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# *Important News Snippets*

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## Macro:

### Bangladesh, South Korea to sign Cepa today

- Bangladesh and South Korea are set to formally sign a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (Cepa) on August 04, having recently wrapped up negotiations on the bilateral trade deal.

https://www.tbsnews.net/foreign-policy/bangladesh-south-korea-sign-cepa-today-1505936

### Exports hit 12-month high in July, but slip nearly 1% Y-o-Y

- Bangladesh recorded its highest monthly exports in the past 12 months in July, with shipments totalling USD 4.72 Bn. Despite the strong performance, exports declined 0.9% year-on-year, and exporters' caution growth is likely to improve in the months ahead.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/exports-dip-09-yoy-july-1505786

### USD 1.0 Bn potential US investment in Bangladesh signals FDI revival

- Once the dominant source of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Bangladesh, the United States saw its share of total FDI stock plummet from roughly 22% (USD 3.3 Bn) in 2016 to just 5.36% (USD 1.0 Bn) by late 2025 - a period during which Chinese capital expanded sevenfold to become the nation's top FDI source.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/416623/1bn-potential-us-investment-in-bd-signals-fdi

### NBR allows dual BIN use until Nov 30

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has allowed businesses to use both their old and newly reassigned Business Identification Numbers (BINs) for customs-related activities until November 30, 2026, aiming to ensure uninterrupted import and export operations following the restructuring of VAT commissionerates.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-allows-dual-bin-use-until-nov-30-1785780081

### Non-bank firms weaken despite rising numbers

- Bangladesh's other financial corporations are increasingly parking funds with banks while cutting back on loans and government securities, reflecting weaker financial intermediation even as their balance sheets keep growing.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/308673/non-bank-firms-weaken-despite-rising-numbers

## Sector and Industries:

### TELECOM | Bangladesh ranks 91st in mobile internet speed, says WB

- World Bank has said Bangladesh ranked 91st among 103 countries for mobile internet speed and 93rd out of 141 for fixed broadband, citing the Speedtest Global Index for February 2026. The report said Bangladesh records average mobile internet speeds of only 43 Mbps, far below Vietnam's 188 Mbps, while fixed broadband speeds average 66 Mbps in Bangladesh.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-ranks-91st-in-mobile-internet-speed-says-wb-1785780276

### BANK | 77% CMSME entrepreneurs lack access to bank loans: SME Foundation

- Only 9% of cottage, micro, small, and medium enterprises secure direct bank loans, while another 14% access financing through microfinance institutions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/77-cmsme-entrepreneurs-lack-access-bank-loans-sme-foundation-1505716

### BANK | Weak loan growth squeezes listed banks' main operations in H1

- Bangladesh's listed banks came under mounting pressure in their core banking operations in the first half of 2026, as sluggish private sector credit growth and rising deposit costs squeezed earnings from traditional lending.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/weak-loan-growth-squeezes-listed-banks-main-operations-h1-1505856

### BANK | BB scraps telegraphic transfer discounting facility against current accounts

- BB has abolished the Telegraphic Transfer (TT) discounting facility for scheduled banks, under which banks were allowed to obtain short-term liquidity by placing liens on their current accounts maintained with the central bank.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-scraps-tt-discounting-facility-against-current-accounts-1505696

### RMG | Few RMG factories declare unscheduled holidays

- A number of garment factories in Gazipur and Narayanganj announced three- to four-day unscheduled holidays as manufacturers of Bangladesh's main export product struggle with persistent gas and electricity shortages.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/few-rmg-factories-declare-unscheduled-holidays-1785779271

### ENERGY | Chevron's onshore search offer under fresh vetting

- Chevron Bangladesh, a part of the global energy company Chevron, submitted the investment proposal for further hydrocarbon exploration in block-11 and block-12 in the country's gas-rich northeastern region.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/chevrons-onshore-search-offer-under-fresh-vetting-1785779333

### PHARMA | Govt scraps essential medicines list, drug pricing policy

- The Cabinet says the 2026 list and pricing framework were adopted without consulting the National Drug Advisory Council, as required under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2023.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-scraps-2026-essential-medicines-list-drug-pricing-policy-1505941

## Stocks:

### SHARPIND | Sharp Industries rallies 132% in just six weeks despite BDT 650 Mn loss

- Shares of loss-making Sharp Industries have surged 132.35% in just six weeks despite the company reporting a net loss of BDT 650 Mn in the first nine months of FY2025-26.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sharp-industries-rallies-132-just-six-weeks-despite-tk65cr-loss-1505841

### INTRACO | Intraco resumes industrial gas supply after nine-month disruption

- Intraco Refueling Station has fully resumed supplying compressed natural gas (CNG) to industrial belts in Dhaka and Gazipur after nearly nine months, following regulatory clearance for all of its gas transport vehicles amid the country's persistent gas crisis.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/intraco-resumes-industrial-gas-supply-after-nine-month-disruption-1785776360

**AAMRATECH | Aamra Technologies shares jump 65% in two months; company cites no undisclosed PSI**

- Shares of IT sector-listed Aamra Technologies have surged 65% over the past two months, but the company says there is no undisclosed price-sensitive information (PSI) behind the sharp rise.

https://www.tbsnews.net/node/1505861

**EXIM1STMF | BSEC orders probe into unusual trading amid price spike**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has asked the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) to investigate unusual trading in the units of EXIM Bank 1st Mutual Fund after the fund's price more than doubled within a month alongside a sharp spike in trading volume.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-orders-probe-into-unusual-trading-amid-price-spike-1785776474

**Stock and Commodities***

| Index Name | Close Value | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crude Oil (WTI)* | USD 80.76 | USD 23.33 | 40.62% |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 84.21 | USD 23.36 | 38.39% |
| Gold Spot* | USD 4,057.44 | (USD 283.56) | -6.53% |
| DSEX | 5,885.69 | 1,020.36 | 20.97% |
| S&P 500 | 7,600.50 | 701.68 | 10.17% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,857.70 | 926.32 | 9.33% |
| BSE SENSEX | 78,639.03 | -6,154.55 | -7.26% |
| KSE-100 | 178,427.50 | 4,373.20 | 2.51% |
| CSEALL | 21,121.78 | -1,502.53 | -6.64% |

**Exchange Rates**

## 1 US Dollar = 123.59 BDT
## 1 GBP = 165.96 BDT
## 1 Euro = 142.24 BDT
## 1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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