

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:**For new loan, IMF may seek deadline for fixing weak banks**

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is likely to seek time-bound measures to resolve problems in vulnerable banks and set specific targets and deadlines for domestic revenue collection as conditions for a new loan programme, according to government officials.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/new-loan-imf-may-seek-deadline-fixing-weak-banks-4295336>

Bangladesh firms rely on banks for 75% of financing

- Bangladeshi companies get about 75% of their financing from banks, leaving corporate growth heavily dependent on lenders while equity and bonds remain underused as sources of long-term capital.

<https://tob.news/bangladesh-firms-rely-on-banks-for-75-of-financing-2/>

Dhaka to seek USD 1.0 Bn budget-support credit

- Bangladesh is set to seek USD 1.0 Bn in budget support from Japan during Prime Minister's tour later this month. Officials have said USD 500 Mn would be sought in the current fiscal year and as much in the next year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/dhaka-to-seek-10-billion-budget-support-credit-1791568343>

Bangladesh PMI slips to 48.6 as key sectors contract

- Bangladesh's overall economic activity slipped into slight contraction in September as manufacturing, construction and services weakened, pushing the country's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) down 1.3 points month on month to 48.6, while agriculture remained resilient.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/bangladesh-pmi-slips-to-486-as-key-sectors-contract-1791484071>

Chattogram Customs revenue rises 11% in Q1, still BDT 99.49 Bn short of target

- Chattogram Custom House's revenue collection rose nearly 11% year-on-year in Q1FY27, but still fell BDT 99.49 Bn short of its revenue target. The shortfall came as total import volume through the customs house declined 4.1% year-on-year in September, while the assessable value of imports fell 2.98%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/chattogram-customs-revenue-rises-11-q1-still-tk9949cr-short-target-1568681>

DP World to handle bulk of Ctg port containers

- Dubai-based multinational DP World will handle nearly half of Chittagong seaport's seaborne trade containers under a deal signed with Bangladesh on Thursday to operate the New-mooring Container Terminal.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/dp-world-to-handle-bulk-of-ctg-port-containers>

33,000 acres of land, only 16 factories: Why Special Economic Zone fails to deliver

- The National Special Economic Zone (NSEZ) in Mirsarai remains largely vacant, hindered by infrastructure delays, utility shortages, and a complete absence of supporting worker ecosystems.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/33000-acres-land-only-16-factories-why-special-economic-zone-fails-deliver-1567806>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | BB hands govt BDT 600 Bn annual bill for banking-sector recovery**

- Bangladesh Bank has sought BDT 600 Bn annually from the government over the next five to eight years for recovery of the banking industry that witnessed a massive looting, said the central bank chief.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-hands-govt-tk-600b-annual-bill-for-banking-sector-recovery-1791654042>

BANK | BB widens NRCTA scope to boost NRB fund flexibility

- The Bangladesh Bank has broadened the scope of Non-Resident Convertible Taka Accounts (NRCTAs), allowing authorised dealers (ADs), in addition to offshore banking units (OBUs), to open and maintain the accounts for non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/trade-market/bb-widens-nrcta-scope-to-boost-nrb-fund-flexibility-1791479126>

BANK | Interbank dollar transactions exceed USD 200 Mn, highest in 5 years

- Commercial banks traded more than USD 200 Mn in the interbank market on Thursday, marking a very high level of dollar transactions in recent times. A senior Bangladesh Bank official said that there is currently a relatively high supply of dollars, while demand in the market is comparatively low.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/interbank-dollar-transactions-exceed-200m-highest-5-years-1567091>

BANK | Banks directed to disburse BDT 50 Bn CMSME fund by November

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed banks and financial institutions to expedite the disbursement of the BDT 50 Bn refinancing funds for cottage, micro, small, and medium enterprises (CMSMEs) and meet their full distribution targets by November.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/banks-directed-to-disburse-tk-50b-cmsme-fund-by-november>

BANK | Few holders sell back T-bond, buyback returns after 17 years

- Holders of a high-yield two-year Treasury bond showed limited interest in selling it back to the government, offering only about 30% of the bond for sale. Bangladesh Bank did not disclose the cut-off price, leaving the discount or premium paid to sellers unclear.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/317187/few-holders-sell-back-t-bond-buyback-returns-after-17-years>

PAYMENT | Bangla QR made mandatory for retail business licences

- The Local Government Division (LGD) has asked city corporations, municipalities and district administrations to take steps to make transactions through Bangla QR mandatory for retail business establishments and merchants as a condition for issuing and renewing licences.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangla-qr-made-mandatory-retail-business-licences-1566651>

STEEL | Steelmakers pin hopes on revival of govt projects

- The resumption of public infrastructure projects has raised hopes of a recovery among steelmakers, who have been struggling with weak demand, rising costs and financial pressure. Annual domestic steel consumption has fallen to ~4.0 Mn tonnes from ~7.0 Mn tonnes previously. The government's share of steel consumption has also dropped from around 60% to 20%.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/steelmakers-pin-hopes-revival-govt-projects-4295346>

RMG | RMG exports rise 6.10% to USD 10.58 Bn in July-Sept of FY27

- Bangladesh's RMG exports grew 6.10% year-on-year in Q1FY27, reaching USD 10,578.56 Mn against USD 9,970.42 Mn in Q1FY26.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/433319>

RMG | Emerging markets fuel RMG growth amid sluggish West

- Bangladesh's RMG exports to non-traditional markets grew by 9.40% year-on-year to USD 1.81 Bn in Q1FY27, outpacing the 6.10% growth in overall apparel exports.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/emerging-markets-fuel-rmg-growth-amid-sluggish-west-1791654277>

ENERGY | Petrobangla seeks BDT 32 Bn fund to settle Sept import bills

- Petrobangla has requested an urgent release of a minimum subsidy of BDT 32 Bn from the Finance Division to settle unpaid LNG import bills for September 2026.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/petrobangla-seeks-tk-32b-fund-to-settle-sept-import-bills-1791569515>

ENERGY | QatarEnergy to supply one LNG cargo

- QatarEnergy has agreed to supply one LNG cargo under its initial long-term supply contract at USD 13 /MMBTu, less than half the spot LNG price in a volatile market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/qatarenergy-to-supply-one-lng-cargo-1791483207>

TELECOM | BTRC puts BDT 500 emergency balance proposal on hold

- Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) is considering a proposal to raise the maximum Emergency Balance limit for mobile subscribers from BDT 200 to BDT 500, but has put the proposal on hold for now to scrutinise the conditions attached to the service and ensure that customers are not adversely affected.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/btrc-puts-tk-500-emergency-balance-proposal-hold-4295391>

CONSUMER | Fair Electronics restarts Samsung refrigerator manufacturing in Narsingdi after two years

- Fair Electronics Ltd has resumed production of Samsung-brand refrigerators in Bangladesh after a hiatus of nearly two years, restarting manufacturing at its factory in Shibpur, Narsingdi. Fair Electronics has an annual refrigerator production capacity of around 0.7 Mn units.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/tech/fair-electronics-resumes-samsung-refrigerator-production-after-two-year-hiatus-1565441>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | BSEC plans reforms to expedite listing of domestic, multinational firms**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) plans sweeping reforms to speed up initial public offerings (IPOs), attract institutional investors and encourage large domestic conglomerates and multinational companies to list on the stock market, its Chairman Masud Khan said on Saturday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-plans-reforms-to-expedite-listing-of-domestic-multinational-firms-1791650118>

EXCHANGE | BSEC set to raise direct listing asset threshold for private firms to BDT 10 Bn

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is set to double the minimum turnover or asset threshold for private companies seeking direct listing on the capital market to BDT 10 Bn, tightening eligibility rules to prevent market misuse.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-set-raise-direct-listing-asset-threshold-private-firms-tk1000cr-1568626>

EXCHANGE | Market size key hurdle to emerging status for Bangladesh: FTSE Russell

- A report from FTSE Russell says that to be upgraded to emerging market status, Bangladesh must have at least five eligible stocks, each with an investable market value of at least USD 150 Mn, and a combined market value of at least USD 11.54 Bn. Eight securities meet the first threshold but together lag behind the USD 11.54 Bn mark.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/market-size-key-hurdle-to-emerging-status-for-bangladesh-ftse-russell>

EXCHANGE | CSE operating loss widens 13.54% to BDT 165.8 Mn, recommends 3.25% cash dividend

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) PLC's operating loss widened 13.54% year-on-year to BDT 165.8 Mn in FY26, while its net profit fell 28.35% to BDT 205.9 Mn amid subdued trading activity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cse-operating-loss-widens-1354-tk1658cr-recommends-325-cash-dividend-1568636>

NBL | No limit to withdrawal of funds by National Bank customers from Oct 15

- The Board of Directors of National Bank at a meeting on Thursday instructed the bank management to provide customers with all banking services as required from all branches and ATM booths from 15 October.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/no-limit-to-withdrawal-of-funds-by-national-bank-customers-from-oct-15-1791479355>

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries recommends 35% cash dividend, approves BDT 33.8 Mn land purchase

- Olympic Industries PLC posted a net profit of BDT 1,999.3 Mn for FY26, down 0.55% year-on-year, mainly due to higher income tax expenses, and has recommended a 35% cash dividend.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-records-tk19993cr-net-profit-recommends-35-cash-dividend-1566561>

ACI | Deli ACI to start stationery production next year

- Deli ACI Bangladesh Ltd, a joint venture between Chinese stationery maker Deli Group and ACI Bangladesh, plans to start manufacturing stationery products locally by the end of 2027. Initially, the venture will manufacture writing instruments before expanding into exercise books, notebooks, diaries, drawing books, calculators and other stationery products.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/deli-aci-start-stationery-production-next-year-4295381>

DOREENPWR | Doreen Power profit surges 58%, recommends 15% cash dividend for FY26

- The company reported that its consolidated EPS rose to BDT 5.03 in FY26, up from BDT 3.19 in the preceding fiscal year. The company noted in its official disclosure that the strong bottom-line growth stemmed mainly from lower impairment losses on non-current assets relative to FY25. The company recommended a 15% cash dividend for general shareholders. Sponsor-directors will not receive this payout.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/doreen-power-profit-surges-58-recommends-15-cash-dividend-fy26-1568651>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 91.85	USD 34.42	59.93%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 104.72	USD 43.87	72.10%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,194.24	(USD 146.76)	-3.38%
DSEX	5,475.58	610.24	12.54%
S&P 500	7,811.54	912.72	13.23%
FTSE 100	10,552.05	620.67	6.25%
BSE SENSEX	72,472.33	-12,321.25	-14.53%
KSE-100	167,089.30	-6,965.00	-4.00%
CSEALL	20,316.91	-2,307.40	-10.20%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 123.33 BDT****1 GBP = 163.20 BDT****1 Euro = 138.15 BDT****1 INR = 1.27 BDT**

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