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:

Private credit growth hits historic low

- Private-sector credit growth fell to 4.47% by the end of June, the lowest level in Bangladesh's history. The previous record low was 4.72%, registered in March 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/private-credit-growth-hits-historic-low

BB cautiously optimistic about economic outlook following correctives

- Bangladesh's economic outlook remains broadly optimistic following ongoing structural reforms, greater policy flexibility and easing global energy prices, according to a latest central-bank assessment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-cautiously-optimistic-about-economic-outlook-following-correctives-1785954166

Taka ranks among region's most stable currencies: BB

- The Bangladeshi Taka remained one of the most stable currencies in South Asia and neighbouring economies over the past year, depreciating by just 0.59 % against the USD between March 2025 and March 2026, according to the Bangladesh Bank quarterly report.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/taka-ranks-among-regions-most-stable-currencies-bb-4240996

BB eases foreign transactions with parent cos

- Bangladesh Bank has relaxed import and export documentation rules for companies trading with their own parent companies, subsidiaries and overseas branches, removing a declaration that previously barred financial links between local importers and foreign exporters.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/308780/bb-eases-foreign-transactions-with-parent-cos

Credit stimulus seen supporting growth sans inflation

- A temporary increase in private-sector credit growth could help revive the country's economic activity without significantly fuelling inflation or pushing up interest rates, according to a new Bangladesh Bank analysis.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/credit-stimulus-seen-supporting-growth-sans-inflation-1785954366

Overseas jobs hit five-year low amid Gulf uncertainty

- The number of Bangladeshis leaving for overseas jobs fell to a five-year low in FY26 as demand from the Middle East weakened amid uncertainty following the US-Israel war on Iran. More than 0.97 Mn people left Bangladesh for overseas jobs during the last fiscal year, down 5% from a year earlier

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/overseas-jobs-hit-five-year-low-amid-gulf-uncertainty-4240991

Fiscal year 2026 ends with revenue BDT 875 Bn short of target

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has ended the fiscal year 2025-26 with revenue that is BDT 875 Bn short of the target set in the budget.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/fiscal-year-2026-ends-with-revenue-tk-875b-short-of-target

Mattress money growth means lax depositor trust revival

- Money-market analysts have said the volume of deposits that flew out of the banks' vaults continued to rise significantly in recent months due mainly to trust deficit as weak financial condition of a number of banks come to the media spotlight that shakes confidence of the depositors.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/mattress-money-growth-means-lax-depositor-trust-revival-1785954506

FY26 foreign aid commitment drops 37%

- According to the Economic Relations Division (ERD), the development partners made a combined aid commitment of USD 5.24 Bn in the last fiscal year, 37% down from USD 8.32 Bn in FY25.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/fy26-foreign-aid-commitment-drops-37pc-1785953857

Tax return filing rate falls in FY26 to multi-year low

- 38% of TIN holders filed income tax returns, with experts blaming an outdated database and weak enforcement.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tax-return-filing-rate-falls-fy26-multi-year-low-4241011

8,428 products getting duty-free access to South Korea

- Under the agreement, Bangladesh will enjoy duty-free access for 8,428 products to the South Korean market while South Korea will receive similar market access for 1,054 products to Bangladesh.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/8428-products-getting-duty-free-access-to-south-korea

Proposed Hormuz deal would give Iran control of inbound traffic, sources say

- A proposed deal between Iran and Oman to help end five months of war between Iran and the United States would give Tehran control over ships entering the Gulf through the Strait of Hormuz.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/world/news/proposed-hormuz-deal-would-give-iran-control-inbound-traffic-sources-say-4241291

Sector and Industries:

ENERGY | Rooftop solar power far exceeds government estimate: IEEFA

- While government data puts installed rooftop solar capacity at 418.1 MW until June 2026, a new study finds that combined capacity across just 239 establishments, including groups of companies, has already reached 667 MW. The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA) also reveals that such capacity could be as high as 1,000 MW if smaller units (of less than 0.15 MW) are included.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/rooftop-solar-power-far-exceeds-government-estimate-ieefa

BANK | Agri lending jumps 15% as banks beat BB’s target

- Agricultural lending by Bangladesh’s banking sector rose nearly 15% in fiscal year 2025-26, exceeding the central bank’s annual target, driven by strong lending from specialised and private commercial banks.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/agri-lending-jumps-15-banks-beat-bbs-target-4240906

BANK | BB lifts lending caps on five key Sonali Bank branches

- Bangladesh Bank has removed the long-standing loan disbursement ceilings on five key corporate branches of Sonali Bank PLC, allowing them to resume lending to large and eligible borrowers subject to due diligence.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-lifts-lending-caps-five-key-sonali-bank-branches-1506881

BANK | Women's share in bank lending continues to fall

- The share of outstanding deposits held by women remained subdued at 33.5% in March 2026, dropping slightly from 33.9% in December 2025, after standing at 32.8% in March 2025.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/womens-share-in-bank-lending-continues-to-fall-1785953687

JUTE | Govt devises five-year strategic plan to help revive ailing jute sector

- The government has devised a five-year strategic plan to help revive Bangladesh's ailing jute sector after export earnings from jute and jute goods fell by nearly 29% over the past five years despite rising domestic production.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-devises-five-year-strategic-plan-to-help-revive-ailing-jute-sector-1785953901

RMG | More than 20% of garment factories declare three-day break, sparking workers' rush home

- More than 20% of Bangladesh's export-oriented garment factories have declared three-to-four-day holidays, prompting thousands of workers to head to their hometowns.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/more-20-garment-factories-declare-three-day-break-sparking-workers-rush-home-1507581

RMG | Apparel bodies recommend 370 factories for govt stimulus

- Three textile and apparel trade bodies have recommended 370 closed and struggling factories to the Bangladesh Bank for loans under the government's BDT 600 Bn stimulus package.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/apparel-bodies-recommend-370-factories-govt-stimulus-4240976

RMG | Buyers don't pay a penny extra to apparel exporters for being green

- Despite hosting 52 of the world's top 100 LEED-certified facilities, Bangladeshi manufacturers are finding that green credentials rarely translate into higher price tags. The country now has 284 LEED-certified garment factories, including 121 Platinum and 144 Gold-rated facilities.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/buyers-dont-pay-penny-extra-apparel-exporters-being-green-1507661

RMG | BGMEA pairs Chinese investors with garment makers

- The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has launched an initiative to connect Chinese investors with Bangladeshi garment manufacturers seeking fresh capital, technology or joint venture partners, as the industry looks to strengthen its supply chain and revive underutilised factories.

https://tob.news/bgmea-pairs-chinese-investors-with-garment-makers/

RMG | Bangladesh retains 2nd largest RMG exporter spot for fifth year

- Bangladesh has successfully defended its position as the world's second-largest RMG exporter for the fifth consecutive year, buoyed by American retailers continuing to pivot their sourcing away from China despite significant domestic industrial hurdles.

https://tob.news/bangladesh-retains-2nd-largest-rmg-exporter-spot-for-fifth-year/

PLASTIC | Plastic sector struggles at 30-40pc capacity amid severe gas crisis

- Bangladesh's persistent gas crisis is severely disrupting industrial production, with many plastic factories unable to operate beyond 30-40% of their capacity.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/plastic-sector-struggles-at-30-40pc-capacity-amid-severe-gas-crisis

Stocks:

ISLAMIBANK | Board-less Islami Bank struggles amid BDT 13.16 Bn loss in H1'26

- While routine retail counters remain open, corporate clients, importers, and industrial borrowers report severe decision-making bottlenecks across large credit approvals, Letters of Credit (LCs), and working capital lines. The bank's current administration maintains that panic has subsided, fresh deposits are returning, and dependency on central bank liquidity support is decreasing.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/416816/board-less-islami-bank-struggles-amid-tk1-316cr

CITYBANK | City Bank global first under new Swift retail payments scheme

- City Bank became the first bank globally to validate and execute live transactions in both sending and receiving roles under Swift's new retail cross-border payments scheme, said a press release.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/308723/city-bank-global-first-under-new-swift-retail-payments-scheme

BANKASIA | Ariful Bari made DMD of Bank Asia

- Md Ariful Bari, has been appointed as the deputy managing director (DMD) of Bank Asia PLC. Prior to assuming his new role, he was serving in senior leadership roles in the wholesale banking division of City Bank PLC.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/ariful-bari-made-dmd-bank-asia-4240941

UNILEVERCL | Unilever Consumer Care announces key leadership appointments

- Unilever Consumer Care Limited (UCL) recently held its 328th board meeting, during which several key appointments to the board and senior management team were approved. The board of directors elected Ruhul Quddus Khan, chief executive officer and managing director of Unilever Bangladesh Limited, as chairman of the board for a three-year term, effective July 28.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/416705/unilever-consumer-care-announces-key-leadership

NAVANAPHAR | Navana Pharma sponsor to transfer 1.6 Mn shares to managing director

- Sponsor Manzurul Islam of Navana Pharmaceuticals PLC is set to transfer 1.6 Mn shares to the company's Managing Director, Md Jonaid Shafiq, through an off-market transaction approved by the Dhaka Stock Exchange.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/navana-pharma-sponsor-transfer-16-lakh-shares-managing-director-1506841

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 74.97	USD 17.54	30.54%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 79.33	USD 18.48	30.37%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,294.49	(USD 46.51)	-1.07%
DSEX	5,894.13	1,028.79	21.15%
S&P 500	7,723.55	824.73	11.95%
FTSE 100	10,888.30	956.92	9.64%
BSE SENSEX	78,581.00	-6,212.58	-7.33%
KSE-100	180,093.90	6,039.60	3.47%
CSEALL	21,166.94	-1,457.37	-6.44%

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1 US Dollar = 123.71 BDT

1 GBP = 166.60 BDT

1 Euro = 142.97 BDT

1 INR = 1.30 BDT

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