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:

Smaller firms pay 20% of goods value in import requirements

- Smaller firms in developing countries pay 20% of the value of imported goods in import requirements, such as customs fees, other payments and fees paid to customs brokers or freight forwarders, according to UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/smaller-firms-pay-20-goods-value-import-requirements-4269016

Govt injecting USD 81.68 Mn into the bank's overseas operation

- A fresh USD 81.68 Mn capital is going to be funneled into Janata Bank's UAE operations to avert wind-down of its business following persistent capital-shortfall-triggered regulatory restrictions on its reserve accounts. The fund will be sourced from Janata Bank's head office in Dhaka and routed through its local office to the United Arab Emirates.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-injecting-8168m-into-the-banks-overseas-operation

Online sales face VAT scrutiny

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has stepped up its drive against VAT evasion by online businesses, with a preliminary review of documents seized from a retailer in Dhaka revealing around BDT 20 Mn in evaded revenue.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/online-sales-face-vat-scrutiny-1788978153

Bangladesh, Hong Kong sign investment protection agreement

- Bangladesh and Hong Kong signed an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA) on September 9 to strengthen bilateral investment flows and provide greater protection for investors from both sides.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-hong-kong-sign-investment-protection-agreement-1537791

Oil prices fly blind as the Hormuz enigma deepens

- Benchmark Brent crude futures breached USD 100 a barrel on Wednesday as escalating attacks in the Middle East, including on tankers, stifled hopes of a normalisation of oil shipping in the region.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/oil-prices-fly-blind-the-hormuz-enigma-deepens-4269006

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Ten banks account for 72% of total bad loans

- Ten banks accounted for more than 72% of the banking sector's total non-performing loans, showing that the country's 61 commercial lenders are not equally responsible for the sector's financial distress.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ten-banks-account-72-total-bad-loans-4269046

BANK | 26,000 Sammilito Islami Bank customers withdraw BDT 1.040 Bn in 3 days

- More than 10,000 customers withdrew their funds on the third day of the bank's repayment programme. Since the repayment programme began, 26,056 customers have withdrawn a total of BDT 10.40 Bn over three days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/26000-sammilito-islami-bank-customers-withdraw-tk1040cr-three-days-1538541

BANK | Internet banking transactions rose 6.22% in June

- The value of internet banking transactions in Bangladesh grew by 6.22 % month-on-month to BDT 1.84 Tn in June 2026, driven mainly by sharp increases in two payment systems. The total stood at BDT 1.73 Tn in May 2026.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/internet-banking-transactions-rose-622-june-4268966

BANK | Deposits at bank sub-branches grow 5.7%, loans drop 7.7% in Q2

- Deposits mobilised through banking sub-branches rose by 5.7% to BDT 842.63 Bn at the end of June 2026, up from BDT 797.17 Bn in March 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/deposits-at-bank-sub-branches-grow-57pc-loans-drop-77pc-in-q2

PAYMENT | How the abuse of Bangla QR threatens the country's MFS ecosystem

- Bangla QR, a unified QR payment platform designed to facilitate digital transactions at zero fee, is being abused by some merchants and MFS agents to bypass cash-out charges, raising concerns over the sustainability of the country's mobile financial services (MFS) ecosystem and the reliability of digital transaction data.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/how-abuse-bangla-qr-threatens-countrys-mfs-ecosystem-1538591

ENERGY | Govt to buy 18 LNG cargoes from France's TotalEnergies over nine months

- The government will import 18 cargoes of LNG from France-based energy company TotalEnergies over the next nine months, with two cargoes scheduled each month from October this year to June next year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-buy-18-lng-cargoes-frances-totalenergies-over-nine-months-1538106

ENERGY | Singapore-based Trafigura, Vitol offer to supply fuel oil to Bangladesh in Sept-Dec

- Singapore-based energy traders Trafigura Pte Ltd and Vitol Asia Pte Ltd have submitted offers to supply fuel oil to Bangladesh between September and December under an international competitive tender.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/trafigura-vitol-offer-supply-fuel-oil-bangladesh-september-december-1538176

TELECOM | Banglalink tops 8 out of 11 KPIs in BTRC's Quality of Service report

- Banglalink, the country's leading digital operator, has secured the top position in compliance across all Network, District and Upazilla-level KPIs in the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission's (BTRC) Quality of Service (QoS) assessment for July 2026.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/banglalink-tops-8-out-of-11-kpis-in-btrcs-quality-of-service-report

RMG | RMG exports to major destinations post positive growth in July-August

- The country's RMG shipments to major export destinations showed mostly positive performance in 2MFY27, with overall earnings rising. RMG exports grew by 5.12% to USD 7.50 Bn, up from SUD 7.13 Bn in 2MFY26.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/313184/rmg-exports-to-major-destinations-post-positive-growth-in-july-august

RMG | Swisscontact to help RMG firms raise capital market financing

- Swisscontact, an international development organisation, has announced plans to offer advisory and technical support to promising RMG companies looking to raise long-term financing through Bangladesh's capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/swisscontact-help-rmg-firms-raise-capital-market-financing-1538491

AUTOMOBILE | Auto dealers seek permission to import used EVs

- Auto dealers have urged the government to allow the import of used and reconditioned electric vehicles (EVs), saying a ban on older EVs could limit access to affordable electric cars.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/auto-dealers-seek-permission-import-used-evs-4268931

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Brokers seek rules for share buyback, merger

- The DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) has urged the government to incorporate provisions allowing listed companies to buy back their own shares and undertake mergers and acquisitions in the proposed third amendment to the Companies Act, 1994.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/brokers-seek-rules-share-buyback-merger-4269026

EXCHANGE | BSEC tightens stock investment curbs on market insiders, opens more options

- The securities regulator has widened the scope of investment for directors, officers and employees of stock exchanges and market operators while retaining restrictions on their direct investment in stocks.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-tightens-stock-investment-curbs-on-market-insiders-opens-more-options

PUBALIBANK | Trouser Line keen to buy 2.350 Mn Pubali Bank shares worth BDT 88.6 Mn

- Garment manufacturer Trouser Line Limited has expressed its intention to purchase 2.350 Mn shares of Pubali Bank through the public market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/trouser-line-keen-buy-2350-lakh-pubali-bank-shares-worth-tk886cr-1538466

SBACBANK | SBAC Bank joins BB’s refinance scheme for CMSME working capital

- SBAC Bank PLC has signed an agreement to participate in Bangladesh Bank’s (BB’s) BDT 50 Bn refinance scheme aimed at providing working capital support to entrepreneurs in the Cottage, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (CMSME) sector, says a press release on Wednesday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/sbac-bank-joins-bbs-refinance-scheme

ROBI | Robi AI Space launched

- Robi Axiata PLC has recently rolled out Robi AI Space, marking Bangladesh’s first all-in-one AI hub built directly into the My Robi app, said a press release. Through a partnership with platform ‘Every AI’, Robi’s new service brings several of the world’s leading artificial intelligence models, including ChatGPT, Gemini, Claude and DeepSeek, directly to local consumers with a single premium subscription or selected AI bundle pack purchases.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/313177/robi-ai-space-launched

BSC | BSC seeks exemption from depositing surplus funds in govt exchequer

- Heaving under huge debts and liabilities, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) has sought immunity from the provision of mandatory depositing of surplus funds in state exchequer.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/bsc-seeks-exemption-from-depositing-surplus-funds-in-govt-exchequer

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 96.64	USD 39.21	68.27%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 101.36	USD 40.51	66.57%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,412.66	USD 71.66	1.65%
DSEX	5,537.88	672.54	13.82%
S&P 500	7,636.36	737.54	10.69%
FTSE 100	10,670.06	738.68	7.44%
BSE SENSEX	74,764.23	-10,029.35	-11.83%
KSE-100	171,943.60	-2,110.70	-1.21%
CSEALL	21,466.00	-1,158.31	-5.12%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.00 BDT

1 GBP = 166.65 BDT

1 Euro = 143.09 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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