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:

Remittance inflow rises 15.9pc to USD 6.85 Bn in FY27 through Sept 9: BB

- Bangladesh received USD 6.85 Bn in remittances from July 1 to September 9 of fiscal year 2026-27, up 15.9% year-on-year, according to Bangladesh Bank data released Thursday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-rises-159pc-to-685b-in-fy27-through-sept-9-bb

Two months in, NBR weighs return to old VAT system

- The government may revert to monthly value-added tax (VAT) returns and payments from the current quarterly system launched this July amid concerns over monitoring difficulties, operational complications and increased collection risks arising from the new arrangement.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/two-months-nbr-weighs-return-old-vat-system-4271176

Invest Bangladesh invites opinions on closed SOEs

- Invest Bangladesh has invited opinions from relevant stakeholders on a draft policy aimed at bringing distressed, non-operational and closed state-owned industrial and commercial enterprises, along with their unused land and facilities, back into productive economic use.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/313320/invest-bangladesh-invites-opinions-on-closed-soes

Non-tax revenue surges in fourth quarter of FY26

- Bangladesh's non-tax revenue surged nearly threefold in Q4FY26, driven largely by dividend payouts from state enterprises, interest earnings and administrative fees. Meanwhile, revenue collected outside the National Board of Revenue registered modest growth over the same period, driven overwhelmingly by stamp duties and taxes on the use of goods.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/non-tax-revenue-surges-in-fourth-quarter-of-fy26-1789233796

Govt, AmCham to work together to attract additional USD 5.0 Bn US investment in five years

- The government and the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) will work together to attract an additional USD 5.0 Bn in US investment into Bangladesh over the next five years, Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktadir said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-amcham-to-work-together-to-attract-additional-50-billion-us-investment-in-five-years

When fiscal stimulus becomes a debt burden

- It prescribes that governments should spend more to cushion shocks, sustain demand, and encourage households and businesses to spend and invest. For much of the past century, this approach has helped economies avoid deeper downturns.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/when-fiscal-stimulus-becomes-debt-burden-1540291

CEPA should drive investment, joint ventures Says South Korean envoy

- The momentum behind the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) should be turned into tangible joint-venture manufacturing and foreign investment, said South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cepa-should-drive-investment-joint-ventures-says-south-korean-envoy-4271191

High-tech parks fail to deliver on promise

- The government built 39 high-tech and software technology parks at a huge cost, but the facilities have failed to deliver the expected investment, jobs and technology growth, according to stakeholders.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/high-tech-parks-fail-deliver-promise-4271156

110,364 farmers will receive incentives under Farmer Card programme: minister

- Some 110,364 farmers will receive incentives under the Farmer Card distribution programme on the inaugural day of its pilot phase, which is scheduled for September 17.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/110364-farmers-will-receive-incentives-under-farmer-card-programme-minister-4270956

Govt entities directed to revise budget plans by September 15

- The government has stepped up its oversight of public financial management, issuing a strict directive to all government ministries, divisions, and institutions to revise and update their budget-implementation plans (BIPs).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-entities-directed-to-revise-budget-plans-by-september-15

Global oil hits USD 108 per barrel while bond yields surge

- Oil prices surged Thursday, with Brent crude hitting USD 108 per barrel for the first time since May, as traders brace for a more prolonged supply shock caused by the Iran war.

https://sg.finance.yahoo.com/news/global-oil-hits-105-per-145207287.html

ECB lifts borrowing costs amid energy shock, opens door for more hikes

- The European Central Bank raised interest rates Thursday for the second time this year as renewed Middle East fighting fans fears of higher inflation, and opened the door for further hikes.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/313434/ecb-lifts-borrowing-costs-amid-energy-shock-opens-door-for-more-hikes

Karnaphuli EPZ: From a defunct steel mill to an export hub

- Karnaphuli has attracted USD 787.33 Mn in investment, generated more than USD 14.15 Bn in exports and created direct employment for about 80,000 people over the last 20 years.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/karnaphuli-epz-defunct-steel-mill-export-hub-4271221

Sector and Industries:

ENERGY | Pertamina to get O&M contract for BD's first SPM

- Indonesian state-run company, PT Pertamina, is all set to bag the operation and management (O&M) contract of Bangladesh's maiden single-point mooring (SPM) for carrying fuel from vessels in outer anchorage to onshore storage tanks. The Indonesian company will carry out the operation and management job for five years.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/pertamina-to-get-om-contract-for-bds-first-spm

ENERGY | Norway keen to invest in Bangladesh renewables

- Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh expressed interest in renewable energy, offshore exploration and green investment in Bangladesh.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/norway-keen-invest-bangladesh-renewables-4269841

ENERGY | Adani plant's one unit trips amid Bangladesh power crunch

- A unit of the 1,600-megawatt Adani power plant in India's Jharkhand has shut down following "technical fault" that further tightened Bangladesh's power-supply situation amid ongoing gas, coal and liquid-fuel shortages.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/adani-plants-one-unit-trips-amid-bangladesh-power-crunch

TELECOM | AI opens new revenue stream for telcos

- Worldwide, telecom operators are beginning to sell something different: access to artificial intelligence. Bangladesh’s mobile operators are moving in the same direction.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ai-opens-new-revenue-stream-telcos-4269896

BANK | Agent banking accounts rise to 27.22m in June

- The number of accounts opened through agent banking in Bangladesh rose to 27.22 Mn at the end of June 2026, marking a 2.77% increase from the previous quarter, according to a Bangladesh Bank report.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/agent-banking-accounts-rise-to-2722m-in-june

RMG | Diversify funding, reduce bank reliance: Speakers tell RMG firms

- Good and promising RMG companies should tap the capital market for long-term financing to diversify their funding sources and reduce heavy reliance on bank loans, speakers at a workshop said on Wednesday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/diversify-funding-reduce-bank-reliance-speakers-tell-rmg-firms

TEXTILE | Tightening yarn imports could secure 1.5m jobs

- Bangladesh's textile and spinning industries could help restore a significant number of jobs lost over the past three years and create new employment opportunities, potentially securing nearly 1.5 Mn jobs in the sector following the recent tighter controls on yarn imports, say officials.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tightening-yarn-imports-could-secure-15m-jobs-1789233705

INSURANCE | IDRA to pay BDT 230.3 Mn insurance claims to 5,868 policyholders

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) will facilitate the payment of BDT 230.3 Mn in long-pending insurance claims to 5,868 policyholders today (14 September) under the second phase of its claim settlement programme.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/idra-pay-tk2303cr-insurance-claims-5868-policyholders-1540926

CONSUMER | Electrical, electronics exports hit record growth amid rising EU compliance hurdles

- Bangladesh's electrical and electronics exports are gaining momentum, with shipments of electrical products rising nearly 24% in FY2025-26, even as manufacturers seek to keep pace with increasingly demanding sustainability, traceability, and product-compliance requirements in the European Union.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/electrical-electronics-exports-hit-record-growth-amid-rising-eu-compliance-hurdles

CONSUMER | Bakery prices rising 20pc, small bites getting smaller for cost cutting

- Prices of bakery products are set to rise up to 20% while some low-priced items become smaller in size without a change in their sticker rate through shrinkflation as bakers cite spikes in ingredient costs. Prices of flour, sugar, cooking oil, energy and other inputs of the ready-to-eat foodstuffs, they say about the fallout from wayward inflation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bakery-prices-rising-20pc-small-bites-getting-smaller-for-cost-cutting-1789233518

AVIATION | Foreign airlines control 77pc of Bangladesh's aviation market

- Foreign airlines control around 77% of Bangladesh's USD 5.8 Bn aviation market, highlighting the country's limited share of its own growing air transport sector, speakers said at a policy conclave in Dhaka on Saturday. Bangladesh's aviation market is worth about USD 5.8 Bn, but the country's share is only USD 1.3 Bn.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/bisiness-miscellany/313620/foreign-airlines-control-77pc-of-bangladeshs-aviation-market

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Regulatory incentives fail to stem foreign capital flight in August

- Foreign investors accelerated their sell-off in the capital market in August, cutting holdings in several fundamental and large-cap stocks despite recent regulatory measures aimed at easing foreign investment.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/regulatory-incentives-fail-stem-foreign-capital-flight-august-1540876

EXCHANGE | DSE's push for CCBL control may deepen six-year deadlock

- The premier bourse has moved to expand its stake in the proposed clearing company and ensure dominance on its board before the company is registered with the securities regulator and comes into operation. Shareholders of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) said they want a higher stake - currently 45% under the existing rules - in the clearing company, as the CCBL's revenue would mostly come from daily transactions on the premier bourse.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dses-push-for-ccbl-control-may-deepen-six-year-deadlock-1789228768

GP | Telenor faces further scrutiny over Grameenphone union dispute

- The Norwegian National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct (NCP) has accepted for further examination a complaint filed by 21 former Grameenphone employees and union leaders against Telenor ASA over alleged anti-union practices, prolonged litigation and the Norwegian parent company's oversight of its Bangladeshi subsidiary.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/telenor-faces-further-scrutiny-over-grameenphone-union-dispute

GP | GP brings major AI models under OneAI

- Grameenphone on Thursday launched 'OneAI' on its MyGP app, bringing several leading artificial intelligence models and tools under a single platform and subscription to make advanced AI services more accessible to Bangladeshi users.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/313333/gp-brings-major-ai-models-under-oneai

AFTABAUTO | Top brass of Aftab Automobiles fined over dividend payment irregularity

- The securities regulator has imposed an aggregate fine of BDT 13.5 Mn on the chairman, directors and senior officials of Aftab Automobiles for failing to distribute the declared dividends within the stipulated time.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/top-brass-of-aftab-automobiles-fined-over-dividend-payment-irregularity

ACMEPL | ACME Pesticides' IPO fund utilisation plea rejected

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected ACME Pesticides Ltd's request to extend the deadline for utilising its initial public offering (IPO) proceeds until December 2027 after the company failed to meet regulatory conditions.

https://tob.news/acme-pesticides-ipo-fund-utilisation-plea-rejected/

BDFINANCE, NAVANACNG | BSEC clears Bangladesh Finance's move to confiscate Navana CNG shares

- Bangladesh Finance PLC, a listed non-bank financial institution, has received regulatory approval to confiscate shares of listed Navana CNG Limited that Navana Limited pledged as security for defaulted loans.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-bangladesh-finances-move-confiscate-navana-cng-shares-1540871

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 100.05	USD 42.62	74.21%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 104.61	USD 43.76	71.91%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,349.08	USD 8.08	0.19%
DSEX	5,515.17	649.83	13.36%
S&P 500	7,656.98	758.16	10.99%
FTSE 100	10,650.44	719.06	7.24%
BSE SENSEX	74,781.76	-10,011.82	-11.81%
KSE-100	170,511.90	-3,542.40	-2.04%
CSEALL	21,382.74	-1,241.57	-5.49%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.99 BDT

1 GBP = 166.37 BDT

1 Euro = 142.68 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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