Important News Snippets

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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:

With import policy tweak, garment makers expect USD 5 Bn more in exports

- Bangladeshi apparel manufacturers expect to earn an additional 5 Bn high-end garment exports in the first year after the government scraps the 50% ceiling on free-of-charge (FoC) imports. Under this arrangement, the buyer supplies raw materials such as fabrics, accessories and other inputs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/import-policy-tweak-garment-makers-expect-5b-more-exports-4027256

Hopes fade for legal hurdles, interagency conflicts

- A much-hyped drive by the post-uprising interim government to recover a cache of stolen assets may not see success during its term as intelligence-insiders find no hope yet for formidable hurdles. Even evaded tax-recovery steps have stagnated as legal barriers restrict the realisation of such taxes from the bank accounts frozen by courts in line with the Anti-Corruption Commission's (ACC) petitions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/hopes-fade-for-legal-hurdles-interagency-conflicts-1762281503

MNCs' profit shifting costs Bangladesh USD 692 Mn in lost tax: report

- Bangladesh lost USD 692 Mn in tax revenue from 2016 to 2021 due to profit shifting by multinational companies, according to a new report by the Tax Justice Network (TJN) released yesterday. The report, The State of Tax Justice 2025, says global firms moved USD 2.45 Bn in profits out of Bangladesh to avoid paying local taxes.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mncs-profit-shifting-costs-bangladesh-692m-lost-tax-report-4027261

Sector & Industries:

BANK | Govt finalizes legal docs of five Islami banks' merger

- The government has finalized the memorandum and articles of association for the proposed "Sammilito Islami Bank" to be formed by merging five shariah-based commercial banks facing severe liquidity crises, officials said. Under the two foundational legal documents recently approved by the Finance Division of the Ministry of Finance, the shares of the proposed bank will initially be distributed among the subscribers of the memorandum and articles of association.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-finalises-legal-docs-of-five-islami-banks-merger-1762281437

BANK | BB keeps policy rate unchanged as high inflation persists

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has kept its policy rate unchanged at 10% as inflation continues to hover well above the target set by the regulator. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of BB made the decision in its 10th meeting on Monday, reviewing current economic conditions, recent inflation data, and the near-term outlook, according to officials familiar with the matter.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-keeps-policy-rate-unchanged-high-inflation-persists-4027266

BANK | Can legal reforms free BB from political control?

▪ The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has proposed a comprehensive legal overhaul to secure full institutional autonomy and reduce political interference. In a letter to the finance adviser, BB Governor Ahsan H Mansur presented nine draft amendments to the Bangladesh Bank Order 1972, aiming to align the central bank's governance with international standards.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/can-legal-reforms-free-bb-political-control-4027276

RMG | US cotton exports can be redoubled with proportionate tariff reduction

▪ Bangladesh's apparel exporters want to work jointly with American cotton exporters to secure proportionate tariff reductions through increased use of US raw materials in garment industry. A recently announced US executive order allows proportionate tariff relief for apparel made with at least 20% American-origin raw materials-apart from the reciprocal Trump tariff regime that eventually lowered the rate for Bangladesh to 20% in a tradeoff.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/us-cotton-exports-can-be-redoubled-with-proportionate-tariff-reduction-1762281557

JUTE | Export cap fails to cool jute market as premium prices climb

▪ The government's move to impose export restrictions on raw jute, aiming to stabilise domestic prices, has failed to produce the desired effect even after two months. In fact, as traders had warned, it has had the opposite effect, with premium-grade raw jute prices climbing further.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/export-cap-fails-cool-jute-market-premium-prices-climb-4027106

FOOD & ALLIED | Five local companies to import USD 1.25 Bn US soybean products

▪ Five leading soy value chain companies from Bangladesh — Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), City Group, Delta Agrofood Industries Ltd, Mahbub Group, and KGS Group — have signed deals to import USD 1.25 Bn worth of soy products from the USA over the next year, a move that will significantly reduce the trade gap between the two countries.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/five-local-companies-import-125-billion-us-soybean-products-4027386

MFS, TELECOMMUNICATION | Government moves to intensify crackdown

▪ The government is mulling over intensifying its crackdown on the growing menace of online gambling in Bangladesh by introducing a coordinated monitoring system and other preventive measures. The measures include blocking relevant mobile financial service (MFS) accounts, and considering limiting internet speeds for users involved in betting.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/government-moves-to-intensify-crackdown-1762282071

FUEL & POWER | Long-term planning, management major hurdles

▪ Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) Chairman Jalal Ahmed says Bangladesh holds significant potential to expand renewable energy generation, particularly in the coastal region, but faces challenges in management and long-term planning. Addressing these issues, he said, was the key to ensuring a just and sustainable energy transition.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/long-term-planning-management-major-hurdles-1762279845

Stocks:

APEXFOOT | Apex Footwear exports surge to BDT 6.63 Bn, but profit plunges to BDT 3.7 Mn

- The company spent BDT 133.7 Mn in income tax, which amounted to 97% of its pre-tax profit. Interest expenses on its bank borrowings rose by 14% year-on-year to BDT 396.4 Mn. Despite a sharp rise in export earnings, Apex Footwear Limited reported a meagre BDT 3.7 Mn profit from its export operations in the 2024-25 fiscal year, according to the company's audited financial statement.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-footwear-exports-surge-tk663cr-profit-plunges-tk37-lakh-1277416

IFIC | IFIC Bank's ex-MD fined BDT 50 Mn for misleading bond promotion

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has slapped ex-managing director of IFIC Bank with a fine of BDT 50 Mn for deceptive promotion of a zero-coupon bond. According to a press release issued after the commission's meeting on Tuesday, the penalty was handed down for breach of securities laws in connection with "IFIC Guaranteed Sreepur Township Green Zero Coupon Bond," which carried a face value of BDT 15 Bn and an issue value of BDT 10 Bn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ific-banks-ex-md-fined-tk-50m-for-misleading-bond-promotion-1762279952

CAPMBDBLMF | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund posts BDT 38.1 Mn profit in July–September

- CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund 01 reported a net profit of BDT 38.1 Mn for the first quarter of the 2025–26 fiscal year, maintaining steady performance despite a volatile stock market. According to an unaudited financial statement approved by the fund's trustee on 4 November, earnings per unit stood at BDT 0.76 for the July–September quarter.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-posts-tk381cr-profit-july-september-1277411

EXCHANGE | Govt to issue BDT 25 Bn Sukuk for rural development

- The government is set to raise BDT 25 Bn through the issuance of its seventh Sukuk bond in early December 2025 to finance rural infrastructure projects in Bangladesh's southern districts. The decision was made at the first meeting of the Shariah Advisory Committee of the central bank, held at Bangladesh Bank (BB) headquarters in Dhaka on Monday, with BB Deputy Governor Dr Md Kabir Ahmed in the chair.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-issue-tk-25b-sukuk-for-rural-development-1762281944

EXCHANGE | 2-yr T-bond yields surge

- Yields on two-year treasury bonds increased notably on Tuesday as banks showed reluctance to invest their surplus funds in government securities to manage their portfolios more efficiently. The cut-off yield, generally known as the interest rate, on Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) rose to 10.10% from 9.44% earlier, according to auction results.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/2-yr-t-bond-yields-surge-1762282190

EXCHANGE | Rising costs, weak demand drag down SME earnings in FY25

- Most of the listed small and medium enterprises (SMEs) witnessed a year-on-year decline in profit in FY25, driven by higher business costs amid macroeconomic challenges. According to market analysts, overall economic activities remained subdued after the political shift last year that squeezed demand and impacted profitability of companies, including that of SMEs.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rising-costs-weak-demand-drag-down-sme-earnings-in-fy25-1762279723

EXCHANGE | Net sales of savings tools plunge 95.5% in Sept

- Net sales of National Savings Certificates (NSCs) plunged by 95.5% year-on-year in September 2025, as tighter liquidity conditions and rising living costs continued to erode small investors' appetite for government savings instruments. According to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, NSC net sales dropped to BDT 3.73 Bn in September 2025, down sharply from BDT 83.33 Bn in the same month a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/net-sales-of-savings-tools-plunge-955pc-in-sept-1762282010

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 60.16	(USD 11.27)	-15.78%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.07	(USD 10.32)	-13.87%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,948.36	USD 1,339.88	51.37%
DSEX	5,019.07	-197.37	-3.78%
S&P 500	6,771.74	864.80	14.64%
FTSE 100	9,714.96	1,593.95	19.63%
BSE SENSEX	83,459.15	5,259.22	6.73%
KSE-100	161,281.77	46,022.77	39.93%
CSEALL	22,953.49	7,008.88	43.96%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.93 BDT

1 GBP = 158.75 BDT

1 Euro = 140.07 BDT

1 INR = 1.37 BDT

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