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.

Macro:

Inflation falls for second straight month to 10-month low of 8.26%

- Inflation has fallen to 8.26% in August, marking a second straight monthly decline and its lowest level in 10 months. Point-to-point inflation stood at 8.32% in July, the first month of the current fiscal year. It was 8.17% in October 2025 before rising again.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/inflation-falls-for-second-straight-month-to-10-month-low-of-826pc

WB gives USD 450 Mn to repair banking sector damage

- The government has finalised a USD 450 Mn borrowing from the World Bank to strengthen the financial sector and rebuild the deposit-protection system. Of the credit, USD 340 Mn will be released against 24 actions under eight groups of banking reform conditions and deposited in the Deposit Protection Fund.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/312919/wb-gives-450m-to-repair-banking-sector-damage

Govt presents plan to resolve energy-power crisis

- The government Monday rolled out a slew of measures to address the energy and power crises. Some of these measures include establishing a land-based LNG terminal at Matarbari, a third FSRU at Matarbari under a G-to-G agreement with China, to be completed within 18 months, a 620-megawatt coal-fired power plant using domestic coal at Barapukuria, and move for a 1,320-megawatt second phase of the Payra coal-fired power plant.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-presents-plan-to-resolve-energy-power-crisis-1788805006

Govt successfully services foreign debt amid legacy loan strains

- The government repaid USD 453.23 Mn in principal and interest on foreign loans in July 2026. The amount was USD 446.68 Mn in the same month of 2025.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-successfully-services-foreign-debt-amid-legacy-loan-strains

Bangladesh makes final push to defer LDC graduation

- Bangladesh is making a final push to win support from countries and trade blocs for a three-year delay to its graduation from the UN list of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), as the 81st session of the UN General Assembly begins in New York.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-makes-final-push-defer-ldc-graduation-4267416

Commercial importers of solar equipment: Uniform duty structure proposed

- The government is considering a uniform duty structure for industrial users and commercial importers of solar equipment, including batteries. Under the proposed arrangement, importers may enjoy a concessional 1.0 per cent customs duty on solar energy equipment for six months.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/commercial-importers-of-solar-equipment-uniform-duty-structure-proposed

Govt aims to raise creative economy's share of GDP to 3%

- The government is working to grow Bangladesh's creative economy to 3.0% of GDP by mainstreaming the people involved in it through skills, design and branding and marketing support, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said on Monday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-aims-to-raise-creative-economys-share-of-gdp-to-3-per-cent-khosru

Firm registration decisions should come within 30 days

- Businesses have proposed a 30-day deadline for Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC) to decide on applications under the proposed amendment to Companies Act, with undecided applications deemed approved.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/firm-registration-decisions-should-come-within-30-days-4267401

Sector and Industries:

RMG | NBR suspends bond facility for yarn imports, BGMEA, BKMEA protest

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is bringing major changes to duty-free yarn imports under the bond facility for export-oriented garment factories. Under the new decision, imports of 10-30 count cotton yarn under the bond facility have been suspended. Exporters will be able to continue importing this yarn subject to a bank guarantee.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/nbr-curbs-bonded-yarn-imports-bgmea-bkmea-protest

BANK | Customers withdraw BDT 2.5 Bn as Sammilito Islami Bank begins deposit return

- Sammilito Islami Bank began returning principal amounts to customers who applied to withdraw on 1 September. Around 6,000 customers collected BDT 2.5 Bn nationwide on the first day, against BDT 13.29 Bn sought by 18,000 applicants scheduled for repayment that day.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/customers-withdraw-tk250cr-sammilito-islami-bank-begins-deposit-return-1536361

BANK | BB enlists 131 collateral valuation firms to curb loan fraud

- Bangladesh Bank has published a list of 131 institutions eligible to value collateral pledged against bank loans, aiming to standardise asset appraisal across the financial sector and curb the practice of artificially inflating collateral values to secure unearned credit.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-enlists-131-collateral-valuation-firms-curb-loan-fraud-4267376

BANK | Rescheduling soars 80pc as recoveries slump

- Bangladesh's sustainable-and green-finance sector saw a worrying shift in Q1'2026 with loan recovery losing gear while rescheduling gaining a spurt. The rescheduling of sustainable loans saw 80% growth while green finance witnessed 675.8% rise year on year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rescheduling-soars-80pc-as-recoveries-slump-1788805873

ENERGY | Petrobangla loosens rules to attract spot LNG suppliers

- The state-run corporation will now allow companies to seek enlistment with just one successfully completed LNG supply contract and USD 50 Mn in financial capacity. This is a significant relaxation of the experience, financial and operational requirements introduced in March.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/petrobangla-loosens-rules-attract-spot-lng-suppliers-4267411

ENERGY | Summit asks for reconsidering FSRU deal, says it could save USD 1.10 Bn

- Summit says if the agreement signed in March 2024 is retained, the FSRU, mooring system and subsea pipeline would be handed over to Petrobangla free of cost after 15 years of operation. The company said retaining the agreement instead of proceeding with an FSRU proposed by a Chinese company could save USD 1.10 Bn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/summit-asks-reconsidering-fsru-deal-says-it-could-save-110b-1536371

TOBACCO | Cabinet approves tax breaks for solar equipment imports

- The Cabinet approved a proposal to amend the maximum retail price of low-tier cigarettes to be reset at BDT 65 and above per 10 sticks, replacing the existing threshold of BDT 62 and above.

https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/422071

PHARMA | Govt considers production costs, reasonable profit in setting medicine prices

- The Health minister has said a new "Drug Price Determination Committee" has been reconstituted under Section 12 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2023.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/govt-considers-production-costs-reasonable-profit-setting-medicine-prices-1536181

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC seeks share buyback provision in 'Companies Act' amendment

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has called for a share buyback provision for listed companies in the proposed draft amendment to the Companies Act, 1994. The capital market regulator also urged modernising corporate reporting standards, mandating regulatory consent for mergers involving listed firms, and extending the validity period of financial statements used in prospectuses.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-seeks-share-buyback-provision-companies-act-amendment-1536201

EXCHANGE | Six months in, new govt yet to break IPO drought

- Several merchant bankers have told that they are preparing several candidate firms for IPOs; however, many are waiting for regulatory clarity before submitting paperwork.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/six-months-new-govt-yet-break-ipo-drought-1536231

NRBCBANK | NRBC Bank sponsor to gift 3 Mn shares to brother

- Rafikul Islam Mia Arzoo, a sponsor and former vice chairman of NRBC Bank PLC, has announced plans to gift 3 Mn shares of the bank to his brother, Aktarul Islam.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/nrbc-bank-sponsor-gift-30-lakh-shares-brother-1536216

CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemicals shuts factory for maintenance

- CVO Petrochemical Refinery, a listed company, has temporarily shut its factory for emergency maintenance from 7 September to 30 September, according to a disclosure published on the stock exchanges (7 September).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemicals-shuts-factory-maintenance-1536226

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 92.52	USD 35.09	61.10%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 97.16	USD 36.31	59.67%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,429.87	USD 88.87	2.05%
DSEX	5,567.42	702.09	14.43%
S&P 500	7,718.60	819.78	11.88%
FTSE 100	10,822.13	890.75	8.97%
BSE SENSEX	76,132.81	-8,660.77	-10.21%
KSE-100	173,636.10	-418.20	-0.24%
CSEALL	21,623.66	-1,000.65	-4.42%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.79 BDT

1 GBP = 166.34 BDT

1 Euro = 142.81 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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