

*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:****BD to get USD 3.0 Bn in SDR for job-centric development**

- Bangladesh is going to get USD 3.0 Bn in special drawing right (SDR) credits from the World Bank for its job-centric development works, officials say. However, the Bank has offered both soft-and hard-term lending under its 3-year aid package, categorizing Bangladesh as a 'Blend Country' on the cusp of its transition from the LDCs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-to-get-30b-in-sdr-for-job-centric-development-1759945970>

**World Bank maps 'trident-shaped' growth corridor in Bangladesh**

- Bangladesh's industrial and job growth has increasingly concentrated around Dhaka and Chattogram and, more recently, in the Rangpur city corporation area, forming a trident-shaped growth corridor, said a new World Bank (WB) study.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/world-bank-maps-trident-shaped-growth-corridor-bangladesh-4005176>

**Germany pledges record EUR 11.8 Bn climate aid, supporting Bangladesh**

- Germany has made its highest-ever annual contribution of EUR 11.8 Bn (USD 13.86 Bn) to global climate financing, reaffirming its commitment to helping vulnerable countries, including Bangladesh, tackle the impacts of climate change.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/germany-pledges-record-eu118b-climate-aid-supporting-bangladesh-1256126>

**Advisory Council to nod amended NBR ordinances today**

- The Advisory Council may approve amended ordinances for income tax, customs, and Value-Added Tax (VAT) today (Thursday), paving the way for the bifurcation of revenue administration and policy. Three separate ordinances for each wing of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) have already been approved by Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/advisory-council-to-nod-amended-nbr-ordinances-today-1759946436>

**Saudi businesses eager to invest in food, beverage, real estate sectors**

- Saudi Arabia's visiting business delegation has expressed strong interest in investing in Bangladesh's food, beverage and real estate sectors as the three-day Saudi Arabia-Bangladesh Business Summit 2025 ended yesterday.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/saudi-businesses-eager-invest-food-beverage-real-estate-sectors-1255991>

**Sector & Industries:****INSURANCE | Govt moves to train insurance risk analysts**

- The sector has only 4 such qualified professionals, though 40 are needed. The government is considering setting up an institute to provide education, training and examinations for professional financial risk analysts in the local insurance sector, while also overseeing their professional conduct.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-moves-train-insurance-risk-analysts-4005211>

**Stocks:****FIRSTSBANK, UNIONBANK, GIB, SIBL, EXIMBANK | Govt nod for 5 Islamic banks' merger today**

- Final government nod to the formation of a new bank by merging financially distressed five Islamic banks is set to be given today, officials say about a major development in reforms spearheaded by the interim regime.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-nod-for-5-islamic-banks-merger-today-1759946133>

**EXCHANGE | Pakistan's InfoTech eyes role in Bangladesh's share settlement software system**

- Pakistan-based technology firm InfoTech Group has expressed interest in providing software solutions to Bangladesh's share settlement company, Central Counterparty Bangladesh Limited (CCBL), as part of its expansion into the South Asian capital market infrastructure segment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pakistans-infotech-eyes-role-bangladeshs-share-settlement-software-system-1256086>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.04	(USD 9.39)	-13.15%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 65.83	(USD 8.56)	-11.51%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,017.58	USD 1,409.10	54.02%
DSEX	5,337.86	121.42	2.33%
S&P 500	6,753.72	846.78	14.34%
FTSE 100	9,548.87	1,427.86	17.58%
BSE SENSEX	81,773.66	3,573.73	4.57%
KSE-100	165,266.75	50,007.75	43.39%
CSEALL	22,097.99	6,153.38	38.59%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 121.76 BDT****1 GBP = 163.38 BDT****1 Euro = 141.82 BDT****1 INR = 1.37 BDT**

## IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

**Analyst Certification:** Each research analyst and research associate who authored this document and whose name appears herein certifies that the recommendations and opinions expressed in the research report accurately reflect their personal views about any and all of the securities or issuers discussed therein that are within the coverage universe.

**Disclaimer:** Estimates and projections herein are our own and are based on assumptions that we believe to be reasonable. Information presented herein, while obtained from sources we believe to be reliable, is not guaranteed either as to accuracy or completeness. Neither the information nor any opinion expressed herein constitutes a solicitation of the purchase or sale of any security. As it acts for public companies from time to time, BRAC-EPL may have a relationship with the above-mentioned company(s). This report is intended for distribution in only those jurisdictions in which BRAC-EPL is registered and any distribution outside those jurisdictions is strictly prohibited.

**Compensation of Analysts:** The compensation of research analysts is intended to reflect the value of the services they provide to the clients of BRAC-EPL. As with most other employees, the compensation of research analysts is impacted by the overall profitability of the firm, which may include revenues from corporate finance activities of the firm's Corporate Finance department. However, Research analysts' compensation is not directly related to specific corporate finance transaction.

**General Risk Factors:** BRAC-EPL will conduct a comprehensive risk assessment for each company under coverage at the time of initiating research coverage and revisit this assessment when subsequent update reports are published, or material company events occur. Following are some general risks that can impact future operational and financial performance: (1) Industry fundamentals with respect to customer demand or product / service pricing could change expected revenues and earnings; (2) Issues relating to major competitors or market shares or new product expectations could change investor attitudes; (3) Unforeseen developments with respect to the management, financial condition or accounting policies alter the prospective valuation; or (4) Interest rates, currency or major segments of the economy could alter investor confidence and investment prospects.

### BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited

#### Research

Salim Afzal Shawon, CFA	Head of Research	<a href="mailto:salim@bracepl.com">salim@bracepl.com</a>	01708 805 221
Fahim Hassan	Research Analyst	<a href="mailto:fahim.hassan@bracepl.com">fahim.hassan@bracepl.com</a>	01709 636 546
Hossain Zaman Towhidi Khan	Research Analyst	<a href="mailto:hztowhidi.khan@bracepl.com">hztowhidi.khan@bracepl.com</a>	01708 805 224
Foyisal Ahmed	Research Associate	<a href="mailto:foysal.ahmed@bracepl.com">foysal.ahmed@bracepl.com</a>	01708 805 201
S M Toufique Imran	Research Associate	<a href="mailto:smtoufique.imran@bracepl.com">smtoufique.imran@bracepl.com</a>	01708 805 228
Rakibul Hasan	Research Associate	<a href="mailto:rakibul.hasan@bracepl.com">rakibul.hasan@bracepl.com</a>	01708 805 229
Tasviha Taher Trishila	Research Associate	<a href="mailto:tasviha.trishila@bracepl.com">tasviha.trishila@bracepl.com</a>	01730 701 733

#### International Trade and Sales

Ahsanur Rahman Bappi	CEO	<a href="mailto:bappi@bracepl.com">bappi@bracepl.com</a>	01730 357 991
----------------------	-----	--	---------------

### BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited

[www.bracepl.com](http://www.bracepl.com)

Symphony, Plot No.: S.E.(F) – 9(3rd Floor), Road No.: 142

Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka – 1212

Phone: + (88)-02-222282446-47

Fax: + (88)-02-222282452

E-Mail: [research@bracepl.com](mailto:research@bracepl.com)