

Important News Snippets

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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.

International:

US lowers Bangladesh tariff to 35% from 37%

• The US has announced a plan to impose a 35% trade tariff on Bangladesh, a slight reduction from the 37% rate initially proposed, according to a Reuters report, as the August 1 extended deadline approaches. While the new rate offers some relief, it falls well short of the 20% tariff that officials in Dhaka expected. The government has argued it deserves more favourable terms than competitors such as Vietnam, which recently secured a 20% rate.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/us-lowers-bangladesh-tariff-35-37-3934591

Macro:

Dhaka gets relief as Trump pushes tariff deadline to 1 Aug

 Dhaka has found some relief after the United States extended the deadline for enforcing reciprocal tariffs on several countries, including Bangladesh, by three weeks to 1 August.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/dhaka-gets-relief-trump-pushes-tariff-deadline-1-aug-1182976

Inflation falls to three-year low

Consumer prices eased to their lowest level in nearly three years in June, according to official data, offering tentative signs of economic stabilisation after months of monetary tightening by the central bank. Overall inflation dropped to 8.48% in June, down from 9.05% in May, according to data released by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/inflation-falls-three-year-low-3934546

Economy grew 4.86% in Jan-Mar

 Bangladesh's economy grew by 4.86% in the January-March period of the fiscal year 2024-25, the quickest pace in nearly two years, driven by a recovery in both industry and services, according to provisional figures released by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/economy-grew-486-jan-mar-3934096

BD's June PMI falls by 5.8pts

Bangladesh's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell sharply by 5.8 points in June 2025, indication a 'notable' slowdown in its industrial and business activities, according to data released on Monday. The index declined to 53.1 in June from 58.9 in May, reflecting the steepest monthly decline in over a year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bds-june-pmi-falls-by-58pts-1751910241

Sector & Industries:

TELECOM | New telecom policy aims to end syndicates, boost 5G, cheaper internet

 Bangladesh's telecom system, long criticised for inefficiency and corruption, is undergoing a major overhaul under the proposed 'Telecom Network and Licensing Reform Policy 2025'.

https://www.thedailystar.net/tech-startup/news/new-telecom-policy-aims-end-syndicates-boost-5g-cheaper-internet-3934311





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TRADE | Ctg customs logged 9.71% revenue growth in FY25

 Customs House, Chattogram, the country's highest revenue-generating customs station for more than three decades, collected BDT 754.32 Bn in the just-ended fiscal year (FY) 2024-25, according to provisional estimates. This marks a 9.71% increase from the previous year's collection.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ctg-customs-logged-971-revenue-growth-fy25-3934246

BANK | Risk-based supervision of banks from Jan'26

Governor of the Bangladesh Bank Dr Ahsan H Mansur on Monday said the risk-based supervision (RBS) system's
official implementation would start in the country's banking sector in January 2026, aiming to usher in qualitative
changes in how banks are monitored and regulated.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/risk-based-supervision-of-banks-from-jan26-1751910064

Stocks:

DHAKABANK | Dhaka Bank sponsor Abdul Wahed to gift wife 10.3 Mn shares

Abdul Wahed, a sponsor of Dhaka Bank, has expressed his intention to transfer 10.3 Mn shares of the bank to his wife, Zaheda Wahed Khan, a general shareholder of the company, according to a disclosure published on the stock exchange today. Considering the current trading price, the value of the shares stands at BDT 115.6 Mn as Dhaka Bank's shares closed at BDT 11.20 each today, which is 6.67% higher than the previous trading session.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-bank-sponsor-abdul-wahed-gift-wife-103cr-shares-1182991

NBL | Adil Chowdhury joins National Bank as MD

Adil Chowdhury has joined National Bank PLC as the Managing Director on Monday, says a statement. With over 25 years of experience across both domestic and international banking institutions, Mr Chowdhury brings a proven track record of leadership, transformation, and a strong sense of purpose to his new role.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/adil-chowdhury-joins-national-bank-as-md-1751908152

WALTONHIL | Walton rolls out 'Graviton' car battery

 Walton Mirco-Tech Corporation has released seven models of 'Graviton' series of car batteries to be used mainly in private cars, microbuses, pick-up vans and CNG-run auto-rickshaws, says a statement.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/walton-rolls-out-graviton-car-battery-1751908256

EXCHANGE | Stricter provisioning on losses from share, bond, and subsidiary investments by financial institutions

 Bangladesh Bank has imposed stricter conditions on provisioning against losses incurred by non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) from investments in shares, equity, bonds and debentures, mutual funds, and commercial papers along with traditional loans.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/stricter-provisioning-losses-share-bond-and-subsidiary-investments-financial

EXCHANGE | BSEC launches probe into RN Spinning-Samin Food merger process

 The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has launched a verification process into the amalgamation of RN Spinning Mills, a listed company, with non-listed firm Samin Food and Beverage Industries and Textile Mills Limited.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-launches-probe-rn-spinning-samin-food-merger-process-1182966



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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 67.67	(USD 3.76)	-5.26%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 69.36	(USD 5.03)	-6.76%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,331.68	USD 723.20	27.72%
DSEX	4,976.16	-240.28	-4.61%
S&P 500	6,229.98	323.04	5.47%
FTSE 100	8,806.53	685.52	8.44%
BSE SENSEX	83,442.50	5,242.57	6.70%
KSE-100	133,370.16	18,111.16	15.71%
CSEALL	18,042.20	2,097.59	13.16%

Exchange Rates

- 1 US Dollar = 122.30 BDT
- 1 GBP = 166.74 BDT
- 1 Euro = 143.63 BDT
- 1 INR = 1.43 BDT

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