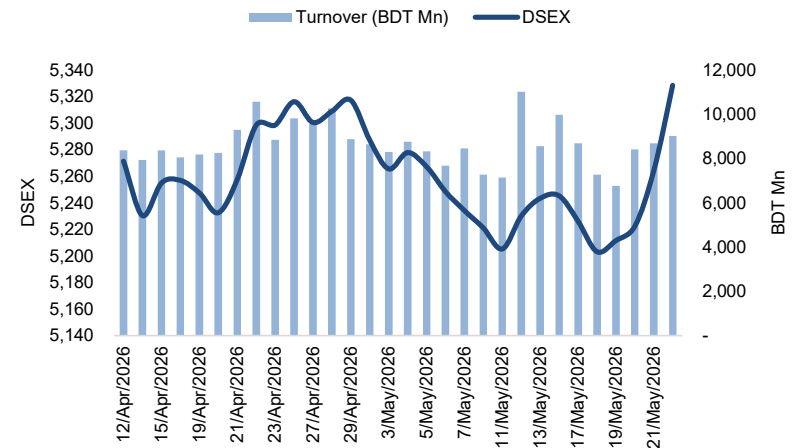
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,328.36	5,245.22	+83.14	4,865.34	1.59%	9.52%
DS30	2,030.34	1,981.67	+48.67	1,853.54	2.46%	9.54%
DSES	1,077.04	1,066.12	+10.91	1,000.72	1.02%	7.63%
CDSET	1,075.99	1,054.60	+21.39	1,004.81	2.03%	7.08%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,852,330	6,773,370	
	Mn USD	55,785	55,142	1.17%
Turnover	Mn BDT	48,808	43,974	10.99%
	Mn USD	397	358	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	8,135	8,795	-7.50%
	Mn USD	66	72	
Volume	Mn Shares	1,638	1,448	13.09%

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
MEGHNAPE	70.5	53.7	+31.3%	846	158.3	NM	1.0x
SKTRIMS	12.8	10.3	+24.3%	1,084	52.1	NM	0.9x
NAHEEACP	31.2	26.1	+19.5%	2,133	384.4	NM	2.6x
TECHNODRUG	45.1	38.3	+17.8%	5,953	1,104.7	0.0x	1.4x
PREMIERLEA	2.7	2.3	+17.4%	359	23.9	NM	NM
HFL	17.4	14.9	+16.8%	1,584	46.0	NM	0.6x
ASIATICLAB	126.2	108.3	+16.5%	15,446	1,496.4	29.0x	2.2x
MIRAKHTER	44.1	38.0	+16.1%	5,326	884.5	32.7x	0.9x
YPL	24.9	21.5	+15.8%	1,835	133.9	NM	4.7x
ANLIMAYARN	24.4	21.1	+15.6%	436	45.4	NM	8.6x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
APEXSPINN	318.3	434.6	-26.8%	2,674	517.6	NM	3.8x
DAFODILCOM	125.8	141.3	-11.0%	6,279	387.4	NM	9.6x
NCCBANK	15.0	16.8	-10.7%	16,656	1,355.0	7.6x	0.5x
APEXTANRY	111.4	121.4	-8.2%	1,698	229.8	NM	0.5x
DHAKABANK	11.3	12.1	-6.6%	11,943	86.1	4.7x	0.5x
HAMI	179.4	191.8	-6.5%	1,381	42.7	NM	19.7x
MTB	11.7	12.5	-6.4%	12,653	31.9	6.4x	0.4x
PHPMF1	3.0	3.2	-6.3%	846	11.4	NM	0.3x
EBLNRFMF	3.0	3.2	-6.3%	673	14.8	NM	0.3x
RAHIMAFOOD	99.7	105.8	-5.8%	1,994	23.8	NM	11.0x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ASIATICLAB	126.2	108.3	+16.5%	15,446	1,496.4	29.0x	2.2x
NCCBANK	15.0	16.8	-10.7%	16,656	1,355.0	7.6x	0.5x
RDFOOD	31.8	27.8	+14.4%	2,416	1,332.2	NM	1.8x
TECHNODRUG	45.1	38.3	+17.8%	5,953	1,104.7	0.0x	1.4x
DOMINAGE	75.1	73.6	+2.0%	7,705	1,017.9	NM	4.4x
MIRAKHTER	44.1	38.0	+16.1%	5,326	884.5	32.7x	0.9x
NAVANAPHAR	69.6	61.8	+12.6%	7,476	719.0	12.3x	1.4x
MONNOCERA	96.9	97.9	-1.0%	3,655	666.0	NM	1.2x
LOVELLO	75.3	77.1	-2.3%	7,393	636.8	24.7x	5.6x
BDTHAIFOOD	23.8	21.7	+9.7%	1,940	618.4	NM	2.0x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
MIRAKHTER	44.1	+61.5%	5,326	32.7x	0.9x
BBSCABLES	23.5	+54.6%	4,975	NM	0.9x
SHASHADNIM	21.2	+35.9%	2,990	32.1x	0.5x
CITYBANK	28.8	+35.7%	50,383	3.4x	0.8x
PIONEERINS	60.2	+33.6%	6,182	12.9x	1.3x
GHAIL	13.4	+26.4%	2,892	NM	1.1x
CONFIDCEM	62.0	+26.0%	5,348	5.8x	0.7x
EGEN	24.8	+25.3%	1,860	34.0x	1.0x
POWERGRID	33.4	+25.1%	30,521	7.5x	0.2x
BARKAPOWER	8.2	+22.4%	1,931	5.2x	0.3x

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Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,505.1	1,482.5	1,367.20	+1.52%	+10.08%
NBFI	984.8	969.0	860.23	+1.62%	+14.48%
Mutual Fund	520.0	529.0	478.27	-1.70%	+8.73%
General Insurance	3,722.7	3,626.0	2,879.11	+2.67%	+29.30%
Life Insurance	1,801.8	1,809.2	1,691.42	-0.41%	+6.53%
Telecommunication	4,381.5	4,304.4	4,431.51	+1.79%	-1.13%
Pharmaceutical	3,004.7	2,968.9	2,764.29	+1.20%	+8.70%
Fuel & Power	1,056.9	1,041.2	996.11	+1.51%	+6.11%
Cement	1,904.6	1,824.5	1,739.18	+4.39%	+9.51%
Services & Real Estate	1,033.1	1,008.5	949.82	+2.44%	+8.77%
Engineering	2,503.0	2,463.8	2,290.78	+1.59%	+9.27%
Food & Allied	12,156.4	12,129.1	12,942.72	+0.22%	-6.08%
IT	2,147.5	2,179.0	1,703.25	-1.44%	+26.08%
Textile	1,173.6	1,182.7	1,060.76	-0.78%	+10.63%
Paper & Printing	4,505.7	4,442.6	4,485.61	+1.42%	+0.45%
Tannery	2,035.7	2,050.1	1,806.05	-0.70%	+12.71%
Jute	12,315.2	11,792.2	11,805.57	+4.43%	+4.32%
Ceramics	435.3	433.4	370.10	+0.44%	+17.62%
Miscellaneous	3,951.1	3,925.6	3,881.56	+0.65%	+1.79%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	721.6	681.5	+5.88%	+9.46%	7.2x	0.7x
NBFI	105.3	68.7	+53.25%	+1.38%	NM	1.0x
Mutual Fund	127.1	198.5	-35.96%	+1.67%	NM	0.5x
General Insurance	1,064.3	1,045.1	+1.84%	+13.95%	17.0x	1.5x
Life Insurance	197.1	232.8	-15.32%	+2.58%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	55.7	69.5	-19.77%	+0.73%	11.8x	3.3x
Pharmaceutical	1,144.8	887.7	+28.97%	+15.01%	10.8x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	302.6	234.3	+29.17%	+3.97%	8.9x	0.6x
Cement	43.5	32.3	+34.40%	+0.57%	20.8x	1.9x
Services & Real Estate	184.8	168.1	+9.91%	+2.42%	21.9x	0.4x
Engineering	1,081.2	1,025.1	+5.48%	+14.17%	14.3x	0.8x
Food & Allied	663.6	632.3	+4.95%	+8.70%	37.3x	3.4x
IT	328.2	323.9	+1.32%	+4.30%	33.0x	1.7x
Textile	785.0	954.4	-17.75%	+10.29%	NM	0.8x
Paper & Printing	92.1	153.6	-40.03%	+1.21%	NM	1.4x
Tannery	98.3	213.0	-53.86%	+1.29%	NM	1.5x
Jute	18.3	22.7	-19.56%	+0.24%	NM	1.7x
Ceramics	239.5	396.4	-39.58%	+3.14%	NM	1.3x
Miscellaneous	375.5	341.9	+9.83%	+4.92%	94.2x	1.7x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
UCB	8.8	-15.4%	13,643	48.9x	0.3x
BATBC	212.9	-14.4%	114,966	24.2x	2.1x
LINDEBD	655.0	-12.7%	9,968	26.7x	3.0x
TRUSTBANK	15.7	-9.2%	15,607	5.8x	0.5x
GP	241.0	-6.6%	325,422	10.9x	5.2x
SQUARETEXT	45.6	-6.0%	8,995	12.4x	0.8x
UNILEVERCL	2,041.6	-5.1%	39,350	50.6x	16.7x
SINGERBD	80.3	-5.0%	8,006	NM	NM
MTB	11.7	-4.9%	12,653	6.4x	0.4x
ACI	185.2	-4.8%	16,266	NM	2.2x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Govt to pull out of USD 5.5 Bn IMF loan deal

- The government has decided to exit the existing USD 5.5 Bn IMF loan programme and negotiate a new arrangement instead. Officials are considering a fresh three- to four-year programme worth USD 5-6 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-pull-out-55b-imf-loan-deal-4182361>

Govt may cut AIT on import of raw materials

- The government is likely to reduce the advance income tax (AIT) on imported primary and industrial raw materials in the upcoming budget, from current 5% AIT to 4% or 3%, depending on the type of product.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/bangladesh-budget-2026-27/news/govt-may-cut-ait-import-raw-materials-4181546>

WB raising USD 2.0 Bn in quick financing within FY26

- Bangladesh expects USD 1.835 Bn in financing from the World Bank before the end of the current fiscal year to help cushion the economy against external shocks. The government has also made progress in advancing the FY26 financing pipeline following discussions during the WB and IMF Spring Meetings.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-raising-20b-in-quick-financing-within-fy26-1779469722>

Oct-Dec'25 deficit falls 15pc

- Bangladesh's trade deficit with its seven neighbouring countries narrowed by more than 15% to USD 1.70 Bn during the October-December quarter of FY26. This reflects a decline in imports from major regional trading partners - India and Pakistan. Economists say slower import demand and tighter spending on foreign goods may have contributed to the trend.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/oct-dec25-deficit-falls-15pc-1779469978>

Bangladesh SOEs cost treasury BDT 882 Bn as losses mount: WB study

- Bangladesh's state-owned enterprises (SOEs) drained nearly BDT 882 Bn from the national exchequer in a single year, emerging as one of the country's biggest fiscal risks, according to a World Bank study.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bangladesh-soes-cost-treasury-tk-882b-as-losses-mount-wb-study>

Govt moves to slash business licensing time, decriminalise business failures

- The Commerce Minister announced regulatory reforms to simplify business operations, including reducing licensing times, ensuring energy supply, and introducing structured business exit routes. He also called for bankruptcy frameworks similar to Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 insolvency laws used in developed countries.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/government-moves-slash-business-licensing-time-decriminalise-business-failure-commerce>

Govt to address major gaps in Commercial Courts Act

- The minister of law, justice and parliamentary affairs identified the four issues as regulatory disputes, tax problems, labour conflicts, and criminal litigation. He also flagged several limitations in the existing Arbitration Act 2001 which "can be fixed easily".

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-address-major-gaps-commercial-courts-act-4181451>

BANK | Islamic banks see steady growth in deposits, assets in March

- The country's Islamic banks recorded steady growth in deposits, assets, and key financial indicators in March 2026. Total deposits rose 9.22% YoY to BDT 4.79 Tn, while investments increased 6.85% YoY to BDT 5.91 Tn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/islamic-banks-see-steady-growth-in-deposits-assets-in-march-1779470424>

TELECOM | Bangladesh begins Starlink-powered D2C mobile service trial

- The trial run of satellite-based Direct-to-Cell (D2C) mobile will be conducted by Banglalink using Starlink technology in Bandarban and on the Sandwip Island, following government approval for a two-month Proof of Concept (PoC) operation in network-deprived areas.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bangladesh-begins-starlink-powered-d2c-mobile-service-trial-1779467485>

Many cos facing acute capital crunch

- Finance and Planning Minister told that many well-established companies are facing acute capital shortages, in a crunch he attributes to lack of "fair competition" and governance gaps.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/many-cos-facing-acute-capital-crunch-1779297221>

ENERGY | Govt to float offshore exploration tender next Monday, solar policy by June

- Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister has said that the government will float an international tender next Monday for offshore oil and gas exploration, while an investment-friendly solar energy policy is expected to be unveiled by June.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/govt-float-offshore-exploration-tender-next-monday-solar-policy-june-energy>

Govt to revive stalled Dhaka Metro projects

- The government has decided to revive Dhaka's delayed metro rail expansion projects to strengthen public transport and ease traffic congestion. Work on MRT Line-1 and MRT Line-5 will be accelerated through revised proposals, fresh negotiations, and competitive bidding.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-revive-stalled-dhaka-metro-projects-1779297660>

ENERGY | Govt unveils onshore wind power project guidelines

- Draft guidelines for onshore wind-power-project development have been unveiled as this clean energy remains under explored despite offering a "complementary and increasingly cost-competitive pathway". In the Renewable Energy Policy 2025 the government has set a target of generating 20% of total energy by 2030 and 30% by 2040 from renewable sources.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-unveils-onshore-wind-power-project-guidelines-1779470289>

No manual challan from July 1: Finance Ministry

- The Ministry of Finance has issued a fresh circular making the automated challan system mandatory for all government revenues and receipts from July 1, 2026, completely abolishing the manual challan method.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/no-manual-challan-from-july-1-finance-ministry>

Income above BDT 15 Mn may face 35% tax from FY29

- Taxpayers earning more than BDT 15 Mn annually would fall under the proposed higher slab, up from the current 30% ceiling applied to income above BDT 35.75 lakh a year. If approved, the revised rate is expected to take effect from FY2028-29 and remain in force for three years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/income-above-tk15cr-may-face-35-tax-fy29-1444821>

Cenbank weighs interest rate cut as officials remain divided

- Bangladesh Bank is weighing possible policy rate adjustments as internal discussions reveal differing views on the impact of interest rates on investment, inflation, and growth. One Deputy Governor said inflation in Bangladesh is often driven more by weak market management than by interest rates.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-weighs-interest-rate-cut-officials-remain-divided-1444741>

Bangladesh, Morocco discuss free trade pact

- Bangladesh and Morocco are considering a free trade agreement (FTA) to deepen bilateral trade and economic engagement. Bangladesh exports goods worth USD 81 Mn to Morocco, while imports USD 1.07 Bn from Morocco.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-morocco-discuss-free-trade-pact-4180651>

Higher productive credit flow envisaged for job generation

- The next monetary policy of Bangladesh will prioritize greater credit flows into productive sectors to support job creation and economic growth, while using exchange-rate regulation as an inflation-control tool.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/higher-productive-credit-flow-envisaged-for-job-generation-1779297416>

Govt plans higher value-addition for exports

- Exporters may be required to add at least 50% value to products under a new policy aimed at reducing reliance on imported inputs and strengthening backward linkage industries. Those failing to meet the requirement will not receive cash incentives or duty benefits on raw material imports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-plans-higher-value-addition-exports-1444816>

All benefits thru one card

- The government is planning an integrated "Family Tree" networking system to reform and improve transparency in social safety net programmes for marginalised communities. All programmes under different ministries will be brought under a single digital platform.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/all-benefits-thru-one-card-1779296571>

Unified e-toll collection system unlikely before Eid

- The government is unlikely to introduce a unified electronic toll collection (ETC) system across the country's toll bridges before the Eid-ul-Azha travel rush, as different bridge-owning agencies continue to operate incompatible tolling technologies and payment systems.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/unified-e-toll-collection-system-unlikely-before-eid-1779296425>

Sunshine Outdoor to invest USD 15 Mn in Bepza EZ

- Sunshine Outdoor (BD) Co Ltd will invest USD 15 Mn to establish a tent and camping products manufacturing facility at the Bepza Economic Zone in Mirsharai, Chattogram.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sunshine-outdoor-invest-15m-bepza-ez-4180646>

ENERGY | PDB proposes 21pc hike in wholesale electricity prices, faces strong opposition

- Bangladesh Power Development Board has proposed a 21% hike in wholesale electricity prices, drawing opposition from consumer groups, businesses, and political activists. Officials cited higher transmission losses due to power being supplied from distant plants such as Matarbari, Payra, and Rampal.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/300357/pdb-proposes-21pc-hike-in-wholesale-electricity-prices-faces-strong-opposition>

TELECOM | BTRC proposes major cut in SIM taxes to boost telecom growth

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has proposed reducing taxes on new SIM issuance, citing high costs slowing subscriber growth and sector expansion. It also called for removing taxes on replacement SIMs and IoT/M2M SIMs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/btrc-proposes-major-cut-in-sim-taxes-to-boost-telecom-growth-1779297748>

Govt may allow refund of excess tax in major relief for businesses

- The government is considering the introduction of a refund mechanism for excess minimum tax paid by companies if the amount cannot be adjusted against future profits within a specified period a move aimed at improving tax fairness and easing a major concern among domestic and foreign investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-may-allow-refund-excess-tax-major-relief-businesses-1443966>

Private sector credit growth drops to all-time low of 4.72%

- The country's private sector credit growth fell to a historic low of 4.72% in March, reflecting weak business confidence, slowing investment, and economic uncertainty. Economists and bankers said underlying investment constraints remain despite some easing of political uncertainty after the February election.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/private-sector-credit-growth-drops-all-time-low-472-1443971>

BDT 350 Bn for agriculture sought as BAEA urges higher subsidies

- The Bangladesh Agricultural Economists Association (BAEA) on Tuesday demanded that the government raise agricultural subsidies to BDT 350 Bn in the FY27 national budget, more than double the current allocation, citing rising production costs and growing climate vulnerabilities.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/tk-350-billion-for-agriculture-sought-as-baea-urges-higher-subsidies>

Bangladesh Bank buys USD 85 Mn in a single day to maintain exchange rate stability

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Tuesday purchased USD 85 Mn from six commercial banks at BDT 122.75 per USD. Aggregate dollar purchase since the beginning of the 2025-26 fiscal year has risen to USD 6.06 Bn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-bank-buys-85-million-in-a-single-day-to-maintain-exchange-rate-stability>

Singapore pushes USD 1.0 Bn investment plan

- Singapore has reiterated its interest in managing the proposed Bay Terminal at Chittagong Port and plans to invest up to USD 1.0 Bn in its infrastructure development. The Bay Terminal infrastructure development project is valued at BDT 135.25 Bn, with World Bank providing BDT 93.33 Bn, while the rest will come from government.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/singapore-pushes-1b-investment-plan-1779212037>

April revenue growth drops below 7%, 10-month deficit nears BDT 1.04 Tn

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has missed its revenue collection target by nearly BDT 1.04 Tn in 10MFY26, amid sluggish growth in tax receipts and an ambitious government target.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/april-revenue-growth-drops-below-7-10-month-deficit-nears-tk104-lakh-crore-1442976>

BANK | BAB calls for confiscating assets of bank looters, seeks 7.5% corporate tax cut for listed banks

- The Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has urged the government to confiscate the assets and shares of individuals and groups accused of looting the banking sector, saying stronger recovery measures are essential to restore confidence in the financial system.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bab-calls-confiscating-assets-bank-looters-seeks-75-corporate-tax-cut-listed-banks>

BANK | BB warns banks against dollar market manipulation

- Bangladesh Bank governor on Tuesday warned banks against manipulating the dollar market and said strict action would be taken against banks found involved in irregular practices. Treasury heads of the banks requested to clearly define what types of activities would be considered manipulation in the foreign exchange market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/300294/bb-warns-banks-against-dollar-market-manipulation>
<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-signals-market-led-dollar-pricing-governor-rules-out-near-term-foreign-exchange>

STEEL | Steel makers warn against further power price hike

- Bangladesh's steel manufacturers urged the government not to raise electricity tariffs further, saying higher energy costs could deepen the sector's crisis by triggering production cuts, financial losses and possible factory closures.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/steel-makers-warn-against-further-power-price-hike-4179911>

RMG | Garment sector far off renewable energy target

- Local garment factories remain far from meeting clean energy consumption targets, held back by high renewable energy costs, limited rooftop space and policy bottlenecks that are slowing adoption across the sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/garment-sector-far-renewable-energy-target-4179836>

BB bought nearly USD 6 Bn so far this fiscal year

- Bangladesh Bank purchased USD 100 Mn from six commercial banks through auctions on May 18, at BDT 122.75 per dollar. Total purchases in the current fiscal year stood at USD 5.98 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-bought-nearly-6b-so-far-fiscal-year-4178971>

ENERGY | Rural electricity may face pressure as PDB pushes REB to raise revenue

- In a new proposal submitted to the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC), PDB has said it wants to increase the bulk power tariff rates for REB's profitable cooperatives.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/bangladesh/3bpmiu8fp6>

MFS | BB mandates same-name registration for card-to-MFS add money

- Bangladesh Bank is set to introduce stricter rules for transferring money from bank cards to mobile financial services (MFS) accounts amid growing concerns over cyber fraud and unauthorised transactions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/same-name-registration-be-mandatory-card-mfs-add-money-under-new-bb-rules-1443581>

BDT 3.0 Tn ADP targets growth, polls pledges

- The new BNP-led government has decided to spend BDT 3.09 Tn on development programmes in FY27, the largest single-year increase in eight years, signalling a sharp break from the austerity-driven approach of the interim administration.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tk-3-lakh-crore-adp-targets-growth-polls-pledges-4178991>

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/ambitious-adp-holds-huge-block-allocations>

Stalemate prevails over loan-release negotiations

- Negotiations between the government and the IMF over the release of remaining tranches of the USD 5.5 Bn programme have made little progress, sources said. Bangladesh has received USD 3.595 Bn so far, and further disbursement depends on clear commitments to remaining reforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/stalemate-prevails-over-loan-release-negotiations-1779124932>

WB approves USD 350 Mn for Bangladesh's LNG security

- The World Bank has approved USD 350 Mn financing to support Bangladesh in importing liquefied natural gas (LNG), as global fuel markets face volatility.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/wb-approves-350m-bangladeshs-lng-security-4179116>

Transport ministry seeks BDT 4.0 Bn grant to procure 100 EVs for BRTC

- The road transport and bridges ministry has sought a BDT 4.0 Bn grant from the finance ministry to procure 100 electric buses for the Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) fleet. According to the proposal, BDT 2.50 Bn has been earmarked for procuring the buses and BDT 500 Mn for installing 25 charging stations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/transport-ministry-seeks-tk-40b-grant-to-procure-100-evs-for-brtc-1779122879>

Bangladesh's reliance on indirect tax highest among regional peers

- The data, which measures indirect tax dependence as a percentage of total revenue, places Bangladesh at the top of the regional ranking. When VAT, customs duties and supplementary duties are combined, Bangladesh's indirect tax share reaches 78.2%, a staggering 28 percentage points above the regional average.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-reliance-indirect-tax-highest-among-regional-peers-4178986>

Bangladesh's economic growth set to slow to 3.9% as inflation, banking risks, investment crisis deepen

- Bangladesh's economy is entering one of its most fragile periods in decades, with the World Bank warning that slowing growth, persistent inflation, banking sector weakness and collapsing private investment are converging into a broad macroeconomic crisis.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-economic-growth-slows-39-inflation-banking-risks-investment-crisis-deepen>

Agri absorbs more workers as manufacturing slows

- Bangladesh's agricultural sector has re-emerged as a major source of employment since 2017 as manufacturing growth slowed, according to a World Bank study. Around 7 out of every 10 new jobs were absorbed by agriculture, which also created 4.2 Mn net new female jobs.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/agri-absorbs-more-workers-as-manufacturing-slows>

Oil touches two-week high after drone attack on UAE nuclear power plant

- Brent crude futures climbed USD 2.01, or 1.84 percent, to USD 111.27 a barrel by 0432 GMT, but were off the USD 112 they had touched earlier for their highest since May 5.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/oil-touches-two-week-high-after-drone-attack-uae-nuclear-power-plant-4178431>

ENERGY | BERC raises furnace oil price by BDT 18.85 to settle May rate at BDT 113.54 per litre

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has increased the consumer-level price of furnace oil by BDT 18.85 per litre, setting the new rate at BDT 113.54 per litre.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/berc-raises-furnace-oil-price-tk1885-settle-may-rate-tk11354-litre-1442756>

INSURANCE | Lankan conglomerate bets on Bangladesh's services market

- Sri Lankan conglomerate Softlogic Group plans to enter Bangladesh's services sector with the acquisition of a life-insurance company and a hospital to begin with. Chairman of the group said the name of the acquiree will be revealed in two months' time.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/lankan-conglomerate-bets-on-bangladeshs-services-market-1779124738>

Over 200 tariff lines set for rationalisation

- Bangladesh is preparing another round of tariff rationalisation in the next fiscal year, cutting or easing protective duties on more than 200 imported goods, as part of a wider effort to modernise the trade system ahead of graduation from least developed country (LDC) status. Bangladesh currently has 7,611 tariff lines.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/over-200-tariff-lines-set-rationalisation-4178101>

USD 1 Tn economy, 10 Mn jobs: Govt charts new growth path

- The BNP government has drafted a five-year Strategic Framework to move Bangladesh's economy from fragility to prosperity, replacing the traditional five-year plan model. It aims to raise investment to 40% of GDP by FY31 and revenue to 11%, with a phased recovery-to-reconstruction roadmap.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/1tn-economy-1cr-jobs-govt-charts-new-growth-path-1441931>

Apart from NCT, race on for two other Ctg port terminals

- Amid negotiations over leasing Chattogram port's New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT), attention has now turned to two other key facilities of the seaport as an increasing number of foreign and local operators are showing interest in making investments and running those terminals.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/apart-nct-race-two-other-ctg-port-terminals-4178106>

Yields on T-bills dip

- The cut-off yield on 91-day T-bills fell to 10.17 % from 10.19 % previously. Also, the yield on 182-day T-bills declined to 10.47 % from 10.50%, while the 364-day T-bill yield dropped to 10.65 % from 10.67%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/yields-on-t-bills-dip-1779038944>

Govt weighs tax window to legalise undisclosed wealth

- The government is considering a special tax window in the FY27 budget to allow undisclosed domestic and foreign assets to be invested in selected sectors to revive private investment and mobilise idle capital.

<https://tob.news/govt-weighs-tax-window-to-legalise-undisclosed-wealth/>

Airbus submits fresh 10-aircraft proposal to Biman

- European aircraft manufacturer Airbus has submitted a fresh proposal to Biman Bangladesh Airlines to sell 10 aircraft, just weeks after Biman signed a USD 3.7 Bn deal with US plane manufacturer Boeing.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/aviation/news/airbus-submits-fresh-10-aircraft-proposal-biman-4177771>

Govt to roll out new pay scale for public servants in phases from July

- The implementation, however, will be carried out in phases, although the exact proportion of the revised salary to be disbursed from July has not yet been finalized.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-roll-out-new-pay-scale-public-servants-phases-july-1441026>

New Zealand assures BD of extending DFQF facility after LDC graduation

- New Zealand has assured Bangladesh of extending duty-free and quota-free (DFQF) facility and preferential market access even after its graduation from LDC.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/new-zealand-assures-bd-of-extending-dfqf-facility-after-ldc-graduation-1779035878>

India outbids US to become 2nd-biggest BD trading partner

- India accounted for 8.47 % or BDT 123.28 Bn of Bangladesh's total external trade - both export and import. The US closely followed with an 8.46% share, or BDT 123.17 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/india-outbids-us-to-become-2nd-biggest-bd-trading-partner-1779038792>

After World Bank, ADB also slashes Bangladesh growth forecast to 4%

- Following in the footsteps of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has lowered Bangladesh's GDP growth forecast to 4% for the current 2025-26 fiscal year, citing global conflicts and internal economic strain.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/after-world-bank-adb-also-slashes-bangladesh-growth-forecast-to-4-per-cent>

Bangladesh ranks second globally with 17 IMO-authorized ship recycling yards

- Bangladesh has become the world's second-largest nation for compliant ship recycling following the inclusion of 17 domestic yards in the International Maritime Organisation's official global list under the Hong Kong Convention.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/bangladesh-ranks-second-globally-17-imo-authorized-ship-recycling-yards-1441936>

BANK | Five merged banks have collateral for only 25pc loans

- The collateral backing five crisis-ridden Islamic banks covers only about one-fourth of their total loans, exposing risks for depositors, investors and shareholders. According to a Bangladesh Bank forensic report, the banks had BDT 450 Bn in collateral against BDT 1.92 Tn in outstanding loans as of April 2026.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/300067/five-merged-banks-have-collateral-for-only-25pc-loans>

West Asia war adds BDT 400 Bn fuel burden: Khosru

- The Finance Minister said the West Asia conflict has raised Bangladesh's fuel oil and gas import costs, warning of "very difficult times." He added that around BDT 400 Bn has already been absorbed due to higher fuel and gas costs, along with BDT 500 Bn in unpaid energy sector bills from previous administrations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/west-asia-war-adds-tk-400b-fuel-burden-khosru-1778953109>

TELECOM | Bangla Phone gets govt nod for NTTN licence

- The government has approved a Nationwide Telecommunication Transmission Network (NTTN) licence for Bangla Phone. The company's earlier bid was rejected by the interim government. This makes Bangla Phone the seventh company in the country to receive this licence.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangla-phone-gets-govt-nod-nttn-licence-4178076>

Bangladesh eyes energy cooperation with Angola

- Bangladesh has expressed strong interest in forging a long-term, government-to-government (G2G) energy cooperation arrangement with Angola and invited an Angolan technical team to visit Dhaka at the earliest opportunity for formal negotiations.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/299989/bangladesh-eyes-energy-cooperation-with-angola>

Bangladesh, US sign energy cooperation memo

- Bangladesh and the United States have signed a strategic energy cooperation memorandum in Washington. The Bangladesh embassy in Washington said the agreement would support Bangladesh's efforts to strengthen long-term energy security by diversifying its energy sourcing options based on affordability and supply chain sustainability, while opening new avenues for broader energy cooperation between the two countries.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/299817/bangladesh-us-sign-energy-cooperation-memo>

TELECOM | Telecom sector seeks 5-yr tax regime to spur investment

- Speakers at a programme on Saturday urged the government to introduce a predictable five-year tax structure and long-term policy reforms for the telecom sector to encourage investment and accelerate digital transformation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/telecom-sector-seeks-5-yr-tax-regime-to-spur-investment-1778949174>

BANK | Capital shortfall in 20 banks stood at BDT 2.78 Tn in December quarter

- The banking sector's total capital shortfall stood at BDT 2.78 Tn at the end of the December 2025, a slight decline from the previous quarter mainly due to Bangladesh Bank's loan rescheduling policy support.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/capital-shortfall-20-banks-stood-BDT278-lakh-crore-december-quarter-1441076>

BANK | Cash supply to banks falls short ahead of Eid amid note shortages

- Several commercial banks for over a week have been receiving far less cash than requested from the Bangladesh Bank (BB) due to a shortage of newly printed notes, creating pressure on lenders ahead of Eid-ul-Adha.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cash-supply-banks-falls-short-ahead-eid-amid-note-shortages-1441006>

NBR to begin tobacco sector tax evasion crackdown

- National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman has said strict monitoring to curb tax evasion will begin with the tobacco sector. There are plans to introduce counting machines, counting cameras, QR codes and advanced revenue stamps at the production stage.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-to-begin-tobacco-sector-tax-evasion-crackdown-1778953034>

High inflation, investment stagnation, energy crunch spotted for policy action

- Persistent high inflation, investment stagnation and energy crunch are severely affecting economic stability and escalating the cost of doing business, economists and business leaders have said on revelation by a new parameter.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/high-inflation-investment-stagnation-energy-crunch-spotted-for-policy-action-1778952286>

Nigeria's Jiji acquires Bikroy.com

- Jiji, a Nigerian classifieds marketplace, has acquired Bikroy.com, expanding into Bangladesh's digital commerce sector just over a year after entering the local market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nigerias-jiji-acquires-bikroycom-4176081>

BANK | BB eases lending limits for big businesses

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has temporarily loosened the rules so commercial banks can lend more to big borrowers, treat trade guarantees more lightly, and adjust large loan limits based on how healthy their loan books are.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-eases-lending-limits-big-businesses-4176101>

Important News: Stocks

REGULATOR | Capital market reforms in two months: Khosru

- Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury pledged financial sector reforms, saying there will be no more political appointments in banks and regulatory bodies. He also said capital market changes and necessary deregulation will be implemented within the next two months.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/capital-market-reforms-two-months-khosru-4182151>

KBPPWBIL, GENEXIL | Officials of two listed firms fined BDT 15 Mn

- The stock market regulator fined directors and top officials of two companies - Khan Brothers PP Woven Bag Industries and Genex Infosys - around BDT 15 Mn for breaching securities rules. The regulator also ordered Aftab Automobiles to pay dividends within 30 days, or else would face fines amounting to BDT 15.5 Mn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/officials-two-listed-firms-fined-tk-15cr-4181541>

REGULATOR | BSEC clarifies who can subscribe to, trade SME shares

- According to the new BSEC order, any individual investor (resident or non-resident Bangladeshi) maintaining a minimum portfolio of BDT 1 Mn in listed securities (at market or cost value) will be eligible to subscribe to securities under a Qualified Investors' Offer (QIO).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-clarifies-who-can-subscribe-to-trade-sme-shares-1779209001>

ROBI | Robi's hiring of foreign executive challenged

- Robi's previous acting chief human resources officer (later changed the title to chief people officer) from July 2023 to January 2025, has filed formal complaints with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission and the National Board of Revenue.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/300293/robis-hiring-of-foreign-executive-challenged>

EXCHANGE | Govt to form capital market reform commission

- The government is planning to form a capital market reform commission to bring transparency and restore investor confidence, according to officials at the Ministry of Finance.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-form-capital-market-reform-commission-4178086>

REGULATOR | Cenbank removes tax certificate hurdle to ease foreign investment in stocks

- Bangladesh Bank has removed the requirement for an auditor's certificate for every transaction by non-resident investors. AD banks will now directly deduct applicable taxes from capital gains on sale proceeds of shares or securities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cenbank-removes-tax-certificate-hurdle-ease-foreign-investment-stocks-1444611>

INTRACO | Intraco Refueling under BSEC scanner

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has formed an investigation committee to examine the fixed assets of Intraco Refueling Station PLC and three associated companies amid an ongoing merger process.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-launches-probe-intraco-refueling-3-subsidiaries-assets-merger-1444726>

ICBIBANK | BB now appoints 3 independent directors at ICB Islami Bank

- A month after appointing an administrator, Bangladesh Bank (BB) has reconstituted the board of ICB Islamic Bank PLC by appointing three independent directors in a move aimed at strengthening governance and oversight at the troubled private commercial bank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-now-appoints-3-independent-directors-icb-islami-bank-1442901>

NCCBANK | NCC Bank eyes full Shariah transition within 4 years

- National Credit and Commerce (NCC) Bank PLC plans to gradually convert its entire operations from conventional to Shariah-based banking within the next four years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ncc-bank-eyes-full-shariah-transition-within-4-years-1778949028>

RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank sinks into hefty Q1 loss on bad loans

- Rupali Bank reported consolidated loss of BDT 3.96 Bn in Q1'26, compared to BDT 66 Mn profit in Q1'25, as the bank was hit hard by mounting non-performing loans, leading to negative net interest income amid rising fund costs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rupali-bank-sinks-into-hefty-q1-loss-on-bad-loans-1779121165>

MEGHNA PET | DSE serve query after Meghna PET shares soar 225% in four months

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has issued a query notice to Meghna PET Industries over an unusual surge in its share price, which jumped 225% in the last four months despite the company's factory remaining shut for years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-serve-query-after-meghna-pet-shares-soar-225-four-months-1443866>

REGULATOR | Listed firms face stricter governance rules

- Listed companies in Bangladesh may soon have to overhaul their boards under the draft BSEC Corporate Governance Rules, 2026. The rules would limit independent director tenure, bar dual executive roles, and empower the regulator to remove directors.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/listed-firms-face-stricter-governance-rules-4179816>

EXCHANGE | DSE, BRAC EPL signs agreement to launch Sajida Orange Bond through electronic subscription system

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and BRAC EPL Investments signed an agreement to facilitate subscription of the Sajida Orange Zero-Coupon Bond through the bourse's Electronic Subscription System (ESS).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-brac-epl-signs-agreement-launch-sajida-orange-bond-through-electronic>

SBACBANK | SBAC Bank joins BDT 30.0 Bn refinance scheme for CMSMEs

- SBAC Bank PLC has signed an agreement with the Bangladesh Bank to participate in the central bank's BDT 30.0 Bn refinance fund under the Cluster Financing Scheme for the cottage, micro, small and medium enterprise (CMSME) sector, aimed at accelerating economic growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/sbac-bank-joins-tk-3000cr-refinance-scheme-cmsmes-4178911>

PRAGATIINS | Pragati Insurance moves into credit bureau sector

- Pragati Insurance PLC is set to diversify its investment portfolio by investing BDT 30 Mn in the proposed First National Credit Bureau Limited (FNCBL), which will give the company a 30% ownership stake.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pragati-insurance-moves-credit-bureau-sector-1441826>

EXCHANGE | CSE finds Familytex assets sold off to Bangladesh Spinners and Knitters

- The physical existence of Familytex (BD) Limited, a once-prominent name on the country's stock exchanges, has effectively come to an end following the sale of its entire factory and assets to a private entity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cse-finds-familytex-assets-sold-bangladesh-spinners-and-knitters-1443886>

EXCHANGE | Listed foreign firms' Q1 earnings slump amid stubborn inflation, energy disruptions

- This year has so far brought no relief to listed multinational companies (MNCs), with earnings declining in the first quarter compared to the same period last year as inflation has not let up.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/listed-foreign-firms-q1-earnings-slump-amid-stubborn-inflation-energy-disruptions-1779033446>

TRUSTBANK, JAMUNABANK, IPDC, UNITEDFIN | Banks and NBFIs join BB refinance schemes for small businesses

- Trust Bank PLC, Jamuna Bank PLC, IPDC Finance PLC, and United Finance PLC have separately signed two agreements with Bangladesh Bank under its refinance schemes to support the development of cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises (CMSMEs) clusters and MSMEs across the country.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/trust-bank-joins-bb-refinance-schemes-small-businesses-4179846>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/jamuna-bank-taps-bangladesh-bank-funds-boost-cmsme-lending-1443676>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/ipdc-joins-bangladesh-bank-refinance-schemes-strengthen-msme-financing-1443536>

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/united-finance-signs-agreement-bangladesh-bank-msme-financing-scheme-1443066>

BDFINANCE | Bangladesh Finance continues recovery with 120% profit jump

- NBFi Bangladesh Finance posted a 120% year-on-year jump in Q1'26 profit to BDT 20.71 Mn, supported by higher investment income and the reversal of provisions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bangladesh-finance-continues-recovery-with-120%-profit-jump-1779033487>

EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to pull-back BDT 2.25 Bn stabilisation fund from ICB

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has directed CMSF to withdraw BDT 2.25 Bn from the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh. The fund's use will be restricted to settling investor claims instead of lending to intermediaries.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-pull-back-tk225cr-stabilisation-fund-icb-1441816>

EXCHANGE | Tainted auditors set to be barred from capital market panels

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission is set to tighten oversight of listed company audits by barring audit firms and partners with records of corruption, criminal conviction or regulatory sanctions from its audit panels.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/tainted-auditors-set-be-barred-capital-market-panels-1441796>

BRACBANK, UPGDCL | Brac Bank arranges BDT 5.0 Bn preference share facility for UMP

- Brac Bank has arranged a BDT 5.0 Bn non-convertible, cumulative, fully redeemable preference share facility for United Mymensingh Power Limited, a subsidiary of United Group, marking the largest transaction of its kind in Bangladesh's history.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/brac-bank-arranges-BDT500-crore-preference-share-facility-ump-1440721>

EXCHANGE | Foreign investors pull out BDT 1.24 Bn in April as risk-aversion intensifies

- Data from the premier bourse revealed a stark imbalance in foreign participation, with overseas investors offloading shares worth BDT 1.24 Bn while injecting only a meagre BDT 120.6 Mn into the market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-pull-out-tk124cr-april-risk-aversion-intensifies-1440996>

EXCHANGE | Royal Footwear again seeks BDT 120 Mn via SME platform to boost exports

- The company has recently re-submitted its application to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to issue 12 Mn shares under the fixed-price method through an Initial Qualified Investor Offer (IQIO).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/royal-footwear-again-seeks-tk12cr-sme-platform-boost-exports-1441801>

EXCHANGE | Investment gains help NBFIs weather tough business conditions

- Leading non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) posted improved financial performance in 2025, driven by strong investment income despite macroeconomic challenges and high funding costs. Analysts said top NBFIs navigated the difficult environment through diversified income, treasury management, and operational efficiency.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/investment-gains-help-nbfis-weather-tough-business-conditions-1779292858>

EXCHANGE | RACE drags regulator into court battle over fund liquidation, conversion

- RACE Management has issued a legal notice against the securities regulator, accusing it of contempt of court over the liquidation or conversion of close-ended funds. The firm, which controls over 47% of the listed mutual fund sector, has not obtained any court order against the process.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/race-drags-regulator-into-court-battle-over-fund-liquidation-conversion-1778948938>

TECHNODRUGS | Techno Drugs to issue BDT 500 Mn bond to restructure high-cost debt

- Techno Drugs Limited has decided to issue a BDT 500 Mn coupon-bearing bond to restructure its high-cost bank loans amid declining profits and rising long-term debt. The five-year bond will be structured as 25% redeemable and 75% convertible.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/techno-drugs-issue-tk500cr-bond-restructure-high-cost-debt-1440986>

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