

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:**Inflation falls to 8.71% in March**

- Bangladesh's inflationary pressure eased in March 2026 as food items showed a downward trend during the month. Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), came down to 8.71% in March 2026 on a point-to-point basis from 9.13% a month earlier.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/inflation-falls-to-871pc-in-march>

Bangladesh not fully prepared for post-LDC smooth transition: Assessment report

- UN-sponsored assessment finds that while Bangladesh meets the graduation criteria, it is not fully prepared for a sustainable post-LDC phase due to long-standing issues such as loss of trade preferences, macroeconomic pressures, fiscal and financial vulnerabilities, and institutional and implementation weaknesses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/substantial-gaps-remain-bangladeshs-ldc-graduation-preparedness-un-assessment-report-1403396>

LDC graduation not yet within reach amid economic pressures: Finance minister

- Bangladesh's graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category is not yet within reach in the current situation, Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said today (5 April), citing mounting economic pressures and incomplete preparations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ldc-graduation-not-yet-within-reach-amid-economic-pressure-finance-minister-1402951>

European firms flag concern, seek predictable tax regime

- European businesses operating in Bangladesh have voiced concern over trade preferences extended to certain partner countries, saying such measures risk creating an uneven playing field. EuroCham Chairperson told that they are looking with concern at how Bangladesh is providing trade preferences to other partners that will create an unfair playing field for European businesses.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/european-firms-flag-concern-seek-predictable-tax-regime-1775413788>

Pumping higher volume of reserve money into banks adds to inflation

- A resurgence in funneling reserve money into the market through cheap state credits to banks and dollar buy from them through regulatory intervention is stoking fears of higher inflationary regime ahead. According to latest BB data, the growth of the reserve money in the post-June period stood at 2.52%, 1.25%, 3.47%, 3.15%, 4.35%, 9.23% and a steep 10.37% in July, August, September, October, November, December and January last respectively.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/pumping-higher-volume-of-reserve-money-into-banks-adds-to-inflation-1775413057>

425.3% growth of remittance inflow till April 4

- Inflow of remittances witnessed a year-on-year growth of 425.3% reaching USD 339 Mn in the first four days of April, according to the latest data of Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/4253pc-growth-of-remittance-inflow-till-april-4>

Private credit growth stuck despite political transition

- Private-sector credit growth remains subdued despite a peaceful transition of political power, reflecting persistent economic headwinds and weak business confidence. Entrepreneurs continue to hold back on expansion plans amid high borrowing costs, energy shortages and lingering uncertainties. The sluggish credit flow, as low as 6.03% in February 2026, underscores the challenges facing the economy, as both lenders and borrowers adopt a cautious stance in an environment marked by financial stress and structural constraints.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/private-credit-growth-stuck-despite-political-transition-1775413550>

Trump says US will target Iran's infrastructure on Tuesday

- US President Donald Trump on Sunday said in a Truth Social post that "Tuesday will be Power Plant Day, and Bridge Day, all wrapped up in one, in Iran."

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/world/trump-says-us-will-target-irans-infrastructure-on-tuesday>

Govt to borrow BDT 50 Bn more from banks

- The government is set to borrow an additional BDT 50 Bn from the banking sector through a special auction of 91-day treasury bills on April 8, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) officials.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-borrow-tk-5000-crore-more-banks-4144311>

US crude benchmark opens over \$113, Brent above \$110

- Crude oil prices opened higher on Monday, with US benchmark West Texas Intermediate up 1.86% to USD 113.62 a barrel, as the war in the Middle East continues to squeeze global energy supplies. President Donald Trump has set a Tuesday deadline for Iran to end the war and reopen shipping in the critical Strait of Hormuz waterway.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/us-crude-benchmark-opens-over-113-brent-above-110-4144686>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | BKMEA wants changes to amended labour law**

- The Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) has sought changes in the labour law, which was amended during the immediate past interim government, as the trade body claims their opinions were not addressed in the final gazette.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bkmea-wants-changes-amended-labour-law-4144266>

RMG | RMG's reduced corporate tax won't last long: NBR chairman

- The current reduced corporate tax rates of 10 to 12 % for the readymade garment (RMG) sector may not last much longer, said National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Md Abdur Rahman Khan.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rmgs-reduced-corporate-tax-wont-last-long-nbr-chairman-4144301>

TELECOM | Call to scrap voice floor price gains traction

- Speakers at a seminar have stressed that withdrawing the voice floor price could make mobile services more citizen-friendly, but cautioned that a gradual and balanced approach is needed to avoid market distortions and revenue shocks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/call-to-scrap-voice-floor-price-gains-traction-1775408585>

BANK | Loans of top 120 defaulters' amount to over BDT 1000 Bn, only BDT 4.69 Bn recovered

- The six state-owned banks—Sonali, Agrani, Janata, Rupali, Basic, and BDBL—are unable to recover loans at the desired rate from their top 120 defaulters.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/business/local/xs9deno194>

Stocks:

PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank becomes first in Bangladesh to disburse consumer loans against Treasury Bonds

- Prime Bank PLC has reached a major milestone by becoming the first bank in Bangladesh to offer a consumer loan secured against Treasury Bonds.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/prime-bank-becomes-first-in-bangladesh-to-disburse-consumer-loans-against-treasury-bonds>

PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank announces 30% dividend for 2025

- Prime Bank PLC, a leading commercial Bank in the country, being committed to excellence and innovation, announced its annual dividend payment for the year 2025, according to a press release.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/prime-bank-announces-30pc-dividend-for-2025>

NBL | Tabith Awal & Nazneen Ahmad appointed as Directors of National Bank

- Tabith Awal and Nazneen Ahmad have been appointed as members of the Board of Directors of National Bank PLC. They were appointed as Directors by Bangladesh Bank on March 31, 2026, under the authority conferred by Sections 45 and 47(3) of the Bank Company Act, 1991, according to a press release.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/tabith-awal-nazneen-ahmad-appointed-as-directors-of-national-bank>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 112.07	USD 54.64	95.14%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 110.57	USD 49.72	81.71%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,634.63	USD 293.63	6.76%
DSEX	5,112.27	246.93	5.08%
S&P 500	6,582.69	-316.13	-4.58%
FTSE 100	10,436.29	504.91	5.08%
BSE SENSEX	73,319.55	-11,474.03	-13.53%
KSE-100	150,398.70	-23,655.60	-13.59%
CSEALL	21,117.42	-1,506.89	-6.66%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.53 BDT****1 GBP = 161.69 BDT****1 Euro = 141.03 BDT****1 INR = 1.32 BDT**

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