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:

Factories reopen after riding out worst part of gas crunch

- Workers returned to production lines on Saturday as the dials on gas pressure gauges began ticking up across major industrial belts, offering some relief to apparel factories during this peak Christmas shipment season.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/factories-reopen-after-riding-out-worst-part-gas-crunch-4243016

Ctg Chamber seeks 90-day moratorium on gas, power bills, loan instalments

- The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) has demanded a 90-day moratorium on gas and electricity bill payments, along with a three-month suspension of loan instalments, for industrial units affected by prolonged utility disruptions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-chamber-seeks-90-day-moratorium-gas-power-bills-loan-instalments-1509786

Trade cost rises with spikes in shipping charges

- Container-shipping costs on some Bangladesh routes have more than doubled in two months as renewed geopolitical tensions and their ramifications, costly energy and tightening vessel capacity escalate freight rates.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/trade-cost-rises-with-spikes-in-shipping-charges

Expert panel to guide FTA deal with EU

- A 17-member advisory panel formed by the government will oversee and guide overall activities leading to the signing of a proposed free- trade agreement (FTA) with the European Union (EU) for a win-win deal. Sources say the high-level committee comprises top bureaucrats, trade bodies, and economic think-tanks.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/expert-panel-to-guide-fta-deal-with-eu-1786209860

Govt debt stock climbs to BDT 22 Tn until March

- Total government debt stock rose over 5.4% during 9MFY26 to BDT 22.59 Tn, driven largely by increased domestic borrowing, particularly from the banking system. Domestic debt climbed 8.41% to BDT 12.954 Tn by the end of March from the level recorded at the beginning of the fiscal year, the report showed.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-debt-stock-climbs-to-tk-22t-until-march

From SIM to MFS: Govt tightening digital crime net

- Bangladesh is moving to tighten controls over digital financial activity, with plans for real-time transaction monitoring, artificial intelligence (AI)-based fraud detection, biometric verification, location tracking and stricter SIM registration rules. Bangladesh Bank, NTMC, and MFS providers would be involved in implementing the system.

https://tob.news/from-sim-to-mfs-govt-tightening-digital-crime-net/

Govt plans 400-acre industrial park in Bogura

- The government plans to establish a new industrial park on 400 acres of land in Bogura to meet rising demand from small and medium enterprises.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-plans-400-acre-industrial-park-bogura-4243006

NBR reshuffles tax jurisdictions for bank interest, export earnings

- The National Board of Revenue has revised tax jurisdictions for withholding taxes on bank interest, export earnings and payments made by government agencies, assigning different tax zones to banks, financial institutions, exporters and other withholding entities.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/309151/nbr-reshuffles-tax-jurisdictions-for-bank-interest-export-earnings

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Bank deposits grow 11.41pc in May

- Bank deposit growth surged by 11.41% YoY to BDT 20.41 Tn in May, driven by higher remittance inflows and attractive deposit rates.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/309150/bank-deposits-grow-1141pc-in-may

BANK | BB gives temporary administrators sweeping powers over troubled banks

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has introduced detailed rules for appointing temporary administrators to troubled banks and finance companies, giving them broad powers to protect critical operations, assess financial conditions and facilitate the resolution of failing institutions.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-gives-temporary-administrators-sweeping-powers-over-troubled-banks-4242821

BANK | Digital loans up to BDT 5,000 coming for utility bills

- People will soon be able to borrow digitally from banks to pay utility bills and top up their mobile phones. The interest-free loans, ranging from BDT 50 to BDT 5,000, will have to be repaid within 30 days.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/digital-loans-tk-5000-coming-utility-bills-4243001

BANK | Bangladesh Bank sets BDT 1 Bn fund to boost Bangla QR use

- Bangladesh Bank has formed a BDT 1 Bn crore fund to encourage small merchants to adopt Bangla QR, with the fund to be increased if necessary, Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman said today (8 August).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bank-sets-tk100cr-fund-boost-bangla-qr-use-1509826

BANK | CMSME asset quality worsens with 26pc classified loan ratio

- Asset quality in the CMSME segment took a visible hit in Q1'2026, driven by a sharp contraction in total outstanding credit coupled with an expanding volume of non-performing loans.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/cmsme-asset-quality-worsens-with-26pc-classified-loan-ratio

PAYMENT | BB targets BDT 10 Mn Bangla QR payments each day

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is working to increase digital transactions through Bangla QR to 10 Mn a day by the end of the current fiscal year, BB Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman has said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-targets-1cr-bangla-qr-payments-each-day-4242996

ENERGY | Payment guarantee restored to lure investment in renewable power

- A provision of "Payment Guarantee" for renewable-energy sector is now restored, nearly two years after it was scrapped by the interim government only to dissuade both local and foreign investors from making fresh investment, sources said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/payment-guarantee-restored-to-lure-investment-in-renewable-power

ENERGY | Closed FSRU resumes regasification operation

- An immediate relief for industries, power plants and household consumers from fuel crunch comes as the closed floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) resumes operation.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/private-sector-credit-growth-hits-record-low-at-447pc-amid-weak-demand-energy-crisis

ENERGY | Fuel privatisation to ensure smooth supply

- A just-approved draft energy policy is aimed at ensuring uninterrupted and safe fuel-oil supply across Bangladesh, a government body says and dispels doubts over the move to involve private corporates in the trade.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fuel-privatisation-to-ensure-smooth-supply-1786209951

STEEL | Local prefabricated steel industry hits demand slump

- Bangladesh's prefabricated steel industry faces a severe downturn driven by a sharp contraction in public infrastructure spending, sluggish private investment, and rising competition from duty-free imports, executives said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/local-prefabricated-steel-industry-hits-demand-slump-4243036

RMG | Korean official see strong prospect of upgrading Bangladesh's RMG industry

- South Korean companies see significant investment opportunities in upgrading Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) industry. Bangladesh's RMG may enhance value addition and strengthen the country's global competitiveness by expanding the use of man-made fibres (MMF), functional textiles, automated sewing equipment and garment accessories.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/korean-official-see-strong-prospect-of-upgrading-bangladeshs-rmg-industry

RMG | Bangladeshi apparel gains advantage as China, India exports to US drop

- According to Office of Textiles and Apparel (Otexa) data, total US garment imports fell 8.04% in value to USD 35.09 Bn and 8.50% in volume during H1'2026, as retailers managed excess inventory and navigated consumer spending cutbacks However, shipments from China and India plunged by 37.69% and 25.27% respectively, while Bangladesh's exports contracted by a modest 5.75%.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/417029/bangladeshi-apparel-gains-advantage-as-china

PHARMA | Construction of Delta Pharma's USD 100 Mn plant begins in Mirsarai

- Delta Pharma has begun work to establish an active pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturing complex at the National Special Economic Zone in Mirsarai of Chattogram, aiming to begin commercial production by 2029 as Bangladesh seeks to reduce its dependence on imported pharmaceutical raw materials.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/construction-delta-pharmas-100m-plant-begins-mirsarai-production-expected-2029

Stocks:

BRACBANK | Regulatory squeezes trigger foreign exit from BRAC Bank despite record profits

- BRAC Bank is facing a sharp and sustained withdrawal of international capital despite record financial performance. The bank has suffered five consecutive months of heavy foreign sell-offs. Analysts and industry insiders attribute the capital flight mainly to renewed regulatory intervention as well as geopolitical uncertainty and strategic portfolio rebalancing.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/regulatory-squeezes-trigger-foreign-exit-brac-bank-despite-record-profits-1509911

ICB | State-run ICB looks to further govt funds for survival

- Cash-strapped Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) considers low-cost funds or partial conversion of debts into equity for survival. The ICB at present has an aggregate amount of debts worth around BDT 130 Bn, including interest, most of which was received from state-run entities and also shareholders of the Corporation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/state-run-icb-looks-to-further-govt-funds-for-survival-1786206407

EXCHANGE | Royal Footwear estimates capital market funds to boost its profit by up to 60%

- Royal Footwear expects its profit to jump by 50-60% if it can utilise the funds raised from the capital market as planned, primarily by repaying bank loans, cutting interest costs, and ensuring a steady supply of raw materials and spare parts.

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 78.18	USD 20.75	36.13%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 83.55	USD 22.70	37.30%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,341.56	USD 0.56	0.01%
DSEX	5,860.96	995.62	20.46%
S&P 500	7,757.64	858.82	12.45%
FTSE 100	10,901.09	969.71	9.76%
BSE SENSEX	78,499.17	-6,294.41	-7.42%
KSE-100	181,430.00	7,375.70	4.24%
CSEALL	21,370.09	-1,254.22	-5.54%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.91 BDT

1 GBP = 167.18 BDT

1 Euro = 143.25 BDT

1 INR = 1.30 BDT

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