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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:

Reforms under IMF programme to be phased in - Finance minister says

- Reform programmes under the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) new loan programme will be implemented gradually, taking into account the country's political realities, Finance Minister has said. He added that no major change is possible overnight, and the IMF has expressed its agreement on this matter.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/reforms-under-imf-programme-be-phased-finance-minister-says-4223176

Only poor should get subsidy benefits: IMF

- An IMF delegation discussing a fresh lending package for Bangladesh has recommended devising a mechanism to restrict the subsidy benefits only to the poor while the affluent pay actual or market rates for power and energy.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/only-poor-should-get-subsidy-benefits-imf-1783965434

IMF queries BDT 780 Bn bailout for weak banks

- The International Monetary Fund has sought detailed information from Bangladesh Bank on the nearly BDT 780 Bn in emergency liquidity support provided to financially distressed banks.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/306050/imf-queries-tk-78000cr-bailout-for-weak-banks

IMF inquires how NBR plans to meet its 45% higher revenue target for FY27

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has asked the National Board of Revenue (NBR) how it plans to achieve its BDT 6,040 Bn revenue target for the fiscal 2026-27, which is about 45% higher than the FY26 collection.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-inquires-how-nbr-plans-meet-its-45-higher-revenue-target-fy27-1487331

Dollar hits BDT 123 in inter-bank trade

- The US dollar has climbed to BDT 123 in the inter-bank market as stronger demand for foreign currency coincides with slower inflows of remittances and export earnings. Banks are now trading the USD at BDT 122.70 - BDT 123.75. Bankers said the dollar has strengthened because of mounting payment pressure in recent months.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-hits-tk-123-inter-bank-trade-4223191

Exports to Latin America surge 29% in 4 yrs

- Bangladesh's strategic pivot toward non-traditional markets has hit a major milestone as its year-on-year exports to Latin American nations are increasing significantly.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/exports-to-latin-america-surge-29pc-in-4-yrs-1783966488

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB relaxes rules for DPA enterprises in EZs

- Banks have been allowed to process outward remittances for royalty, technical know-how and technical assistance fees beyond the existing ceiling, subject to prior approval from the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-relaxes-rules-for-dpa-enterprises-in-ezs-1783966603

BANK | BB extends Foreign Currency-Taka swap facility to exporters in specialised economic zones

- The move allows exporters in EPZs, private EPZs, economic zones and high-tech parks to access short-term Taka liquidity without converting their foreign currency holdings.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-extends-foreign-currency-taka-swap-facility-exporters-specialised-economic-zones-1487591

ICT | BD mulling policy incentives in ICT sector: Minister

- Bangladesh is considering a competitive tax regime and other policy incentives to attract South Korean investment in the information and communication technology (ICT) sector and smart device manufacturing.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-mulling-policy-incentives-in-ict-sector-minister-1783966660

RMG | Bangladesh posts 0.89% apparel export growth in 2025, lowest among Asian rivals: WTO

- According to World Trade Organization (WTO) data released recently, Bangladesh exported USD 38.82 Bn worth of garments in 2025, up just 0.89% from USD 38.48 Bn a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bangladesh-posts-089-apparel-export-growth-2025-lowest-among-asian-rivals-wto-1487416

TEXTILE | BTMA seeks 15pc cap on FoC fabric imports

- The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has requested the government to tighten the proposed 'Free of Cost' (FoC) import regime by capping cotton yarn and fabric imports at 15% of the previous year's export value and introducing mandatory minimum local value-addition requirements for apparel exports.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/btma-seeks-15pc-cap-on-foc-fabric-imports-1783962612

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | 6 merchant banks face licence cancellation over capital deficiency, inactivity

- The merchant banks facing licence cancellation are FAS Capital Management, Imperial Capital, NDB Capital, Riverstone Capital, HAL Capital, and Roots Investment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/6-merchant-banks-face-licence-cancellation-over-capital-deficiency-inactivity-1783962278

EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to reduce settlement cycle, scrap wet signatures

- At the centre of the reform agenda is the plan to reduce the securities settlement cycle from the current T+2 to T+1, with a long-term target of introducing same-day settlement, or T+0.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-reduce-settlement-cycle-scrap-wet-signatures-1487576

RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank's paid-up capital to nearly double with new shares

- Rupali Bank is set to nearly double its paid-up capital after securing regulatory approval to issue BDT 6.80 Bn worth of ordinary shares to the government against accumulated share money deposits.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rupali-banks-paid-up-capital-to-nearly-double-with-new-shares-1783962323

BERGERPBL | Berger Paints affiliate to invest USD 13.7 Mn in National Special Economic Zone

- BEZA signed a land lease agreement with Jenson & Nicholson Packaging Limited for an investment of approximately USD 13.7 Mn to establish a manufacturing facility at the National Special Economic Zone.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/beza-signs-137m-investment-land-lease-deal-1487411

USMANIAGL, DAFODILCOM | Dhaka bourse halts trading for Daffodil Computers, Usmania Glass

- According to the DSE, shares trading halt for Usmania Glass for second time as it had faced trading halt on 9 June, and resume on the next trading session.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-bourse-halts-trading-daffodil-computers-usmania-glass-1487571

AAMRATECH | Aamra Technologies recommends 0.25% dividend

- Aamra Technologies Limited has recommended a 0.25% cash dividend for general shareholders for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2025, despite reporting a sharp decline in financial performance.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aamra-technologies-recommends-025-dividend-1487566

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 79.58	USD 22.15	38.57%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 85.07	USD 24.22	39.80%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,016.99	(USD 324.01)	-7.46%
DSEX	5,866.55	1,001.21	20.58%
S&P 500	7,515.34	616.52	8.94%
FTSE 100	10,498.29	566.91	5.71%
BSE SENSEX	77,616.40	-7,177.18	-8.46%
KSE-100	180,057.30	6,003.00	3.45%
CSEALL	21,532.38	-1,091.93	-4.83%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.50 BDT

1 GBP = 164.91 BDT

1 Euro = 140.63 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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