

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:****Trump says he agrees to suspend bombing of Iran for two weeks**

- U.S. President Donald Trump said on Tuesday he has agreed to suspend the bombing of Iran for two weeks while accepting a 14-day truce proposal from mediators in the Iran war.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/trump-says-he-has-agreed-suspend-bombing-attack-iran-two-weeks-2026-04-07/>

**Investor reactions to Trump agreeing to two-week ceasefire with Iran**

- Oil dived, bonds rallied and stocks surged as the ceasefire was seen as paving the way for a lasting peace and resumption of Gulf oil and gas exports.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/investor-reactions-trump-agreeing-two-week-ceasefire-with-iran-2026-04-07/>

**Exporters set to get offshore dollar loans at 8% as working capital**

- Bangladesh Bank is set to introduce offshore dollar loans for exporters at 8% interest rate, substantially lower than the prevailing 14% to 16% charged on local currency loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/exporters-set-get-offshore-dollar-loans-8-working-capital-1405666>

**Bangladesh PMI slips to 53.5 in March, indicating slower economic growth**

- The reading of the Bangladesh Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) declined by 2.2 points to 53.5 in March compared to the previous month, indicating a slower pace of expansion.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bangladeshs-pmi-declines-by-22-points-in-march>

**Bangladesh sees slowest growth in economic units since 1996**

- Bangladesh recorded 11.7 Mn economic units in 2024, marking the lowest growth since 1996. Between 2013 and 2024, the country saw a 50% growth in the number of economic units, which was much lower than the 111% increase in the previous decade, according to Economic Census 2024.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-sees-slowest-growth-economic-units-1996-4145671>

**FDI slides 18% in Q4 2025 on policy, infrastructure hurdles**

- Bangladesh saw a significant decline in foreign investment in Q4'2025, with net foreign direct investment (FDI) falling by 18.42% YoY to USD 108 Mn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/fdi-slides-18-q4-2025-policy-infrastructure-hurdles-1405631>

**Commerce ministry proposes duty cut on EVs to ease fuel import pressure**

- Facing persistent energy pressures and rising fuel import costs, the commerce ministry is moving to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), particularly in commercial transport, by proposing significant duty reductions on their imports.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-considers-slashing-duties-evs-ease-fuel-import-pressure-1404771>

**Why are T-bond yields rising again**

- The yield on 2-year Treasury bonds jumped to 10.23% at Tuesday's auction, up from 9.73% in March, while the 20-year bond yield rose to 10.61% in March from 10.45% in February this year. The surge in borrowing comes as the government struggles to balance rising expenditure against weak revenue mobilisation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/why-are-t-bond-yields-rising-again-1775580298>

**US now Bangladesh's top soybean supplier**

- The United States has become Bangladesh's top soybean supplier, as private importers increased purchases under a reciprocal trade deal and US prices eased earlier in the year when Chinese demand briefly slowed.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/us-now-bangladeshs-top-soybean-supplier-4146041>

**Regulator smells plot to destabilise BD forex mkt**

- Bangladesh Bank smells a plot by vested groups to destabilise exchange rate through creating artificial crisis on Bangladesh's foreign-exchange market to cash in on the Mideast mayhem. To deflate the plan of possible volatility, the central bank has already intensified its monitoring and vigilance on a vested quarter spreading rumours that the exchange rate may go up to BDT 130 per US dollar.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regulator-smells-plot-to-destabilise-bd-forex-mkt-1775585040>

**NBR, BB move to enable real-time invoice data sharing**

- The National Board of Revenue and the Bangladesh Bank on Tuesday jointly established an interconnection between the Customs Asycuda World system and the Foreign Exchange Transaction Management System (FxTMS) to facilitate real-time transmission of commercial invoice data through commercial banks.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/296156/nbr-bb-move-to-enable-real-time-invoice-data-sharing>

**NBR chairman: Pressure to increase turnover tax to 2.5%**

- National Board of Revenue chairman said that there is a talk of increasing turnover tax from 1.0% to 2.5% and applying it uniformly for everyone. He added that while they are trying not to do this but reducing taxes is very difficult.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/407184/nbr-chairman-pressure-to-increase-turnover-tax-to>

**Sector & Industries:****ENERGY | Decision on fuel price hike from May likely**

- A decision to increase fuel prices from next month may be made following discussions at a cabinet meeting, the energy minister told parliament Tuesday, reassuring that Bangladesh holds adequate stock of fuels.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/decision-on-fuel-price-hike-from-may-likely-1775584857>

**BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank depositors can withdraw up to BDT 1 Mn for medical treatment: BB**

- Bangladesh Bank has said that customers of Sammilito Islami Bank can withdraw up to BDT1 Mn for medical treatment in special cases, as depositors continue to face difficulties accessing their funds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islamic-bank-depositors-can-withdraw-tk10-lakh-treatment-bb-1404951>

**Stocks:****PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank promotes Md Ziaur Rahman as AMD**

- Prime Bank PLC has promoted Md Ziaur Rahman to the position of Additional Managing Director (AMD). With more than 30 years of diverse experience in the banking sector, Mr. Rahman has strong expertise and has served as Branch Manager, Head of Credit Risk Management, Head of Syndicate and Structured Financing and Head of Corporate Business along with years of experience in compliance, according to a press release.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/prime-bank-promotes-md-ziaur-rahman-as-amd>

**CITYBANK | City Bank gets regulatory nod to issue bonds of BDT 12 Bn**

- The market regulator has approved a proposal by City Bank to raise BDT 12.0 Bn through a subordinated bond, aiming to strengthen its Tier-II capital base and support future lending operations. Jamuna Bank and Trust Bank have also received extensions of regulatory approval up to September 30 this year to raise BDT 8.0 Bn and BDT 5.0 Bn respectively through subordinated bonds.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/city-bank-gets-regulatory-nod-to-issue-bonds-of-tk-12b-1775580358>

**ARAMIT | Receiver appointed for Aramit Limited by Dhaka court**

- A court has appointed a receiver for Aramit Limited. In a disclosure on Tuesday, the company said the receiver was appointed following an order from the Metropolitan Senior Special Judge Court, Dhaka. Market insiders said the development could be linked to ongoing legal and financial scrutiny of the sponsor group.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/receiver-appointed-for-aramit-limited-by-dhaka-court-1775580322>

**MKFOOTWEAR | MK Footwear secures another export deal, targets strong overseas growth**

- Listed company MK Footwear has signed a finished shoes OEM manufacturing deal with Hong Kong-based Fundrich Global Co, Limited and a separate export agreement with China's Jinjiang Akia Sports Co Ltd, marking a strong push into global markets.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mk-footwear-secures-another-export-deal-targets-strong-overseas-growth-1405596>

**EXCHANGE | Foreign investors slash stakes in Olympic, BRAC Bank, Grameenphone amid March sell-off**

- Foreign investors significantly reduced their exposure to Bangladesh's capital market in March, offloading shares in leading blue-chip companies including Olympic Industries, BRAC Bank and Grameenphone, reflecting a sharp shift in sentiment driven by global uncertainties and lingering domestic concerns.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-slash-stakes-olympic-brac-bank-grameenphone-amid-march-sell-1405551>

**Stock and Commodities\***

<b>Index Name</b>	<b>Close Value</b>	<b>Value Change YTD</b>	<b>% Change YTD</b>
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 96.82	USD 39.39	68.59%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 94.88	USD 34.03	55.92%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,804.49	USD 463.49	10.68%
DSEX	5,156.87	291.53	5.99%
S&P 500	6,616.85	-281.97	-4.09%
FTSE 100	10,348.79	417.41	4.20%
BSE SENSEX	74,616.58	-10,177.00	-12.00%
KSE-100	151,673.45	-22,380.85	-12.86%
CSEALL	21,032.46	-1,591.85	-7.04%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 122.77 BDT****1 GBP = 164.61 BDT****1 Euro = 143.40 BDT****1 INR = 1.32 BDT**

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