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:

Economic activity contracts in August as PMI falls to 49.9

- Bangladesh's overall economic activity contracted in August, as disruptions to energy and power supplies weighed on business activity, according to the latest Bangladesh Purchasing Managers' Index. The headline PMI fell to 49.9 in August, slipping below the 50-point threshold that separates expansion from contraction.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/economic-activity-contracts-in-august-as-pmi-falls-to-499

Trade deficit widens to USD 2.1 Bn as exports fall, petroleum, fertiliser imports rise

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened in July, mainly due to higher imports of petroleum products and fertiliser, while exports declined. The trade deficit rose to USD 2.09 Bn in July'26, compared with USD 1.5 Bn in July'25.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/trade-deficit-widens-2b-exports-fall-petroleum-fertiliser-imports-rise-1537316

Bangladesh exports to India rise 7.67% despite diplomatic tensions

- Bangladesh exported goods worth USD 335.2 Mn to India during 2MFY27, up 7.67 % from USD 311.3 Mn during 2MFY26, according to Export Promotion Bureau data released on Tuesday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-exports-to-india-rise-767-percent-despite-diplomatic-tensions

Tariff cuts, FTAs could add USD 4.0 Bn to Bangladesh economy: WB

- Bangladesh could unlock roughly USD 4.0 Bn in additional economic output by making imported materials and other goods used in production cheaper for local industries and securing better market access through free trade agreements (FTAs), according to a preliminary World Bank analysis.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tariff-cuts-ftas-could-add-4b-bangladesh-economy-wb-4268081

Falling inflation offers little relief as wage growth lags, squeezing real incomes

- On paper, the inflation situation in Bangladesh is improving, but the squeeze on households continues as wage growth has slowed further, lowering real incomes. Updated figures from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) show overall inflation fell to 8.26% in August, the second month of the 2026-27 fiscal year.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/falling-inflation-offers-little-relief-as-wage-growth-lags-squeezing-real-incomes

Bepza Zone-2 makes export debut with USD 50,000 machinery shipment

- Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) Economic Zone-2 in Mirsharai, Chattogram, has seen its first export with a USD 50,000 shipment of tobacco machinery to Indonesia.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bepza-zone-2-makes-export-debut-50000-machinery-shipment-1537311

Iran retaliates against US allies after its oil tankers destroyed

- The Middle East war intensified on Tuesday with Houthis in Yemen launching strikes on several Saudi cities, while US forces hit multiple Iranian oil tankers and Iran targeted a US base in Jordan.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/world/iran-retaliates-against-us-allies-after-its-oil-tankers-destroyed

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Banks' provisioning shortfall crosses BDT 2.0 Tn

- Overall provisioning shortfall against loans in Bangladesh's banking system overran BDT 2.0 Tn mark with a 16% or BDT 309.16 Bn rise in the first half of 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/banks-provisioning-shortfall-crosses-tk-20-trillion

BANK | 7,896 customers withdraw BDT 3.27 Bn from Sammilito Bank on second day

- Some 7,896 customers of the five merged banks withdrew BDT 3.27 Bn on the second day of fund disbursement, officials of Sammilito Islami Bank said. In addition, around 12,000 new customers applied to withdraw BDT 3.31 Bn today, the officials said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/7896-customers-withdraw-tk-327cr-sammilito-bank-second-day-4268166

ENERGY | Govt to buy 6 more spot LNG cargoes for Oct delivery

- The government has moved to purchase six more spot LNG cargoes for delivery over October windows as its contracted suppliers have ceased LNG deliveries due to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. State-run Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) has floated tenders to purchase these LNG cargoes for delivery over October 8-9, October 11-12, October 15-16, October 24-25, October 27-28, and October 30-31 windows.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-to-buy-6-more-spot-lng-cargoes-for-oct-delivery

ENERGY | BD pays dearly for lack of LNG storage facility

- Bangladesh pays dearly for neglecting building LNG- storage facility across the country as the government has to buy this expensive fuel for immediate consumption no matter how high or low international energy prices are.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-pays-dearly-for-lack-of-lng-storage-facility-1788890122

ENERGY | Govt to tap idle khas land for large solar plants; eyes 460MW in Rampal, 70MW in Matarbari

- With the country's power demand expected to rise to 25,000MW by 2030, the government plans to use idle state-owned land for large-scale solar projects to slash land acquisition costs and reduce the reliance on imported fuel.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-targets-20-electricity-renewables-2030-amit-1537066

ENERGY | PRAN-RFL, Walton go big on solar equipment manufacturing amid energy crisis

- Amid the ongoing energy crisis and a strong government push for renewables, industrial conglomerates Walton and PRAN-RFL are establishing local manufacturing units for solar inverters and lithium-ion batteries. Walton is also planning a dedicated solar panel manufacturing facility.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/pran-rfl-walton-go-big-solar-equipment-manufacturing-amid-energy-crisis-1536411

TELECOM | Conflicting data clouds picture of mobile network quality

- Bangladesh's mobile network quality mostly met regulatory standards in July, but a long-delayed assessment by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) found significant differences between operators' reported figures and the regulator's own measurements.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/conflicting-data-clouds-picture-mobile-network-quality-4268101

TEXTILE | NBR tightens yarn import rules under bond facility

- The National Board of Revenue has tightened rules for duty-free yarn imports under the bond facility by export-oriented readymade garment factories, suspending the facility for imports of 10–30 count cotton yarn.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/313055/nbr-tightens-yarn-import-rules-under-bond-facility

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | DSEX to hit 10,000 by 2027 as Bangladesh economy 'shifts gears': Capital Alliance

- Bangladesh's benchmark DSEX index could reach the 10,000-point mark by the end of 2027 as the economy moves from stabilisation to recovery and eventually acceleration, according to Capital Alliance (CAL), a frontier-markets-focused investment bank.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-hit-10000-2027-bangladesh-economy-shifts-gears-capital-alliance-1537206

EXCHANGE | DBA urges DSE to avoid 'unnecessary harassment' of brokerage firms

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) Brokers Association (DBA) has urged the stock exchange to avoid what it called "unnecessary harassment" of brokerage houses, particularly in cases where inspections or investigations could disrupt their normal business operations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dba-urges-dse-avoid-unnecessary-harassment-brokerage-firms-1537241

EXCHANGE | BSEC weighs extended audit rule to safeguard public interest post-IPO

- Issuers of initial public offerings (IPOs) will be required to undergo an "extended audit" to physically verify assets, inventories, and bank transactions, as part of a regulatory move to protect public interest post-IPO. Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is considering amending the public issue rules to this effect.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-weighs-extended-audit-rule-to-safeguard-public-interest-post-ipo-1788882979

EXCHANGE | DSE to launch online platform for open-end mutual funds

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is set to introduce a web-based order collection system within this year, allowing investors to purchase and redeem units of open-end mutual funds through an integrated online platform.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/dse-to-launch-online-platform-for-open-end-mutual-funds

FAREASTFIN | Bangladesh Bank appoints administrator for Fareast Finance resolution

- Bangladesh Bank has appointed an administrator and two associate administrators to oversee the resolution process of listed non-bank financial institution Fareast Finance and Investment Limited, amid efforts to ensure its smooth and effective implementation.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-bank-appoints-administrator-fareast-finance-resolution-1537186

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 94.44	USD 37.01	64.44%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 99.37	USD 38.52	63.30%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,369.07	USD 28.07	0.65%
DSEX	5,539.32	673.98	13.85%
S&P 500	7,673.52	774.70	11.23%
FTSE 100	10,811.66	880.28	8.86%
BSE SENSEX	75,577.58	-9,216.00	-10.87%
KSE-100	172,642.20	-1,412.10	-0.81%
CSEALL	21,542.23	-1,082.08	-4.78%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.76 BDT

1 GBP = 166.26 BDT

1 Euro = 142.75 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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