

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 deprived of USD 410 Mn in taxes in 2022 alone: TJN data**

- Bangladesh's illicit capital outflows reached a seven-year high of USD 1.33 Bn in 2022, with the associated tax loss estimated at around USD 410 Mn, according to UK-based Tax Justice Network (TJN).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-deprived-of-410m-in-taxes-in-2022-alone-tjn-data>

Overseas jobs fall 29% in September YoY

- The overseas employment market has been under pressure due to the closure or restriction of several labour markets, including Malaysia, Oman and Bahrain, while the UAE has not been fully recruiting less-skilled Bangladeshi workers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/migration/overseas-jobs-fall-29-september-yoy-1562796>

Not donors, govt to raise funds through bonds: finance minister

- Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said the days of running the country on money provided by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and Asian Development Bank are over.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/not-donors-govt-raise-funds-through-bonds-finance-minister-4290376>

Zero-cost Malaysia jobs for 10,000 Workers

- Bangladesh is preparing to send 10,000 workers to Malaysia at zero migration cost, with recruitment to focus on skills, experience and employers' requirements as the two countries move ahead with restarting labour migration.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/work-and-migration/news/zero-cost-malaysia-jobs-10000-workers-4290646>

Govt to launch employment exchange centre in Dec

- The government will launch an Employment Exchange Centre in December to connect jobseekers with employers and create more employment opportunities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-launch-employment-exchange-centre-dec-4290581>

RSGT mulls more investment in Bangladesh ports

- Saudi Arabia-based Red Sea Gateway Terminal (RSGT) plans to expand its investment in Bangladesh's port sector, including in yard expansion, equipment, and technology. The expansion comes after PCT recently recorded a productivity rate of 58 containers an hour, almost twice the 28-30 containers an hour typically handled at other terminals of the Chittagong port.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/rsgt-mulls-more-investment-in-bangladesh-ports-1791136048>

Sector and Industries:**INSURANCE | IDRA settles BDT 263.7 Mn in insurance claims in 3rd phase**

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) has overseen the disbursement of BDT 263.7 Mn in insurance claims to 7,641 policyholders in the third phase of a payout initiative aimed at rebuilding public trust in the insurance sector and protecting policyholders' rights.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/idra-settles-tk-2637cr-insurance-claims-3rd-phase-4290591>

ENERGY | LPG price hike adds to consumer woes amid supply shortages

- Consumers are growing worried over the latest LPG price hike as shortages persist across the country, with 12-kg cylinders being sold for BDT 2,200 to BDT 2,500 in areas where gas is available, far above the newly announced official price of BDT 1,837.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/lpg-price-hike-adds-consumer-woes-amid-supply-shortages-1562526>

BANK | Banks sink deeper into distress

- Financial distress in Bangladesh's banking sector is deepening despite a series of reform and rescue measures, exposing deep-rooted fragility that continues to undermine depositor confidence and the broader economy. The report also highlighted banks' growing dependence on central bank support, with asset quality and profitability under severe strain.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/316606/banks-sink-deeper-into-distress>

BANK | CRAR falls to negative 3.17pc as bad loans mount

- Banks' Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio or CRAR sank deeper into negative territory at -3.17% in March 2026 as massive bad loans and accumulated losses eat away the financial strength needed to protect depositors and absorb further shocks.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316589/crar-falls-to-negative-3.17pc-as-bad-loans-mount>

NBFI | Non-banks losing out to unfair rules

- Although banks and non-bank financial institutions operate under the same central bank, well-managed finance companies face tighter restrictions on deposits, lending and loan restructuring, while banks have steadily expanded into areas previously served by non-banks, top NBFI executives have said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/non-banks-losing-out-unfair-rules-4290621>

RMG | Reconstitute RMG wage board by Oct 10: IBC

- The IndustriALL Bangladesh Council (IBC) has called on the government to reconstitute the Minimum Wage Board for ready-made garment (RMG) workers by October 10 to determine a new minimum wage structure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/reconstitute-rmg-wage-board-by-oct-10-ibc-1791133559>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | Foreign transactions in capital market rise 37.6% in 8 months**

- Foreign investors' participation in Bangladesh's capital market is increasing with their total transactions rising 37.6% year-over-year in 8MCY26. The total value of foreign investors' transactions reached BDT 37.01 Bn, compared to BDT 26.87 Bn during the corresponding period in 2025.

<https://tob.news/foreign-transactions-in-capital-market-rise-37-6-in-8-months/>

EXCHANGE | Govt working to revive capital market, economy, says finance minister

- Finance and Planning Minister on Sunday has called for stronger coordination among the BSEC, Bangladesh Bank, National Board of Revenue (NBR), Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA), stock exchanges, brokers and financial-reporting bodies.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/govt-working-to-revive-capital-market-economy-says-finance-minister-1791133206>

EXCHANGE | IPO approval to take no more than 3 months: BSEC chairman

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has set a target of approving IPOs within a maximum of three months of application under the new rules, aiming to cut long delays in the process.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/ipo-approval-to-take-no-more-than-3-months-bsec-chairman>

EXCHANGE | Depository authority to roll out app against broker fraud

- The depository authority has developed a mobile app that can instantly help investors become aware of any unauthorised transaction in their portfolios.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/depository-authority-to-roll-out-app-against-broker-fraud-1791133268>

NCCBANK, DHAKABANK, PUBALIBANK | Directors of NCC, Dhaka, Pubali Bank announce major share buy-sell plans

- Sponsors and director entities of three major private commercial banks NCC Bank, Dhaka Bank, and Pubali Bank have disclosed intentions to trade substantial blocks of shares in their respective institutions on the public and block markets of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/directors-ncc-dhaka-pubali-bank-announce-major-share-buy-sell-plans-1562641>

DOMINAGE | Akij Resources, new investors to take over Dominage Steel as DSE approves 30% stake transfer

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has approved the transfer of a 30.01% stake in Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited outside the regular trading system, paving the way for a change in ownership, management and operational control by Akij Resources Limited and two individual investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/akij-resources-new-investors-take-over-dominage-steel-dse-approves-30-stake-transfer>

SEAPEARL | Sea Pearl shareholders have proposed cash dividend to 0.50% at high court-ordered AGM

- Shareholders of Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa Limited have approved a reduced 0.50% cash dividend for general investors at the company's long-delayed 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sea-pearl-shareholders-have-proposed-cash-dividend-050-high-court-ordered-agm-1562621>

MERCANBANK | Shaheen joins Mercantile Bank as AMD

- Ahmed Shaheen has recently joined Mercantile Bank PLC as additional managing director. Prior to his new role, he served as AMD at Eastern Bank PLC. He also brought his expertise to Prime Bank as deputy managing director and chief business officer from 2015 to 2016.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/316582/shaheen-joins-mercantile-bank-as-amd>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 89.96	USD 32.53	56.64%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 101.48	USD 40.63	66.77%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,138.32	(USD 202.68)	-4.67%
DSEX	5,482.36	617.02	12.68%
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 = 122.89 BDT****1 GBP = 162.63 BDT****1 Euro = 138.10 BDT****1 INR = 1.27 BDT**

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