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:

Inflation eases further to 8.32% in July

- Bangladesh's headline inflation fell to 8.32% in July 2026 from 9.16% in June, mainly driven by a significant decline in food inflation, according to data released by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/inflation-eases-further-to-832pc-in-july

Govt seeks pvt investment to ease energy crisis

- The government is seeking greater private-sector investment in the energy sector to meet rising demand and address persistent fuel and gas shortages, Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister has said on Tuesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-seeks-pvt-investment-to-ease-energy-crisis-1786471200

Govt leases 3 jute mills with BDT 6.19 Bn investment

- The government signed lease agreements with two private business groups to reopen three long-closed state-owned jute mills, involving an investment of around BDT 6.19 Bn and creating at least 11,629 jobs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-leases-3-jute-mills-tk-619cr-investment-4245476

New port-customs body to fast-track cargo clearance: Minister

- The government has decided to form a joint committee comprising the Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) and customs authorities to remove trade barriers, expedite cargo clearance, and reduce business costs.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/new-port-customs-body-fast-track-cargo-clearance-minister-1512176

USD 5.0 Bn investment over 5yrs pledged

- Leaders of the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) urged the government to accelerate economic reforms and improve policy predictability as they seek to attract USD 5.0 Bn in fresh US investment over the next five years.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/us50b-investment-over-5yrs-pledged

LNG supply plunges again

- Bangladesh's energy crisis deepened as imported liquefied natural gas supply to the national grid plummeted by 250 million cubic feet per day from Monday evening due to adverse weather conditions in the Bay of Bengal.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/309465/lng-supply-plunges-again

Global food system better prepared to weather El Niño: experts

- Near-record inventories, technological advances and the rise of key exporters such as Brazil and Russia have made the global food system more resilient to this year's "super" El Nino than similar past events. The changes have been driven by higher-yielding crop varieties, greater use of fertiliser and improved irrigation and crop protection, lifting yields of staples such as rice, wheat, corn and soybeans.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/global-food-system-better-prepared-weather-el-nino-experts-4245536

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Banks discuss BDT 10 Bn package for young entrepreneurs at 4-6% interest

- Commercial banks are discussing a BDT 10 Bn financing package with the BB to provide young entrepreneurs with loans at 4-6% interest, with collateral-free financing of up to BDT 1 Mn under the preliminary plan.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-plans-tk1000cr-fund-create-5000-new-entrepreneurs-1512361

RMG | Exporters seek share of USD 100 Bn US tariff refunds

- At the height of the 2025 reciprocal tariff hikes, many US apparel buyers pressured Bangladeshi garment exporters to share the burden. Exporters are now seeking a share of the refunds or, at the very least, some form of compensation through their continued business relationships with US buyers.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/exporters-seek-share-100b-us-tariff-refunds-1511796

PAYMENT | Banglalink gets BB licence to launch digital payment service Mukto Pay

- Banglalink has received a Payment Service Provider (PSP) licence from Bangladesh Bank, paving the way for the telecom operator to enter the country's digital payments market with its new service "Mukto Pay".

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banglalink-gets-bb-licence-launch-digital-payment-service-mukto-pay-1512391

ENERGY | Rooftop solar panels can add 3,600MWp to nat'l grid

- Bangladesh could generate more than 3,600 megawatts peak (MWp) of electricity from rooftop solar panels, according to a new assessment by the state-owned Infrastructure Development Company Limited (Idcol). However, BDT 162.95 Bn worth of investment would be required to tap this potential.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/rooftop-solar-panels-can-add-3600mwp-natl-grid-4245801

ENERGY | Govt decides to use solar power as much as possible for official work

- The government has decided to use solar power for official work as much as possible. The Cabinet Division issued notification saying the Bangabhaban, the Cabinet Division, the Prime Minister's Office, the Planning Commission and the Finance Division would use the lion's share of solar power for their official work. Other government offices will gradually ensure the maximum use of solar power.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/309427/govt-decides-to-use-solar-power-as-much-as-possible-for-official-work

TOBACCO | Health costs far exceed cigarette tax revenue

- Bangladesh's cigarette tax revenue has surged more than 11-fold over the past two decades, yet repeated tax and price hikes have failed to significantly reduce consumption - raising questions about whether the country's cigarette tax structure is delivering the intended public health gains.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/health-costs-far-exceed-cigarette-tax-revenue-4245791

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC clears revised margin rules, sets P/E cap at 40

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved revised margin lending rules, setting a maximum price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 40 for margin-eligible shares across all sectors except life insurance.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-revised-margin-rules-sets-pe-cap-40-1512521

EXCHANGE | Court overturns regulator's bid to fix LR Global funds

- The handover of assets of the LR Global Bangladesh-managed six closed-end mutual funds (MFs) remains hanging as a court ruling bars the trustee from taking charge of them. As a result, the operations of the funds with an aggregate size of BDT 8.89 Bn have become uncertain.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/court-overturns-regulators-bid-to-fix-lr-global-funds-1786466893

WALTONHIL | High Court approves Walton Digi-Tech merger with Walton Hi-Tech

- The High Court has approved the merger of non-listed Walton Digi-Tech Industries Ltd with listed Walton Hi-Tech Industries Ltd, paving the way for the group's strategic corporate restructuring.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/high-court-approves-walton-digi-tech-merger-walton-hi-tech-1512526

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries to buy 102 decimal land again in N'ganj at BDT 22.9 Mn

- Olympic Industries PLC has decided to acquire 102 decimals of land in Narayanganj to support its ongoing operational expansion.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-buy-102-decimal-land-again-nganj-tk229cr-1512541

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 83.83	USD 26.40	45.97%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 89.46	USD 28.61	47.02%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,399.27	USD 58.27	1.34%
DSEX	5,903.53	1,038.19	21.34%
S&P 500	7,728.20	829.38	12.02%
FTSE 100	10,844.19	912.81	9.19%
BSE SENSEX	78,154.25	-6,639.33	-7.83%
KSE-100	179,846.70	5,792.40	3.33%
CSEALL	21,402.80	-1,221.51	-5.40%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.41 BDT

1 GBP = 166.71 BDT

1 Euro = 142.43 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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