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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, but retail prices and household expenses remain high

- Economists credit the statistical drop partly to high baseline price levels from July 2025 rather than an absolute reduction in retail basket costs.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/417330/inflation-eases-but-retail-prices-and-household

Bangladesh seeks alternative financing to address USD 421 Bn SDG funding gap: FinMin

- Bangladesh is turning to alternative sources of financing to help address a USD 421 Bn funding gap for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-seeks-alternative-financing-address-421b-sdg-funding-gap-finmin-1513306

Finance minister defends inflation data amid manipulation allegations

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury denied allegations of data manipulation in the latest inflation figures, saying the decline in inflation in July was primarily driven by lower rice and meat prices. State Minister for Planning said the government would hold a detailed briefing for journalists on how inflation is calculated.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/finance-minister-defends-inflation-data-amid-manipulation-allegations-4246106

Disclose public procurement contracts

- Bangladesh has clear legal and regulatory procedures for awarding natural resource extraction contracts and licences, but provides only limited information on public procurement contracts, according to a US government report. The report recommended that Bangladesh publish basic information on natural resource extraction awards and public procurement contracts to improve fiscal transparency.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/disclose-public-procurement-contracts-4246356

Agri carbon credit framework in the offing

- The government is formulating an agricultural carbon credit framework to lower carbon emissions in farming and gain financial benefits through carbon trading, officials say.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/agri-carbon-credit-framework-in-the-offing-1786557642

BB terminates Chief Economist Akhtar's contract early

- Bangladesh Bank has cut short the contractual tenure of its Chief Economist Mohammad Akhtar Hossain, cancelling the remainder of his two-year appointment effective from 10 September this year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-terminates-chief-economist-akhtars-contract-early-1513466

Sector and Industries:

ENERGY | Govt finally goes for US LNG at jacked-up price

- Bangladesh is set to buy 117 cargos of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from an American company over 13 years under government-to-government arrangement, as the much-talked-about bilateral trade agreement works.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-finally-goes-for-us-lng-at-jacked-up-price

ENERGY | Fuel price hike back on table as BPC reserves plunge

- The Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has pressed the government to raise the price of diesel as the Iran-US conflict and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz have pushed global fuel costs higher and deepened the state-run corporation’s losses.

https://tob.news/fuel-price-hike-back-on-table-as-bpc-reserves-plunge/

ENERGY | Huawei launches smart inverter, battery storage system

- Huawei launched what it described as Bangladesh’s first grid-forming smart string inverter and large-scale battery energy storage system (BESS), as the country seeks to expand renewable power while dealing with challenges in maintaining grid stability.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/huawei-launches-smart-inverter-battery-storage-system-4246291

BANK | BB injects BDT 850 Bn into troubled banks

- Bangladesh Bank has so far injected more than BDT 850 Bn into 13 crisis-hit banks since early 2023, providing emergency liquidity to lenders that struggled to meet withdrawals, maintain regulatory balances and settle routine transactions. The support was extended mainly through very short-term loans against promissory notes, as the banks lacked sufficient eligible collateral to obtain regular liquidity support from the central bank.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/309614/bb-injects-tk-85000cr-into-troubled-banks

BANK | Banks turn to retail as corporate lending piles up bad loans

- Classified loans in retail banking were at 7.10% at the end of March, compared with nearly 32% in industry lending, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-turn-retail-corporate-lending-piles-bad-loans-1512706

PAYMENT | Incentives for Bangla QR code to take off

- Making transactions through bangla quick response (QR) code not only chargeless but also incentive-induced is certainly a momentous decision

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/editorial/incentives-for-bangla-qr-code-to-take-off

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | World's largest sovereign fund trims Bangladesh exposure as Norway's 'Oil Fund' investment hits six-year low

- Government Pension Fund Global, the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, has significantly scaled back its exposure to the Bangladeshi capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/worlds-largest-sovereign-fund-trims-bangladesh-exposure-norways-oil-fund-investment

REGULATOR | BSEC to probe allegations of irregularities against DSE top officials

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has initiated an investigation into allegations of financial mismanagement, corporate governance failures, irregular recruitment and securities trading involving senior officials of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-probe-allegations-irregularities-against-dse-top-officials-1513251

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EXCHANGE | DSE grants FIX certification to five more brokerage houses

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) PLC has awarded FIX certification to five more brokerage houses, paving the way for them to launch their own Order Management Systems (OMS) through API connectivity.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dse-grants-fix-certification-to-five-more-brokerage-houses

ICB | ICB to propose fund-raising via public asset securitisation

- The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) has come up with a proposal to collect funds by securitising large and important public infrastructure projects. The first one in consideration for the securitisation plan is Jamuna Bridge that connects the northern part of the country with the capital city. Other key projects that may be included in the scheme in subsequent phases are Padma Bridge, Metro Rail and Third Terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/icb-to-propose-fund-raising-via-public-asset-securitisation-1786552340

NEWLINE | Non-functional New Line Clothings fails to explain DSE query over abnormal share price surge

- New Line Clothings, a non-functional company, has failed to respond to a query from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) regarding an abnormal surge in its share price and trading volume.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/non-functional-new-line-clothings-fails-explain-dse-query-over-abnormal-share-price

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 82.58	USD 25.15	43.79%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 88.31	USD 27.46	45.13%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,426.82	USD 85.82	1.98%
DSEX	5,897.27	1,031.94	21.21%
S&P 500	7,748.50	849.68	12.32%
FTSE 100	10,833.15	901.77	9.08%
BSE SENSEX	77,812.99	-6,980.59	-8.23%
KSE-100	180,311.20	6,256.90	3.59%
CSEALL	21,418.57	-1,205.74	-5.33%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.13 BDT

1 GBP = 166.22 BDT

1 Euro = 141.97 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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