

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-0.54%) lost -27.67 points and closed the week at 5,122.22 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-0.52%) lost -10.35 points and stood at 1,987.76 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-0.54%) lost -5.92 points and stood at 1,082.63 points. The large cap index CDSET (-0.79%) lost -8.32 points and closed at 1,049.99 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of -1.81%, +2.48%, -7.38%, -1.51%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 22.9 billion (USD 187 million)

Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 4.6 billion (Δ Week: +6.9%)

Market P/E: 15.2x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. The market started negatively on Sunday (-0.44%), stayed negative on Monday (-0.78%), and Tuesday (-0.05%), but turned positive on Wednesday (+0.16%), and ended positively on Thursday (+0.59%).

Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. General Insurance booked the highest gain of 1.91% followed by Life Insurance (+1.33%). Bank experienced the highest loss of 2.00% followed by NBFIs (-1.99%), Mutual Fund (-0.76%).

Most of the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Telecommunication experienced the highest loss of 1.82% followed by Fuel & Power (-1.75%), Engineering (-0.73%), Food & Allied (-0.37%), and Pharmaceutical (+0.08%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank reports 27% Q3 profit growth. EBL | Eastern Bank profit jumps 26% to BDT 5.84 Bn in Jan-Sep. BATASHOE | Bata slips deeper into the red in Q3 after protest-linked vandalism. PUBALIBANK | Pubali Bank profit reaches BDT 9 Bn in Jan-Sep. ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank profit plunges 66% to BDT 998.1 Mn in Jan-Sep. UNILEVERCL | Horlicks rebound fuels Unilever Consumer Care's strong Q3 recovery. ACI | ACI's loss narrows 53% in FY25, declares 25% cash dividend. SIBL | Social Islami Bank reports BDT 17.42 Bn loss in Jan-Sep. EXCHANGE | BDT 2.5 Mn stolen from Bangladesh Bank in savings certificate system breach. EXCHANGE | Al Haramain, Mahid Securities lose TREC licences. MARICO | Marico posts record quarterly revenue on strong Parachute sales. CITYBANK | City Bank profit jumps 60% to BDT 7.20 Bn in Jan-Sep. OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries triples dividend payout as profit hits four-year high. BATASHOE | Bata declares 143% interim cash dividend. MJLBD | MJL Bangladesh recommends 52% dividend.

DSEX ended in Red (-0.54%) in the week

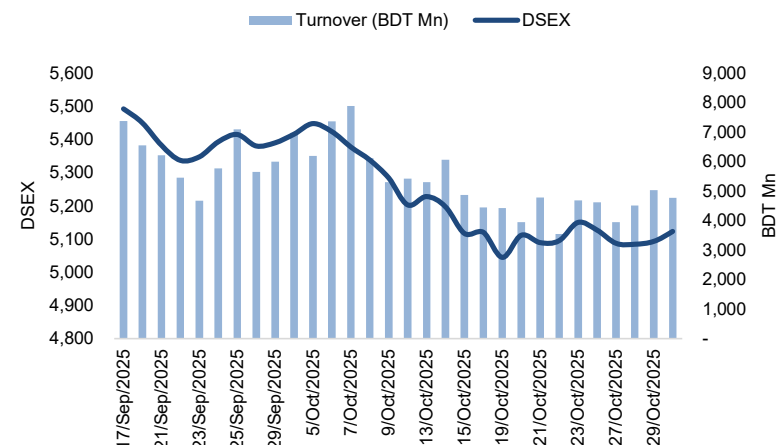
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2024	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,122.22	5,149.89	-27.67	5,216.44	-0.54%	-1.81%
DS30	1,987.76	1,998.10	-10.35	1,939.73	-0.52%	2.48%
DSES	1,082.63	1,088.55	-5.92	1,168.90	-0.54%	-7.38%
CDSET	1,049.99	1,058.31	-8.32	1,066.09	-0.79%	-1.51%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,995,471	7,053,430	-0.82%
	Mn USD	57,206	57,680	
Turnover	Mn BDT	22,869	21,387	6.93%
	Mn USD	187	175	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	4,574	4,277	6.93%
	Mn USD	37	35	
Volume	Mn Shares	709	699	1.52%

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
ANWARGALV	93.9	63.2	+48.6%	2,835	510.9	NM	22.1x
CAPMBDBLMF	11.6	9.1	+27.5%	582	108.0	NM	1.4x
PENINSULA	15.2	12.2	+24.6%	1,804	57.8	NM	0.5x
SPCL	44.0	38.4	+14.6%	8,212	140.4	17.4x	1.1x
TAMIJTEX	146.8	128.2	+14.5%	4,414	69.8	21.9x	1.4x
HAKKANIPUL	72.9	63.9	+14.1%	1,385	220.9	NM	3.0x
SUNLIFEINS	54.3	47.7	+13.8%	1,942	75.3	NM	NM
BPPL	13.5	11.9	+13.4%	2,335	80.2	9.9x	0.5x
RUNNERAUTO	33.0	29.2	+13.0%	3,747	62.7	36.7x	0.5x
SALVOCHEM	32.1	28.5	+12.6%	2,087	151.6	55.3x	1.9x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
PREMIERLEA	1.0	1.2	-18.3%	130	0.5	NM	NM
STYLECRAFT	52.0	61.9	-16.0%	722	26.4	NM	11.3x
PREMIERBAN	5.0	5.9	-15.3%	6,167	7.9	NM	0.3x
MEGHNACEM	36.5	43.0	-15.1%	1,153	2.9	NM	NM
BPML	26.4	30.7	-14.0%	4,588	15.7	NM	0.5x
EXIMBANK	3.2	3.7	-13.5%	4,632	31.2	NM	0.1x
FARCHEM	18.1	20.8	-13.0%	2,771	37.4	NM	0.6x
NBL	2.9	3.3	-12.1%	9,337	13.8	NM	NM
FIRSTSBANK	2.3	2.6	-11.5%	2,779	34.3	NM	1.0x
UNIONBANK	1.6	1.8	-11.1%	1,658	5.4	4.3x	0.1x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ORIONINFU	483.6	488.2	-0.9%	9,846	1,046.5	NM	30.8x
KBPPWBIL	93.1	98.6	-5.6%	9,131	872.6	NM	7.7x
DOMINAGE	22.5	23.0	-2.2%	2,309	523.7	NM	1.3x
ROBI	29.6	30.6	-3.3%	155,043	518.0	16.8x	2.3x
ANWARGALV	93.9	63.2	+48.6%	2,835	510.9	NM	22.1x
PRAGATIINS	75.1	73.6	+2.0%	5,534	493.6	13.7x	1.3x
CITYBANK	24.5	24.8	-1.2%	37,270	484.1	2.8x	0.6x
SAPORTL	44.5	43.6	+2.1%	10,541	482.9	16.5x	1.3x
SONALIPAPR	255.2	264.5	-3.5%	8,408	428.6	35.6x	1.5x
BRACBANK	68.1	71.1	-4.2%	135,582	407.2	8.6x	1.3x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
BRACBANK	68.1	+56.4%	135,582	8.6x	1.3x
BXPHERMA	116.8	+43.1%	52,106	8.1x	1.0x
BSRMSTEEL	67.9	+33.7%	25,527	4.9x	0.8x
ENVOYTEX	52.3	+32.7%	8,773	6.2x	0.9x
ACI	177.1	+27.1%	15,555	NM	1.9x
RUNNERAUTO	33.0	+26.4%	3,747	36.7x	0.5x
ESQUIRENIT	24.1	+23.6%	3,251	54.8x	0.4x
CITYBANK	24.5	+23.5%	37,270	2.8x	0.6x
CROWNCEMNT	53.7	+23.4%	7,974	11.9x	0.9x
IPDC	21.5	+23.4%	8,796	18.7x	1.3x

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,404.0	1,432.6	1,429.64	-2.00%	-1.79%
NBFI	987.4	1,007.4	1,188.21	-1.99%	-16.90%
Mutual Fund	533.7	537.8	603.30	-0.76%	-11.53%
General Insurance	2,989.6	2,933.5	2,772.79	+1.91%	+7.82%
Life Insurance	2,030.3	2,003.7	1,827.34	+1.33%	+11.11%
Telecommunication	4,799.7	4,888.8	5,185.99	-1.82%	-7.45%
Pharmaceutical	2,978.0	2,975.8	2,959.70	+0.08%	+0.62%
Fuel & Power	1,093.1	1,112.5	1,108.63	-1.75%	-1.40%
Cement	1,965.4	1,987.2	1,957.26	-1.10%	+0.42%
Services & Real Estate	1,021.4	978.6	1,013.65	+4.37%	+0.76%
Engineering	2,362.8	2,380.1	2,496.75	-0.73%	-5.37%
Food & Allied	13,629.1	13,679.3	17,177.59	-0.37%	-20.66%
IT	1,862.3	1,848.9	1,994.92	+0.72%	-6.65%
Textile	1,110.2	1,116.4	1,093.38	-0.55%	+1.54%
Paper & Printing	4,778.8	4,893.9	3,998.20	-2.35%	+19.52%
Tannery	1,950.6	1,938.3	2,020.25	+0.64%	-3.45%
Jute	12,657.0	12,097.7	14,455.60	+4.62%	-12.44%
Ceramics	391.8	381.0	359.12	+2.83%	+9.10%
Miscellaneous	4,031.4	4,020.2	4,252.62	+0.28%	-5.20%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	466.5	361.6	+29.02%	+10.76%	NM	0.8x
NBFI	130.1	97.1	+33.98%	+3.00%	NM	NM
Mutual Fund	101.8	133.8	-23.90%	+2.35%	NM	0.5x
General Insurance	402.0	416.4	-3.45%	+9.27%	14.1x	1.3x
Life Insurance	238.8	276.4	-13.58%	+5.51%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	127.7	128.3	-0.50%	+2.94%	13.9x	4.2x
Pharmaceutical	523.9	546.7	-4.18%	+12.08%	12.7x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	229.2	212.1	+8.05%	+5.29%	15.2x	0.6x
Cement	16.6	31.6	-47.43%	+0.38%	20.6x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	214.7	216.6	-0.77%	+4.95%	19.9x	0.4x
Engineering	496.1	424.3	+16.90%	+11.44%	14.5x	0.8x
Food & Allied	247.1	258.3	-4.35%	+5.70%	18.4x	4.0x
IT	157.9	212.3	-25.60%	+3.64%	26.6x	1.5x
Textile	418.2	382.2	+9.42%	+9.65%	78.6x	0.8x
Paper & Printing	176.9	137.6	+28.61%	+4.08%	NM	1.1x
Tannery	40.3	60.2	-33.12%	+0.93%	NM	1.5x
Jute	24.2	18.9	+28.38%	+0.56%	NM	NM
Ceramics	23.1	17.6	+31.28%	+0.53%	NM	1.1x
Miscellaneous	300.3	214.9	+39.78%	+6.93%	87.2x	1.7x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
BARKAPOWER	6.7	-31.6%	1,578	18.6x	0.3x
POWERGRID	28.7	-31.3%	26,226	NM	0.2x
RENATA	437.2	-31.2%	50,145	21.2x	1.4x
BATBC	254.9	-30.7%	137,646	11.1x	2.6x
LANKABAFIN	14.2	-23.7%	7,652	35.5x	0.8x
ADNTEL	65.6	-23.0%	4,241	27.2x	2.0x
LINDEBD	789.0	-22.6%	12,007	18.2x	3.8x
ISLAMIBANK	37.8	-21.9%	60,858	NM	0.8x
RECKITT BEN	3,523.1	-19.0%	16,647	20.9x	26.7x
GPHISPAT	18.0	-18.6%	8,710	22.9x	0.3x

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Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Fed lowers rates, but Powell suggests move may be the last of 2025

- The Fed on Wednesday cut interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point, as expected, to temper any further weakening of the job market. But the central bank's new policy statement included several references to the lack of official data during a federal government shutdown, and Powell told reporters later that policymakers are likely to become more cautious if it deprives them of further job and inflation reports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/usa/fed-lowers-rates-powell-suggests-move-may-be-last-2025-1272791>

Negotiators hope for next tranche worth 450 Mn from IMF as eligibility check starts

- The reappraisal team from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), beginning its hectic review work Wednesday, sought information regarding government steps on midterm budget adjustment and subsidy-reduction policies in power and other sectors, insiders said. Also, they sought to know the progress regarding NIR or net international reserves, exchange-rate management, quasi-fiscal activities, etc.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/negotiators-hope-for-next-tranche-as-eligibility-check-starts-1761760760>

Forex reserves stand at USD 27.34 Bn

- "Higher remittance inflows and export earnings have boosted the supply of dollars in the banking sector. Commercial banks, after selling dollars to other banks, are also selling excess dollars to the central bank, which adds to the country's reserves," Arif Hossain Khan, spokesperson and Executive Director of Bangladesh Bank, confirmed the matter to reporters this evening (29 October).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forex-reserves-stand-2734b-1272551>

Economy shows signs of stabilization, but challenges persist, warns PRI

- Bangladesh's economy is showing signs of stabilization, driven by steady remittance inflows, prudent fiscal management, and a gradual improvement in foreign-exchange reserves, according to PRI. However, the think tank cautioned that the stabilization is fragile and still remains at a lower level.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/economy-shows-signs-of-stabilisation-but-challenges-persist-warns-pri1761761043>

FUEL & POWER | Now govt to self-finance BDT 430 Bn Eastern Refinery 2 as foreign funding falls through

- After months of unsuccessful efforts to secure foreign loans, the government has now decided to implement the longdelayed second unit of the Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL-2) with its own funds – a long-cherished project expected to save the country millions of dollars annually by cutting refined oil imports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/now-govt-self-finance-tk43000cr-eastern-refinery-2-foreign-funding-falls-through>

FOOD & ALLIED | Govt approves Philip Morris nicotine pouch factory

- The authorities have approved the Bangladeshi arm of global tobacco company Philip Morris to set up a factory in Narayanganj to produce nicotine pouches -- small, tea bag-like packets containing chemically synthesised nicotine, flavourings and other ingredients. According to the official document, the project by Philip Morris Bangladesh involves an initial investment of USD 5.82 Mn and has the capacity to produce 536.3 Mn units annually.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-approves-philip-morris-nicotine-pouch-factory-4022591>

RMG | Snowtex eyes USD 160 Mn exports to France in five years

- Snowtex Group, a Bangladeshi apparel manufacturer and exporter, aims to export goods worth USD 150 Mn to USD 160 Mn to the French market over the next five years. Bangladesh's trade with France exceeded USD 2.2 Bn last year, with Snowtex contributing more than USD 100 Mn, said Md Tariqul Islam, assistant director for marketing and merchandising at Snowtex Group.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/snowtex-eyes-160m-exports-france-five-years-4022546>

Next IMF loan tranche uncertain for unfinished banking reforms

- Hints are rife the IMF might hold back the next installment of its USD 5.5 Bn loan from stipulated payout by December deadline as Bangladesh couldn't complete agreed banking reforms, officials said Tuesday. The IMF mission is scheduled to arrive in Dhaka today (October 29) for a two-week review of progress made until last June.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/next-imf-loan-tranche-uncertain-for-unfinished-banking-reforms-1761673914>

Singapore-China JV to invest USD 27.57 Mn in Bepza EZ Star

- Journey Outdoors Bangladesh Co Ltd, a Singapore- and China-owned company, will invest USD 27.57 Mn to set up a high-end garments and outdoor products manufacturing factory at the Bepza Economic Zone (Bepza EZ) in Mirsharai, Chattogram.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/singapore-china-jv-invest-2757m-bepza-ez-star-4021601>

Forex reserves stand at USD 32.18 Bn

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 32.18 Bn on Monday. However, as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF) methodology under the Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6), Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 27.38 Bn, according to the latest data of the Bangladesh Bank (BB), reports BSS.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-reserves-stand-at-3218b-1761589819>

FUEL & POWER | Power import payment rules relaxed

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed regulations governing power-import payments, allowing authorised dealer banks to make outward remittances for electricity purchases under government-approved cross-border arrangements without obtaining prior approval for each case from the central bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/power-import-payment-rules-relaxed-1761674629>

BANK | Experts foresee 'huge' problem with merger of five Islamic banks

- Criticising the central bank's proposed merger of five problem-ridden Islamic banks, speakers at a roundtable discussion expressed the fear that the merged Shariah-based bank could become a huge burden for the government.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/experts-foresee-huge-problem-with-merger-of-five-islamic-banks-1761674395>

BANK | Govt pressure led to closure of interoperable payment platform in 2020: Cenbank official

- Bangladesh Bank had launched a single Interoperable Payment System in 2020 to enable seamless transactions between banks, mobile financial services (MFS), and payment service providers (PSP). However, the bank was forced to shut it down following government pressure, said Mohammad Rashed, additional director at Bangladesh Bank

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/govt-pressure-led-closure-interoperable-payment-platform-2020-cenbank-official>

STEEL | AKS now country's largest steel maker

- Abul Khair Steel Ltd (AKS) has inaugurated a new rebar rolling mill, taking its annual capacity beyond that of any other steelmaker in the country, a press release from the group said yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/aks-now-countrys-largest-steel-maker-4021576>

Snail-paced G2G economic zones show uneven progress

- A decade after introducing the government-to-government (G2G) economic zone model to attract foreign investment in Bangladesh through bilateral partnerships, the overall progress now looks uneven.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/snail-paced-g2g-economic-zones-show-uneven-progress-4020656>

Exporters can soon swap retained forex for taka credit to meet urgent cash needs

- The central bank is set to introduce a currency swap facility allowing exporters to temporarily exchange foreign currency from their Exporters' Retention Quota (ERQ) accounts for local currency to meet urgent cash needs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/exporters-can-soon-swap-retained-forex-taka-credit-meet-urgent-cash-needs-1270921>

Accession requires opening services sector

- Bangladesh's coveted membership in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), world's largest trade bloc, presupposes challenging sweeping liberalisation of trade in services as a predominant condition.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/accession-requires-opening-services-sector-1761589232>

Govt tightens spending control, bars extra budget allocations

- The government has imposed a strict expenditure ceiling on all ministries and divisions as part of its ongoing austerity measures amid mounting fiscal pressures and slower revenue growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-tightens-spending-control-bars-extra-budget-allocations-1761674589>

A2i project faces massive cost surge

- The government's flagship Aspire-to-Innovate (a2i) project has run into major financial controversy after racking up deferred payments of BDT 3.0 Bn in its data-preservation segment, twelve times the original allocation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/a2i-project-faces-massive-cost-surge-1761674451>

Worry overshadows Asycuda replacement move

- A government move to phase out from the tested customs digital-platform Asycuda to adopt an advanced system has raised more concerns than corroboration from stakeholders in foreign trade and national revenue.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/worry-overshadows-asyCUDA-replacement-move-1761589161>

Economic governance needs to undergo major changes

- Speakers at the Economic Reform Summit 2025 have called for deep structural changes in Bangladesh's economic governance, stressing deregulation, restoration of central bank independence, and a shift from bureaucratic dominance to private sector-led reform.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/economic-governance-needs-to-undergo-major-changes-1761589613>

BANK | Banks can now write off bad loans immediately to keep balance sheet strong. But at what cost?

- A leading private bank in the country, currently burdened with a 14% non-performing loan (NPL) ratio, expects to bring it down to just 6% within 30 days after the central bank permitted immediate write-offs of bad loans. The lender, which has maintained 100% provisioning against its classified loans, plans to act swiftly under the new rule.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-can-now-write-bad-loans-immediately-keep-balance-sheet-strong-what-cost>

FUEL & POWER | BD to import 1.42 Mn tonnes of refined petroleum in H1

- The government will import up to 1.42 Mn tonnes (mt) of refined petroleum products between January and June next year from global suppliers via a competitive bidding process.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-to-import-142m-tonnes-of-refined-petroleum-in-h1-1761589769>

JUTE | Pakistan expresses interest in importing jute from Bangladesh

- Pakistan has expressed interest in importing jute from Bangladesh today, following the resumption of the Bangladesh-Pakistan Joint Economic Commission (JEC) meeting in Dhaka after a two-decade hiatus.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/pakistan-expresses-interest-importing-jute-bangladesh-4020186>

RMG | RMG owners fear deliberate attempts to incite labour unrest during national election

- The garment industry owners fear deliberate attempts to incite labour unrest and sabotage within the country's export-focused ready-made garment (RMG) sector in the lead-up to the national election.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-owners-fear-deliberate-attempts-incite-labour-unrest-during-national-election>

TRADE | Bangladesh offered use of Karachi port, jute duty cut

- Pakistan has offered Bangladesh the use of its Karachi port for conducting foreign trade with countries such as China, Gulf, and Central Asian nations, officials said on Monday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-offered-use-of-karachi-port-jute-duty-cut-1761589676>

New govt pay scale may cost BDT 700 Bn more yearly

- An initial estimate by the National Pay Commission (NPC) suggests the new government pay scale would require around BDT 700 Bn more annually, including a hike in pensions, gratuities and medical allowances.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-govt-pay-scale-may-cost-tk-700b-more-yearly-1761503695>

Capital-machinery import rebounding from slump

- Capital-machinery import rebounds into positive trajectory from a slump, indicating some acceleration in the economy after months of sluggishness Bangladesh had witnessed following disruptions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/capital-machinery-import-rebounding-from-slump-1761503803>

Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway project cost to rise by BDT 10 Bn

- The cost of the Dhaka-Ashulia Elevated Expressway (DAEE) project are set to increase by at least BDT 10 Bn due to changes in design, utility shifting, and integration of ramps with other infrastructures, including the Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) and the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) airport station.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-ashulia-elevated-expressway-project-cost-to-rise-by-tk-10b-1761503883>

BANK | Credit card spending climbs 35% in Aug amid digital shift

- Credit card usage in Bangladesh has surged sharply over the past year, reflecting stronger consumer confidence and an uptick in retail activity in the domestic market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/credit-card-spending-climbs-35pc-in-aug-amid-digital-shift-1761502059>

TRADE | US wheat costing more due to binding agreement

- The price gap between American and Russian wheat currently ranges between USD 75 and USD 80 per tonne. Bangladesh has been purchasing American wheat at USD 308 per tonne, while Russian wheat is sold in international markets at USD 226 to USD 230 per tonne.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/us-wheat-costing-more-due-binding-agreement-4019846>

TELECOMMUNICATION | In 5 months, Starlink gets 1,800 subscriptions in Bangladesh

- Starlink, the satellite internet service operated by Elon Musk's SpaceX, now has around 1,800 active devices in use across Bangladesh within five months of beginning operations, according to data from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/5-months-starlink-gets-1800-subscriptions-bangladesh-4019851>

FUEL & POWER | Govt to appoint int'l legal consultant

- The government plans to appoint an international legal consultant to resolve existing and future disputes involving liquefied natural gas (LNG) contracts. The consultant will also provide legal advice on finalising terminal use agreements (TUAs), LNG sales and purchase agreements (SPAs), and implementation agreements (IAs) between state-run Petrobangla or the government and relevant parties.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-appoint-intl-legal-consultant-1761504102>

MFS | bKash posts BDT 5.04 Bn profit in nine months, revenue soars

- BKash Limited, the country's leading mobile financial services (MFS) provider, has reported a net profit of BDT 5.04 Bn for the first nine months of the current year. This represents a 131% increase in profit compared to the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bkash-posts-tk504-crore-profit-nine-months-revenue-soars-1270011>

Forex reserves cross USD 32 Bn mark, highest in 2.5 years

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves have crossed the USD 32 Bn mark, the highest level in two and a half years, according to the central bank, reports UNB.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-reserves-cross-32b-mark-highest-in-25-years-1761242358>

Forex-reserves buildup gets cautious IMF plaudits

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cautiously hailed Bangladesh's recent foreign-exchange -reserves buildup, pending a spot-check as to whether the modalities of market operations are consistent with the Fund-prescribed exchange regime.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/forex-reserves-buildup-gets-cautious-imf-plaudits-1761412273>

Dhaka Metro costs 5 times India's: Jica review sought to cut millions

- A metrorail project costs just USD 40.77 Mn per kilometer in Patna city, which is USD 166 Mn in Riyadh and USD 188 Mn in Dubai. In Dhaka, the cost of similar projects ranges between USD 226.74 Mn and USD 253.63 Mn per kilometer – five times the cost in India and much higher than in Saudi Arabia and UAE.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/transport/dhaka-metro-costs-5-times-indias-jica-review-sought-cut-millions-1269236>

DCCI to develop Economic Position Index

- The Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) has taken an initiative to develop an Economic Position Index (EPI) aimed at revealing the real scenario of economic activities and formulating specific recommendations to improve the country's overall economic condition.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/dcci-develop-economic-position-index-4018551>

Govt plans to trim foreign project aid

- Officials said consultations will begin next week to reassess how much of the BDT 860 Bn project aid allocation can realistically be spent in FY2025-26.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-plans-to-trim-foreign-project-aid-1761412652>

Govt moves to form Bangladesh Business Promotion Council

- The government has drafted 'Bangladesh Business Promotion Council Ordinance, 2025', to institutionalise and strengthen public-private collaboration in enhancing the country's export competitiveness, diversifying products and markets, and simplifying trade procedures in line with international standards.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-moves-to-form-bangladesh-business-promotion-council-1761411892>

Government tightens grip on financial rules

- In a fresh push to restore fiscal discipline across public offices, the government has reminded all ministries and agencies that no financial directive can be issued without the Finance Division's consent.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/government-tightens-grip-on-financial-rules-1761412481>

BD pursues aggressive tariff overhaul

- Bangladesh adopts a time-bound implementation roadmap on aggressive tariff overhauls, including deep cuts, to rationalize the country's trade regime to play tidily on the global market in post-graduation era.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/bd-pursues-aggressive-tariff-overhaul-1761328336>

CAAB mulls operating HSIA's third terminal on its own

- Talks with the consortium - primarily shortlisted to manage the BDT 213.99 Bn facility - have stalled due to a lack of consensus on several key conditions, a senior CAAB official told The Financial Express on condition of anonymity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/caab-mulls-operating-hsias-third-terminal-on-its-own-1761412811>

BD less exposed to AI risks: Report

- Only 1.44% of total jobs in Bangladesh are related to AI, far below 7.29% in Sri Lanka and 5.8% in India, the global lender said in its latest report titled "South Asia Development Update: Jobs, AI and Trade."

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-less-exposed-to-ai-risks-report-1761412732>

Signing ILO convention raises factory owners' onus

- Following Bangladesh's signing of the International Labour Organization's (ILO) Convention 190, employers now face greater responsibilities to ensure gender sensitivity and prevent workplace harassment, in line with the convention, industry leaders have said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/signing-ilo-convention-raises-factory-owners-onus-1761241812>

BANK | AKIJ Resource seeks to introduce Sariah-based digital bank

- AKIJ Resource, a business entity that originated from one of the oldest conglomerates- AKIJ Group- aspires to introduce the country's first-ever Sariah-based digital bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/akij-resource-seeks-to-introduce-sariah-based-digital-bank-1761241714>

BANK | BB now better equipped to handle errant banks

- A clearly defined drive begins in acquisitions and mergers of problem banks as the regulator Thursday issued regulations for the Bank Resolution Ordinance 2025 made by the interim government for banking-sector reforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/bb-now-better-equipped-to-handle-errant-banks-1761241491>

BANK | Farm credit up 28% in August, overdue loans nearly double

- Scheduled banks disbursed BDT 26.72 Bn in agricultural loans during August, an increase of more than 28% compared with the same month last year, according to the latest "Monthly Report on Agriculture and Rural Finance" by the Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/farm-credit-28-august-overdue-loans-nearly-double-4018681>

Important News: Stocks

PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank reports 27% Q3 profit growth

- The NPAT was recorded at BDT 6.29 Bn compared to BDT 4.95 Bn in the same period as the previous year. Earnings per share stood at BDT 5.42 as against BDT 4.27 in the corresponding period.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/prime-bank-reports-27pc-q3-profit-growth-1761756492>

EBL | Eastern Bank profit jumps 26% to BDT 5.84 Bn in Jan-Sep

- According to a statement from the bank on Wednesday (29 October), its consolidated earnings per share stood at BDT 3.66 during the period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-bank-profit-jumps-26-tk584cr-jan-sep-1272626>

BATASHOE | Bata slips deeper into the red in Q3 after protest-linked vandalism

- Despite higher sales, Bata Shoe Company saw its losses escalate 153% year-on-year to BDT 144 Mn in the third quarter through September this year, having to navigate exceptional circumstances. "Several retail locations were affected by acts of vandalism, which disrupted operations and had a material impact on financial performance," said the company.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bata-slips-deeper-into-the-red-in-q3-after-protest-linked-vandalism1761756392>

PUBALIBANK | Pubali Bank profit reaches BDT 9 Bn in Jan-Sep

- Pubali Bank has reported a strong financial performance for the first nine months of this year, with its consolidated net profit jumping by 4% year-on-year to BDT 9.11 Bn. The bank said in its price sensitive statement, the consolidated net profit increased due to the robust return from the investment in the government securities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pubali-bank-profit-reaches-tk900cr-jan-sep-1272491>

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank profit plunges 66% to BDT 998.1 Mn in Jan-Sep

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has reported that its consolidated net profit fell 66% year-on-year to BDT 998.1 Mn in the January-September period of this year. In the July-September quarter alone, the bank reported a consolidated net profit of BDT 320 Mn, with an EPS of BDT 0.20.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/islami-bank-profit-plunges-66-tk9981cr-jan-sep-1272581>

UNILEVERCL | Horlicks rebound fuels Unilever Consumer Care's strong Q3 recovery

- Unilever Consumer Care bounced back strongly in the third quarter through September this year, supported by higher sales of Horlicks amid easing inflationary pressure, compared to the same quarter last year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/horlicks-rebound-fuels-unilever-consumer-cares-strong-q3-recovery1761756352>

ACI | ACI's loss narrows 53% in FY25, declares 25% cash dividend

- ACI's management attributed the improvement in profitability to steady revenue growth and stronger cost control. However, the company noted that higher borrowing costs partially offset the gains.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/acis-loss-narrows-53-fy25-declares-25-cash-dividend-1272676>

SIBL | Social Islami Bank reports BDT 17.42 Bn loss in Jan-Sep

- According to a statement released by the bank today (29 October), its consolidated loss per share stood at BDT 15.28 during the period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/social-islami-bank-reports-tk1742cr-loss-jan-sep-1272511>

EXCHANGE | BDT 2.5 Mn stolen from Bangladesh Bank in savings certificate system breach

- A fraud ring has embezzled BDT 2.5 Mn by exploiting the National Savings Certificate (NSC) system, Bangladesh Bank officials said today (29 October). Initial findings suggest the fraudulent transaction was executed using the password of officials responsible for operating the Savings Certificate system.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/tk25-lakh-stolen-bangladesh-bank-savings-certificate-system-breach-1272726>

EXCHANGE | Al Haramain, Mahid Securities lose TREC licences

- DSE cancelled Al Haramain Securities' licence due to the firm's failure to maintain the required capital. Mahid Securities lost its licence as it failed to obtain stock-dealer or stock-broker registration certificates from BSEC.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/al-haramain-mahid-securities-lose-trec-licences-1761756431>

MARICO | Marico posts record quarterly revenue on strong Parachute sales

- Marico has secured double-digit revenue growth year-on-year to BDT 5 Bn in the second quarter through September this year, the highest quarterly revenue since its listing on the secondary market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/marico-posts-record-quarterly-revenue-on-strong-parachute-sales-1761670211>

CITYBANK | City Bank profit jumps 60% to BDT 7.20 Bn in Jan–Sep

- City Bank has reported a strong financial performance for the first nine months of this year, with its consolidated net profit jumping by 60% year-on-year to BDT 7.20 Bn. Based on the six-month audited financial statements, Marico has declared a 500% interim cash dividend. So, investors will get BDT 50 per share in cash dividends.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-profit-jumps-60-tk720cr-jan-sep-1271791>

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries triples dividend payout as profit hits four-year high

- Olympic Industries reported its strongest profit in four years and recommended a 30% cash dividend for fiscal 2024-25, tripling last year's payout as revenue and earnings continued to climb.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/olympic-industries-triples-dividend-payout-profit-hits-four-year-high-4021201>

BATASHOE | Bata declares 143% interim cash dividend

- Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Limited has decided to pay 143% cash dividend as interim considering the financial statement for January-September period this year. During the period, its earnings per share was BDT 9.32, which was 48% lower from the previous year at the same time.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bata-declares-143-interim-cash-dividend-1271741>

MJLBD | MJL Bangladesh recommends 52% dividend

- MJL Bangladesh PLC has recommended a 52% cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2025, unchanged from last year, even as profit rose. Its consolidated net operating cash flow per share fell compared to the previous year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/mjl-bangladesh-recommends-52-dividend-4021206>

EHL | Land sales boost Eastern Housing's Q1 profit by 27%

- Eastern Housing declared a 27% rise in profit to BDT 201.79 Mn for the first quarter through September of FY26 as revenue from land sales experienced a boost and finance income grew modestly.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/land-sales-boost-eastern-housings-q1-profit-by-27pc-1761670236>

IPDC | IPDC Finance's quarterly profit surges 136%

- IPDC Finance PLC, the country's first private sector non-bank financial institution, has reported a remarkable 136% year-on-year rise in net profit for the July-September quarter of 2025, driven by higher investment income, disciplined cost control, and a diversified portfolio.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ipdc-finance-quarterly-profit-surges-136-1271676>

RUNNERAUTO | Runner Automobiles returns to profit in FY25 on strong three-wheeler sales

- The country's pioneering motorcycle manufacturer reported a consolidated profit of BDT 102 Mn in FY25 against a loss of BDT 61 Mn a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/runner-automobiles-returns-to-profit-in-fy25-on-strong-three-wheeler-sales-1761670259>

IPDC | IPDC Finance profit jumps 74% in Jan-Sept on higher investment income

- The growth was driven by higher investment returns, steady lending income, and cost discipline amid economic headwinds, according to a press release issued on Tuesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ipdc-finance-profit-jumps-74pc-in-jan-sept-on-higher-investment-income-1761670319>

TITASGAS | Titas Gas bleeds BDT 16.80 Bn over 3 years despite turnaround efforts

- The state-owned Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company PLC has suffered losses for the third consecutive fiscal year, with its net loss for FY2024–25 widening to BDT 7.72 Bn – up 4% from the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/titas-gas-bleeds-tk1680cr-over-3-years-despite-turnaround-efforts-1271771>

ICB | Investment Corporation Bangladesh reports record BDT 12.13 Bn loss for FY25

- The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) has incurred a record loss of BDT 12.13 Bn for the fiscal year 2024-25, marking the first time in its history.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/investment-corporation-bangladesh-reports-record-tk1213cr-loss-fy25-1271806>

ROBI | Robi's Q3 profit jumps 28% on cost cuts, forex gains

- Despite tough market competition, Robi Axiata secured a 28% year-on-year surge in profit to BDT 2.42 Bn in the third quarter through September this year, supported by higher revenue.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/robis-q3-profit-jumps-28pc-on-cost-cuts-forex-gains-1761587601>

RECKITT BEN | Reckitt Benckiser returns to growth on higher sales, cost cuts

- Reckitt Benckiser gained 21% year-on-year profit growth to BDT 246 Mn in the third quarter through September this year, owing to higher sales and lower finance costs. That marks a turnaround, as the company's business had remained sluggish since 2021 after the pandemic waned, followed by the Russia-Ukraine war leading to an economic meltdown.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/reckitt-benckiser-returns-to-growth-on-higher-sales-cost-cuts-1761587700>

UNIONBANK | Union Bank's audacious BDT 4.50 Bn book cooking

- The private commercial Union Bank, previously controlled by the loan scammer S Alam Group, has reported a loss of BDT 2.92 Bn for 2023 following the rectification of its previously audited balance sheet, which had shown an artificial profit of BDT 1.62 Bn for that year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/corruption/union-banks-audacious-tk450cr-book-cooking-1270081>

GP | Grameenphone Q3 profit dips slightly despite higher revenue

- Despite higher revenue, Grameenphone's profit dropped slightly by 0.52% year-on-year to BDT 7.51 Bn in July-September this year, due to higher energy costs and operating expenses. The leading telecom operator's revenue stood at BDT 40.10 Bn for July-September this year, registering a 1.4% growth over the same quarter last year, according to its financial statements published on Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/grameenphone-q3-profit-dips-slightly-despite-higher-revenue-1761501905>

BSC | BSC's new ship commences maiden voyage

- One of the two newly purchased bulk carriers by Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) commenced its maiden commercial voyage yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bscs-new-ship-commences-maiden-voyage-4020671>

RENATA | Renata's FY25 profit slumps 38% on higher input, finance costs

- Renata has posted a 38.6% lower profit to BDT 2.22 Bn for FY25 compared to the previous year, despite handsome revenue growth, as the cost of raw materials, labour, and finance increased.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/renatas-fy25-profit-slumps-38pc-on-higher-input-finance-costs-1761587659>

ALARABANK | Al-Arafah Bank MD removed over irregularities

- The managing director of Al-Arafah Islami Bank PLC, Farman R Chowdhury, has been removed from his position over irregularities in the bank's agent-banking operations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/al-arafah-bank-md-removed-over-irregularities-1761589457>

UPGDCL | United Power's profit hits new high, yet investors react to restrained dividend

- United Power Generation & Distribution Company has posted an impressive 48% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 11.98 Bn in FY25 - the highest annual profit since its listing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/united-powers-profit-hits-new-high-yet-investors-react-to-restrained-dividend-1761587633>

BANKASIA | Bank Asia's nine-month profit tops 2024 total

- Bank Asia posted a 71% year-on-year surge in profit for the first nine months of the 2025 financial year, driven by higher investment income.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bank-asias-nine-month-profit-tops-2024-total-4020141>

PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank posts BDT 5.41 Bn loss in Q3

- The bank posted a consolidated loss of 5.41 Bn for the quarter, compared with a profit of BDT 0.54 Bn in the same period a year earlier.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/premier-bank-posts-tk-541cr-loss-q3-4020236>

APEXFOOT | Apex Footwear's profit dips despite robust revenue growth in Q1

- Apex Footwear, one of the country's largest footwear exporters, has reported an 11.66% dip in net profit for the first quarter (Q1) of the current fiscal year 2025-26, despite achieving a 14.43% growth in revenue. The primary factors contributing to the profit decline were soaring finance costs and increased tax expenses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-footwears-profit-dips-despite-robust-revenue-growth-q1-1269991>

WALTONHIL | Walton installs country's largest floating solar power plant in Gazipur

- Aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the country's superbrand and tech giant Walton has prioritised green and renewable energy initiatives to promote sustainable industrial growth. As part of this effort, Walton has installed the country's largest floating solar power plant — with a capacity of one megawatt — at its headquarters in Chandra, Gazipur, marking a significant step towards a greener future in the industrial sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/walton-installs-countrys-largest-floating-solar-power-plant-gazipur-1269976>

ISLAMIBANK | Islamic bank investments grow 10.55% in a year

- Bangladesh's Islamic banking sector continued to post steady growth across key indicators, including investment, in August 2025, according to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank (BB). The Islamic Banking System also recorded considerable growth in investments, rising from BDT 5.17 Tn in August 2024 to BDT 5.72 Tn in August 2025, a growth of 10.55%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/islamic-bank-investments-grow-1055pc-in-a-year-1761328861>

ESQUIRENIT | Esquire Knit declares 10% cash dividend for general shareholders

- Esquire Knit Composite PLC, a textile firm listed on the stock exchanges, has recommended a 10% cash dividend only for its general shareholders for the fiscal year 2024-25. The company reported a consolidated earnings per share (EPS) of Tk0.44 for FY25, slightly up from Tk0.41 during the same period of the previous fiscal year (FY24).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/esquire-knit-declares-10-cash-dividend-general-shareholders-1269966>

KOHINOOR | Kohinoor Chemical recommends 75% dividend for FY25

- Kohinoor Chemical Company (Bangladesh), a listed firm under the pharmaceuticals and chemicals sector, has recommended a 75% dividend — comprising 65% cash and 10% stock — for its shareholders for the fiscal year 2024-25. In a disclosure through the stock exchanges yesterday, the firm reported a 24% growth in its profit in FY25 compared to the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/kohinoor-chemical-recommends-75-dividend-fy25-1270046>

GP | GP CEO gets bail in case filed by former employee

- Grameenphone Chief Executive Officer Yasir Azman and two senior officials appeared before a Dhaka court on Sunday and secured bail in a criminal case filed by a former employee who has accused them of fraud, criminal breach of trust and non-payment of dues.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/gp-ceo-gets-bail-in-case-filed-by-former-employee-1761504339>

EXCHANGE | Tick size cut to keep 'penny stocks' tradable

- With some stocks trading around BDT 1 per share, the prime bourse has reduced the smallest allowable price deviation in each transaction for such securities to BDT 0.01 from the existing BDT 0.10.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/tick-size-cut-to-keep-penny-stocks-tradable-1761501941>

HEIDELBCEM | Heidelberg Materials posts Q3 profit despite cost pressures

- Heidelberg Materials posted a profit of BDT 9.28 Mn in the third quarter (July-September) of 2025, recovering from a loss in the same period of 2024.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/heidelberg-materials-posts-q3-profit-despite-cost-pressures-1761409124>

FAREASTLIF | Ex-Fareast Ins boss confesses acquiring huge illegal wealth

- Former Chairman of Fareast Islami Life Insurance Limited Md. Nazrul Islam during a five-day remand has confessed acquiring of huge illegal wealth and laundering money abroad by himself and his family members.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/ex-fareast-ins-boss-confesses-acquiring-huge-illegal-wealth-1761589789>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank posts record quarterly profit

- BRAC Bank PLC has reported its highest-ever quarterly profit for the July-September period this year, registering a 50% year-on-year increase. The third-generation commercial bank posted a consolidated profit of BDT 6.30 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-posts-record-quarterly-profit-1761327280?date=25-10-2025>

MATINSPINN | Matin Spinning posts 130% profit surge riding on higher sales

- Matin Spinning Mills, a concern of DBL Group and a listed textile sector company, posted a remarkable profit growth of over 130% year-on-year in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/node/1269186>

DOREENPWR | Doreen Power sees 76% profit jump

- Doreen Power Generation and Systems, an independent power producer, has reported a consolidated profit growth of 76% for the fiscal year 2024-25, primarily driven by significant revenue growth in its subsidiary companies.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/doreen-power-sees-76-profit-jump-1269171>

BEACONPHAR | Beacon Pharma delivers robust FY25 results on booming cancer drug sales

- Beacon Pharmaceuticals posted an impressive 81% year-on-year profit growth to BDT 947 Mn in FY25, driven by record sales and higher income from investment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/beacon-pharma-delivers-robust-fy25-results-on-booming-cancer-drug-sales-1761236514?date=24-10-2025>

RENATA | Renata raised BDT 3.25 Bn through preference shares

- Renata PLC, one of the leading drug makers in the country, has successfully concluded raising 3.25 Bn capital through convertible preference shares to offset its high-cost loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/renata-raised-tk325cr-through-preference-shares-1267636>

PREMIERCEM | Premier Cement recommends 10% cash dividend

- Premier Cement Mills, one of the country's leading cement manufacturers, has recommended a 10% cash dividend for its shareholders for the 2024-25 fiscal year — almost half of what it paid in the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/premier-cement-recommends-10-cash-dividend-1269036>

DHAKABANK | Dhaka Bank profit drops 21% in nine months

- Dhaka Bank PLC has reported a 21% decline in its consolidated net profit for the first nine months of 2025, reflecting weaker operating performance compared to the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/dhaka-bank-profit-drops-21-nine-months-1269166>

SINGERBD | Singer sees escalation of Q3 losses on higher finance costs

- Singer Bangladesh's loss escalated 160% year-on-year to BDT 480 Mn in the third quarter through September this year despite higher sales, due to a significant increase in finance costs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/singer-sees-escalation-of-q3-losses-on-higher-finance-costs-1761236613?date=24-10-2025>

SUMITPOWER | Summit Power profit nosedives 88% on plant shutdowns, impairment loss

- Summit Power reported a whopping 88% year-on-year decline in profit to BDT 0.41 Bn in FY25 due to the shutdown of nearly half of its plants and an impairment loss of BDT 1.52 Bn shown in its financial statements.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/summit-power-profit-nosedives-88pc-on-plant-shutdowns-impairment-loss-1761236778?date=24-10-2025>

EXCHANGE | Regulator tightens margin lending to cleanse market of negative equity

- The new margin rules awaiting gazette notification are meant to keep both lenders and borrowers out of the negative equity trap. Some vested quarters opposed them, but the regulator has stayed firm in its position to bring necessary changes in loan facilities for investment in the secondary market, said Md. Saifuddin, a commissioner of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), in an interview with The FE.

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