

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 inches up on price rises**

- The rate of inflation on a point-to-point basis in Bangladesh was recorded at 8.36% in September, 0.07% higher than 8.29% in August, Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) showed in its report on Monday. Living in villages has become costlier in recent times as the inflation rate in the rural Bangladesh last month was higher than the average rate across the country, official data showed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-inches-up-on-price-rises-1759773138>

IMF for raising minimum tax rate, businesses push back

- Ahead of the release of its sixth loan tranche, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has proposed increasing the rate of minimum tax for business in Bangladesh — a mandatory, non-refundable tax deducted at source in advance, regardless of whether a company makes a profit or not.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-raising-minimum-tax-rate-businesses-push-back-1254296>

UN to assess Bangladesh's LDC graduation readiness independently

- In response to business leaders' calls to delay Bangladesh's LDC graduation, the government has decided not to postpone the process but to commission an independent assessment through the United Nations to evaluate the country's preparedness, identify external risks after graduation, and boost confidence.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-assess-bangladeshs-ldc-graduation-readiness-independently-1254531>

SMEs can now remit up to USD 3,000 annually: BB

- Bangladesh Bank has permitted small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to remit up to USD 3,000 annually for bona fide current expenses abroad, in a move aimed at supporting the sector's growing role in the economy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/smes-can-now-remit-3000-annually-bb-4003166>

Depositors to get 11.61% profit for FY'25

- The National Pension Authority (NPA) has announced an 11.61% profit for investors in its pension schemes for the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25. A press release issued by the NPA stated that, at the end of June 2025, the scheme held BDT 1.879 Bn, comprising monthly deposits from 373,987 investors and the primary balance from FY 2023-24.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/depositors-to-get-11.61pc-profit-for-fy25-1759773177>

State-run fertiliser factories seek tariff relief, steady natural gas supply

- Fertiliser production costs at state-owned plants could be 32.6% lower than import prices if gas is supplied at BDT 30 per cubic metre and annual production reaches around 2.0 Mn tonnes, the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) said on Monday. State-run fertiliser factories have urged the government to ensure a steady supply of natural gas alongside a proposed tariff increase, warning that domestic production will remain constrained without adequate fuel.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/state-run-fertiliser-factories-seek-tariff-relief-steady-natural-gas-supply-1759773421>

Project procurement, execution delays leave nearly half of ADB's funds unspent

- Nearly half of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) committed funds for Bangladesh remain unutilised due to persistent delays in project execution and procurement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/project-procurement-execution-delays-leave-nearly-half-adbs-funds-unspent-1254506>

BD, KSA sign landmark deal on manpower recruitment

- Bangladesh and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) signed a landmark agreement in Riyadh on the recruitment of general workers, the first of its kind between the two countries in their 50-year history of diplomatic relations, reports BSS.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bd-ksa-sign-landmark-deal-on-manpower-recruitment-1759768986>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Banks owning laundered assets asked to sign deals with global firms**

- Banks owning laundered assets are directed to sign deals with competent global firms in a regulatory firman that says a dozen stolen-asset-recovery groups are ready for hire to launch the hunt. Bangladesh Bank (BB) Monday issued the instructions for such commercial banks to enter into non-disclosure agreement (NDA) with internationally renowned legal firms to bring back stolen assets of the lenders.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-owning-laundered-assets-asked-to-sign-deals-with-global-firms-1759773093>

BANK | BB buys USD 104 Mn through auction

- The central bank purchased USD 104 Mn more through auction from 8 banks on the interbank spot market on Monday to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the local currency stable. The amount was bought under the Multiple Price Auction method and rate ranged between BDT 121.78 and BDT 121.80 per dollar, according to the central bank officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-buys-104-million-through-auction-1759773030>

BANK | BB rejects BDT 1.5 Mn fine waivers to 3 banks over CIB reporting violations

- The Bangladesh Bank board has upheld BDT 1.5 Mn in fines on Sonali Bank, Islami Bank, and Standard Bank for failing to report classified loans accurately in the Credit Information Bureau (CIB) database.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-rejects-tk15-lakh-fine-waivers-3-banks-over-cib-reporting-violations-1254351>

MFS | Bangladesh Bank cautions public against Sohozcash dealings

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) today issued a warning against recruitment or transactions with Sohozcash Limited, stating that no organisation under this name has obtained permission, nor has it applied to the central bank for such approval.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-cautions-public-against-sohozcash-dealings-4003431>

INSURANCE | Regulator proposes steep cuts to insurers' management costs

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) has proposed stricter limits on how much life and non-life insurance companies can spend on management costs, aiming to strengthen financial discipline and reduce delays in claim settlements.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/regulator-proposes-steep-cuts-insurers-management-costs-4003566>

Stocks:**UTTARAFIN | Auditor finds BDT 13.73 Bn unauthorised deals at Uttara Finance**

- An external auditor has found unauthorised transactions worth 13.73 Bn at Uttara Finance and Investments Limited, a listed non-bank financial institution (NBFI). A qualified opinion is an auditor's statement indicating that a company's financial records contain material misstatements or do not fully comply with accounting standards.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/auditor-finds-tk-1373cr-unauthorised-deals-uttara-finance-4003536>

SHAHJABANK | Shahjalal Islami Bank sponsor to gift BDT 480 Mn shares to son

- Abdul Halim, a sponsor of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC, will transfer more than 26.2 Mn shares to his son, Abdul Hakim, a general shareholder of the lender, by way of gift. Based on yesterday's closing price of BDT 18.4 per share of the Shariah-based bank, the transfer value stands at BDT 482.08 Mn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/shahjalal-islami-bank-sponsor-gift-tk-48cr-shares-son-4003066>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 61.94	(USD 9.49)	-13.29%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.73	(USD 8.66)	-11.64%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,967.93	USD 1,359.45	52.12%
DSEX	5,423.64	207.20	3.97%
S&P 500	6,740.28	833.34	14.11%
FTSE 100	9,479.14	1,358.13	16.72%
BSE SENSEX	81,790.12	3,590.19	4.59%
KSE-100	167,752.40	52,493.40	45.54%
CSEALL	22,094.89	6,150.28	38.57%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.48 BDT

1 GBP = 163.76 BDT

1 Euro = 142.20 BDT

1 INR = 1.37 BDT

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