

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:****BD posts 44% rise in investments**

- Bangladesh netted a phenomenally higher annual foreign direct investment worth USD 1.78 Bn in 2025 as the global flow of FDI marked resurgence last year after two barren years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-posts-44pc-rise-in-investments-1783443755>

**Forex reserves stand at USD 27.93 Bn**

- Bangladesh's net foreign exchange reserves stand at USD 27.93 Bn, while gross reserves total USD 31.72 Bn, according to the Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forex-reserves-stand-2793b-1482281>

**June as PMI falls 9.9 points to low 50s, signaling weaker business confidence**

- Bangladesh's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for June has recorded a sharp slowdown, falling 9.9 points from May to settle at 52.9, as manufacturing and construction sectors slipped back into contraction while agriculture and services continued to expand at a softer pace.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/june-as-pmi-falls-99-points-to-low-50s-signaling-weaker-business-confidence>

**BB outlines rules for BDT 200 Bn pre-finance scheme to revive closed industries**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has issued comprehensive guidelines for its newly formed BDT 200 Bn revolving pre-finance scheme, aimed at revitalising closed and capital-starved large industry and service sectors.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-outlines-rules-for-tk-200b-pre-finance-scheme-to-revive-closed-industries>

**Govt borrowing USD 1.0 Bn hard-term IsDB loan**

- Bangladesh is borrowing USD 1.0 Bn hard-term loan from the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) for much-needed upgrading of Eastern Refinery's oil-refining capacity by 3.0 Mn tonnes a year, officials say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-borrowing-10b-hard-term-isdb-loan>

**Govt plans to merge 4 investment agencies**

- The government is planning to merge four investment promotion agencies into a single authority under a draft law aimed at simplifying investor services, reducing bureaucratic hurdles and improving coordination among state institutions. A draft law aims to bring Bida, Beza, BHTPA, PPPA under one roof.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-plans-merge-4-investment-agencies-4218436>

**Saudi Arabia may expand oil pipeline to Red Sea**

- Saudi Arabia is considering expanding the capacity of its crude oil pipeline to the western Red Sea coast, five sources close to the matter said, enabling the kingdom and possibly neighbours to transport more oil without crossing the Strait of Hormuz.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/saudi-arabia-may-expand-oil-pipeline-red-sea-4218366>

**Sector and Industries:****RMG | EU share erodes as Bangladesh RMG exports slip 1.64% to USD 38.70 Bn in FY26**

- Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) exports registered a slight year-on-year decline of 1.64%, totalling USD 38.70 Bn for the fiscal year 2025-26 from USD 39.34 Bn in FY2024-25, according to recent data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/eu-share-erodes-as-bangladesh-rmg-exports-slip-164pc-to-3870b-in-fy26>

**TELECOM | No plans to privatize Teletalk**

- The government has no intention to sell state-owned mobile operator Teletalk and will decide the future of mobile financial service (MFS) provider Nagad only after ongoing legal proceedings conclude, as both institutions play a crucial role in maintaining competition and preventing market dominance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/no-plans-to-privatise-teletalk-1783441523>

**ENERGY | Bangladesh cuts jet fuel prices for fourth consecutive time**

- For July, the price for domestic flights has been reduced to BDT 130.99 per litre from BDT 150.21.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-cuts-jet-fuel-prices-for-fourth-consecutive-time>

**Stocks:****BRACBANK | BRAC Bank secures EUR 60 Mn EIB facility to accelerate green transition**

- BRAC Bank has secured a EUR 60 Mn long-term financing facility from the European Investment Bank (EIB), marking the longest-tenor funding ever extended by a development finance institution to a commercial bank in Bangladesh.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-secures-60m-eib-facility-to-accelerate-green-transition-1783439123>

**UCB | BSEC allows UCB to raise BDT 7.75 Bn through rights shares**

- The securities regulator has approved a BDT 7.75 Bn rights share issue by United Commercial Bank and given the green light to a new open-end mutual fund as part of efforts to strengthen the country's capital market.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bsec-allows-ucb-to-raise-tk-775b-through-rights-shares>

**ICB | ICB gets three years more to repay BDT 30 Bn amid financial strain**

- The government has extended the state guarantee for the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), a state-owned investment bank, for a BDT 30 Bn loan from Bangladesh Bank, granting a three-year extension until 2029 with a view to stabilising the country's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/icb-gets-three-years-more-repay-tk3000cr-amid-financial-strain-1482491>

**ZEALBANGLA | DSE suspends trading in loss-making Zeal Bangla Sugar as DSEX ends in the red**

- The stock rose 8.53% to BDT 180.70 before trading was halted at around 10:45am. The exchange said the rally appeared inconsistent with the company's financial and operational performance, prompting regulatory scrutiny.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-suspends-trading-loss-making-zeal-bangla-sugar-dsex-ends-red-1482466>

**BANKASIA | Bank Asia targets 40% SME-retail loan portfolio to drive future growth**

- Bank Asia targets a 40% share of its total loan portfolio for SME and retail businesses within the next three to four years, banking on micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to drive future growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/bank-asia-targets-40-sme-retail-loan-portfolio-drive-future-growth-4218416>

**Stock and Commodities\***

| Index Name         | Close Value  | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|--------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Crude Oil (WTI)*   | USD 72.42    | USD 14.99        | 26.10%       |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 76.06    | USD 15.21        | 25.00%       |
| Gold Spot*         | USD 4,126.55 | (USD 214.45)     | -4.94%       |
| DSEX               | 5,781.27     | 915.94           | 18.83%       |
| S&P 500            | 7,503.75     | 604.93           | 8.77%        |
| FTSE 100           | 10,665.88    | 734.50           | 7.40%        |
| BSE SENSEX         | 78,180.72    | -6,612.86        | -7.80%       |
| KSE-100            | 186,390.10   | 12,335.80        | 7.09%        |
| CSEALL             | 21,962.30    | -662.01          | -2.93%       |

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 123.23 BDT****1 GBP = 164.57 BDT****1 Euro = 140.56 BDT****1 INR = 1.29 BDT**

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