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Good Morning



Govt's overall borrowing soars Tk 50.10b in Q1

The government's overall debt stock stood at Tk 21.49 trillion at the end of the first quarter (Q1) of the current fiscal year, up by less than 1.0 per cent from June 2025, according to data from the finance ministry.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govts-overall-borrowing-soars-tk-5010b-in-q1-1770228890>

Grameenphone profit hits 8-year low amid cost pressure

Grameenphone earned its lowest profit in eight years in 2025-Tk 29.6 billion-largely driven by cost pressure linked to recent investments in spectrum and the network, currency depreciation, and heavy taxes.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/grameenphone-profit-hits-8-year-low-amid-cost-pressure-1770230377>

Norway's sovereign wealth fund cuts Bangladesh exposure, exits key blue-chip stocks

Norway's sovereign wealth fund (SWF), the world's largest investment fund, has reduced its exposure to Bangladesh's capital market by 17% in 2025, continuing a gradual pullback that has been underway for several years amid economic and market uncertainties.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/norways-sovereign-wealth-fund-cuts-bangladesh-exposure-exits-key-blue-chip-stocks>

BTRC drops plan to cut SIM limit to five

Bangladesh's telecom regulator has withdrawn a proposal to reduce the maximum number of SIM cards per national identity (NID) from 10 to five following opposition from two mobile operators, reigniting debate over regulatory neutrality and the competitive consequences of policy interventions in the telecom sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/btrc-drops-plan-to-cut-sim-limit-to-five-1770228951>

External debt almost doubles in just over three years

Bangladesh's external debt has nearly doubled in just over three years, driven by a surge in emergency budget financing in the post-Covid period and a sharp devaluation of the local currency that inflated the value of dollar-denominated obligations.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/external-debt-almost-doubles-just-over-three-years-4098436>

BD stands to lose in EU, US mkts amid India tariff deals

Bangladesh is destined to face break-neck competition both in US and EU markets with India emerging as a major competitor with double advantages of Washington-proposed tariff cutback and trade deal with the 27-nation European bloc.

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