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:

Bangladesh's PMI rises to 57.8 as manufacturing powers July expansion

- Bangladesh's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) has risen to 57.8 points in July from 52.9 in June, signalling a stronger expansion in economic activity.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladeshs-pmi-rises-to-578-as-manufacturing-powers-july-expansion

BD boasts 6.6 Bn USD BoP surplus buoyed by external inflows

- Bangladesh posted a record balance-of-payments surplus worth $6.6 Bn USD in the past fiscal year as stronger financial-account inflows helped outdo a gap left by widening current-account deficit.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bd-boasts-66b-bop-surplus-buoyed-by-external-inflows

Trade deficit hits three-year high at USD 27.3 Bn

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened to a three-year high in fiscal year 2025-26, as import bills climbed even as export earnings stagnated. The deficit stood at USD 27.28 Bn for the year, a jump of 34% from FY25.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/trade-deficit-hits-three-year-high-273b-4243951

Current account deficit hits USD 1.6 Bn as import bills surge

- Central bank data shows imports on a free-on-board (FOB) basis rose 10.5% to over USD 71.1 Bn, up from USD 64.36 Bn a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/current-account-deficit-hits-16b-import-bills-surge-1510811

Jan-Mar net govt guarantees ease to BDT 1.015 Tn

- The outstanding stock of government guarantees fell by more than 5.0% to BDT 1.015 Tn as of March 31, 2026, from BDT 1.070 Tn three months earlier, as repayments outpaced the issuance of new guarantees, according to the Finance Division.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/jan-mar-net-govt-guarantees-ease-to-tk-1015t

Businesses seek 'Sick Industries Law' to revive closed factories

- Businesses in Chattogram called for a "Sick Industries Law", modelled on similar legislation in developed countries, to revive struggling and closed industrial units.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/businesses-seek-sick-industries-law-revive-closed-factories-1510636

FY26: 62% remittances came from just 5 countries

- In the recently concluded FY26, the highest volume of remittance came from Saudi Arabia, totaling USD 5.85 Bn. The remaining nations in the top five are the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Malaysia, and the United States.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/417071/fy26-62%25-remittances-came-from-just-5-countries

Jet fuel price hiked by over 21%

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the prices of jet fuel for domestic and international airlines by over 21%, which is expected to have an impact on the cost of travel in the days to come.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/jet-fuel-price-hiked-over-21-4243721

Sector and Industries:

ISP | ISPs may be allowed to offer streaming packages

- The move comes after two nationwide ISPs -- Race Online Limited and ICC Communication Limited -- sought regulatory approval to bundle digital platforms with their approved internet tariffs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/isps-may-be-allowed-offer-streaming-packages-4243946

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | CDBL to extend custodian role to non-listed companies

- The depository authority has moved to ensure the security of the shares of non-listed companies, making their transfer easier and preventing fraudulent transactions. The services will also allow the enterprises to obtain bank loans easily by pledging shares in electronic form.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cdbl-to-extend-custodian-role-to-non-listed-companies-1786295388

ILFSL, FASFIN, FAREASTFIN | BB declares four financial institutions non-viable, starts resolution process

- Bangladesh Bank has declared four NBFIs non-viable and initiated resolution proceedings against them under the Bank Resolution Act, 2026, citing severe financial weaknesses and their inability to meet obligations to depositors and other creditors. The institutions are Aviva Finance Limited, Fareast Finance and Investment Limited, FAS Finance and Investment Limited, and International Leasing and Financial Services Limited.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-declares-four-financial-institutions-non-viable-starts-resolution-process-1510806

ICB | Loss-hit ICB introduces first-ever policy to value BDT 149.83 Bn portfolio

- The new policy aims to improve financial transparency and reduce the risk of overvaluation or undervaluation of assets, particularly its substantial holdings in non-listed securities whose fair values had not previously been systematically assessed.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/loss-hit-icb-introduces-first-ever-policy-value-tk14983cr-portfolio-1510776

BRACBANK | MFS leader reinvests profits to expand financial inclusion

- Bangladesh MFS market leader bKash is ploughing its net earnings back into technological infrastructure and algorithmic products, turning simple mobile transfers into data-driven financial services.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mfs-leader-reinvests-profits-expand-financial-inclusion-4243896

UNITEDINS, SAIHAMTEX, ALLTEX | United Insurance, Saiham, Alltex deny hidden triggers behind recent price surges

- Three listed companies -- United Insurance, Saiham Textile and Alltex Industries -- have informed the Dhaka Stock Exchange that there is no undisclosed price-sensitive information (PSI) behind the recent "unusual" surge in their share prices and trading volumes.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/united-insurance-saiham-alltex-deny-hidden-triggers-behind-recent-price-surges

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 78.84	USD 21.41	37.28%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 84.46	USD 23.61	38.80%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,338.15	(USD 2.85)	-0.07%
DSEX	5,822.32	956.98	19.67%
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 = 123.45 BDT

1 GBP = 166.54 BDT

1 Euro = 142.65 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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