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:

Inflation dips to 8.27% in October as food prices ease

- The country's inflation eased marginally to 8.27% in October from 8.34% in September. Food inflation dropped to 6.40% while non-food inflation increased to 9.89%.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/inflation-dips-to-827pc-in-october-as-food-prices-ease

Bangladesh's October PMI returns to expansion at 51.8 after two months

- Bangladesh's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) returned to expansion in October, reaching 51.8 points, up 3.2 points from September, as all four key economic sectors - agriculture, manufacturing, construction and services - recorded expansion after two consecutive months of contraction.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladeshs-october-pmi-returns-to-expansion-at-518-after-two-months

Govt to sign concession deal with PSA S'pore

- Another foreign-trade-facilitation venture emerges as the government has pledged to sign concession agreement with PSA Singapore firm by next April for building and operating Bay Terminal in Chattogram, officials have said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-to-sign-concession-deal-with-psa-spore

NBR revamping int'l tax wing to curb profit shifting

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has started restructuring its international tax wing to facilitate foreign investors and curb illegal profit shifting by multinational companies (MNCs). It will bring its transfer pricing (TP) cell, formed in 2014 in line with a legal provision, under the International Tax Unit (ITU).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-revamping-intl-tax-wing-to-curb-profit-shifting-1794248741

Competitive tendering mandatory for Ctg port operators

- The government has made competitive tendering mandatory for appointing berth, terminal and ship-handling operators at Chittagong Port. However, international terminal operators will be allowed to enter the sector subject to government approval.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/competitive-tendering-mandatory-for-ctg-port-operators-1794237782

Fed hike bets support dollar

- The US dollar held near a 1-1/2-year high versus the euro on Monday after posting its biggest gain in nearly six months on Friday as robust US jobs data pushed up bets for higher interest rates.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/fed-hike-bets-support-dollar-4319496

Sector and Industries:

PAYMENT | BB targets July 2027 to launch 'Inclusive Instant Payment System'

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is targeting July 2027 to introduce an Inclusive Instant Payment System (IIPS), a unified digital payment platform designed to connect banks, mobile financial service (MFS) providers and other financial institutions, enabling faster, safer and more convenient transactions across different service networks.

https://www.bssnews.net/news-flash/443642

BANK | Banks back away from Standard Chartered Bangladesh retail business sale

- Most of the top local banks that lined up to buy the retail business of Standard Chartered Bangladesh are now leaving the race, officials at the banks say. Officials of BRAC, Pubali and Mutual Trust told that their banks have decided in principle not to engage with the deal under its current conditions.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-back-away-standard-chartered-bangladesh-retail-business-sale-4319556

BANK | Bangladesh Bank doubles limit for treatment, eases overseas education rules, rationalizes RFCD deposits

- The central bank has doubled the foreign exchange remittance limit for overseas medical treatment to USD 30,000 from USD 15,000, while easing outward remittance rules for overseas education and correspondence courses and rationalising deposit requirements for RFCD accounts.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-doubles-limit-for-treatment-eases-overseas-education-rules-rationalizes-rfcd-deposits

RMG | Yarn import row: PM asks committee to propose solution by 20 Nov

- Garment exporters and local textile mill owners have presented opposing arguments to Prime Minister Tarique Rahman over restrictions on yarn imports under bond facilities, prompting him to direct a committee led by the commerce minister to submit recommendations for resolving the dispute by 20 November.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/yarn-import-row-pm-asks-committee-propose-solution-20-nov-1597926

RMG | RMG workers' representative propose BDT 32,000 minimum wage; owners to submit counterproposal in 4 days

- The workers' representatives on the Minimum Wage Board have proposed setting the minimum monthly wage for readymade garment (RMG) workers at BDT 32,000, with the highest grade receiving BDT 48,000.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-workers-propose-tk32000-minimum-wage-owners-get-4-days-submit-counterproposal

ENERGY | Advanced technology could double Bangladesh's power transmission capacity: RMI

- Bangladesh has doubled the transmission capacity of an existing power line using advanced conductor technology, potentially allowing more electricity to be delivered without building new transmission infrastructure, according to a report by US-based Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/advanced-technology-could-double-bangladeshs-power-transmission-capacity-rmi-1597671

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Listed state-owned firms post mixed earnings in FY26

- State-owned enterprises (SOEs) listed on the stock market posted mixed financial performances in FY26, with several energy and technology companies reporting strong profit recoveries, while financial institutions and sugar mills continued to struggle with mounting operational losses and long-standing liquidity constraints.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-state-owned-firms-post-mixed-earnings-fy26-1597791

EXCHANGE | Retail investors seek 20-30% discount on book-building IPO shares

- Retail investors are demanding a 20-30% discount on shares offered through the book-building method, challenging a proposed securities rule change that would require them to pay the cut-off price determined through institutional bidding.

https://tob.news/retail-investors-seek-20-30-discount-on-book-building-ipo-shares/

IBNSINA | IBN SINA Pharmaceutical Industry's Q1 profit up 8% despite higher costs

- Despite a rise in operating expenses and the cost of goods sold, IBN SINA Pharmaceutical Industry has registered 8.0% year-on-year growth in consolidated profit to BDT 238.74 Mn in Q1FY27. This profit growth was primarily driven by increased revenue, improved gross profit margin and lower income tax expenses.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ibn-sina-pharmaceutical-industrys-q1-profit-up-8pc-despite-higher-costs-1794242303

POWERGRID | Power Grid returns to profit in FY26 despite weak operating performance

- Power Grid has reported a profit of BDT 4.58 Bn in FY26, marking a strong turnaround from losses in three consecutive years, largely driven by fixed income and lower finance costs. The company recorded a foreign-exchange gain of BDT 3.33 Bn in FY26, against a loss of BDT 9.34 Bn in the previous financial year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/power-grid-returns-to-profit-in-fy26-despite-weak-operating-performance-1794242280

POWERGRID | IT Consultants sees Q1 profit dip

- IT Consultants PLC saw its quarterly earnings contract in Q1FY27, extending the financial pressures it faced in the previous fiscal year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/it-consultants-sees-q1-profit-dip-1597781

BPML, GSPFINANCE, PENINSULA | Auditors question viability of three listed companies

- Auditors of Bashundhara Paper Mills PLC (BPMPLC), GSP Finance and The Peninsula Chittagong have expressed uncertainty about the ability of the three companies to continue as going concerns.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/auditors-question-viability-three-listed-companies-4319541

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 85.91	USD 28.48	49.59%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.68	USD 30.83	50.67%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,114.26	(USD 226.74)	-5.22%
DSEX	5,392.82	527.48	10.84%
S&P 500	7,549.94	651.12	9.44%
FTSE 100	10,782.87	851.49	8.57%
BSE SENSEX	81,106.65	-3,686.93	-4.35%
KSE-100	173,886.70	-167.60	-0.10%
CSEALL	21,531.37	-1,092.94	-4.83%

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1 US Dollar = 124.19 BDT

1 GBP = 166.96 BDT

1 Euro = 139.39 BDT

1 INR = 1.32 BDT

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