

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:**Remittance inflow rises 16.2% to USD 8.98 Bn in July-Oct 4**

- Bangladesh received USD 8.979 Bn in workers' remittances during July 1 to October 4 of the current fiscal year (FY2026-27), marking a 16.2% increase from USD 7.726 Bn received during the corresponding period of FY26.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-rises-162pc-to-us898b-in-july-oct-4>

Buyback of govt securities resumes after 17 years

- The buyback will involve a 2-Y Treasury bond scheduled to mature on November 6, 2026, carries annual coupon of 12.30%, and outstanding amount of BDT 66.66 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/buyback-of-govt-securities-resumes-after-17-years-1791224372>

World Bank to provide USD 300 Mn for food security; deal signed

- A financing agreement was signed on Monday between the Government of Bangladesh and the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank Group for an amount of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) equivalent to USD 300.00 Mn, to implement the "Emergency Support for Food Security Project".

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/world-bank-to-provide-300m-for-food-security-deal-signed>

Govt plans to cut business-startup process to 14 days with a single ID

- The government is planning to issue entrepreneurs unique business IDs, allowing them to apply for various licences, clearances and approvals through a single digital platform, and cutting the time required to start a business to 14 days.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-plans-cut-business-startup-process-14-days-single-id-1563856>

After jacked-up project costs, comes higher borrowing rate

- The government will have to borrow from Japan at a rate of 3.50% for any projects, including the two major Dhaka metro-rail schemes-in a sharp increase in the cost of borrowing compared to the highly concessional terms secured when the projects were initiated in 2019, they said Monday.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/after-jacked-up-project-costs-comes-higher-borrowing-rate>

Gazette makes online VAT return mandatory for 11 goods, services

- The government has issued a gazette notification making online submission of VAT returns through the National Board of Revenue's eVAT portal mandatory for producers of eight goods and providers of three services. The goods are cigarettes, mobile phones, MS products, medicines, beverages, cement, tiles, and paints and varnishes.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/316753/gazette-makes-online-vat-return-mandatory-for-11-goods-services>

Govt seeks to advance FTA talks with Türkiye

- Bangladesh wants to advance negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Türkiye and strengthen trade and investment ties between the two countries, Commerce Minister has said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-seeks-advance-fta-talks-turkiye-4291381>

Rate gap with banks sends savers to NSCs

- Net sales of the government's savings certificates and other savings instruments surged in 2MFY27 as investors continued to seek relatively higher returns than those on bank deposits. Net sales stood at BDT 4.04 Bn in August 2026, sharply up from BDT 2.79 Bn in the same month a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rate-gap-with-banks-sends-savers-to-nscs-1791224234>

AFD launches sovereign risk assessment

- A monitoring mission of the AFD began Monday the four-day assessment in Dhaka as the development-financing agency says the risk of over-indebtedness in Bangladesh is increasing due mainly to higher debt servicing and dependence on domestic bank financing.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/afd-launches-sovereign-risk-assessment>

Sector and Industries:**RMG | Project launched to improve RMG traceability, cut emissions**

- Bangladesh has launched a project to advance circularity, supply-chain traceability and decarbonisation in the garment sector while helping manufacturers comply with emerging trade regulations.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/project-launched-improve-rmg-traceability-cut-emissions-4291301>

BANK | BB to limit borrower's sector-wide exposure, target each bank's top defaulters

- The central bank has unveiled a five-year roadmap to clean up the country's crisis-hit banking sector, after non-performing loans soared to a record BDT 6.06 Tn, accounting for a third of all disbursed credit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-limit-borrowers-sector-wide-exposure-target-each-banks-top-defaulters-tame-bad>

BANK | Banks cut CSR spending by 80% in five years

- Banks have sharply cut spending on corporate social responsibility (CSR) as financial difficulties have reduced the capacity of many lenders to contribute, while some have been simply unable to make any contribution amid losses.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-cut-csr-spending-80-five-years-4291406>

BANK | Q-Cash upgrade catches banks, customers off guard

- Digital banking and card-based services at as many as 31 banks have been disrupted following a sudden system upgrade by Q-Cash, an electronic payment network used by the lenders. The upgrade began Sunday night and is scheduled to continue until noon on October 10.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/q-cash-upgrade-catches-banks-customers-guard-4291566>

ENERGY | Govt likely to approve 442MW Rampal solar power plant on 7 Oct

- Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) plans to set up the solar power plant in Bagerhat's Rampal with completion targeted for December 2030. The proposed electricity tariff is BDT 6.18 per unit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/442mw-rampal-solar-project-awaits-ecneec-approval-1563501>

INDUSTRIAL | RANCON Lubricants to invest USD 19.65 Mn in special EZ

- RANCON Lubricants Ltd plans to invest USD 19.65 Mn to set up an industrial unit at the National Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Chattogram. The company signed a 50-year land lease agreement with Invest Bangladesh Authority.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/rancon-lubricants-invest-1965m-special-ez-4291296>

TELECOM | BTRC plans to relaunch NEIR on January 1

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has decided to relaunch the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR) on January 1, 2027, with a feature to block illegal handsets brought into the country after the launch.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/btrc-plans-relaunch-neir-january-1-4291376>

Stocks:**REGULATION | Govt lifts 16-year ban on direct listing**

- The Ministry of Finance has lifted a 16-year-old restriction on direct listing, allowing multinational, state-owned and high-value private companies to list on local stock exchanges without issuing an initial public offering (IPO).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/government-lifts-16-year-ban-direct-listing-clear-path-mnecs-large-firms-1563636>

EXCHANGE | BSEC urges investors to consider NAV before investing in mutual funds

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has urged investors to consider the latest disclosed Net Asset Value (NAV) per unit of a mutual fund before making investment decisions in its units.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bsec-urges-investors-to-consider-nav-before-investing-in-mutual-funds>

EXCHANGE | BSEC fines Bangladesh Race Management BDT 0.5 Mn for securities rules violation

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has fined Bangladesh Race Management PCL BDT 0.5 Mn for violating a provision of the securities rules concerning the financial reporting of mutual funds under its management.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-bangladesh-race-management-tk5-lakh-securities-rules-violation-1563791>

APEXFOODS | Apex Foods shares jump 19% as profit soars 121% in FY26

- Shrimp exporter Apex Foods Limited reported that its profit jumped more than 121% year-on-year, driven by higher revenue compared with the previous fiscal year. At the end of June 2026, Apex Foods' EPS rose to BDT 14.21, The board of Apex Foods recommended a 20% cash dividend for shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-foods-shares-jump-19-profit-soars-121-fy26-1563726>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 89.48	USD 32.05	55.81%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 100.44	USD 39.59	65.06%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,131.42	(USD 209.58)	-4.83%
DSEX	5,445.28	579.94	11.92%
S&P 500	7,773.95	875.13	12.69%
FTSE 100	10,497.94	566.56	5.70%
BSE SENSEX	72,382.47	-12,411.11	-14.64%
KSE-100	165,867.30	-8,187.00	-4.70%
CSEALL	20,644.26	-1,980.05	-8.75%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.92 BDT****1 GBP = 162.54 BDT****1 Euro = 137.92 BDT****1 INR = 1.27 BDT**

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