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.

<u>Macro:</u>

Bangladesh garment export to EU confronting crowding-out effect

- Bangladesh's garment export to the European Union faces crowding-out effect as major competitors, hitting US tariff walls, are making forays into the country's largest shipment destination, exporters say. China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Pakistan have incrementally raised their concentration on the European Union (EU) market for a decade while they, mainly trade-major China, now intensify trade race as new US tariff regime comes into effect.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-garment-export-to-eu-confronting-crowding-out-effect-1763227819

Remittances from US, UAE fall sharply

- Bangladesh's two major remittance corridors -- the United States and the United Arab Emirates -- witnessed significant year-on-year (YoY) declines in inflows during the last two quarters, raising concerns over the sustainability of the growth momentum. According to the latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) report, remittances from the UAE dropped to USD 884.37 Mn in July-September 2025, down sharply from over USD 1.03 Bn in the same quarter of 2024, a decline of 14.15%.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/remittances-from-us-uae-fall-sharply-1763228573

After IMF, JICA also opts to deal with political govt

- Japanese financier JICA follows IMF footprint as it also now tags consultation with Bangladesh's upcoming political government to budget bankrolling as the national elections are in sight for transition from the interregnum. Officials say the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has recently initiated talks with the government on providing budget-support credits in the ongoing fiscal year 2025-26.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/after-imf-jica-also-opts-to-deal-with-political-govt-1763143152

Free trade access to largest market mostly missed, remedies overlooked

- Bangladesh miserably fails to avail the enormous opportunities the world's largest market, China, has offered, mainly due to a deep-seated crisis in product diversification, competitiveness, and inept strategic execution, experts say. China has granted Bangladesh zero-tariff entry for 98% of its tariff lines or 8,930 products-- a bonanza of benefit in effect since September 1, 2022, under WTO provisions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/free-trade-access-to-largest-market-mostly-missed-remedies-overlooked-1763143423

Bangladesh's debt rises 13.5% in FY25

- Bangladesh's total debt rose by more than 13.5% to BDT 21.44 Tn in the fiscal year ending in June 2025, driven largely by external borrowing, according to data released by the Finance Division on Wednesday. This represents 38.61% of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), up by 2.31% from a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladeshs-debt-rises-135pc-in-fy25-1763056896?date=14-11-2025

WTO to provide technical assistance beyond Bangladesh's LDC graduation

- The World Trade Organization (WTO) has reaffirmed that Bangladesh will continue to receive substantial support and technical assistance as it prepares for its transition from Least Developed Country (LDC) status in 2026.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/wto-provide-technical-assistance-beyond-bangladeshs-ldc-graduation-4034866

Sector & Industries:

BANK | Well-off banks parking surplus funds into state-guaranteed securities

- Standing deposit facility (SDF) interest cut cannot dent affluent banks' reliance on the state-guaranteed securities as they are hugely investing surplus funds in the deposit window despite lower gains. Officials and money-market analysts say the demand on the interbank call-money market dampens due to gradual fall in arbitrary benefits.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/well-off-banks-parking-surplus-funds-into-state-guaranteed-securities-1763228075

BANK | BB moves to tighten grip on banks

- Bangladesh Bank has drafted sweeping amendments to the banking law that will place state-owned lenders under its full oversight for the first time and reshape the governance of private banks, in one of the most ambitious overhauls in decades. The centrepiece of the reform package is the abolition of a category that designates state-owned lenders as "specialised banks", a status that currently exempts them from key requirements.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/bb-moves-tighten-grip-banks-4035686

Stocks:

SUMITPOWER | Summit Power sees fall in revenue, rise in net profit in Q1 of FY2025-26

- After suffering an 87.86% drop in annual profit in the 2024–25 fiscal year, Summit Power Limited — an independent power producer — has reported a 13.89% rise in net profit in the first quarter of the current fiscal year, despite a significant fall in revenue.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/summit-power-sees-fall-revenue-rise-net-profit-q1-fy2025-26-1286511

JAMUNAOIL | Jamuna Oil's profit hits all-time high on margin hike, interest gains

- Jamuna Oil Company earned a record profit of BDT 6.48 Bn in FY25, supported by higher sales margins and substantial income from bank deposits. The state-run oil distributor registered a 47% year-on-year growth in profit for the year ended in June this year, according to a stock exchange filing on Thursday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/jamuna-oils-profit-hits-all-time-high-on-margin-hike-interest-gains-1763049991?date=14-11-2025

DESCO | DESCO back in profit in Q1 on increased distribution margin

- Dhaka Electric Supply Company (DESCO) secured a profit of BDT 583 Mn in the first quarter through September this year, marking a strong turnaround from a loss of BDT 322 Mn in the same quarter last year. Higher distribution revenue and foreign exchange gains due to favorable exchange rates are two key reasons behind the significant improvement in the business of DESCO, according to the company's earnings note.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/desco-back-in-profit-in-q1-on-increased-distribution-margin-1763050032?date=14-11-2025

STANDBANKL | With bad loans at 30%, boardroom feud erupts at Standard Bank

- Standard Bank is mired in internal conflict as its bad loans rise to nearly a third of total lending, exposing governance problems at the shariah based lender already under scrutiny by the central bank, show documents. At a time when the country's banking sector is facing a fragile confidence and a growing pile of bad debt, the 16-member board at the private bank has apparently split into two camps over the fate of its managing director.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/bad-loans-30-boardroom-feud-erupts-standard-bank-4035736

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 60.09	(USD 11.34)	-15.88%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.39	(USD 10.00)	-13.44%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,084.06	USD 1,475.58	56.57%
DSEX	4,702.69	-513.76	-9.85%
S&P 500	6,734.11	827.17	14.00%
FTSE 100	9,698.37	1,577.36	19.42%
BSE SENSEX	84,562.78	6,362.85	8.14%
KSE-100	161,935.19	46,676.19	40.50%
CSEALL	23,459.75	7,515.14	47.13%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.28 BDT

1 GBP = 161.22 BDT

1 Euro = 142.09 BDT

1 INR = 1.38 BDT

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