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:

Govt service-holders' basic salary raised by up to 142%

- Basic salaries of government service-holders rise by up to 142% as the government approved the National Pay Scale 2026, retaining the existing 20-grade pay structure.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-service-holders-basic-salary-raised-by-up-to-142pc-1788199593

Bangladesh to get slight tariff edge over China, Vietnam in US

- Bangladesh will get a small benefit in garment exports to the US as its effective final tariff rate is slightly lower than those faced by China and Vietnam. Bangladesh's effective tariff rate now stands at 25.6%. China faces an effective tariff of 35.6%, Vietnam 28.1%, while India, Indonesia, Pakistan and Cambodia face 25.6%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-get-slight-tariff-edge-over-china-vietnam-us-4261556

BB introduces electronic forex market module

- Bangladesh Bank is introducing a comprehensive electronic Foreign Exchange Market Module to automate and streamline foreign exchange intervention auctions, interbank forex transactions and the collection of market data for preparation of the reference exchange rate.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-inner/311888/bb-introduces-electronic-forex-market-module

Move underway to make BBS AI-powered and produce precision data

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is up for a major overhaul to upgrade the country's official statistics system, with its artificial intelligence (AI)-powered Research and Development (R&D) Cell at the core as a permanent, technology-driven centre of excellence to be developed by 2028.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/move-underway-to-make-bbs-ai-powered-and-produce-precision-data-1788199819

Govt to launch e-business registration system

- The government has moved to introduce Electronic Business Registration System (eBRS) to eliminate bureaucratic delays, manual dependency, and lengthy procedures.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-launch-e-business-registration-system-1788200607

NBR exempts firms with turnover up to BDT 20 Mn from minimum tax

- The National Board of Revenue has exempted businesses and companies with annual turnover of up to BDT 20 Mn from minimum turnover tax, easing a tax burden that applies regardless of profitability.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/firms-turnover-tk2cr-exempted-minimum-tax-1529786

Govt's bank borrowing exceeds FY26 target by over BDT 475 Bn

- The government's net borrowing from the banking system stood at BDT 1,655 Bn in FY26, far exceeding its plan for the year amid falling foreign financing and lower-than-expected revenue collection.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-bank-borrowing-exceeds-fy26-target-over-tk-47500cr-4261546

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Default borrowers with over BDT 10 Bn loans to get 15-year rescheduling facility

- Defaulting borrowers with loans exceeding BDT 10 Bn will be eligible for loan rescheduling for up to 15 years, including a two-year grace period, under an extended policy support scheme introduced by the Bangladesh Bank.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/default-borrowers-over-tk1000cr-loans-get-15-year-rescheduling-facility-1529676

BANK | Govt in search of foreign investor for Sammilito Islami Bank

- The government is now looking for foreign investments into the state-run Shariah-based lender, Sammilito Islami Bank, principally from the affluent Muslim world.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-in-search-of-foreign-investor-for-sammilito-islami-bank-1788199696

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank FDR account holders must remain under scheme to receive profits: BB

- Customers of Sammilito Islami Bank can withdraw the full amount held in their fixed deposit at once, but they will not receive any profit. FDR account holders must remain under the Bank Resolution Scheme to receive profits.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islami-banks-depositors-can-withdraw-money-7-september-1529756

BANK | USD 1.0 Bn IsDB loan deal for ERL-2 to be signed on Sept 3

- Bangladesh is scheduled to sign a USD 1.004-Bn loan agreement with the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) on September 3.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/10b-isdb-loan-deal-for-erl-2-to-be-signed-on-sept-3-1788199883

BANK | Agrani Bank posts 54.5% growth in operating profit

- Agrani Bank's operating profit jumped 54.5% year-on-year to BDT 23.34 Bn in 2025, driven by lower operating costs and growth in deposits and remittance business.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/agrani-bank-posts-545-growth-operating-profit-4261496

BANK | BFIU moves to strengthen inter-agency coordination

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has moved to strengthen coordination among customs, tax, law enforcement, and banking agencies to identify and prevent trade-based money laundering (TBML). Representatives from 15 scheduled banks with high trade volumes joined the meeting.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bfiu-moves-to-strengthen-inter-agency-coordination-1788200560

ENERGY | Fuel prices to stay unchanged in September

- The government has decided to keep retail prices of fuels unchanged in September. Diesel will be sold at BDT 115 per litre, while kerosene will cost BDT 135. Petrol will remain at BDT 140 per litre and octane at BDT 145.

https://tob.news/fuel-prices-to-stay-unchanged-in-september/

ENERGY | BPC panel against fuel imports by pvt sector

- Allowing private companies to directly import and market refined petroleum products could lead to revenue losses, artificial shortages, hoarding, price volatility, substandard fuel and risks to national energy security.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bpc-panel-against-fuel-imports-pvt-sector-4261756

ENERGY | BD floats tenders for 4 spot LNG cargoes for Sept-Oct

- Bangladesh has reissued one tender and floated three fresh tenders to purchase four spot LNG cargoes for delivery in September and October, as both of the country's floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) are now operational.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-floats-tenders-for-4-spot-lng-cargoes-for-sept-oct-1788200720

ENERGY | Govt to enlist solar service providers to expand renewable energy

- The government is moving to enlist eligible service providers on a district and geographical-area basis to expand rooftop solar across the country and create a nationwide renewable energy service network.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-enlist-solar-service-providers-expand-rooftop-renewable-energy-1529696

TELECOM | Pvt submarine cables can halve internet costs: discussion

- Commercial deployment of Bangladesh’s private submarine cable systems could reduce internet bandwidth prices by up to 50% while improving network quality by 25–30%, industry stakeholders said on Monday. Demand is projected to reach 19.09 Tbps in 2027, 27 Tbps in 2028, 54 Tbps in 2030, and 432 Tbps by 2036.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-front/311885/pvt-submarine-cables-can-halve-internet-costs-discussion

HEALTHCARE | United Healthcare begins regular robotic surgery in Bangladesh

- United Healthcare Services in Dhaka has successfully performed robotic surgeries on two patients, marking the start of regular robotic surgery services in Bangladesh.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/health/united-healthcare-begins-regular-robotic-surgery-bangladesh-1529881

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC to roll out direct listing framework in a month: Chief Masud Khan

- The securities regulator is set to finalise the direct listing framework within a month, allowing well-governed private companies, state-owned enterprises and multinational firms to enter the stock market by bypassing the need to float an IPO.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-to-roll-out-direct-listing-framework-in-a-month-chief-masud-khan-1788194174

EXCHANGE | BSEC promises T+1 settlement, AI surveillance, fundamental listing

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has unveiled an ambitious roadmap to rescue the country's capital market from a decade of stagnation, promising to dismantle the "analog" hurdles of the "paper age" and transition into a technology-driven institutional powerhouse.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-promises-t1-settlement-ai-surveillance-fundamental-listing-1529766

GP | Al-Amin appointed CTO of GP

- Abul Kasem Mohiuddin Al-Amin has been appointed chief technology officer of Grameenphone effective today, said a press release. Prior to his appointment as CTO, he served as senior director and head of network services of Grameenphone. Previously, he held the role of chief procurement officer of Grameenphone.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-back/311894/al-amin-appointed-cto-of-gp

DHAKABANK | Dhaka Bank to accelerate Visa card portfolio growth

- Dhaka Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Visa to accelerate the growth of Dhaka Bank's Visa card portfolio and strengthen digital payment services in Bangladesh.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-back/311897/dhaka-bank-to-accelerate-visa-card-portfolio-growth

UCB | UCB takes new initiative to implement IFRS 9

- United Commercial Bank PLC has entered into an agreement with RAPTAS Resolute Limited and Global Brand PLC to implement an Expected Credit Loss-based provisioning system in line with the International Financial Reporting Standard 9, said a press release.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-front/311880/ucb-takes-new-initiative-to-implement-ifrs-9

DOMINAGE | Akij Resources to acquire Dominage Steel at BDT 13 a share

- The securities regulator has given its permission to Dominage Steel Building Systems to transfer 30.78 Mn ordinary shares to Akij Resources and two individuals, resulting in a significant reshuffling of the company's ownership.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/akij-resources-to-acquire-dominage-steel-at-tk-13-a-share-1788194219

PROGRESLIF | Progressive Life to offload assets as unpaid claims hit BDT 1590 Mn

- Progressive Life Insurance Company Limited has put several of its real estate assets up for sale as it seeks to raise funds to settle a large backlog of insurance claims which hit BDT 1590 Mn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/progressive-life-offload-assets-unpaid-claims-hit-tk159cr-1529776

MERCANBANK | Mercantile Bank sponsor to gift 19.5 Mn shares worth BDT 136.5 Mn to three children

- Nasiruddin Choudhury, a sponsor of Mercantile Bank PLC, has announced plans to gift 19.5 Mn shares worth about BDT 136.5 Mn to his son and two daughters.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mercantile-bank-sponsor-gift-195cr-shares-worth-tk1365cr-three-children-1529796

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 86.61	USD 29.18	50.81%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.11	USD 30.26	49.73%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,459.23	USD 118.23	2.72%
DSEX	5,598.08	732.74	15.06%
S&P 500	7,686.14	787.32	11.41%
FTSE 100	10,824.26	892.88	8.99%
BSE SENSEX	76,957.27	-7,836.31	-9.24%
KSE-100	176,975.70	2,921.40	1.68%
CSEALL	21,338.69	-1,285.62	-5.68%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.87 BDT

1 GBP = 166.53 BDT

1 Euro = 142.76 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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