

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:****GDP growth slows as inflation inflates consumption expenses**

- Provisional estimates prepared by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) show total consumption expenditure increased nearly 12% in FY2025-26 to BDT 48.116 Tn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/gdp-growth-slows-as-inflation-inflates-consumption-expenses>

**FY26 exports slip despite USD 4.2 Bn June rebound**

- The country exported goods worth USD 4.2 Bn in June, marking a 26% jump from USD 3.33 Bn a year earlier. Total export earnings for FY26 stood at USD 48 Bn, a marginal decline of 0.58% from FY25.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/fy26-exports-slip-despite-42-billion-june-rebound-4214456>

**Energy crunch, global competition push RMG exports lower**

- Among the two major segments, knitwear exports fell 2.53% to USD 20.62 Bn, while woven garment exports declined by a comparatively modest 0.61% to USD 18.08 Bn, indicating greater resilience in the woven segment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/energy-crunch-global-competition-push-rmg-exports-lower-1478476>

**Exports pivot away from Europe as Asia, Gulf markets grow**

- Bangladesh's export map shifted noticeably in fiscal 2025-26 as faster growth in China, Saudi Arabia and several emerging markets helped offset weaker demand from some of its largest European buyers.

<https://tob.news/exports-pivot-away-from-europe-as-asia-gulf-markets-grow/>

**BBS begins GDP rebasing to reflect changing economy**

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) has begun the process of rebasing the country's gross domestic product (GDP), adopting the fiscal year 2025-26 as the new base year, replacing the current 2015-16 benchmark.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bbs-begins-gdp-rebasing-to-reflect-changing-economy>

**Quarterly VAT wins over businesses but stokes revenue fears**

- The government has allowed businesses to file value-added tax (VAT) returns and make payments every three months rather than monthly, marking one of the biggest changes to the country's indirect tax system in decades.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/quarterly-vat-wins-over-businesses-stokes-revenue-fears-4215771>

**Govt lists 19 SOEs on brink with over BDT 2.22 Tn debt burden**

- Government authorities have identified 19 state-owned enterprises (SOEs) that are posing a "very high financial risk" with a combined liability burden of BDT 2.22 Tn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-lists-19-soes-on-brink-with-over-tk-222t-debt-burden>

**Bangladesh keeps national savings certificate interest rates unchanged for Jul-Dec**

- The government has decided to keep interest rates on national savings certificates unchanged for the July-December period, ranging from 11.77-11.98%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-keeps-national-savings-certificate-interest-rates-unchanged-for-jul-dec>

**Aman rice output hits record 17.3 Mn tonnes**

- Farmers harvested a record 17.3 Mn tonnes of rice during the last Aman season, up 5.11%. The surge in rice production during the latest Aman season, accounts for roughly 40% of annual rice production, has offset the decline in Aus production in fiscal year 2025-26, which declined by 3%.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/aman-rice-output-hits-record-173-crore-tonnes-4215701>

**New entity registration with RJSC up 25pc in FY'26**

- According to official Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) data, 12,786 entities were registered during FY26, compared with 10,225 in the previous fiscal year, representing an increase of 25.0%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/new-entity-registration-with-rjsc-up-25pc-in-fy26>

**TCB seeks transition to pvt financing to cut debt burden**

- The state-owned Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) has Loan Against Trust Receipts (LTR) from state-run banks at 12.20%, which private banks are offering at 11-12%. At present, the TCB procures essential commodities worth around BDT 60 Bn annually.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/tcb-seeks-transition-to-pvt-financing-to-cut-debt-burden>

**Sector and Industries:****BANK | BB allows AD banks to help business avert interest rate risk**

- Under the latest initiative, authorised dealer (AD) banks are now allowed to offer Forward Rate Agreements (FRAs) to importers availing foreign-currency import loans, strictly limited to hedging purposes and will be backed by genuine underlying import transactions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bb-allows-ad-banks-to-help-business-avert-interest-rate-risk>

**BANK | Banks sit on BDT 3.28 Tn excess liquidity**

- Excess liquidity in Bangladesh's banking sector remained above BDT 3.0 Tn in May 2026, as banks continue to hold back from lending amid a soaring defaults, sluggish investment demand and persistent economic uncertainty.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/304958/banks-sit-on-tk-328-lakh-crore-excess-liquidity>

**BANK | Govt's bank loan exceeds target by BDT 330 Bn**

- Government's net borrowing from banks reached BDT 1.37 Tn during July 2025 to June 23, 2026, exceeding the full-year target of BDT 1.04 Tn crore.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/304688/govts-bank-loan-exceeds-target-by-tk-33000cr>

**PAYMENT | Bangla QR records BDT 220.2 Mn transactions in 48hrs: Bangladesh Bank**

- The nationwide mandatory rollout of the unified "Bangla QR" payment standard recorded 77,165 transactions amounting to BDT 220.2 Mn over a span of just two days, central bank data showed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangla-qr-records-tk-2202-crore-transactions-48-hours-bangladesh-bank-1478466>

**ENERGY | Bangladesh lowers LPG price for July**

- Bangladesh has sharply reduced the price of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for July, cutting the retail price of a 12kg cylinder by BDT 357 to BDT 1,528.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-lowers-lpg-price-for-july>

**ENERGY | Govt to import another 500,000 tonnes of fuel to boost reserves**

- The government is procuring another 500,000 tonnes of fuel oil to strengthen the country's fuel reserves, aiming to ensure uninterrupted economic and commercial activities and meet domestic energy demand.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/304953/govt-to-import-another-500000-tonnes-of-fuel-to-boost-reserves>

**TEXTILE | Direct US cotton sourcing delivers savings for BD mills**

- The initiative, led by a new US-based trade platform named AmeriBangla, has already facilitated direct cotton purchases by three Bangladeshi textile companies, while another 19 spinning mills are in talks to join the programme. At present, cotton imports typically pass through at least nine intermediaries before reaching Bangladeshi mills.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/direct-us-cotton-sourcing-delivers-savings-for-bd-mills>

**RMG | India, China edge Bangladesh RMG in EU over supply chain agility**

- While a broad consumer demand contraction has impacted global fashion retail, neighboring India, China, and Vietnam have managed to protect their market footprints far more effectively, leaving local manufacturers exposed to intense price competition.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/414356/india-china-edge-bangladesh-rmg-in-eu-over-supply>

**NBFI | Alliance Finance approves 7.50% cash dividend for 2025**

- Alliance Finance PLC (AFPLC), a joint venture between People's Leasing and Finance PLC of Sri Lanka and reputed business conglomerates and individual investors from Bangladesh, has approved a 7.50% cash dividend for the year that ended on December 31, 2025.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/alliance-finance-approves-750-cash-dividend-2025-4215861>

**Stocks:****REGULATORY | Regulate where necessary, simplify where possible**

- BSEC Chairman announced that the BSEC will introduce IAS 34 (Interim Financial Reporting) to allow for "condensed" quarterly reports. He added that beyond IAS 34, no additional queries will be sent for quarterly results, and detailed reporting will only be required for annual statements.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-chief-vows-end-paper-age-regulatory-love-letters-1479636>

**EXCHANGE | DSE proposes easier direct listing rules for private, multinational firms**

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has drafted an amendment to its listing regulations to allow direct listing of private and multinational companies through a watered-down procedure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dse-proposes-easier-direct-listing-rules-for-private-multinational-firms-1783181980>

**PARAMOUNT | Paramount Textile to convert BDT 2.93 Bn investment in solar subsidiary into preference shares**

- BDT 2.00 Bn will be converted into convertible non-redeemable preference shares, while the remaining BDT 0.93 Bn will be converted into non-convertible redeemable preference shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paramount-textile-convert-tk293cr-investment-solar-subsidiary-preference-shares>

**NBL | National Bank wants to lease HQ tower to boost income, cenbank writes to govt requesting special facilities**

- National Bank has sought approval to commercially lease one of the two towers of its under-construction headquarters, aiming to generate a new source of income as it struggles with mounting financial stress.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/national-bank-wants-lease-hq-tower-boost-income-cenbank-writes-govt-requesting>

**ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank loses remittance crown to BKB**

- The latest chaos at Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC over the control of its operational board hit the Shariah-based bank hard, with it losing its supremacy in remittance netting to state-owned Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB). BKB received USD 441.68 Mn in remittances during June 2026 to secure the top position, while Islami Bank collected USD 349.29 Mn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/islami-bank-loses-remittance-crown-to-bkb>

**Stock and Commodities\***

<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 68.78	USD 11.35	19.76%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 72.12	USD 11.27	18.52%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,176.94	(USD 164.06)	-3.78%
DSEX	5,743.86	878.52	18.06%
S&P 500	7,483.24	584.42	8.47%
FTSE 100	10,679.03	747.65	7.53%
BSE SENSEX	77,763.91	-7,029.67	-8.29%
KSE-100	185,372.20	11,317.90	6.50%
CSEALL	22,178.73	-445.58	-1.97%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 123.01 BDT****1 GBP = 164.24 BDT****1 Euro = 140.70 BDT****1 INR = 1.29 BDT**

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