

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:**Economic pickup to spur GDP growth to 4.8% this FY, yet higher next**

- Economic pickup is to spur Bangladesh's GDP growth to 4.8% this fiscal year and to an impressive 6.3% next, the World Bank says, also dispelling fears of export loss following the country's LDC graduation. It says Bangladesh's forthcoming graduation from the least-developed-country status in 2026 may not adversely affect export performance immediately due to pivot from the European Union's (EU) preferential tariff continuation until 2029.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/economic-pickup-to-spur-gdp-growth-to-48pc-this-fy-yet-higher-next-1759858883>

Economic momentum quickens in Sept as PMI climbs to 59.1

- The key gauge of overall economic momentum increased to 59.1, up from 58.3 in August, according to data released Tuesday by PMI Bangladesh, jointly developed by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) and Policy Exchange Bangladesh. Bangladesh's economic activities gained pace in September 2025, with the country's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rising to its highest level in recent months.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/economic-momentum-quickens-in-sept-as-pmi-climbs-to-591-1759859514>

Shipping line raises fees after Ctg port tariff hike

- Importers and exporters in Bangladesh are going to feel the pinch of an increase in service charges at the Chattogram port as major foreign shipping lines have started imposing additional surcharges to offset the rise in operational costs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/industries/tax-customs/news/shipping-line-raises-fees-after-ctg-port-tariff-hike-4004446>

Govt amends VAT law to regain power to grant exemptions

- The government has amended the Value Added Tax (VAT) Law 2012, restoring its authority to grant exemptions from the indirect tax through special orders, according to an ordinance issued by the law ministry on Monday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-amends-vat-law-regain-power-grant-exemptions-4004431>

BB allows exporters to use local ins for open account shipments

- In a major policy shift, Bangladesh Bank (BB) has allowed exporters to ship goods under open account credit terms backed by insurance coverage from local insurance companies, aiming to ease the country's export procedures.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-allows-exporters-to-use-local-ins-for-open-account-shipments-1759859471>

Bangladesh to import wheat from US, rice from India for BDT 10.44 Bn

- Bangladesh has approved the purchase of wheat from the United States and non-basmati parboiled rice from India at a combined cost of BDT 10.44 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-import-wheat-us-rice-india-tk-1044-crore-4003941>

Ctg port handles record container volume

- Chattogram port, the country's principal seaport, has broken a 48-year record by handling the highest number of containers in the 2024-25 fiscal year (FY), according to port officials. They attributed the achievement to the expansion of jetty and yard facilities, which improved container, cargo, and ship-handling operations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/ctg-port-handles-record-container-volume-1759859124>

Remittance costs from Saudi Arabia still high: BB governor

- Remitting money from Saudi Arabia remains disproportionately expensive for Bangladeshi migrant workers, said Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur, calling for joint efforts between financial institutions of both countries to reduce costs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/remittance-costs-saudi-arabia-still-high-bb-governor-4003991>

Sector & Industries:**FUEL & POWER | Power Div seeks over BDT 23.19 Bn subsidy for BPDB**

- The Power Division has sought over BDT 23.19 Bn as subsidy from the government against the state-run Bangladesh Power Development Board's (BPDB) tariff deficit to help ensure uninterrupted power supply across the country, official sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/power-div-seeks-over-tk-2319b-subsidy-for-bpdb-1759859650>

TEXTILE | Garment exports find a workaround after India ends transshipment

- Garment exports to Europe have remained largely unaffected by India's suspension of transshipment through its airports, as Bangladeshi exporters adapt by using alternative routes and improved facilities at home.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/export/news/garment-exports-find-workaround-after-india-ends-transshipment-4004416>

BANK | Palli Sanchay Bank suspends Collective Bargaining Agent activities until further notice

- Palli Sanchay Bank, the state-owned specialised financial institution, has suspended the activities of its Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) until further notice. The decision was announced in a letter, signed by the bank's Managing Director Salma Banu today (7 October), stating that the bank's operations will remain halted until new instructions are issued.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/palli-sanchay-bank-suspends-collective-bargaining-agent-activities-until-further>

Stocks:**NTC | National Tea falls short on BSEC's BDT 300 Mn paid-up capital target**

- After nearly four years of efforts, state-owned National Tea Company Limited has finally completed the process of increasing its paid-up capital, but still failed to meet the BDT 300 Mn target set by the securities regulator.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-tea-falls-short-bsecs-tk30cr-paid-capital-target-1255306>

MERCANBANK, SOUTHEASTB | Mercantile, Southeast banks' sponsors to offload shares

- Two sponsors of Mercantile Bank and Southeast Bank have expressed their intentions to sell portions of their holdings in the market, according to separate disclosures published on the stock exchanges' websites today (7 October).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mercantile-southeast-banks-sponsors-offload-shares-1255311>

EXCHANGE | BSEC approves dispute settlement rules to curb investor complaints

- In a bid to streamline the resolution of disputes in the capital market and reduce the volume of investor complaints against stock brokers and listed companies, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved two dispute settlement regulations for the country's two stock exchanges.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-approves-dispute-settlement-rules-to-curb-investor-complaints-1759857885>

EXCHANGE | Two-year bond yield slips below policy rate

- The yield on Bangladesh's two-year treasury bonds dropped below the central bank's policy rate on Tuesday, as banks continued shifting excess liquidity into government securities amid sluggish private credit demand ahead of the national election.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/two-year-bond-yield-slips-below-policy-rate-1759859615>

EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to unify all securities rules to restore discipline: Chairman

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Khondoker Rashed Maqsood has said the commission is working to bring all securities-related rules under one framework to restore discipline and curb malpractice in the capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-unify-all-securities-rules-restore-discipline-chairman-1254881>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.24	(USD 9.19)	-12.87%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.94	(USD 8.45)	-11.36%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,011.34	USD 1,402.86	53.78%
DSEX	5,377.00	160.56	3.08%
S&P 500	6,714.59	807.65	13.67%
FTSE 100	9,483.58	1,362.57	16.78%
BSE SENSEX	81,926.75	3,726.82	4.77%
KSE-100	166,173.75	50,914.75	44.17%
CSEALL	22,163.23	6,218.62	39.00%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.82 BDT****1 GBP = 163.20 BDT****1 Euro = 141.59 BDT****1 INR = 1.37 BDT**

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