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:

Forex reserves stand at 32.15 Bn USD

- Bangladesh's gross foreign exchange reserves stood at 32.15 Bn USD under the International Monetary Fund's BPM6 methodology, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/forex-reserves-stand-3215b-1511601

Tax-GDP ratio edges up despite weak economic activity

- Bangladesh managed to stem the downturn in its tax-to-GDP ratio last fiscal year with the proportion having edged up by 0.08-percentage point notwithstanding sluggish investment and economic activity, and waning purchasing power of both individuals and businesses. Tax-to-GDP ratio stood at 6.78% in FY2025-26, compared to 6.70% a year earlier.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/tax-gdp-ratio-edges-up-despite-weak-economic-activity

Profit streak to cash crisis: BPC seeks BDT 186.99 Bn lifeline

- Although the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) raked in profits almost every year in the past decade, four months of the US-Israel war on Iran have upended the balance sheet of the government agency that imports, distributes and markets oil and petroleum products.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/profit-streak-cash-crisis-bpc-seeks-tk-18699cr-lifeline-4244811

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB waives merchant fees to boost Bangla QR adoption

- Bangladesh Bank is waiving the merchant fee for small shopkeepers, street vendors, and small businesses for accepting digital payments using Bangla QR codes.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-waives-merchant-fees-boost-bangla-qr-adoption-4244786

BANK | Cabinet okays bank resolution amendment, repeals former owners' comeback clause

- The cabinet gave final approval to the draft Bank Resolution (Amendment) Act, 2026, repealing a provision that allowed former directors or owners of banks undergoing or slated for mergers to regain control under relatively favourable terms.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cabinet-okays-repeal-section-18a-bank-resolution-act-blocking-former-owners-return

BANK | Bangladesh Bank removes two-year cap on bank boards

- Bangladesh Bank has removed the two-year statutory limit on its control of banks after cancelling their boards, allowing it to retain administrators beyond the period previously permitted under the Bank Company Act.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-removes-two-year-cap-bank-boards-4244701

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC weighs more flexible margin financing rules; may replace P/B with of P/E

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is likely to withdraw the price-to-book (P/B) ratio as a condition for margin loans against shares of banks and non-life insurance companies and instead use the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio as the main valuation benchmark across sectors, officials familiar with the matter said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-weighs-more-flexible-margin-financing-rules-may-replace-pb-pe-1511656

EXCHANGE | Solar Equity Venture signs issue management deal with LankaBangla, Southeast Bank Capital

- Solar Equity Venture has signed an issue management agreement with LankaBangla Investments and Southeast Bank Capital Services Limited to raise capital through an initial public offering (IPO).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/solar-equity-venture-signs-issue-management-deal-with-lankabangla-southeast-bank-capital-1786381405

EXCHANGE | Non-viable NBFIs: Investors face uncertain future

- BB spokesperson acknowledged the need for government support to implement the liquidation move. He also said the government might give BDT 25 Bn. A BSEC official said they would have no say if general investors did not get anything from the companies following a “pure liquidation”.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/non-viable-nbfis-investors-face-uncertain-future-1786381375

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 82.37	USD 24.94	43.43%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 87.96	USD 27.11	44.55%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,415.65	USD 74.65	1.72%
DSEX	5,844.87	979.54	20.13%
S&P 500	7,753.11	854.29	12.38%
FTSE 100	10,862.50	931.12	9.38%
BSE SENSEX	78,214.86	-6,578.72	-7.76%
KSE-100	181,310.30	7,256.00	4.17%
CSEALL	21,417.47	-1,206.84	-5.33%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.59 BDT

1 GBP = 167.00 BDT

1 Euro = 142.72 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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