

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:**Next fiscal year's budget: BDT 350 Bn likely to be set aside for new pay scale**

- About BDT 350 Bn is likely to be allocated in the upcoming fiscal year's budget for the partial implementation of the new pay scale for government officials, pensioners and MPO-listed teachers and staff. Two options are under consideration for implementing the pay scale: one involves a three-year plan and the other option is to implement the pay structure over two fiscal years in several phases.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/next-fiscal-years-budget-tk-35000cr-likely-be-set-aside-new-pay-scale-4167046>

NBR on hunt to recoup revenue shortfall

- Government's revenue authority launches an extensive drive to recoup domestic revenue shortfall by tapping potential sectors as limited scope left for a last-quarter boost in taxing development-project spending.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/nbr-on-hunt-to-recoup-revenue-shortfall>

Exporters see limited momentum despite 33% YoY growth in April

- Bangladesh's exports rebounded strongly in April, ending an eight-month streak of decline and crossing the USD 4.0 Bn mark. Despite recording strong export growth in April, exporters are showing limited enthusiasm, saying the surge is largely due to a low base effect caused by last year's Eid holidays rather than a rise in real demand.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/exporters-see-limited-momentum-despite-33-yoy-growth-april-1428501>

Remittance inflow hits USD 3.12 Bn in April, up 13.5% YoY

- Bangladesh received USD 3.12 Bn in remittances in April, a 13.5% year-over-year increase. However, inflows retreated from March's record high of USD 3.75 Bn, with bankers attributing the surge largely to a seasonal spike in transfers ahead of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-inflow-hits-312b-april-nearly-20-yoy-1428401>

ADB launches USD 70 Bn plan for energy, digital infrastructure in Asia-Pacific

- Asian Development Bank will back USD 70 Bn in new energy and digital infrastructure initiatives by 2035, aiming to connect power grids, expand cross-border electricity trade, and improve broadband access across Asia Pacific.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/adb-launches-70b-plan-energy-digital-infrastructure-asia-pacific-1428416>

BB readying BDT 200 Bn factory revival fund

- The central bank is likely to introduce a BDT 150 - BDT 200 Bn low-cost fund to help revive closed factories in the country. The interest rate on the loans could be set at 13%, with a possible 5% subsidy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bb-readying-tk-20000cr-factory-revival-fund-4167031>

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/298665/bb-plans-funding-factory-reopening-banks-flag-risks>

Cabinet approves tax relief for brand new electric vehicle imports

- The Cabinet has approved a set of tax measures for the import of completely new electric vehicles, including buses and trucks. Under the decision, Value Added Tax (VAT) would be maintained at 15% for electric buses with a minimum of 17 seats, for use in sectors other than student transportation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cabinet-approves-tax-relief-brand-new-electric-vehicle-imports-1428671>

LPG price for May unchanged at BDT 1,940 for 12kg cylinder

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (Berc) has kept the price of a 12kg liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinder unchanged at BDT 1,940 for May 2026, despite adjustments in benchmark international prices.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/lpg-price-may-unchanged-tk1940-12kg-cylinder-1428256>

T-bill yields mixed

- The cut-off yield on 91-D T-bills remained unchanged at 10.17%; yield on 182-D T-bills edged up to 10.50%; and 364-D T-bills rose to 10.69% from 10.64%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-mixed-1777828241>

Sector and Industries:**TELECOM | Teletalk gets 10 MHz in 700 MHz band despite huge dues**

- The telecom regulator has decided to allocate 10 MHz from the highly valuable 700 MHz band to state-owned Teletalk, despite the operator owing around BDT 55.0 Bn in spectrum fees and already holding significant unused or underused spectrum.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/teletalk-gets-10-mhz-700-mhz-band-despite-huge-dues-4166866>

BANK | BB probes hiring, sacking of 6 Shariah banks' staff

- Bangladesh Bank has launched an investigation into the recruitment and dismissal of officials hired during the period of S Alam Group's groups control at shariah-based banks. The central bank made the decision amid escalating tensions between two opposing groups over recent mass layoffs.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/298666/bb-probes-hiring-sacking-of-6-shariah-banks-staff>

BANK | 11 banks hold BDT 520.34 Bn NPL in CMSME

- Top 11 banks held BDT 520.34 Bn of non-performing loans (NPLs), accounting for about 71.67% of total default loans in the CMSME sector, highlighting a high concentration of credit risk in a handful of lenders. Total loan disbursement stood at BDT 3.01 Tn, representing 16.58% of overall outstanding loans, with default loans at 24% of total CMSME lending.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-economy/298667/11-banks-hold-tk-52034cr-npl-in-cmsme>

FOOTWEAR | Buyers' sourcing switch opens huge global footwear, travel-goods mkt

- Buyer's China-plus sourcing strategy for high production costs there and trade redirection fuelled by tariffs and US-China trade spat prompt global buyers to increasingly diversify their footwear-and travel-goods buying sources to elsewhere, including Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/buyers-sourcing-switch-opens-huge-global-footwear-travel-goods-mkt-1777827990>

Stocks:**REGULATOR | BSEC warns of legal action over lack of female independent directors**

- Listed companies without a female independent director on their boards will face legal action if they fail to appoint at least one by June this year, according to a press release issued on Sunday. According to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), 131 out of 294 listed companies have not yet complied with the mandatory provision of the corporate governance code regarding the appointment of a female independent director to their boards.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bsec-warns-of-legal-action-over-lack-of-female-independent-directors>

EXCHANGE | Pharma firms resilient as profits grow strongly in July-March FY26

- Most listed drug manufacturers in Bangladesh posted double-digit year-on-year profit growth in the first nine months through March, supported by rising demand, efficient cost management, and a stable forex market. Market analysts attributed the growth to higher sales volumes, improved operational efficiency, and sustained demand for medicines both domestically and in export markets.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/pharma-firms-resilient-as-profits-grow-strongly-in-july-march-fy26>

RECKITT BEN | Reckitt's profit slump 28% in Q1

- Reckitt Benckiser Bangladesh, a listed multinational on the bourses, reported a 9.99% year-on-year decline in revenue and a 28.31% drop in net profit after tax in the first quarter of 2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/reckitts-profit-slump-28-q1-1428606>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank tops secondary market trading for fourth year

- Brac Bank has also maintained a strong performance in the secondary market for government securities, retaining the top position in secondary market trading for the fourth consecutive year, according to the latest annual report published by Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/brac-bank-tops-secondary-market-trading-fourth-year-1428446>

BMPL | Bashundhara Paper incurs BDT 4.22 Bn loss in 9 months

- Bashundhara Paper Mills has incurred a loss of BDT 4.22 Bn in 9MFY26, mainly due to a shortage of raw materials and a rise in utility costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bashundhara-paper-incurs-tk422cr-loss-9-months-1428566>

ACI | ACI partners with Chinese giant Deli to launch stationery joint venture

- Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI) PLC is set to further diversify its business portfolio by entering the stationery market through a joint venture with the Chinese industry leader, Deli Group.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aci-partners-chinese-giant-deli-launch-stationery-joint-venture-1428576>

UCB | UCB profit jumps on strong investment income despite margin pressure

- United Commercial Bank (UCB) secured a 198% year-on-year increase in consolidated profit to BDT 238 Mn in 2025 as it reaped handsome returns from investment income. Deposits surged 23% year-on-year to a historic BDT 683.9 Bn, more than double the sectoral average growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ucb-profit-jumps-on-strong-investment-income-despite-margin-pressure-1777824092>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 101.82	USD 44.39	77.29%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 108.18	USD 47.33	77.78%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,605.77	USD 264.77	6.10%
DSEX	5,265.39	400.06	8.22%
S&P 500	7,230.12	331.30	4.80%
FTSE 100	10,363.93	432.55	4.36%
BSE SENSEX	76,913.50	-7,880.08	-9.29%
KSE-100	162,994.17	-11,060.13	-6.35%
CSEALL	22,549.53	-74.78	-0.33%

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