

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+1.57%) gained 91.29 points and closed the week at 5,895.58 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+1.12%) gained 24.50 points and stood at 2,217.22 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (+1.03%) gained 12.18 points and stood at 1,195.24 points. The large cap index CDESET (+0.88%) gained 10.11 points and closed at 1,160.80 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDESET showed YTD returns of +21.18%, +19.62%, +19.44%, +15.52%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 53.0 billion (USD 428 million)

Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 10.6 billion (Δ% Week: -0.3%)

Market P/E: 13.8x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-0.34%), but turned positive on Monday (+0.96%), and remained positive on Tuesday (+1.04%). However, it turned negative on Wednesday (-0.36%) and ended the week positively on Thursday (+0.28%).

Sectoral Performance

Most of the financial sectors posted positive performance this week. General Insurance booked the highest gain of 8.02% followed by Mutual Fund (+2.40%), Life Insurance (+1.38%), Bank (+0.37%), and NBFIL (-0.05%).

Most of the non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted positive performance this week. Food & Allied booked the highest gain of 6.27% followed by Engineering (+2.48%), Fuel & Power (+1.20%), Pharmaceutical (+0.19%), and Telecommunication (-0.07%).

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | Inflation, weak demand weigh on listed MNCs' H1 earnings. LHB | LafargeHolcim Q2 profit rises 8pc on higher sales. MARICO | Marico Bangladesh declares 500% interim cash dividend. ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank incurs highest ever BDT 13.16 Bn loss in H1. GPHISPAT | HC fines GPH Ispat BDT 50 Mn for hiding facts in loan default case. NBL | National Bank MD resigns. UCB | UCB H1 profit jumps 90% to BDT 340 Mn on subsidiary earnings, lower provisioning. UNILEVERCL | Unilever consumer care approves BDT 1.5 Bn loan. REGULATOR | BSEC gets new commissioner. EXCHANGE | Confidence Infrastructure seeks BDT 3.0 Bn IPO to fund EV battery production. BRACBANK | BRAC Bank posts 73.45% year-on-year surge in net profit. NBL | National Bank's H1 loss balloons to BDT 22.86 Bn. PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank mobilises BDT 30.03 Bn in fresh deposits in 60 working days. EXCHANGE | Individuals, institutions to access private bonds, funds.

DSEX ended in Green (+1.57%) in the week

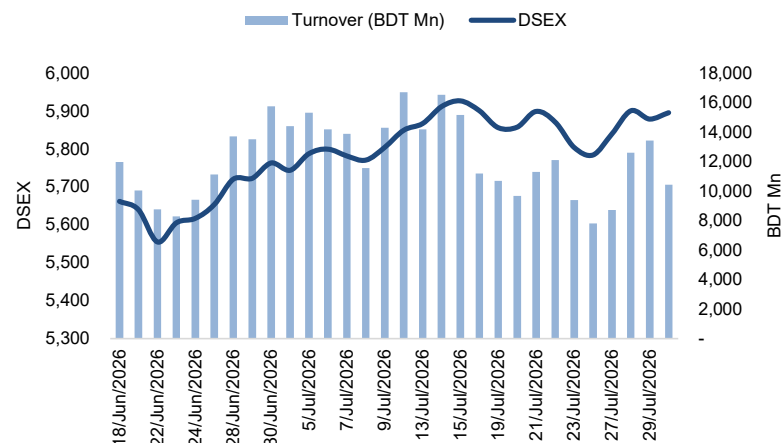
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,895.58	5,804.30	+91.29	4,865.34	1.57%	21.18%
DS30	2,217.22	2,192.72	+24.50	1,853.54	1.12%	19.62%
DSES	1,195.24	1,183.06	+12.18	1,000.72	1.03%	19.44%
CDESET	1,160.80	1,150.69	+10.11	1,004.81	0.88%	15.52%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	7,051,339	7,012,709	0.55%
	Mn USD	56,960	56,648	
Turnover	Mn BDT	52,996	53,163	-0.31%
	Mn USD	428	429	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	10,599	10,633	-0.31%
	Mn USD	86	86	
Volume	Mn Shares	2,067	2,074	-0.34%

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
EXIM1STMF	6.7	4.9	+36.7%	960	229.2	NM	0.7x
FASFIN	2.4	1.8	+33.3%	358	5.0	NM	NM
SAIHAMTEX	24.6	19.1	+28.8%	2,228	698.0	39.7x	0.6x
UNITEDINS	60.1	49.1	+22.4%	2,674	169.7	15.9x	1.7x
ARGONDENIM	25.6	21.0	+21.9%	3,556	815.1	22.3x	1.0x
NEWLINE	6.8	5.6	+21.4%	534	38.6	NM	0.3x
REGENTTEX	7.5	6.2	+21.0%	965	40.4	NM	0.3x
SIPLC	131.4	108.9	+20.7%	5,256	460.0	25.8x	4.3x
RINGSHINE	4.7	3.9	+20.5%	2,351	144.1	NM	NM
ILFSL	2.0	1.7	+17.6%	444	21.6	NM	NM

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
RENWICKJA	801.9	919.8	-12.8%	1,604	17.2	NM	NM
MEGHNAPET	85.2	96.7	-11.9%	1,022	57.9	NM	1.2x
DULAMACOT	200.1	214.9	-6.9%	1,512	67.2	NM	NM
NHFIL	30.4	32.4	-6.2%	3,914	127.6	40.5x	1.7x
MEGCONMILK	35.9	37.8	-5.0%	574	32.3	NM	NM
BEXIMCO	23.2	24.4	-4.9%	21,883	922.0	NM	0.3x
ECABLES	138.3	144.4	-4.2%	3,651	14.0	NM	0.4x
SHYAMPUSUG	289.9	302.6	-4.2%	1,450	29.0	NM	NM
RAHIMAFOD	86.8	89.6	-3.1%	1,736	18.1	NM	9.6x
APEXSPINN	369.3	380.5	-2.9%	3,102	113.0	NM	4.4x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
DOMINAGE	84.9	76.4	+11.1%	8,711	1,488.3	NM	5.0x
ITC	52.0	52.2	-0.4%	6,687	1,186.5	15.6x	2.1x
SAIHAMCOT	22.9	21.1	+8.5%	3,407	1,015.1	25.2x	0.6x
SAPORTL	55.3	52.3	+5.7%	13,099	977.1	26.1x	1.6x
FEKDIL	26.6	26.7	-0.4%	5,819	965.7	NM	1.4x
BEXIMCO	23.2	24.4	-4.9%	21,883	922.0	NM	0.3x
MLDYEING	17.8	16.4	+8.5%	4,137	864.9	NM	1.5x
IBP	20.8	19.3	+7.8%	2,417	823.5	NM	1.7x
ARGONDENIM	25.6	21.0	+21.9%	3,556	815.1	22.3x	1.0x
SHARPIND	35.1	35.3	-0.6%	10,651	775.2	NM	4.4x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
SHASHADNIM	28.9	+85.3%	4,076	43.8x	0.7x
IPDC	32.2	+78.9%	13,833	27.0x	1.9x
BSRMSTEEL	99.2	+57.2%	37,294	6.1x	1.0x
MIRAKHTER	42.2	+54.6%	5,097	31.3x	0.8x
PIONEERINS	69.0	+53.2%	7,086	13.1x	1.5x
POWERGRID	40.7	+52.4%	37,192	9.2x	0.3x
GHAIL	16.0	+50.9%	3,453	NM	1.3x
CROWNCEMNT	69.1	+50.2%	10,261	25.9x	1.1x
CITYBANK	31.5	+48.5%	55,106	3.6x	0.8x
BBSCABLES	22.5	+48.0%	4,763	NM	0.9x

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,584.8	1,578.9	1,367.20	+0.37%	+15.91%
NBFI	1,213.9	1,214.6	860.23	-0.05%	+41.12%
Mutual Fund	690.8	674.6	478.27	+2.40%	+44.44%
General Insurance	4,410.0	4,082.5	2,879.11	+8.02%	+53.17%
Life Insurance	1,907.0	1,881.1	1,691.42	+1.38%	+12.75%
Telecommunication	4,723.3	4,726.6	4,431.51	-0.07%	+6.58%
Pharmaceutical	3,214.1	3,208.1	2,764.29	+0.19%	+16.27%
Fuel & Power	1,178.6	1,164.7	996.11	+1.20%	+18.32%
Cement	2,203.7	2,220.1	1,739.18	-0.74%	+26.71%
Services & Real Estate	1,207.8	1,176.5	949.82	+2.66%	+27.16%
Engineering	2,809.7	2,741.8	2,290.78	+2.48%	+22.65%
Food & Allied	13,522.5	12,724.7	12,942.72	+6.27%	+4.48%
IT	2,663.4	2,653.3	1,703.25	+0.38%	+56.37%
Textile	1,489.8	1,433.3	1,060.76	+3.95%	+40.45%
Paper & Printing	4,886.7	4,904.8	4,485.61	-0.37%	+8.94%
Tannery	2,243.3	2,195.9	1,806.05	+2.16%	+24.21%
Jute	13,398.3	13,236.7	11,805.57	+1.22%	+13.49%
Ceramics	511.0	508.2	370.10	+0.55%	+38.08%
Miscellaneous	2,618.3	2,528.0	3,881.56	+3.57%	-32.55%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	794.0	908.2	-12.57%	+7.82%	7.3x	0.8x
NBFI	407.9	617.8	-33.97%	+4.02%	NM	1.2x
Mutual Fund	473.5	588.8	-19.58%	+4.66%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	1,030.6	877.0	+17.52%	+10.14%	18.6x	1.7x
Life Insurance	150.5	244.7	-38.49%	+1.48%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	136.9	145.0	-5.60%	+1.35%	11.3x	3.9x
Pharmaceutical	1,224.9	1,388.0	-11.75%	+12.06%	11.1x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	257.4	360.1	-28.50%	+2.53%	10.0x	0.6x
Cement	112.2	174.6	-35.73%	+1.10%	24.1x	2.3x
Services & Real Estate	340.7	376.2	-9.45%	+3.35%	26.8x	0.5x
Engineering	1,096.0	792.9	+38.23%	+10.79%	17.8x	0.9x
Food & Allied	513.2	457.5	+12.17%	+5.05%	36.2x	3.7x
IT	445.3	588.3	-24.29%	+4.38%	45.8x	2.2x
Textile	2,286.8	1,820.5	+25.61%	+22.51%	NM	1.0x
Paper & Printing	100.5	156.2	-35.65%	+0.99%	NM	1.5x
Tannery	94.0	116.4	-19.21%	+0.93%	NM	1.6x
Jute	27.4	39.6	-30.61%	+0.27%	NM	1.8x
Ceramics	148.1	171.1	-13.44%	+1.46%	NM	1.5x
Miscellaneous	520.3	491.5	+5.87%	+5.12%	40.6x	1.1x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
SINGERBD	78.9	-6.6%	7,867	NM	NM
TRUSTBANK	15.6	-5.3%	16,283	5.2x	0.5x
ISLAMIBANK	31.1	-5.2%	50,071	NM	0.9x
UNILEVERCL	2,041.5	-5.1%	39,349	64.3x	24.1x
UCB	9.9	-4.8%	15,349	39.6x	0.4x
LINDEBD	724.2	-3.5%	11,021	31.4x	3.4x
RECKITT BEN	3,315.5	-3.2%	15,666	18.9x	41.9x
GP	259.8	+0.7%	350,808	9.9x	6.3x
BATBC	252.3	+1.5%	136,242	23.4x	2.4x
MARICO	2,721.5	+1.8%	85,727	7.6x	18.6x

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Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Unified taxpayer data: IMF hands NBR new automation roadmap

- IMF advised replacing separate identification numbers for income tax and VAT with a single Taxpayer Identification Number. The unified system would allow an individual or institution's income tax, VAT, customs, import-export data, tax deduction at source (TDS), and other financial records to be viewed and analyzed on a single platform.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/416266/unified-taxpayer-data-imf-hands-nbr-new>

NBR wants BDT 520 Bn extra source tax, businesses worried

- The tax authorities plan to rely heavily on source tax, aiming to collect an additional BDT 520 Bn through this channel. Business leaders, however, fear that the drive could lead to increased harassment of businesses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-wants-tk52000cr-extra-source-tax-businesses-worried-1500641>

Borrowers must withdraw lawsuits to get BB incentives

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed banks not to provide any policy support or incentives to borrowers until they withdraw lawsuits filed against the government, the central bank, or the concerned banks.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/borrowers-must-withdraw-lawsuits-get-bb-incentives-4235721>

ENERGY | Govt mulling LNG from KL in ISO tanks

- Bangladesh is exploring importing LNG from Malaysia in ISO tank containers to supply to industries and power plants directly, potentially providing a faster solution to the country's gas crisis without requiring a new FSRU.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-mulling-lng-kl-iso-tanks-4235976>

BANK | Banks can now tie up with payment platforms like PayPal

- The Bangladesh Bank has allowed banks to partner with foreign payment platforms to process outward remittances, in a bid to modernise the payment ecosystem and widen digital financial inclusion.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-can-now-tie-payment-platforms-paypal-4235756>

BANK | Administrators being withdrawn, new MD takes charge soon

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has made the decision on withdrawal of the administrators of the five and charge handover to the emerging bank's MD, sources said.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/administrators-being-withdrawn-new-md-takes-charge-soon>

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank depositors can withdraw up to BDT 1 Mn for emergency needs

- Depositors of Sammilito Islami Bank will now be able to withdraw up to BDT 1.0 Mn for emergency purposes, following a revision to Bangladesh Bank's withdrawal scheme for the merged Islamic lender.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islami-bank-depositors-can-withdraw-tk10-lakh-emergency-needs-1501581>

BANK | Foreign banks' credit contracts 11% in 2025 despite profit uptick

- Foreign commercial banks operating in Bangladesh saw their credit portfolio contract in 2025 despite a modest rise in net profits, as institutions maintained a cautious lending strategy amid shifting macroeconomic conditions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/foreign-banks-credit-contracts-11-2025-despite-profit-uptick-1501621>

BANK | NRB Bank appoints Anwar Uddin and Kimiwa Saddat as AMDs

- NRB Bank PLC has recently appointed Anwar Uddin and Kimiwa Saddat as additional managing directors (AMDs) to strengthen its executive leadership team.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/416258/nrb-bank-appoints-anwar-uddin-and-kimiwa-saddat-as>

AVIATION | US-Bangla to add 21 Boeing aircraft in USD 1.5 Bn deal

- US-Bangla Airlines announced the acquisition of 21 new Boeing aircraft in a deal worth about USD 1.5 Bn, calling it "one of the most significant fleet expansion programmes in the country's aviation history."

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/us-bangla-add-21-boeing-aircraft-15b-deal-4235766>

BB imposes informal cap on dollar rates amid rising pressure

- The Bangladesh Bank has verbally instructed commercial banks not to buy dollars from the interbank market and remittance channels at rates exceeding BDT 123.82 as rising demand for import payments puts pressure on the foreign exchange market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-imposes-informal-cap-dollar-rates-amid-rising-pressure-1500561>

High-level panel formed to assess feasibility of issuing Panda, other foreign currency sovereign bonds

- The finance ministry has formed a high-level committee to assess the feasibility of issuing Bangladesh's sovereign bonds in international markets in various foreign currencies, including China's proposed Panda Bond, as the government seeks to diversify its financing sources and deepen the country's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-level-panel-formed-assess-feasibility-issuing-panda-other-foreign-currency-sovereign>

Source tax, AIT to deliver 83% of income tax

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) plans to collect more than four out of every five taka in income tax through tax deducted at source and advance income tax (AIT) in the current fiscal year, backed by tighter monitoring and enforcement, extending a strategy that already delivered over 85% of income tax collection in FY26.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/source-tax-ait-deliver-83-income-tax-4234991>

Turkish textile giant Sanko to invest USD 300 Mn in Mirsarai industrial zone

- Turkish textile manufacturer Sanko expressed interest in investing about USD 300 Mn to establish an integrated textile facility in Mirsarai Industrial City, expanding its production base in Bangladesh.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/307908/turkish-textile-giant-sanko-to-invest-300m-in-mirsarai-industrial-zone>

Govt plans BDT 161 Bn fuel import drive

- The government plans to import 1.53 Mn tonnes of refined petroleum products worth BDT 161 Bn in H2'2026 under G2G arrangements, sourcing from six state-owned suppliers across five countries.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-plans-tk-161b-fuel-import-drive-1785261965>

Gas crisis strikes paracetamol API, other industries

- A worsening gas crisis has significantly slashed domestic production of paracetamol API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient) while also severely disrupting production at factories across Bangladesh's manufacturing sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gas-crisis-strikes-paracetamol-api-other-industries-4235016>

Russia wants rupee-based trade with Bangladesh to bypass US sanctions

- Russia has proposed settling bilateral trade with Bangladesh in Indian rupees, establishing a dedicated payment infrastructure, and opening a branch of a Russian bank in Dhaka to overcome transaction hurdles caused by US sanctions on Russian banks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/russia-wants-rupee-based-trade-bangladesh-bypass-us-sanctions-1500566>

BANK | Banks' liquidity bloats amid sluggish credit demand, rising deposits

- Scheduled banks now seem to be in a quandary with excess liquidity buildup following deposit resurgence and weak loan demand amid prolonged economic slowdown.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/banks-liquidity-bloats-amid-sluggish-credit-demand-rising-deposits>

ENERGY | Govt fast-tracks spare parts import for floating LNG terminal to restore gas supply

- The government has fast-tracked approval for the import of critical spare parts for the damaged Excelerate Energy floating LNG terminal, aiming to restore operations as quickly as possible following severe disruptions to the country's gas supply after the recent fire incident.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/govt-fast-tracks-spare-parts-import-floating-lng-terminal-restore-gas-supply>

ENERGY | Hearing on Adani payment dispute begins in Singapore early August

- The hearing on the payment dispute between state-run Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) and India's Adani Power Jharkhand Ltd (APJL) will begin in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) during the first week of August.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/hearing-on-adani-payment-dispute-begins-in-singapore-early-august-1785262473>

ENERGY | Chinese firm to build floating LNG terminal in Moheshkhali

- China National Energy Engineering and Construction Company Limited is set to construct a floating LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal at Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazar under a government-to-government (G2G) arrangement. At the same meeting, the committee also gave in-principle approval to a proposal for importing LNG on both a short- and long-term basis from US-based Gunvor USA LLC under a G2G framework.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-build-floating-lng-terminal-moheshkhali-4234806>

ENERGY | Govt braces for costly LNG future

- The government is moving to expand the country's LNG import capacity with another floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) and a land-based facility as domestic gas production continues to decline and the cost of imported gas is rising sharply. The proposed Matarbari land-based terminal is expected to add longer-term capacity to the country's LNG import infrastructure.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-braces-costly-lng-future-4235196>

Govt proposes BDT 6.61 Bn project to merge all OSS portals into BanglaBiz

- The government moves to supercharge its BanglaBiz portal with a BDT 6.61 Bn project designed to deliver hassle-free, fast-track approvals from a single-entry point.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-proposes-tk661cr-project-merge-all-oss-portals-banglabiz-1499721>

Govt seeks NBR action plan to achieve BDT 6.04 Tn revenue target

- The government has asked the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to prepare a detailed strategy and action plan for achieving the BDT 6.04 Tn revenue collection target set for FY27.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-seeks-nbr-action-plan-achieve-tk604-lakh-crore-revenue-target-1499561>

Four pillars to drive NBR's VAT target for FY27

- The NBR is banking on four key areas to achieve its VAT collection target of BDT 2.57 Tn for FY27. The tax authority plans to narrow the country's wide VAT compliance gap, accelerate the implementation of government development projects, capitalise on a rebound in economic activity, and tighten enforcement in the tobacco sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/four-pillars-drive-nbrs-vat-target-fy27-4234126>

NBR targets over 10,000 firms to plug BDT 380.0 Bn VAT leakages

- More than 10,000 businesses deemed to pose a high risk of tax evasion are set to come under the National Board of Revenue's scanner as part of a drive to collect an additional BDT 380.0 Bn VAT through enhanced enforcement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-targets-over-10000-firms-plug-tk38000cr-vat-leakages-1499706>

S&P revises Bangladesh outlook to negative on rising economic risks

- S&P Global has revised its long-term outlook on Bangladesh to negative from stable amid persistent weakness in the banking sector, with additional risks stemming from volatile global energy markets and trade conditions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/sp-revises-bangladesh-outlook-negative-rising-economic-risks-4234451>

9th Pay Scale announcement not before IMF loan talks in October

- The government is likely to announce the ninth national pay scale for government employees after concluding negotiations with the International Monetary Fund on a new loan programme in October although the decision will depend largely on the lender's approval, officials familiar with the matter said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/9th-pay-scale-announcement-not-imf-loan-talks-october-1499691>

Remittance inflow rises 20.6% to USD 2.30 Bn in 1st 25 days of July

- Bangladesh received USD 2.30 Bn in workers' remittances during the first 25 days of July 2026, marking a 20.6% year-on-year increase compared with USD 1.91 Bn received during the corresponding period of July 2025.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/remittance-inflow-rises-206pc-to-230bn-in-1st-25-days-of-july>

Savings certificate sales recover on banking concerns

- Net sales of National Savings Certificates returned to positive territory in 11MFY26, ending three consecutive years of net outflows as concerns over the financial health of several banks prompted many households to shift their savings into government-backed investment instruments. Net certificates sales stood at BDT 8.05 Bn during the period, compared with a negative BDT 58.93 Bn in 11MFY25.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/307854/savings-certificate-sales-recover-on-banking-concerns>

Development spending dips to a very worrying level

- The slowdown of public spending left over BDT 1.0 Tn unspent until penultimate month of last fiscal year, squeezing Bangladesh's economic growth, analysts say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/development-spending-dips-to-a-very-worrying-level>

Only 11 of 122 SOEs financially solvent

- Only 11 of Bangladesh's 122 state-owned enterprises and autonomous bodies have been assessed as financially solvent. The 11 entities are the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission, Bangladesh Industrial Technical Assistance Centre, Eastern Lubricants Blenders, Hotels International, Jamuna Fertiliser Company, National Housing Authority, Nuclear Power Plant Company Bangladesh, Petroleum Transmission Company, Rajshahi WASA, SME Foundation, and TSP Complex.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/only-11-of-122-soes-financially-solvent-1785176256>

Appropriate reforms can get BD USD 15 Bn FDI annually

- Bangladesh possesses the basics but needs some radical reforms to raise annual foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to USD 15 Bn, investors and economists have said. Per the study findings, a regulatory uncertainty, infrastructure and logistics bottlenecks, financial-sector weaknesses, skills shortages, tax complexity, and a fragmented institutional coordination.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/appropriate-reforms-can-get-bd-15b-fdi-annually-1785176078>

BANK | Loans under court stay jump eightfold in three years

- Bank loans tied up under court stay orders jumped more than eightfold over the three years to the end of 2025, reaching BDT 1.82 Tn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/loans-under-court-stay-jump-eightfold-three-years-4234146>

BANK | Islamic, 4th-gen banks buckle under NPL, liquidity crises

- Full-fledged Islamic banks and 4th generation private commercial banks are facing mounting pressure from rising default loans and worsening liquidity shortages, making them the most vulnerable segments of the banking sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/islamic-4th-gen-banks-buckle-under-npl-liquidity-crises-4234136>

BANK | Unsecured SME loans outperform secured lending

- Small unsecured loans, including nano loans, record lower default rates than collateral-backed lending despite widespread perceptions to the contrary. The discussants urged banks to adopt cash flow-based lending and strengthen digital financial data sharing to improve access to finance for underserved businesses.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/unsecured-sme-loans-outperform-secured-lending-1785175513>

ENERGY | Restructuring the energy sector for sustained progress

- Bangladesh is facing major macroeconomic challenges after years of mismanagement. In many cases, these problems have reached a point where major reforms are needed to avert an economic meltdown.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/restructuring-the-energy-sector-sustained-progress-4234131>

ENERGY | Gas crisis may last 10-15 more days, says energy minister

- Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister on Monday said a fire at one of the country's two FSRUs disrupted LNG imports, aggravating Bangladesh's ongoing gas shortage and affecting electricity generation as well as industrial production.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/corporate-focused-lending-leaves-smes-short-credit-4234071>

RMG | Apparel sector battles gas crunch, weak EU demand

- Bangladesh's apparel manufacturers are increasingly worried about their survival as an acute gas shortage, frequent power outages, weakening demand from the European Union (EU), and persistent price pressure from buyers continue to erode their competitiveness and squeeze profit margins.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/apparel-sector-battles-gas-crunch-weak-eu-demand-1785173846>

NBR banks on tobacco, high-value litigations to boost revenue by 47%

- The National Board of Revenue has ordered a nationwide drive targeting high-yield revenue sectors, including tobacco, and the speedy disposal of major tax disputes as it seeks to raise revenue collection by nearly 47% in the fiscal 2026-27 despite concerns from field officials over the feasibility of the target.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-banks-tobacco-high-value-litigations-boost-revenue-47-1498836>

Bangladesh collects only half as much corporate tax as peers

- Corporate income tax revenue in Bangladesh stands at around 1.5-1.8% of GDP, around half the level of many peer economies, according to Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-collects-only-half-much-corporate-tax-peers-4233281>

Exports face massive 15% growth test

- Bangladesh has set an ambitious export goal for the current fiscal year, targeting a 15% jump in earnings to USD 63.4 Bn despite factories operating well below capacity for months amid a persistent shortage of orders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-sets-634bn-export-target-fy27-eyes-15pc-growth-1498511>

Economists question US trade deal gains after new tariff

- Despite signing a USD 3.7 Bn aircraft purchase agreement and agreeing to buy higher-priced American wheat as part of its commitments under the US Agreement on Reciprocal Trade, Bangladesh has so far gained little except fresh tariffs imposed unilaterally by Washington, raising questions about the deal's effectiveness.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/economists-question-us-trade-deal-gains-after-new-tariff-1497991>

ADB, GPE to provide USD 350 Mn to improve digital learning, skills

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) are set to provide USD 350 Mn to support a wide-ranging education reform programme in Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adb-gpe-to-provide-350m-to-improve-digital-learning-skills-1785089924>

Port customs consumes more time despite digitisation

- Import container-dwell time at Bangladesh's principal seaport has increased despite a series of customs- digitisation initiatives and procedural-simplification measures. According to the World Bank's Logistics Performance Indicators (LPI), the average container import-dwell time (CIDT) at Chattogram Port increased from 7.8 days in 2023 to 8.3 days in 2024.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/port-customs-consumes-more-time-despite-digitisation-1785089569>

USD 1.0 Bn co-financing by South Korea on backburner

- Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) line-5 southern metro rail in Dhaka city faces fresh hurdle as co-financer South Korea delays confirming its assured USD 1.0 Bn loan, throwing the timeline of the USD 4.9 Bn project into a pause.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/10b-co-financing-by-south-korea-on-backburner-1785085469>

Chinese economic zone to break ground in Ctg tomorrow

- Construction of the long-awaited Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone (CEIZ) in Chattogram's Anwara is finally set to begin on Monday. Authorities expect the project to attract USD 500 Mn in foreign direct investment (FDI) and create more than 1.0 Mn direct and indirect jobs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/chinese-economic-zone-break-ground-ctg-tomorrow-1497946>

Bangladesh needs about USD 421 Bn in extra funding in 5 years to attain SDGs

- Bangladesh will need about USD 421 Bn in extra funding over the next five years to attain Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to a new government assessment.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-needs-about-usd-421b-in-extra-funding-in-5-years-to-attain-sdgs>

Oil slips 5% after US, Iran pause fighting over weekend

- Oil prices tumbled 5% on Monday after the US and Iran paused strikes over the weekend after two weeks of attacks, raising hopes of a diplomatic solution that would de-escalate the conflict and allow shipping to resume in the Strait of Hormuz.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/world/global-economy/oil-slips-5-after-us-iran-pause-fighting-over-weekend-1498881>

BANK | BB asks banks to finish task within 60 days

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked all scheduled banks to complete disciplinary proceedings against employees within 60 days aligning banking regulations with the Bangladesh Labour Rules of 2015.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/bb-asks-banks-to-finish-task-within-60-days>

ENERGY | LNG terminal still offline, power output down 1,500MW

- The technical failure at a FSRU off Moheshali on July 21 has snowballed into a nationwide power crisis, with gas-fired plants scaling back generation and heavy load-shedding gripping much of the country.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/307698/lng-terminal-still-offline-power-output-down-1500mw>

US imposes new tariffs on 60 countries, 10% on Bangladesh

- The US imposed a 10% tariff on Bangladeshi imports, citing insufficient action against forced-labour raw materials, while China, Vietnam and Thailand face a higher 12.5% tariff

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/us-imposes-new-tariffs-60-countries-10-bangladesh-4231441>

Bangladesh getting 3yr time extension for LDC graduation

- Bangladesh is set to get three-year extension for graduation from the least-developed country (LDC) status as the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is going to recommend the much-needed breather.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-getting-3yr-time-extension-for-ldc-graduation>

REER rise weighs on export competitiveness

- Real effective exchange rate in Bangladesh rose to a seven-month high of 103.10 by June count, up 0.67% from 102.41 in May, with its domino effect on the country's external trade.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/reer-rise-weighs-on-export-competitiveness>

Trade deficit widens to USD 23.98 Bn as exports fall

- A double-digit drop in capital machinery imports and falling export revenues pushed Bangladesh's trade deficit up nearly 24% to USD 23.98 Bn in FY26, while a record USD 35.5 Bn remittance surge cushioned the external economy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/trade-deficit-widens-24-exports-fall-and-capital-imports-slump-1496436>

BIDA converts USD 400 Mn of USD 1.5 Bn investment pipeline

- China's Hengli Group, through its subsidiary Lead Bangladesh Textile Technology Co Ltd, is investing USD 35 Mn at the Bangladesh Special Economic Zone (BSEZ) to establish an advanced textile manufacturing facility.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bida-converts-400m-15bn-investment-pipeline-1496186>

Bangladesh ramps up anti-money laundering reforms before global review

- Authorities aim to complete national risk assessments in five key areas by December before an Asia Pacific Group team reviews Bangladesh's preparedness in August.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-ramps-anti-money-laundering-reforms-global-review-1496341>

BD seeks US LPG, DFC backing

- Bangladesh has stepped up diplomatic efforts to secure long-term LPG supplies from USA and gain access to financing from the US International Development Finance Corporation, as the two countries seek to deepen cooperation in energy, infrastructure and investment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-seeks-us-lpg-dfc-backing-1785000617>

BANK | BB plans cap on borrowing, loan recovery boost

- Bangladesh Bank officials said the maximum borrowing limit across the banking sector could be fixed at BDT 10.0 Bn and requiring companies seeking loans exceeding BDT 10.0 Bn to raise funds through bond issuance instead of bank borrowing.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/307623/bb-plans-cap-on-borrowing-loan-recovery-boost>

BANK | Why offshore borrowing is not taking off

- Bankers say two policy changes – recent changes to the interest rate cap on trade financing, along with the reimposition of tax on interest paid on offshore loans – have made foreign lenders more cautious, narrowed financing options for importers, and increased import costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/why-offshore-borrowing-not-taking-1497111>

BANK | Real returns on fresh bank deposits fall to near zero

- Depositors are earning virtually no real return on their new savings as inflation has remained broadly in line with deposit interest rates, prompting the central bank to warn of continued pressure on households' purchasing power.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/real-returns-on-fresh-bank-deposits-fall-to-near-zero>

BANK | Classified loan accounts double as retail defaults surge

- The number of classified loan accounts in the banking sector more than doubled in a year, reaching a staggering 4.583 Mn in March 2026, and the most dramatic surge was seen in retail loan accounts.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/classified-loan-accounts-double-retail-defaults-surge-4232251>

PAYMENT | Fintech VALT enters Bangladesh with hospitality platform

- British fintech company VALT has launched operations in Bangladesh, marking its entry into the country's digital payments market with a focus on the hospitality sector. VALT was a wholly owned subsidiary of UK-based VALT Holdings Limited and provides payment solutions and point-of-sale services to the hospitality industry in UK.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/307616/fintech-valt-enters-bangladesh-with-hospitality-platform>

CHEMICALS | Stronger chemical industry needed to cut import dependence

- Bangladesh's major export sectors rely heavily on chemicals, but the country still imports most of its chemical needs despite having a domestic market estimated at \$6 to \$8 billion that is growing by 10 to 15 percent annually.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/stronger-chemical-industry-needed-cut-import-dependence-4232296>

TELECOM | BTRC fines four mobile operators over illegal VoIP-linked SIMs

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has fined four mobile operators a combined BDT 82.1 Mn after identifying 8,380 SIM cards allegedly used in illegal Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) operations, citing failures to implement mandatory self-regulation and telecom fraud management measures.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/btrc-fines-four-mobile-operators-over-illegal-voip-linked-sims-1497856>

TOBACCO | BDT 40 Bn vanishes into cigarette supply chain: Who pockets the extra money?

- A market investigation found that virtually every cigarette brand is being sold above its printed MRP, because cigarette companies sell to distributors at or virtually at the MRP itself, leaving no margin for retail sellers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tk4000cr-vanishes-cigarette-supply-chain-who-pockets-extra-money-1497071>

PHARMA | NBR seeks 5yr pharma output data to verify VAT compliance

- Government's revenue authority has moved to scrutinise production data of pharmaceuticals under an effort to crosscheck actual outputs with VAT returns submitted by the companies and strengthen revenue compliance.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/nbr-seeks-5yr-pharma-output-data-to-verify-vat-compliance>

PHARMA | Drug-resistant bugs spreading fast in ICUs

- Difficult-to-treat drug-resistant bacteria are spreading rapidly in Bangladesh's intensive care units (ICUs), while stronger measures can sharply reduce infections, according to studies by the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/crime-justice/news/drug-resistant-bugs-spreading-fast-icus-4232461>

RMG | Sluggish RMG exports unlikely to rebound in coming months

- The country's sluggish garment exports are unlikely to recover in the coming months as the war in the Gulf drives up energy costs, feeds inflation in key Western markets and leaves retailers with more unsold stock, according to exporters and major international buyers. Apparel makers say buyers remain cautious and are avoiding large orders, even though uncertainty over US tariffs has eased.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sluggish-rmg-exports-unlikely-rebound-coming-months-4232256>

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | Inflation, weak demand weigh on listed MNCs' H1 earnings

- Listed multinational companies delivered mixed but largely weaker earnings in H1'26 as persistent inflation, subdued consumer demand and higher operating costs continued to squeeze profit margins.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/inflation-weak-demand-weigh-on-listed-mnacs-h1-earnings-1785347221>

LHB | LafargeHolcim Q2 profit rises 8pc on higher sales

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh PLC posted an 8% year-on-year increase in net profit in Q2'26, driven by higher revenue, strategic price adjustments and strong demand for premium products.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lafargeholcim-q2-profit-rises-8pc-on-higher-sales-1785347242>

MARICO | Marico Bangladesh declares 500% interim cash dividend

- Marico Bangladesh has declared a 500% interim cash dividend based on audited financial statements for the three-month period ended June this year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/marico-bangladesh-declares-500pc-interim-cash-dividend-1>

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank incurs highest ever BDT 13.16 Bn loss in H1

- Islami Bank Bangladesh, one of the country's largest private sector lenders, reported a record consolidated loss of BDT 13.16 Bn for H1'26, reversing a profit recorded in the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/islami-bank-incurs-highest-ever-tk1316cr-loss-h1-1501626>

GPHISPAT | HC fines GPH Ispat BDT 50 Mn for hiding facts in loan default case

- The High Court on Wednesday fined GPH Ispat BDT 50 Mn for concealing material facts while pursuing legal proceedings over its defaulted loan status.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/308090/hc-fines-gph-ispate-tk-5cr-for-hiding-facts-in-loan-default-case>

NBL | National Bank MD resigns

- Adil Chowdhury, managing director of National Bank, has resigned, citing personal reasons.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/national-bank-md-resigns-4235726>

UCB | UCB H1 profit jumps 90% to BDT 340 Mn on subsidiary earnings, lower provisioning

- United Commercial Bank (UCB) reported a 90% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit to BDT 340.4 Mn in H1'26, driven by stronger contributions from its subsidiaries and a sharp decline in loan-loss provisioning.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/ucb-h1-profit-jumps-90-tk34cr-subsidary-earnings-lower-provisioning-1501531>

UNILEVERCL | Unilever consumer care approves BDT 1.5 Bn loan

- Unilever Consumer Care Ltd has also approved, in principle, an unsecured intercompany loan facility of up to BDT 1.5 Bn for related party Unilever Bangladesh Limited (UBL) to support its working capital needs.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/308104/unilever-consumer-care-approves-tk150cr-loan>

REGULATOR | BSEC gets new commissioner

- Hossain Sadat has joined the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission as a commissioner, completing the regulator's full panel of commissioners. His career spans leadership roles at Grameenphone, Shell Oil and Gas, Kean Energy, and Rahman Rahman Huq (KPMG Bangladesh).

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/307901/bsec-gets-new-commissioner>

EXCHANGE | Confidence Infrastructure seeks BDT 3.0 Bn IPO to fund EV battery production

- Confidence Infrastructure plans to raise BDT 3.0 Bn through an initial public offering (IPO) to finance electric vehicle (EV) battery production, business expansion, debt repayment and investments in new sectors, including food. Confidence Infrastructure reported BDT 36.06 Bn in consolidated revenue and BDT 2.75 Bn in net profit for FY25. It has a paid-up capital of BDT 1.38 Bn and an authorised capital of BDT 5.0 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/confidence-infrastructure-seeks-tk300cr-ipo-fund-ev-battery-production-1500516>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank posts 73.45% year-on-year surge in net profit

- BRAC Bank PLC posted a 73.45% YoY surge in net profit to BDT 7.28 Bn in the second quarter of 2026, driven by robust growth in net interest income and investment income.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/brac-bank-posts-7345pc-year-on-year-surge-in-net-profit>

NBL | National Bank's H1 loss balloons to BDT 22.86 Bn

- The National Bank PLC has reported a consolidated net loss of BDT 22.86 Bn for H1'26, as the lender continues to grapple with non-recovery of loans and a deepening capital crisis.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-banks-h1-loss-balloons-tk2286cr-1500326>

PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank mobilises BDT 30.03 Bn in fresh deposits in 60 working days

- The Premier Bank PLC has mobilised BDT 30.03 Bn in fresh deposits within 60 working days under its Special Deposit & Recovery Campaign 2026, while recovering around BDT 7.69 Bn in cash from non-performing loans during the first half of the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/premier-bank-mobilises-tk3003cr-fresh-deposits-60-working-days-1500521>

EXCHANGE | Individuals, institutions to access private bonds, funds

- The newly introduced Private Investor (PI) category will now allow general investors, registered institutions and funds to invest in privately offered bonds, open-end mutual funds, exchange-traded funds and equities approved by the fund's regulatory authority..

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/307819/individuals-institutions-to-access-private-bonds-funds>

EBL | Anis Ahmed elected chairman of Eastern Bank

- The board of directors of Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) unanimously elected Anis Ahmed, founder and group chief executive officer of MGH Group, as chairman of the bank, effective Monday, July 27. Prior to his election as chairman, Anis served as a member of the bank's executive committee and, earlier, as the chairman of the risk management committee.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/anis-ahmed-elected-chairman-eastern-bank-4234041>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank targets USD 9.0 Bn int'l trade volume in 2026

- BRAC Bank has set a target of facilitating USD 9.0 Bn in international trade volume in 2026 after recording a USD 7.3 Bn in 2025, said a press release. The bank facilitated USD 4.52 Bn in trade transactions during 6M'2026.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/307838/brac-bank-targets-9b-intl-trade-volume-in-2026>

REGULATOR | Deadline extended for appointing female director in listed firms

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has extended the deadline for listed companies to appoint female independent directors to their boards until December 31, 2026.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/deadline-extended-appointing-female-director-listed-firms-4233241>

EXCHANGE | Listed insurers post strong earnings growth in H1 2026

- Most listed general insurance companies posted higher earnings in the first half of 2026, with eight of nine insurers reporting year-on-year growth in earnings per share (EPS).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-insurers-post-strong-earnings-growth-h1-2026-1498806>

WALTONHIL | Walton signs deal to expand footprint in Libya

- Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC, one of Bangladesh's leading electrical and electronics manufacturers, has signed a global distributorship agreement with Libya-based ASR Al Techniyah to expand its presence in North Africa.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/walton-signs-deal-expand-footprint-libya-4233231>

SOUTHEASTB | Southeast Bank sponsor Rehana Kashem to sell 1 Mn shares

- Rehana Kashem, a sponsor of Southeast Bank PLC and wife of the bank's Chairman MA Kashem, has announced plans to sell 1.0 Mn shares of the bank through the public market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/southeast-bank-sponsor-rehana-kashem-sell-10-lakh-shares-1498796>

RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics turns around H1 performance, posts BDT 22.8Mn profit

- RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited staged a turnaround in H1'26, returning to profit with BDT 22.8 Mn in earnings after posting a BDT 210 Mn loss in the same period a year earlier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rak-ceramics-turns-around-h1-performance-posts-tk228cr-profit-1498731>

BANKASIA | Bank Asia's profit falls 16% in H1 2026

- Bank Asia's consolidated EPS fell 16% YoY to BDT 1.77 in H1'2026 from BDT 2.11, mainly due to higher interest expenses and lower investment and fee-based income.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bank-asias-profit-falls-16-h1-2026-1497841>

EBL | Eastern Bank signs MoU with RHD for electronic toll collection

- Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) to introduce advanced digital toll collection solutions across RHD-operated toll bridges.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/eastern-bank-signs-mou-rhd-electronic-toll-collection-4233181>

EXCHANGE | New BO accounts surge as equity market regains momentum

- New BO accounts rose by 34,877 in H1 2026, signalling renewed investor confidence as the recovering stock market attracted fresh participants. Total BO accounts reached 1,675,252 in June, up from 1,640,375 at end-December.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/new-bo-accounts-surge-as-equity-market-regains-momentum-1784998112>

BATBC | BAT Bangladesh Q2 profit doubles on sales growth, lower operating costs

- British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh reported strong earnings growth in Q2'26, with net profit more than doubling on higher sales and lower operating expenses despite continued pressure on cigarette volumes.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bat-bangladesh-q2-profit-doubles-on-sales-growth-lower-operating-costs>

HEIDELBCEM | Heidelberg Materials slips into loss in H1 on margin squeeze

- Heidelberg Materials Bangladesh PLC has reported a significant financial downturn for the first half of 2026, swinging into a net loss due to shrinking profit margins and a decline in sales volume.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/heidelberg-materials-slips-loss-h1-margin-squeeze-1497881>

SINGERBD | Singer swings to Q2 profit as lower finance costs offset weak demand

- Singer Bangladesh returned to profitability in Q2'26, supported by higher sales and lower finance costs, despite weak consumer demand weighing on overall performance.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/singer-swings-to-q2-profit-as-lower-finance-costs-offset-weak-demand>

PUBALIBANK | Pubali Bank to buy troubled Bengal Group's 26-storey Swissôtel building for BDT 8.0 Bn

- The property was originally being developed by Bengal Hotels & Resorts, a concern of Bengal Group, as Swissôtel Dhaka, a five-star hotel project.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/pubali-bank-buy-troubled-bengal-groups-26-storey-swissotel-building-tk800cr-1495481>

TRUSTBANK | Trust Bank's Q2 profit falls 13.3pc

- Trust Bank PLC reported a 13.3% YoY decline in consolidated profit in Q2'26, with EPS falling to BDT 0.93 from BDT 1.07 in Q2'25.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/trust-banks-q2-profit-falls-133pc-1784998419>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's branch network adds BDT 50 Bn in CASA deposits

- BRAC Bank's Branch Distribution Network recorded BDT 50.0 Bn growth in current and savings account deposits during the first six months of 2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/brac-banks-branch-network-adds-tk5000cr-casa-deposits-1497691>

SBACBANK | SBAC Bank deposits cross BDT 120 Bn in June

- SBAC Bank PLC's deposits rose to over BDT 120 Bn at the end of June 2026, up by around BDT 13.0 Bn, or 12%, in 6M2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/sbac-bank-deposits-cross-tk12000cr-june-1497731>

ROBI | Robi, Rockstreamer launch Binge+ streaming platform

- Rockstreamer Pvt. Ltd. and Robi Axiata PLC have partnered to launch Binge+, an over-the-top content aggregation platform for Robi and Airtel subscribers in Bangladesh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/robi-rockstreamer-launch-binge-streaming-platform-1497786>

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