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:

Bangladesh considers forming up to USD 2.0 Bn sovereign fund: finance minister

- Bangladesh is considering creating a sovereign fund of up to USD 2 Bn to mobilise international capital to finance infrastructure, renewable energy and digital projects.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-considers-forming-2-billion-sovereign-fund-finance-minister-4315486

BB sells another USD 120 Mn to stabilise forex market

- The Bangladesh Bank sold another USD 100 Mn from its foreign exchange reserves through an auction, aiming to stabilise the currency market amid rising import costs, particularly for fuel.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-sells-another-100m-stabilise-forex-market-4315811

Seoul weighs USD 1.1 Bn loan for Dhaka metro line

- Bangladesh has made fresh progress in securing South Korean financing for the long-planned MRT-5 Southern Route, with the Korean Export-Import Bank agreeing to review its earlier commitment to the project.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/seoul-weighs-11b-loan-for-dhaka-metro-line-1793817903

Only 31% VAT-registered firms file online returns

- Only 261,858 of the 830,232 VAT-registered businesses, or 31.54%, submitted online VAT returns in July of FY27, according to data from the National Board of Revenue.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/321014/only-31pc-vat-registered-firms-file-online-returns

Mongla port gets BDT 40.0 Bn modernisation push

- Mongla Port is set for a major modernisation drive as the government moves to expand its cargo and container-handling capacity and strengthen its role in regional trade.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mongla-port-gets-tk-4000cr-modernisation-push-4315821

Ecnec okays 13 projects worth BDT 580.89 Bn

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) (4 November) approved 13 development projects worth BDT 580.89 Bn, including 11 new projects and two revised ones.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ecnec-okays-13-projects-worth-tk58089cr-1592701

Uniform rates, digital system proposed for govt construction costs

- A government committee has recommended introducing uniform base rates for construction materials, equipment and labour across public engineering agencies to reduce inconsistencies in estimating construction and maintenance costs of development projects.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/uniform-rates-digital-system-proposed-govt-construction-costs-1593071

Oil slumps after midterm election rebuke to Trump raises bets on Iran war exit

- Oil prices fell more than 8% to settle at their lowest in more than two months on Wednesday after President Donald Trump's Republican Party lost control of Congress in midterm elections, as investors bet that the shift in power could hasten the end of the US-Israeli war with Iran.

https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/middle-east/oil-slumps-after-midterm-election-rebuke-trump-raises-bets-iran-war-exit

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB relaxes laws to allow BDT 30.0 Bn in fresh loans for defaulting City Group

- Bangladesh Bank has relaxed a provision of the Bank Company Act to allow banks to provide up to BDT 30.0 Bn in fresh working capital loans to five defaulting companies under City Group. The exemption will remain effective until December 31, 2027. The eight banks are – City Bank, Mutual Trust Bank, Prime Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank, Southeast Bank, Trust Bank, NCC Bank and Pubali Bank.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/320977/bb-relaxes-laws-to-allow-tk-3000cr-in-fresh-loans-for-defaulting-city-group

BANK | Banks' lending income turns negative for first time in 6 years

- Combined net interest income at the country's listed commercial banks turned negative in 9M2026, for the first time in at least six years, as demand for new loans stayed weak and non-performing loans weighed heavily.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-lending-income-turns-negative-first-time-6-years-4315831

BANK | BB allows foreign currency accounts for money changers

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has allowed authorised dealer (AD) banks to offer foreign currency (FC) custodial account facilities to licensed money changers to ensure secure cash management and mitigate risks associated with the physical transportation of foreign currencies.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bb-allows-foreign-currency-accounts-for-money-changers-1793815504

TELECOM | Mobile phone operators seek spectrum pricing at Asia-Pacific benchmark

- Mobile phone operators in Bangladesh on Wednesday urged the government to cap spectrum renewal costs at 10.4% of industry revenue, the Asia-Pacific average, saying higher charges would constrain investment, weaken network quality and make connectivity less affordable.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/321011/mobile-phone-operators-seek-spectrum-pricing-at-asia-pacific-benchmark

RMG | New garment workers' pay scale to take effect in December

- The revised pay scale for garment workers will take effect in December, the chairman of the minimum wage board has said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/new-garment-workers-pay-scale-take-effect-december-4315341

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Stocks rebound after 4-day slide as BSEC eases restrictions on frozen BO accounts

- The stock market staged a broad-based recovery (4 November), with nearly 74% of traded securities advancing, as the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) decided to ease restrictions on selected beneficial owner (BO) accounts that had remained frozen for more than two years.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-rebound-after-4-day-slide-bsec-eases-restrictions-frozen-bo-accounts-1593056

EXCHANGE | Cost cuts help listed power producers cling to growth path

- Most listed private-sector power producers secured year-on-year profit growth in FY26, despite lower electricity generation compared with the previous year, plants remaining idle and expiry of power purchase agreements (PPAs). The earnings growth was driven mainly by lower operating and financing costs, while contributions from subsidiaries and associate companies helped offset the impact of subdued power generation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cost-cuts-help-listed-power-producers-cling-to-growth-path-1793815970

EXCHANGE | Textile firms struggle to protect margins as energy, labour costs bite in FY26

- Country's listed textile companies faced mounting pressure on profitability in FY26 as energy shortages, rising production costs, and liquidity constraints squeezed margins, with more than half of the firms reporting lower earnings or losses.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/textile-firms-struggle-protect-margins-energy-labour-costs-bite-fy26-1593041

MATINSPINN | Matin Spinning's Q1 profit more than doubles on higher prices, lower tax

- Matin Spinning Mills' profit more than doubled year-on-year to BDT 245 Mn in the Q1FY27, supported by higher sales volume, improved selling prices and a lower tax rate.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/matin-spinnings-q1-profit-more-than-doubles-on-higher-prices-lower-tax-1793816170

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 87.38	USD 29.95	52.15%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 94.02	USD 33.17	54.51%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,134.43	(USD 206.57)	-4.76%
DSEX	5,341.63	476.29	9.79%
S&P 500	7,688.62	789.80	11.45%
FTSE 100	10,829.21	897.83	9.04%
BSE SENSEX	77,301.40	-7,492.18	-8.84%
KSE-100	172,013.50	-2,040.80	-1.17%
CSEALL	20,541.12	-2,083.19	-9.21%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.44 BDT

1 GBP = 167.83 BDT

1 Euro = 140.05 BDT

1 INR = 1.31 BDT

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