

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:**Talks with IMF for new loan to continue in Bangkok**

- Talks with the International Monetary Fund on a new loan programme worth up to USD 5.0 Bn are set to continue next week in Thailand. Negotiations are expected to revisit carryover conditions, focusing on exchange rate management, banking sector reforms, subsidy cuts in electricity and fertiliser, and domestic revenue mobilisation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/talks-imf-new-loan-continue-bangkok-4293361>

Inflation edges up on food costs after fuel price hike

- Inflation rose to 8.34% in September from 8.26% in August, as higher food costs pushed up overall consumer prices. Food inflation increased to 7.22% last month from 7.02% in August.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-edges-food-costs-after-fuel-price-hike-4293211>

Manufacturing, services lift Apr-Jun GDP growth to 4.6%

- Bangladesh's economic growth more than doubled to 4.60% in Q4FY26 from 2.05% a year earlier, driven by a strong recovery in manufacturing and services. Industrial production grew 6.52% in the April-June quarter, compared with just 0.92% in the same period a year earlier.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/manufacturing-services-lift-apr-jun-gdp-growth-46-4293216>

Bangladesh, ADB sign USD 277.72 Mn financing agreements for housing, CHT energy projects

- Bangladesh and Asian Development Bank signed USD 277.72 Mn financing agreements for two development projects aimed at expanding affordable housing finance and improving electricity access in Chattogram Hill Tracts.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-adb-sign-27772m-financing-agreements-for-housing-cht-energy-projects>

ECNEC approves BDT 162.08 Bn projects, including Rampal solar plant

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) approved Rampal solar power plant and 12 other development projects involving BDT 162.08 Bn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/ecnec-approves-tk-16208b-projects-including-rampal-solar-plant>

Govt seeks USD 6.47 Bn foreign loans for 13 projects, including Dhaka-Ctg 6-lane, MRT-2

- The government is seeking USD 6.47 Bn in foreign loans from multilateral development banks and bilateral development partners to implement 13 new projects, including upgrading the Dhaka-Chattogram highway to six lanes, constructing MRT Line-2 and procuring 300 electric buses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/infrastructure/govt-seeks-647b-foreign-loans-13-projects-including-dhaka-ctg-6-lane-mrt-2>

Bring EPZ workers under Labour Act

- A high-level international delegation representing global trade unions and employers has urged the government to abolish separate legal frameworks for export processing zones and bring their workers under the Labour Act.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bring-epz-workers-under-labour-act-1791390557>

Corporates see BDT 150 Bn VAT refunds stuck, fresh claims blocked

- Corporate kingpins see BDT 150 Bn in VAT refunds long stuck and fresh demands barred as the government revenue authority's digital platform stays dysfunctional.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/corporates-see-tk-150b-vat-refunds-stuck-fresh-claims-blocked>

CPA to get 40-67% NCT revenue

- Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) will receive 40-67% of revenue from the New Mooring Container Terminal (NCT) under a concession agreement with DP World. The UAE-based global port operator will also invest USD 150 Mn. It will pay the government a USD 50 Mn upfront fee and an annual fee of USD 0.75 Mn.

<https://tob.news/cpa-to-get-40-67-nct-revenue/>

Firms under industries ministry incur BDT 7.32 Bn losses in FY26

- State-owned industrial enterprises under the industries ministry incurred a combined net loss of BDT 7.32 Bn in FY26, with heavy losses at the Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation and Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation outweighing the profit earned by the Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/317031/firms-under-industries-ministry-incur-tk-732cr-losses-in-fy26>

Bangladesh eyes USD 10 Bn trade with Indonesia

- Bangladesh wants to raise bilateral trade with Indonesia to more than USD 10 Bn by reducing the existing trade gap and expanding exports of readymade garments, pharmaceuticals and agricultural products.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/bangladesh-eyes-10b-trade-indonesia-4293146>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | Q-Cash services restored at 30 banks**

- Card, ATM, POS, internet banking and NPSB-IBFT services of 30 banks resumed on Tuesday night after being disrupted since Sunday, October 4, following a sudden system upgrade by Q-Cash.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/q-cash-services-restored-30-banks-4293191>

BANK | Central bank allows FC accounts for approved foreign loan proceeds

- Bangladesh Bank has allowed designated authorised dealer (AD) banks to open and maintain foreign currency accounts in the names of eligible private sector industrial borrowers to retain proceeds of approved foreign loans.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/432245>

BANK | Bangladesh, Singapore to form trade digitisation working group

- Bangladesh and Singapore are moving to digitise cross-border trade through Singapore's TradeTrust platform, with a joint working group to help local banks expand paperless trade transactions.

<https://tob.news/bangladesh-singapore-to-form-trade-digitisation-working-group/>

ENERGY | Cabinet body recommends G2G fuel imports, shorter bidding period for 2027

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs recommended in principle approval of three proposals to ensure crude oil and refined petroleum product supplies in 2027, including G2G procurement and a shorter bidding period for imports through international tenders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/cabinet-body-recommends-g2g-fuel-imports-shorter-bidding-period-2027-1565586>

ENERGY | CCGP approves revised tariff for Ashuganj 400MW power plant

- The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase (CCGP) approved a proposal to determine a levelized tariff for the 400-MW combined-cycle (East) power plant of Ashuganj Power Station Company Limited (APSCL). The reference tariff was set at US Cents 3.700 per kilowatt-hour, equivalent to BDT 4.5436 per kwh.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/432312>

ENERGY | Jet fuel prices rise for second straight month

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the price of Jet A-1 aviation fuel for both domestic and international flights by around 10.3% for October, continuing an upward trend in jet fuel prices.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/jet-fuel-prices-rise-second-straight-month-1565506>

ENERGY | Gas discovered in new Noakhali well, output likely 7mmcf

- Gas has been discovered following the completion of drilling at the Sundalpur-4 Appraisal-cum-Development Well in Noakhali. Preliminary estimates suggest that 7.0 Mn cubic feet of gas per day (mmcf) could be added to the national grid from the well.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/316966/gas-discovered-in-new-noakhali-well-output-likely-7mmcf>

RMG | Bangladesh weathers US apparel import downturn better than peers

- US apparel imports fell 7.42% year-on-year to USD 49.08 Bn in 8M'2026, while imports from Bangladesh declined 4.43% to USD 5.39 Bn. Shipments from China and India fell 29.39% and 26.44%, respectively, while Pakistan declined 3.83% and Vietnam 0.76%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-outperforms-rivals-us-apparel-imports-fall-scope-gains-remains-1565601>

RMG | BGMEA urges WB to scale up funding, scope for RMG water management

- The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) called upon World Bank to significantly expand the funding and scope of its sustainable water management programme to accelerate the green transformation of the country's RMG sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bgmea-urges-wb-scale-funding-scope-rmg-water-management-1565891>

TELECOM | Banglalink launches Starlink-powered satellite-to-mobile service

- Banglalink launched its satellite-to-mobile service powered by Starlink, enabling customers to access essential apps and location services beyond the reach of conventional mobile networks. For the service, customers need only a 4G phone and a Banglalink SIM, the operator said.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/432299>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | DBA seeks special fund ceiling of BDT 3.0 Bn**

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange Brokers Association of Bangladesh has urged Bangladesh Bank to raise the ceiling of its special fund for scheduled banks from BDT 2.0 Bn to BDT 3.0 Bn and extend the facility for another five years to help ease the ongoing liquidity crisis in the stock market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/317007/dba-seeks-special-fund-ceiling-of-tk-300cr>

EXCHANGE | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund-01 unitholders approve conversion to open-end fund

- Unitholders of CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund-01 have overwhelmingly approved a proposal to convert the closed-end mutual fund into an open-end fund. At a Special General Meeting (SGM), 99.19% of unitholders, based on units held, voted in favour of the conversion.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-01-unitholders-approve-conversion-open-end-fund-1565756>

UCB, CITYBANK | UCB seizes land housing City Bank head office

- United Commercial Bank PLC has attached a piece of land owned by NASSA Group that houses the head office of City Bank PLC, following a court order to recover defaulted loans from a NASSA Group concern.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/316986/ucb-seizes-land-housing-city-bank-head-office>

UPGDCL, KPCL | BSEC orders probe into alleged insider trading by United Group officials

- The top management of the United Group have come under regulatory scrutiny over alleged involvement in insider trading in shares of United Power Generation & Distribution Company and Khulna Power Company. As per the BSEC order, Hasan Mahmud Raja, chief advisor of United Group, and Moinuddin Hasan Rashed, chairman of United Enterprise & Company Ltd. (UECL), face allegations of insider trading in the shares.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-orders-probe-into-alleged-insider-trading-by-united-group-officials-1791390899>

GPHISPAT | GPH Ispat seeks BB help to reschedule part of its BDT 120 Bn debt

- GPH Ispat, a listed steelmaker with liabilities of around BDT 120 Bn, has asked the Bangladesh Bank to waive or relax Credit Information Bureau (CIB) requirements for four months as it seeks to restructure part of the debt owed to more than two dozen banks and finance companies.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gph-ispate-seeks-bb-help-reschedule-part-its-tk-12000cr-debt-4293221>

SPCERAMICS, BEXIMCO | Salman F Rahman exits boards of two more companies

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the reconstitution of the boards of directors of two listed Beximco Group companies - Bangladesh Export Import Company (Beximco) and Shinepukur Ceramics. Under the newly approved structure, ASF Rahman, the brother of Salman F Rahman while OK Chowdhury, Iqbal Ahmed, Ajmal Kabir and Quamrun Nahar Ahmed have been appointed as directors.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/317019/salman-f-rahman-exits-boards-of-two-more-companies>

ITC | ITC's over USD 0.5 Mn due to foreign vendor/ Software licence cutoff triggered Q-Cash outage

- A software licence cutoff by Q-Cash technology vendor Compass Plus (Great Britain) Ltd triggered the 48-hour disruption that hit card and electronic transactions at more than 30 banks this week.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gph-ispate-seeks-bb-help-reschedule-part-its-tk-12000cr-debt-4293221>

BANGAS | Lexus, Glucose biscuit maker Bangas sees domestic sales drop as exports surge

- Bangas Limited saw its business decline in FY26, as domestic sales fell by around 16% year-over-year despite a strong rise in exports. The company reported EPS of BDT 0.24 at the end of June 2026, down from BDT 0.28 in the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lexus-glucose-biscuit-maker-bangas-sees-domestic-sales-drop-exports-surge-1565841>

FINDFOODS | Fine Foods recommends 40.5% cash dividend for general shareholders

- Listed company Fine Foods Limited has recommended a 40.5% cash dividend for its general shareholders for FY26, while its sponsors and directors will receive a 5% cash dividend for the year. The company's EPS rose sharply to BDT 11.81 in FY26 from BDT 4.18 a year earlier, marking an increase of around 183%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fine-foods-recommends-405-cash-dividend-general-shareholders-1565726>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 89.90	USD 32.47	56.54%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 102.37	USD 41.52	68.23%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,129.45	(USD 211.55)	-4.87%
DSEX	5,463.89	598.55	12.30%
S&P 500	7,801.77	902.95	13.09%
FTSE 100	10,458.50	527.12	5.31%
BSE SENSEX	72,638.70	-12,154.88	-14.33%
KSE-100	168,580.44	-5,473.86	-3.14%
CSEALL	20,517.55	-2,106.76	-9.31%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.10 BDT

1 GBP = 162.70 BDT

1 Euro = 137.95 BDT

1 INR = 1.27 BDT

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