

Following is a summary of important business news published in the leading daily newspapers of Bangladesh. For the complete news, please follow the online link given below each news. Please note that the news summary doesn't reflect the opinion of BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited.

Macro:**Bangladesh's LDC graduation deferred by 3yrs for effective preparation**

- Bangladesh's LDC graduation gets deferred by three years as the United Nations granted its deferment petition for healing economic vulnerabilities, strengthening export competitiveness and undertaking necessary reforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/bangladeshs-ldc-graduation-deferred-by-3yrs-for-effective-preparation-1793383693>

LDC graduation: Bangladesh sets reform targets for EU, UN to watch

- Bangladesh has submitted a time-bound reform roadmap to its development partners, especially the European Union, to improve banking, revenue collection and the business environment, as it secured a three-year delay to its graduation from the UN's list of least developed countries.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/ldc-graduation-bangladesh-sets-reform-targets-eu-un-watch-4312371>

Poor capacity to withstand shocks puts Bangladesh at economic risks

- Oncoming external and economic risks stare at Bangladesh for heavy exposure to the Middle East conflicts while having capacity inadequacy to withstand shocks for tardy must-do reforms. A prolonged conflict could undermine remittance inflows, increase energy-import costs, fuel inflation and put further pressure on the external balances.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/poor-capacity-to-withstand-shocks-puts-bangladesh-at-economic-risks>

Extra USD 1.0 Bn import payments deepen forex strain

- Bangladesh paid an additional USD 1.0 Bn in October to settle public-sector import payment obligations, particularly for fuel oil, gas and electricity, intensifying pressure on the country's foreign exchange market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/extra-10b-import-payments-deepen-forex-strain-1793467703>

Concern about Bangladesh losing export competitiveness

- Concerns about Bangladesh's export competitiveness stoke up as the real effective exchange rate (REER) of the currency rose to 106.29 in September, indicating that the taka was overvalued by nearly 6.5%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/concern-about-bangladesh-losing-export-competitiveness>

Govt plans establishing 1.0 Mn tonne fertiliser factory in Saudi Arabia

- The government is planning to establish a joint-venture fertiliser factory in Saudi Arabia with an annual production capacity of 1.0 Mn tonnes of DAP. Bangladesh will guarantee the purchase of all fertiliser produced for 20 to 25 years, while Saudi Arabia will ensure an uninterrupted supply of gas and other required raw materials.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/govt-plans-establishing-10-lakh-tonne-fertiliser-factory-saudi-arabia-1588086>

Govt to open 10,306 acres of idle state industrial land to any businesses

- The government plans to scrap restriction that requires unused land of closed state-owned factories to be reused only for the same industry, opening 10,306 acres of land to any viable commercial or manufacturing enterprise.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/govt-open-10306-acres-idle-state-industrial-land-any-businesses-1587626>

ADB may lend BDT 37.79 Bn to finance procurement

- Officials have said Bangladesh Railway has undertaken a BDT 37.79 Bn project to procure the coaches, four relief cranes and as many under-floor wheel lathe machines, aiming to ease a chronic shortage of passenger carriages.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adb-may-lend-tk-3779b-to-finance-procurement-1793468453>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | BD, WB sign USD 450 Mn deal on financial sector reform**

- Bangladesh has signed a USD 450 Mn financing agreement with the World Bank to strengthen the country's financial sector safety net, enhance supervisory capacity and support restructuring of the banking sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-wb-sign-450m-deal-on-financial-sector-reform-1793467940>

BANK | Central bank consolidates foreign exchange regulations

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued a circular on Thursday under Section 20(3) of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, repealing the existing instructions on foreign exchange management and operations contained in Volume 1 of the Guidelines for Foreign Exchange Transactions (GFET), 2018, along with subsequent circulars.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/central-bank-consolidates-foreign-exchange-regulations-1793299535>

BANK | Meghna Bank gets approval for BDT 4.0 Bn subordinated bond

- Meghna Bank PLC has received regulatory approval to issue a seven-year subordinated bond worth BDT 4.0 Bn to strengthen its capital base and support business expansion.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/meghna-bank-gets-approval-tk-400cr-subordinated-bond-4312231>

ENERGY | Fuel prices to remain unchanged in November

- The government has kept the retail prices of diesel, octane, petrol and kerosene unchanged for November 2026.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/439912>

ENERGY | Govt renegotiates long-delayed solar projects' tariffs

- The government is now renegotiating tariffs with a number of solar-power projects aiming to lower them as their power-purchase agreements were reportedly signed with higher rates in the past and they have failed to begin generation despite long delays.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-renegotiates-long-delayed-solar-projects-tariffs>

ENERGY | LPG importers, regulator face heat over price hikes, market failures

- Consumer representatives accused the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) of failing to enforce its monthly LPG price determinations, with 12-kg cylinders continuing to sell well above the official retail price.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/lpg-importers-regulator-face-heat-over-price-hikes-market-failures-1793299010>

RMG | Relief for sweater makers as NBR eases yarn import restrictions

- The National Board of Revenue has clarified that restrictions on bonded imports of 10-30 count cotton yarn apply only to single-count yarn, not double-count yarn, essential for sweater production.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/320156/relief-for-sweater-makers-as-nbr-eases-yarn-import-restrictions>

RMG | Garment sector faces USD 4.8 Bn shortfall in green investment

- Bangladesh's RMG sector faces a USD 4.8 Bn financing gap against an estimated USD 6.6 Bn investment requirement for 2025-2029, threatening to slow its transition to sustainable manufacturing and undermine its competitiveness in global markets.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/garment-sector-faces-48b-shortfall-green-investment-4312181>

AUTOMOBILE | Local start-up ChargeMe targets over 200 EV-charging stations

- Local technology start-up ChargeMe OPC plans to establish over 200 EV charging stations across the country as Bangladesh opts for transition towards cleaner transportation to phase out toxic exhaust-spewing transports.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/home/local-start-up-chargeme-targets-over-200-ev-charging-stations>

AUTOMOBILE | Toyota Tsusho to invest additional BDT 1.41 Bn in Bangladesh

- Toyota Tsusho Corporation, the trading arm of Toyota Group, is investing an additional BDT 1.41 Bn in its Bangladesh subsidiary to expand and strengthen its automotive business here.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/toyota-tsusho-invest-additional-tk-141cr-bangladesh-4312161>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | BSEC to review mutual fund rules, prioritise investor protection**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission plans to review and amend mutual fund regulations where necessary, taking into account international best practices and feedback from relevant stakeholders.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/320131/bsec-to-review-mutual-fund-rules-prioritise-investor-protection>

EXCHANGE | DBA seeks gain tax exemption till 2030

- The DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) has proposed a full tax exemption on capital gains earned by individual and foreign investors from listed securities until 2030 to restore investor confidence, increase market liquidity and encourage long-term investment in the country's capital market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/320420/dba-seeks-gain-tax-exemption-till-2030>

EXCHANGE | Most multinational firms veer off growth path in Jan-Sept

- Most of the listed multinational companies (MNCs) suffered a decline in profit in January-September this year, compared to the same period last year, amid a challenging business environment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/most-multinational-firms-veer-off-growth-path-in-jan-sept-1793461247>

CITYBANK | City Bank's Q3 profit drops 19% on lower investment income

- City Bank PLC reported a 19% year-on-year decline in its Q3'26 consolidated net profit, as lower investment income and higher operating expenses weighed on its quarterly earnings, despite maintaining strong growth in its nine-month performance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-banks-q3-profit-drops-19-lower-investment-income-1588906>

SUMITPOWER | Summit Power profit jumps 173%, recommends 10.50% cash dividend

- Summit Power Limited (SPL) announced a 173% jump in consolidated net profit for FY26, reflecting a substantial improvement in its financial performance, and recommended a 10.50% cash dividend for shareholders.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/320132/summit-power-profit-jumps-173pc-recommends-1050pc-cash-dividend>

BXPHARMA | Beximco Pharma recommends 60% cash dividend, posts BDT 9.0 Bn profit

- Beximco Pharmaceuticals PLC recorded a net profit of BDT 8.998 Bn in FY26. The company recommending a 60% cash dividend, up from 47.5% in the previous fiscal year and its highest payout since at least 2020.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/320146/beximco-pharma-recommends-60pc-cash-dividend-posts-tk-900cr-profit>

MARICO | Marico's Q2 profit flat as raw material costs bite

- Sales revenue rose, but that did not help Marico Bangladesh secure earnings growth in Q2FY27, mainly due to pricier raw materials. The FMCG company reported a net profit of BDT 1.534 Bn for Q2FY27, against BDT 1.535 Bn in the corresponding period of the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/maricos-q2-profit-flat-as-raw-material-costs-bite-1793297488>

BERGERPBL | Berger Paints' Q2 profit jumps 24% on higher sales, lower finance costs

- Berger Paints secured 24% year-on-year profit growth, to BDT 784 Mn in Q2FY27, supported by higher sales, price adjustments and lower finance costs. The country's leading paint manufacturer reported consolidated EPS of BDT 15.97 for July-September this year, up from BDT 13.08 in the same quarter a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/berger-paints-q2-profit-jumps-24pc-on-higher-sales-lower-finance-costs-1793297543>

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank incurs BDT 33.02 Bn loss in 9 months

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC incurred a net loss of BDT 33.03 Bn in 9M2026, with the deficit widening sharply in July-September amid deposit withdrawals, mounting non-performing loans and a huge provision shortfall.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/320148/islami-bank-incurs-tk-3302cr-loss-in-9-months>

UNILEVERCL | Unilever Consumer Care profit drops 33pc in Q3 amid sluggish sales

- Unilever Consumer Care's profit plunged 33% year-on-year to BDT 164 Mn in Q3'26, as sluggish sales amid persistent inflationary pressure weighed on earnings. The manufacturer attributed the profit decline to a one-off gain recognised in the base-year period following a reassessment of trademark and technology royalty obligations.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/unilever-consumer-care-profit-drops-33pc-in-q3-amid-sluggish-sales>

GP | GP inaugurates largest DC solar plant

- Grameenphone has inaugurated a 325 kilowatt-peak solar power plant at its Sylhet Data Centre recently with ZTE as the engineering, procurement and construction provider.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/320141/gp-inaugurates-largest-dc-solar-plant>

BATASHOE | Bata posts 15% turnover growth in Q3

- Footwear brand Bata Bangladesh reported a robust 15% year-on-year increase in turnover for Q3'2026, while cumulative year-to-date turnover grew by 11%. Bata Bangladesh also declared an interim cash dividend of 36.3%.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/320256/bata-posts-15pc-turnover-growth-in-q3>

RUPALIBANK | Half of Rupali Bank's BDT 198.05 Bn defaulted loans stuck with 20 borrowers

- State-owned Rupali Bank recovered just BDT 40.3 Mn from its top 20 loan defaulters in H1'2026, despite having BDT 98.59 Bn in outstanding loans to them, equivalent to nearly half of its total NPLs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/half-rupali-banks-tk19805cr-defaulted-loans-stuck-20-borrowers-1588996>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 104.12	USD 46.69	81.30%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 113.43	USD 52.58	86.41%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,874.62	(USD 466.38)	-10.74%
DSEX	5,417.44	552.10	11.35%
S&P 500	7,580.07	681.25	9.87%
FTSE 100	10,729.78	798.40	8.04%
BSE SENSEX	74,459.53	-10,334.05	-12.19%
KSE-100	166,409.30	-7,645.00	-4.39%
CSEALL	20,142.33	-2,481.98	-10.97%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.24 BDT

1 GBP = 166.37 BDT

1 Euro = 138.84 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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