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:

Bangladesh to explore int'l bond market for fundraising, lower internal borrowing

- Bangladesh will expedite efforts to explore international bond markets to gather an increased volume of foreign funds to finance development works, the government was learnt to have told a visiting IMF delegation on Tuesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-explore-intl-bond-market-for-fundraising-lower-internal-borrowing-1784055784

VAT schedule change may widen revenue gap

- Changes to the VAT-payment schedule could put immense pressure on field officials to achieve the government's ambitious VAT-collection target of BDT 2.23 Tn in the current fiscal year, according to tax officials.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/vat-schedule-change-may-widen-revenue-gap-1784055645

IMF reviews Bangladesh's external debt risks, slow loan disbursements

- The officials said they told the mission that Bangladesh is transitioning from a "low-risk stabilisation phase" to a "medium-risk acceleration phase" in terms of external debt risk.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-reviews-bangladeshs-external-debt-risks-slow-loan-disbursements-1488601

NBR asks BB to require BIN for business bank accounts

- The National Board of Revenue has asked Bangladesh Bank to make VAT registration, or the Business Identification Number (BIN), mandatory for opening and operating all business bank accounts and short-term deposit (STD) accounts, as part of a drive to widen the VAT net and boost revenue collection.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-asks-bb-require-bin-business-bank-accounts-1488571

Chinese firms drive two-thirds of EPZ investments in FY26

- Of 36 companies having lease agreements with BEPZA in FY26, 23 are either wholly Chinese-owned or Chinese joint ventures, representing USD 498.86 Mn in proposed investments.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/chinese-firms-drive-two-thirds-epz-investments-fy26-1488641

RSGT Bangladesh launches full operations at Patenga terminal after USD 170 Mn investment

- Since taking over operations in 2024, the company has invested in expanding the terminal's capacity and modernising its facilities.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/rsgt-bangladesh-launches-full-operations-patenga-terminal-after-170m-investment-1488626

Sector and Industries:

ENERGY | Three more spot LNG cargoes to arrive in August

- The government will buy three more LNG cargoes from the spot market by mid-August as most of the long-term suppliers skip supplying LNG due to the Middle East crisis and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/three-more-spot-lng-cargoes-to-arrive-in-august-1784049516

ENERGY | 42.5MW power to be produced from Dhaka waste by 2028: Adviser

- The government has taken an initiative to generate 42.5 MW of electricity by August 2028 by processing around 3,000 tonnes of waste produced daily in Dhaka.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/425mw-power-to-be-produced-from-dhaka-waste-by-2028-adviser-1784049609

RMG | BD adds 4 more LEED-certified RMG factories

- Bangladesh's RMG industry has added four more Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified factories, further strengthening the country's position as the global leader in green garment manufacturing.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bd-adds-4-more-leed-certified-rmg-factories-1784049538

PHARMA | Pharma pricing policy threatens innovation

- Bangladesh’s pharmaceutical industry is urging the government to review the country’s medicine pricing policy, saying years of limited price adjustments have squeezed profitability, discouraged investment in new medicines and put increasing pressure on smaller drug makers.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/pharma-pricing-policy-threatens-innovation-4223956

TELCO | No reprieve for Summit over BDT 30 Mn bandwidth pricing fine

- The telecom regulator has upheld a BDT 30 Mn administrative fine on Summit Communications Ltd, the country’s largest telecom infrastructure operator, after concluding it engaged in discriminatory bandwidth pricing.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/no-reprieve-summit-over-tk-3cr-bandwidth-pricing-fine-4223926

IT | WB imposes 10-month ban on Beximco Computers

- The World Bank has imposed 10-month debarment sanctions on Beximco Computers Limited following an investigation into collusive practices under a major digital development initiative in Bangladesh.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-imposes-10-month-ban-on-beximco-computers-1784055560

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Margin loans open to all, BDT 0.5 Mn minimum investment to scrap

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved draft amendments to the Margin Rules, 2025, relaxing several restrictive provisions introduced last November to improve market liquidity and make margin lending more accessible.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/margin-loans-open-all-tk5-lakh-minimum-investment-scrap-1488491

EXCHANGE | BSEC greenlights intra-day trading, cautions bourses on risks

- The securities regulator on Tuesday approved the introduction of intra-day trading on the country's stock exchanges in a landmark reform aimed at revitalising the country's capital market by boosting liquidity and bringing the trading framework closer to international standards.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-greenlights-intra-day-trading-cautions-bourses-on-risks-1784047770

EXCHANGE | In a first in 2 years, BSEC approves Royal Footwear to raise BDT 120 Mn through SME IQIO

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved Royal Footwear PLC's proposal to raise BDT 120 Mn through an Initial Qualified Investor Offer (IQIO) on the SME platform, marking the regulator's first approval for SME fundraising in more than two years.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/first-2-years-bsec-approves-royal-footwear-raise-tk12cr-through-sme-iqio-1488346

EXCHANGE | 21 junk stocks dodge DSE axe, trade at premium

- Despite years without dividends, these companies remain listed as investors drive some shares above stronger firms.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/21-junk-stocks-dodge-dse-axe-trade-premium-4223961

GP | Grameenphone's Q2 profit falls 14% on revenue decline

- Grameenphone has reported a nearly 14% year-on-year decline in profit to BDT 7.6 Bn in the second quarter (Q2) of 2026, due to lower revenue earnings amid a challenging macroeconomic environment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/grameenphones-q2-profit-falls-14pc-on-revenue-decline-1784047821

ENVOYTEX | Envoy Textiles boosts denim fabric capacity to 60m yards

- Envoy Textiles Ltd has increased its annual denim fabric production capacity to 60 Mn yards from 52 Mn yards after completing upgrades to its upstream production facilities and introducing automation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/envoy-textiles-boosts-denim-fabric-capacity-to-60m-yards-1784049560

SKTRIMS | SK Trims narrows Q1 losses on cost cuts

- SK Trims & Industries, an accessories manufacturer, has reported a narrower net loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2025-26, driven by lower manufacturing and operating expenses compared with the same period a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sk-trims-narrows-q1-losses-cost-cuts-1488476

SPCERAMICS | Shinepukur Ceramics gets special LC facility

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has allowed Shinepukur Ceramics, a defaulting company of Beximco Group, to open letters of credit (LCs) for raw material imports under a special arrangement.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/shinepukur-ceramics-gets-special-lc-facility-4223936

ACI | ACI to invest BDT 7.0 Bn in Shwapno

- ACI will subscribe to 7.0 Mn convertible preference shares of ACI Logistics, each with a face value of BDT 1,000, expected to be completed by 15 October of the current year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/shinepukur-ceramics-gets-special-lc-facility-4223936

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 80.00	USD 22.57	39.30%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 85.74	USD 24.89	40.90%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,056.59	(USD 284.41)	-6.55%
DSEX	5,911.24	1,045.91	21.50%
S&P 500	7,543.59	644.77	9.35%
FTSE 100	10,529.39	598.01	6.02%
BSE SENSEX	77,054.94	-7,738.64	-9.13%
KSE-100	173,811.50	-242.80	-0.14%
CSEALL	21,424.99	-1,199.32	-5.30%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.14 BDT

1 GBP = 165.07 BDT

1 Euro = 140.71 BDT

1 INR = 1.27 BDT

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