

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 set to sign a trade deal with US on Feb 9**

- Bangladesh and the United States are set to open a new chapter in bilateral commercial relations with the signing of a trade agreement on February 9. The commerce secretary said Bangladesh currently maintains a reciprocal tariff of 20%, similar to many other countries. He added that there is an indication that it may come down somewhat, with the exact rate to be decided by February 9.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-set-to-sign-a-trade-deal-with-us-on-feb-9>

Dhaka calls for early FTA talks with EU to attract more investment

- Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus called for an early start to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with the European Union, stressing the need for safeguarding Bangladesh's trade preferences in its largest export market once the current duty-free access expires in the coming years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dhaka-calls-early-fta-talks-eu-attract-more-investment-1349506>

Remittance inflow hits USD 3.17 Bn in January, third-highest on record

- Bangladesh received USD 3.17 Bn in remittances in January 2026, marking the third-highest monthly inflow on record and a 45.41% increase compared with the same month a year earlier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/top-news/remittance-inflow-hits-317bn-january-third-highest-record-1349646>

How Bangladesh economy stands to gain as dollar hits four-year low

- The weakening dollar, which hit a four-year low last week against major global currencies amid rising tensions between the US and Europe over Greenland, is expected to help Bangladesh contain inflation and ease its debt servicing burden, giving the central bank more flexibility in monetary policy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/how-bangladesh-economy-stands-gain-dollar-hits-four-year-low-1349141>

Large taxpayers: Tobacco drives VAT growth amid dull economic trends

- Despite a slowdown in the broader economy, value-added tax collection from large companies, particularly in tobacco and beverages, recorded strong growth in H1FY26. By contrast, VAT from sectors such as banking, mobile phone operators, certain construction materials and consumer goods remained modest, while revenue from the cement sector fell by nearly 20%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/large-taxpayers-tobacco-drives-vat-growth-amid-dull-economic-trends-1349921>

35.33% of govt's operating expenditure goes to interest payments in Q1

- In 3MFY26, 35.33% –of the government's operating expenditure was spent on servicing debt interest. Notably, interest payments also account for the largest allocation within the operating budget.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/3533-govts-operating-expenditure-goes-interest-payments-q1-1349936>

Private sector credit growth hits record low

- Private sector credit growth fell to a record low in December 2025 due to political uncertainty and an economic slowdown, signalling stagnant investment.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/private-sector-credit-growth-hits-record-low-4096216>

Revenue board bifurcation loses way in legal labyrinth

- Much-hyped bifurcation of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) is unlikely to complete during the tenure of the interim government as the major reform gets into legal and procedural labyrinth. The separation process has already taken a heavy toll on the country's revenue administration and earnings.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/revenue-board-bifurcation-loses-way-in-legal-labyrinth>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | T-bill yields climb after new PD guidelines**

- The yields on T-bills rose on Sunday following the implementation of new primary dealer (PD) guidelines aimed at injecting greater dynamism into both the primary and secondary markets. Under the new PD guidelines, only PD banks are allowed to participate in auctions by submitting bids, which has helped push up T-bill yields

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-climb-after-new-pd-guidelines-1769970568>

BANK | Banks asked to collect data on farm loans of up to BDT 10,000

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked banks to provide information on agricultural loans of up to BDT 10,000 so that the data can be kept ready "for the next government".

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/banks-asked-collect-data-farm-loans-tk-10000-4095901>

BANK | Credit card growth: Built on supermarkets, serving a meagre bracket

- Bangladesh's credit card infrastructure appears to be thriving. Monthly domestic transactions crossed BDT 35 Bn last November, a 48% increase from early 2023, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/credit-card-growth-built-supermarkets-serving-meagre-bracket-4095991>

MFS | Daily MFS transaction cap of BDT 10,000 likely during election week

- The transaction limit for mobile financial services (MFS) may be reduced ahead of the upcoming national parliamentary election. As a result, customers of mobile banking platforms such as bKash, Rocket, and Nagad may be allowed to transact up to BDT 10,000 per day, with a maximum per-transaction limit of BDT 1,000.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/daily-mfs-transaction-cap-tk-10000-likely-during-election-week-4095671>

MFS | Monthly transactions of Nagad hit record BDT 403 Bn

- Nagad has set a record by processing BDT 403.01 Bn in transactions in the just-concluded January this year, marking the highest monthly volume in its history. The mobile financial service provider continues its strong growth trajectory as it recorded a total transaction volume of BDT 3.80 Tn in 2025, which was BDT 3.30 Tn in 2024.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/monthly-transactions-of-nagad-hit-record-tk-403b-1769964669>

TEXTILE | RMG exports to US fall in value and volume amid higher tariffs

- Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) exports to United States declined both in value and volume year on year in November 2025 as higher tariffs dampened demand and forced changes in work-order patterns. According to Office of Textiles and Apparel (Otexa), exports declined by 14.51% to USD 526.51 Mn in November 2025, shipping 184.79 Mn square metres of garments, down 10.91% YoY.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rmg-exports-to-us-fall-in-value-and-volume-amid-higher-tariffs-1769970189>

TEXTILE | Textile, spinning firms witness Q2 slowdown

- Bangladesh's leading textile and spinning companies saw business momentum weaken sharply in the October-December quarter, as subdued global demand, cautious buying by international apparel brands and persistent cost pressures took a toll on revenues and profits. Industry insiders said the production costs have risen by around 30% over the past two years due to higher gas tariffs, wage hikes and irregular gas supply, eroding the competitiveness of local mills.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/textile-spinning-firms-witness-q2-slowdown-1769964473>

TOBACCO | Tobacco sales banned near health facilities

- The health ministry has directed all field-level health administrations to ensure that tobacco products are not sold within a 100-metre radius of health facilities. It also asked them to keep all hospitals, clinics, health centres and adjoining areas tobacco-free in line with the anti-tobacco law, which was recently made stricter.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/tobacco-sales-banned-near-health-facilities-4096026>

PHARMA | Pharmaceutical sector shines amid political and economic uncertainty

- Despite political and economic uncertainty, most listed pharmaceutical companies reported strong revenue and profit growth in the October–December quarter and the first half of the fiscal year. Analysts said higher sales, lower costs, easing finance expenses, efficient working capital management, stable demand, steady exchange rates, and operational efficiency drove the improved performance. Renata PLC, one of the country's leading drug manufacturers, reported 25% year-on-year profit growth in the first half of the fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pharmaceutical-sector-shines-amid-political-and-economic-uncertainty-1349851>

Stocks:**SINGERBD | Singer Bangladesh losses swell, skips dividend for 2025**

- Singer Bangladesh reported a significantly wider loss for the year ended December 31, 2025, driven mainly by higher financing costs amid elevated interest rates, exchange losses, and stretched working capital.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/singer-bangladesh-losses-swell-skips-dividend-2025-4095756>

NCCBANK | NCC Bank launches automated risk management system

- NCC Bank PLC has launched an advanced automated environmental and social risk management (ESRM) system, reinforcing its commitment to eco-friendly financing and sustainable banking.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/ncc-bank-launches-automated-risk-management-system-4096131>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 63.73	USD 6.30	10.97%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.86	USD 7.01	11.52%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,765.18	USD 424.18	9.77%
DSEX	5,193.36	328.02	6.74%
S&P 500	6,939.03	40.21	0.58%
FTSE 100	10,223.54	292.16	2.94%
BSE SENSEX	80,722.94	-4,070.64	-4.80%
KSE-100	184,174.48	10,120.18	5.81%
CSEALL	23,812.31	1,188.00	5.25%

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