

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 to borrow additional BDT 300 Bn from banks in Q2**

- Financing pay scale and growing fuel subsidies emerges as main public-debt hiker as the government plans fresh borrowing of BDT 300 Bn from the banking system in Q2FY27 to meet budget shortfalls.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-borrow-additional-tk300b-from-banks-in-q2-1790878164>

Remittance inflow hits 11-month low

- Bangladesh's remittance inflow hit an 11-month low of USD 2.76 Bn in September despite posting a 3% year-on-year rise. September's inflow extended a sluggish run, remaining below USD 3.0 Bn for fourth consecutive month.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/top-news/news/remittance-inflow-hits-11-month-low-4287956>

Exports rise 8.54pc in September

- Bangladesh's merchandise export earnings grew by 8.54% year-on-year to USD 3.94 Bn in September, extending the growth momentum of the previous month. The September performance lifted cumulative export earnings in Q1FY27 by 6.34% to USD 13.09 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/316222/exports-rise-854pc-in-september>

Rising REER may blunt country's export edge

- A 1.39% rise to 105.37 in the local currency's real effective exchange rate against the greenback worries businesses that Bangladesh's export competitiveness on the global market may wane.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/rising-reer-may-blunt-countrys-export-edge>

NBR extends VAT return deadline to Oct 15

- The National Board of Revenue on Thursday extended deadline for filing online VAT returns for the July and August 2026 tax periods on the eVAT system to October 15, as the government scrapped the quarterly VAT submission system introduced earlier this year and restored monthly filing.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/316225/nbr-extends-vat-return-deadline-to-oct-15>

Why private sector turns away from foreign loans

- Bangladesh's private-sector external debt fell by more than 23% from its 2022 peak to nearly USD 19.94 Bn in July 2026, as high global interest rates, taka depreciation and foreign-exchange pressures prompted businesses to pay down short-term dollar liabilities and reduce reliance on foreign borrowing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/why-private-sector-turns-away-foreign-loans-1561686>

World Bank team in Bangladesh to discuss energy financing, infrastructure reforms

- A high-level World Bank delegation is visiting Bangladesh to discuss the country's ongoing energy challenges, energy security and infrastructure reforms with the government, as Dhaka faces growing financial pressure from fuel imports and volatile global energy prices.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/world-bank-team-bangladesh-discuss-energy-financing-infrastructure-reforms-1561581>

mCapital unveils USD 1 Bn Bangladesh fund plan

- mCapital has launched its flagship initiative, announcing a USD 1.0 Bn investment framework to channel non-resident Bangladeshi capital, expertise and global networks towards the country's development.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mcapital-unveils-1b-bangladesh-fund-plan-4288251>

Plug and Play to help mobilise over USD 500 Mn FDI for BD

- Bangladesh's engagement with Silicon Valley-based global innovation platform Plug and Play has opened a potential pathway to mobilise USD 500 Mn in FDI, alongside technology partnerships and innovation cooperation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/plug-and-play-to-help-mobilise-over-500m-fdi-for-bd-1790875068>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | BUILD urges BB to shrink deposit-lending rate gap**

- Business Initiative Leading Development (BUILD) has urged the Bangladesh Bank (BB) to narrow the wide gap between deposit-and lending-interest rates to make credit affordable for private businesses. While the BB kept the policy repo rate unchanged at 9.50%, BUILD noted that actual market borrowing costs remained high at 13-17%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/build-urges-bb-to-shrink-deposit-lending-rate-gap-1790878999>

BANK | Deposit growth uneven across bank generations in Apr-Jun'26

- Deposit growth remained uneven across the generations of private banks in April-June 2026 quarter, with first-generation banks recording the weakest performance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/deposit-growth-uneven-across-bank-generations-in-apr-jun-26-1790879172>

BANK | BB raises pre-shipment credit fund to BDT 70.0 Bn

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has increased the size of its Pre-Shipment Credit Refinance Scheme to BDT 70.0 Bn from BDT 50.0 Bn to facilitate low-cost financing for exporters.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-raises-pre-shipment-credit-fund-to-tk-7000-cr-1790879294>

BANK | Banks sit on record BDT 4.46 Tn idle funds

- Bangladesh's banking sector is holding a record BDT 4.46 Tn in excess liquidity as remittances and deposits surge, but private-sector lending has slowed to a historic low.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316451/banks-sit-on-record-tk-4.46-lakh-crore-idle-funds>

BANK | BASIC Bank still struggling to heal from Bacchu-era damage

- The current chairman of the bank said they are seeking BDT 50.0 Bn in low-cost deposits from the government or BB to improve its financial position and reduce NPLs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/basic-bank-still-struggling-heal-bacchu-era-damage-4289571>

BANK | Finance ministry softens bank law reforms aimed at curbing family control

- The finance ministry is watering down proposed amendments to the bank company law meant to curb family control of banks. Although the current 12-year continuous tenure for a director is to be reduced to nine years, the limit of three directors from one family will remain the same.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/finance-ministry-softens-bank-law-reforms-aimed-curbing-family-control-1560276>

ENERGY | ADB to funnel funds into govt's ambitious solar power recipe

- Policy-based lending by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is expected funnel several-hundred Mn USD into government's ambitious recipe to heal electricity crises by enhancing solar-power generation, officials said.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/adb-to-funnel-funds-into-govts-ambitious-solar-power-recipe>

ENERGY | G7 countries agree on release of diesel and oil stocks after US pressure

- Group of Seven countries agreed on Friday to release 100 Mn barrels of diesel and crude oil from emergency reserves and pledged to refrain from energy export restrictions. The release will begin immediately and last four months, with a substantial amount of diesel to be released within 20 days by G7 members and partners.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/europe-discussing-plan-diesel-stock-releases-after-us-pressure-source-says-2026-10-02/>

ENERGY | China proposes 100MW nuclear plant in Mongla

- China has proposed building a 100-MW small nuclear power plant near the planned Chinese Economic Zone in Mongla, Bagerhat, in what could become Bangladesh's first project using Small Modular Reactor technology.

<https://tob.news/china-proposes-100mw-nuclear-plant-in-mongla/>

NBFC | NBFC loans shrink in second quarter despite deposit growth

- Outstanding loans and advances of NBFCs fell by BDT 3.10 Bn to BDT 781.15 Bn at the end of June 2026 from BDT 784.25 Bn three months earlier.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/home/nbfc-loans-shrink-in-second-quarter-despite-deposit-growth>

AVIATION | EU Airbus deal likely Oct 7

- Signing the proposed deal is likely on October 7 for the buy of 10 Airbus aircraft for Biman Bangladesh Airlines, under an ambitious government plan for the national flag-carrier's fleet expansion.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/eu-airbus-deal-likely-oct-7>

PAYMENT | Grameen Telecom concern launches gpay

- Samadhan Services Ltd, a concern of Grameen Telecom Trust, today launched its digital financial services platform gpay. The platform will offer merchant payments, remittance transfers and other financial transactions, with the company initially targeting online merchants and about 900,000 retail touchpoints.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/grameen-telecom-concern-launches-gpay-4288091>

Stocks:**IPO | Confidence Power to kick off IPO roadshow on 18 October**

- Confidence Power and Energy PLC, a power-sector company under Confidence Group, will hold a roadshow on 18 October as it moves ahead with plans to raise capital from the primary market through an initial public offering (IPO) under the book-building method.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/confidence-power-kick-ipo-roadshow-18-october-1561621>

IBNSINA | Ibn Sina Pharma to buy BDT 574 Mn commercial space in Dhanmondi

- The Ibn Sina Pharmaceutical Industry PLC is set to invest BDT 574.3 Mn in a 24,321-square-foot commercial space, with the purchase price equivalent to about 72% of its net profit in the latest fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ibn-sina-pharma-buy-tk57cr-commercial-space-dhanmondi-1561636>

ICB | Finance minister pushes professionalism as ICB seeks BDT 100 Bn rescue fund

- ICB sought government support, including a BDT 100 Bn low-cost fund, to restructure its capital and ease its financial pressure. ICB Managing Director said the proposed fund is to be used partly to repay high-cost loans and partly for investment in the capital market. ICB currently has around BDT 140 Bn in high-interest borrowings.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/finance-minister-pushes-professionalism-icb-seeks-tk10000cr-rescue-fund-1560086>

CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemical resumes regular operations after emergency maintenance

- CVO Petrochemical Refinery PLC (CVOPRL) has resumed regular operations at its factory after completing emergency maintenance that temporarily halted production in September.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemical-resumes-regular-operations-after-emergency-maintenance-1561626>

RUPALIBANK | RUPALI BANK LAUNCHES CHEQUE-FREE CASH WITHDRAWAL SERVICE 'CASH BY QR'

- Cheque-free cash withdrawal service has been launched for the customers of state-owned Rupali Bank PLC. From now on, customers can use the Rupali E-Bank app to withdraw cash from any branches completely free of charge in just two minutes.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/rupali-bank-launches-cheque-free-cash-withdrawal-service-cash-by-qr-1790875192>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 91.11	USD 33.68	58.65%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 102.25	USD 41.40	68.04%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,141.19	(USD 199.81)	-4.60%
DSEX	5,531.65	666.31	13.70%
S&P 500	7,722.72	823.90	11.94%
FTSE 100	10,461.95	530.57	5.34%
BSE SENSEX	71,909.70	-12,883.88	-15.19%
KSE-100	168,155.50	-5,898.80	-3.39%
CSEALL	20,812.64	-1,811.67	-8.01%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 123.15 BDT****1 GBP = 163.05 BDT****1 Euro = 138.62 BDT****1 INR = 1.28 BDT**

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