

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:**Remittance crosses USD 10 Bn in FY's first four months**

- The remittance inflow to Bangladesh has surpassed USD 10 Bn in 4MFY26, with remittance inflow during first 29 days of October marking a 10.2% YoY increase.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/remittance-crosses-10b-in-fys-first-four-months-1761848245?date=31-10-2025>

ADB seeks govt nod to issue taka bond

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sought the government's permission to issue bonds through mobile money to mobilise investment for Bangladesh's development, officials said on Saturday. The Manila-based lender plans to introduce the bond in local currency in the domestic market first and, upon its success, offload it to overseas investors.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/adb-seeks-govt-nod-to-issue-taka-bond-1762016675>

Major dev partners follow 'wait and watch' policy amid political transition

- At least five key development partners of Bangladesh did not make any foreign-aid commitment in Q1FY26, as they seem waiting for the next elected government, insiders said Friday, as post-uprising transition is underway. In addition, World Bank has also confirmed a nominal dollop worth USD 12.44 Mn of aid during Q1FY26, Economic Relations Division (ERD) officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/major-dev-partners-follow-wait-and-watch-policy-amid-political-transition-1761934031>

Japanese cos bid for business in diverse BD sectors

- Japanese companies bid big to do business with Bangladesh in diverse sectors to seize emergent prospects, with many seeking information daily about the country's latest investment climate. Affordable labour, local and global marketing prospects amid rising domestic consumer clientele act as the beckon for investors, according to business leaders and Japan External Trade Organisation officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/japanese-cos-bid-for-business-in-diverse-bd-sectors-1762016276>

Political uncertainty drags down foreign cos' income in Jan-Sept

- Most multinational companies saw their profits plummet year-over-year during 9M'2025, largely due to high finance costs and macroeconomic challenges amid political uncertainty. Economic activities have remained sluggish following political changeover, squeezing demand and shrinking profitability, according to market analysts.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/political-uncertainty-drags-down-foreign-cos-income-in-jan-sept-1762010360>

Global firms see sales rise in Bangladesh but profits stay weak

- Things are improving for international companies running businesses in Bangladesh as consumer demand begins to recover. People are buying more products ranging from paints to tobacco and malted milk drinks. Even though sales have risen, profits have not grown much.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/global-firms-see-sales-rise-bangladesh-profits-stay-weak-4024816>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Banking sector feels the pinch as interest-rate spread shrinks**

- The banking sector is feeling the strain as the gap between lending and deposit rates narrowed to a 17-month low in September. According to Bangladesh Bank data, the weighted average deposit rate in September 2025 stood at 6.42%, while the average lending rate was 12.16%, bringing the spread down to 5.7%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banking-sector-feels-the-pinch-as-interest-rate-spread-shrinks-1762016771>

BANK | Cross-platform MFS rollout misses deadline

- The eagerly anticipated interoperable digital transaction facility among mobile financial service (MFS) providers has not launched on schedule, as key MFS operators are not yet ready, while Nagad has not been permitted to participate. Both bKash and upay have sought more time to launch the service, while Rocket is still in the testing phase.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/cross-platform-mfs-rollout-misses-deadline-4024596>

BANK | E-commerce card transactions jump 28.8% YoY in Aug

- The use of cards in e-commerce transactions rose 28.8% YoY in Aug'25, reflecting growing consumer preference for online shopping. Transactions surged to BDT 21.93 Bn in August 2025 from BDT 17.02 Bn in Aug'24. Online payments via cards also increased 9.0% compared to July 2025, when such transactions stood at BDT 20.12 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/e-commerce-card-transactions-jump-288pc-yoy-in-aug-1762017004>

BANK | Top banks' inherent strengths drive profit growth in Jan-Sept

- Well-performing banks offset a year-on-year decline in net interest income in 9M'2025 with higher returns from investments in government securities. According to financial reports, BRAC Bank, Pubali Bank, City Bank, Prime Bank, Eastern Bank, Jamuna Bank, and Bank Asia earned healthy profits during 9M'25, supported by their relatively low volumes of bad loans and strong deposits stemming from operating efficiency, good governance, and public trust.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/top-banks-inherent-strengths-drive-profit-growth-in-jan-sept-1761843725?date=31-10-2025>

BANK | The great treasury shift: How banks migrated profitability to government bonds

- For some lenders, as much as BDT 6–8 out of every BDT 10 earned now comes from bonds. This marks a major transformation in their profit model, driven by the move to high-yield, risk-free government debt.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/great-treasury-shift-how-banks-migrated-profitability-government-bonds-1274161>

BANK | Green, sustainable financing down in Q2 of 2025

- Bangladesh's banks and finance companies (FCs) witnessed a notable slowdown in both green and sustainable finance disbursements during Q2'25, reflecting weaker momentum in environment-friendly and socially responsible lending. Total distribution in green finance by banks and FCs stood at BDT 78.49 Bn in this period, down from BDT 87.63 Bn in the January-March quarter, marking a decrease of 10.43%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/green-sustainable-financing-down-in-q2-of-2025-1761934470?date=01-11-2025>

NBFI | Weak NBFIs seek BDT 31 Bn to turn around

- A group of 15 struggling non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), including nine set for liquidation, has informed that they would collectively need about BDT 31 Bn in liquidity support to regain stability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/weak-nbfis-need-tk-3100cr-turn-around-4024836>

FUEL & POWER | 220MW Sonagazi solar plant to get BDT 2.46 Bn cost cut ahead of approval

- The cost of proposed 220-MW solar photovoltaic (PV) power plant in Sonagazi, Feni, is set to be reduced by BDT 2.46 Bn before final approval, following recommendations from Project Evaluation Committee (PEC) of the Planning Commission. The Power Division revised the estimated cost to BDT 18.88 Bn from the earlier projection of BDT 21.34 Bn, mainly after reassessing global market prices of PV modules and inverters.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/220mw-sonagazi-solar-plant-to-get-tk-246b-cost-cut-ahead-of-approval-1761934574?date=01-11-2025>

Steel | Steel demand weak for three years

- In the past three years, the steel business has been a casualty of economic and political crises, according to BigMint, an India-based market intelligence, adding that the demand for steel, a proxy for economic vibrancy and growth, may take two years to normalise. Industry insiders said if this downturn continues, the sector could shrink to a handful of dominant players. Unless government spending, particularly on development projects, increases, the sector would not regain its vibrancy, according to Tapan Sengupta, deputy managing director of BSRM.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/steel-demand-weak-three-years-4024826>

Stocks:**BATBC | BAT Bangladesh posts 23% drop in Q3 profit on sales slump**

- British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh has posted a 23% YoY decline in profits for Q3'25, primarily driven by lower sales and increased operational costs. The multinational tobacco company reported a profit of BDT 3.05 Bn for the July-September period while its earnings per share (EPS) fell to BDT 5.65, down from BDT 7.35 a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bat-bangladesh-posts-23pc-drop-in-q3-profit-on-sales-slump-1761927864?date=01-11-2025>

BERGERPBL | Berger's profit edges up in April-September

- Berger Paints reported a slight YoY decline in profit - by 2.70% - to BDT 1.49 Bn in H1FY26, as the cost of sales increased due to currency devaluation. The market leader managed to boost sales moderately by 3.56% YoY in April-September.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bergers-profit-edges-up-in-april-september-1761843767?date=31-10-2025>

IDLC | IDLC Finance secures Q3 profit growth on higher investment income

- IDLC Finance reported a 34.78% YoY rise in profit to BDT 0.68 Bn for Q3'25, driven by higher investment income. During Q3'25, the company experienced sluggishness in its core business, as net interest income declined YoY.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idlc-finance-secures-q3-profit-growth-on-higher-investment-income-1761843809?date=31-10-2025>

EBL | EBL's business acumen achieves one of lowest NPL ratios

- Eastern Bank's non-performing loans stood at just 3.07% at the end of Sep'25, far below the industry average of over 27% as of June. "Strong focus on asset quality has driven the bank to achieve low non-performing loans," the bank said in a statement on Thursday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ebls-business-acumen-achieves-one-of-lowest-npl-ratios-1761843834?date=31-10-2025>

MTB | MTB to buy Gulshan land for BDT 3 Bn to build HQ

- Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) PLC has decided to buy one bigha of land in Dhaka's upscale Gulshan area at BDT 3 Bn for the construction of its corporate head office. The plan to buy the land on Gulshan Avenue was approved by the board of the private bank on Wednesday, according to a disclosure by MTB on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) news board yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/mtb-buy-gulshan-land-tk-300cr-build-hq-4023446>

REGULATORY | BSEC toughens IPO price discovery, eligibility

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has proposed major changes to public offer rules, tightening pricing, valuation and eligibility criteria while giving stock exchanges greater authority in approving or rejecting IPOs. These proposed changes include - 2 mandatory valuation methods for price discovery; offer price capped by NAV; 10pc discount price for GIs abolished; 75 Eligible investors must justify pricing; stock exchanges gain approval power; stricter profit and cash flow rules; employee quota, 20% MFs quota.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/280822/bsec-toughens-ipo-price-discovery-eligibility>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 60.98	(USD 10.45)	-14.63%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.77	(USD 9.62)	-12.93%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,002.92	USD 1,394.44	53.46%
DSEX	5,122.22	-94.22	-1.81%
S&P 500	6,840.20	933.26	15.80%
FTSE 100	9,717.25	1,596.24	19.66%
BSE SENSEX	83,938.71	5,738.78	7.34%
KSE-100	161,631.73	46,372.73	40.23%
CSEALL	22,804.84	6,860.23	43.03%

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