

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:**Bangladesh economy to grow 4.4% in FY27: HSBC**

- Bangladesh's economy is expected to grow by 4.4% in FY27, supported by easing global headwinds and domestic economic reforms, according to the HSBC Limited.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-economy-grow-44-fy27-hsbc-4219116>

July-May figure shrinks to USD 301 Mn

- Bangladesh's current- account deficit (CAD) narrowed sharply to USD 301 Mn in 11MFY26, helped by record remittance inflows and slower import growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/july-may-figure-shrinks-to-301m-1783532736>

Trade deficit nears USD 24 Bn amid high imports

- Trade deficit widened to USD 23.98 Bn during 11MFY26, as imports rose 6.3% to USD 64.02 Bn while exports declined 2.0% to USD 40.04 Bn. Petroleum imports jumped 85.2% to USD 9 Bn, fertiliser imports rose 43.3% to USD 3.6 Bn and food grain imports increased 18.0% to USD 25.2 Bn during the reporting period.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/305426/trade-deficit-nears-24b-amid-high-imports>

Financial account rebounds to over USD 4 Bn surplus in 11 months

- The country's financial account staged a major recovery to register a surplus of USD 4.16 Bn during 11MFY26, rebounding from a deficit of USD 214 Mn in 11MFY25. The trade credit position surged to a surplus of USD 2.90 Bn during the period, recovering from a deep deficit of USD 2.57 Bn during the corresponding period of FY25.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/financial-account-rebounds-over-4b-surplus-11-months-1483506>

Non-RMG exports remain low for years

- Non-RMG sectors accounted for 17%-19% of total export earnings over the past five years. The major non-RMG items - leather and leather goods, jute and jute goods, agricultural products, home textiles, and engineering products, generated USD 1.22 Bn, USD 884 Mn, USD 975 Mn, USD 928 Mn, and USD 652 Mn, respectively.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/305427/non-rmg-exports-remain-low-for-years>

Govt tightens the belt with fresh spending curbs

- The government has imposed a fresh round of austerity measures for FY27, restricting spending on new vehicles, buildings, land acquisition and most foreign travel to rein in public expenditure.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-tightens-the-belt-fresh-spending-curbs-4219396>

Discord between sponsor, regulators holds back bond launch, benefits

- Umpteen differences of opinion between the Asian Development Bank and Bangladeshi financial-sector regulatory agencies delay the launch of ADB-sponsored taka-denominated bonds for both local and global subscriptions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/discord-between-sponsor-regulators-holds-back-bond-launch-benefits>

Structural bottlenecks, import costs keep inflation elevated in Bangladesh: GED

- Economic Update says supply chain weaknesses, imported energy costs and global price volatility are driving broad-based inflation, with headline inflation rising to 9.42% in May.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/structural-bottlenecks-import-costs-keep-inflation-elevated-bangladesh-ged-1483466>

Govt to adopt leather sector roadmap by July: Muktadir

- Industries minister has said the government is set to adopt a comprehensive roadmap by July 2026 to revitalise the country's leather sector with the goal of increasing annual export earnings to between USD 10-12 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/305417/govt-to-adopt-leather-sector-roadmap-by-july-muktadir>

World Shipping Council asks CPA to change rule

- The World Shipping Council (WSC) has urged the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) to abolish its long-standing practice of requiring departing vessels to load unmanifested empty containers at short notice. It also warned that the policy compromises vessel safety, breaches international compliance standards and exposes shipping lines to sanctions risks, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/world-shipping-council-asks-cpa-to-change-rule-1783531799>

Oil back at USD 80, stocks slide as Trump says Iran ceasefire over

- Oil prices briefly soared back above USD 80 per barrel while stock markets slid Wednesday after US President Donald Trump said the ceasefire with Iran was over, following renewed strikes in the Middle East.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/world/news/oil-back-80-stocks-slide-trump-says-iran-ceasefire-over-4219281>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | No 'deposit haircut', depositors to get money back with interest: Finance minister**

- Depositors of banks burdened with defaulted loans will get back their full deposits with interest, Finance Minister Amir has said. Depositors must be patient as the govt works to recover looted funds and stabilise the banking sector, he added.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/the-parliament-watch/parliament/news/no-deposit-haircut-depositors-get-money-back-interest-finance-minister-4219216>

BANK | Trade finance NPLs hit up to 80% at vulnerable banks: BIBM study

- According to the BIBM study, the NPL rate specifically related to trade finance in troubled banks currently hovers between 40 and 50%. More alarmingly, in banks that already suffer from high overall NPLs alongside substantial trade exposure, the trade-specific default loan rate exceeds 80%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/trade-finance-npls-hit-up-to-80pc-at-vulnerable-banks-bibm-study>

BANK | Consumer lending rises for 3rd straight quarter in FY26

- Outstanding consumer loans climbed to more than BDT 1.58 Tn during the Q3'FY26, up from BDT 1.51 Tn in the Q2'FY26 and BDT 1.50 Tn in Q1'FY26.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/consumer-lending-rises-for-3rd-straight-quarter-in-fy26-1783532649>

BANK | Islamic banking deposits up 8.35% in Q1

- Deposits at Islamic banks rose 8.35% year-on-year to BDT 4.79 Tn at the end of March 2026, up from BDT 4.42 Tn a year earlier, according to Bangladesh Bank's (BB) quarterly report published yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/islamic-banking-deposits-835-q1-4219371>

TOBACCO | Tobacco farming rises 126pc, may hit food security

- The agricultural yearbook shows that tobacco cultivation grew from 101,000 acres in FY24 to 107,000 acres in FY25. Deputy director at the Department of Agricultural Extension attributed the growing tobacco cultivation to high demand from the cigarette manufacturers and chewing tobacco industries.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/305325/tobacco-farming-rises-126pc-may-hit-food-security>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | PM unveils programmes to boost share market**

- Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on Wednesday unveiled a wide-ranging reform agenda to restore stability in the country's stock market, rebuild investor confidence and bring to justice those responsible for market manipulation that left thousands of investors financially ruined.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/pm-unveils-programmes-to-boost-share-market>

EXCHANGE | Global jitters intensify foreign fund outflow from Bangladesh stocks

- Net investment by overseas investors in the 12 months to May this year stood at negative BDT 4.30 Bn, meaning they sold more shares than they bought. Foreign investors purchased shares worth BDT 21.12 Bn, while selling shares worth BDT 25.42 Bn during the period, according to market data.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/global-jitters-intensify-foreign-fund-outflow-from-bangladesh-stocks-1783524781>

SINGERBD | Singer Bangladesh: Once a blue chip now in debris

- Appliance maker Singer Bangladesh's revenue was BDT 6.70 Bn in 2012, yielding a net profit of BDT 490 Mn. Thirteen years later, although its revenue surged to BDT 21.33 Bn, the company plunged into a staggering net loss of BDT 2.25 Bn. The downward course has continued into this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/singer-bangladesh-once-blue-chip-now-debris-1483526>

EMERALDOIL | Non-compliant Emerald Oil shares hit daily limit on factory restart announcement

- The share price of Emerald Oil Industries surged by the maximum daily limit, jumping 9.62% on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) following the announcement that it is preparing to resume production at its factory, which has been shuttered for over two years.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/non-compliant-emerald-oil-shares-hit-daily-limit-factory-restart-announcement-1483446>

INTECH | Intech sinks to junk category as losses wipe out paid-up capital

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange has downgraded Intech Limited to the "Z" category - commonly known as the junk stock segment - following a regulatory directive after the company's accumulated losses wiped out its entire paid-up capital.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/intech-sinks-junk-category-losses-wipe-out-paid-capital-1483456>

PROVATIINS | Dhaka bourse asked to probe "suspicious trading" of Provati Insurance shares

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has directed the Dhaka Stock Exchange to look into "suspicious trading" of Provati Insurance after detecting unusual price movements of the stock and trading patterns. The move came after Provati Insurance's share price soared 55.16% in just three months, despite the company's weak financial performance in recent years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-bourse-asked-to-probe-suspicious-trading-of-provati-insurance-shares-1783524793>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 74.50	USD 17.07	29.72%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 79.02	USD 18.17	29.86%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,063.52	(USD 277.48)	-6.39%
DSEX	5,770.27	904.94	18.60%
S&P 500	7,482.71	583.89	8.46%
FTSE 100	10,489.04	557.66	5.62%
BSE SENSEX	76,503.60	-8,289.98	-9.78%
KSE-100	181,629.38	7,575.08	4.35%
CSEALL	21,828.50	-795.81	-3.52%

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