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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:

91% of firms upbeat on trade growth despite rising costs

- Despite rising costs and trade uncertainty, 91% of Bangladeshi businesses remain confident about expanding their international trade over the next two years, according to a new HSBC survey. Energy is the biggest cost pressure for local businesses, cited by 50% of firms, closely followed by raw materials at 49%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/91-firms-upbeat-trade-growth-despite-rising-costs-4324811

BB advises banks not to be aggressive in remittance buying

- Banks have been advised by the central bank not to be desperate in buying remittances if there was no overseas-payment pressures. The suggestion comes as the central bank move to preempt exchange-rate volatility in the foreign-exchange market.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-advises-banks-not-to-be-aggressive-in-remittance-buying-1794767466

Govt eyes sovereign bond debut, IMF deal within 3 months

- Bangladesh plans to issue its first sovereign bond and reach a deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) within three months as it seeks to diversify its financing sources, senior government officials has said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-eyes-sovereign-bond-debut-imf-deal-within-3-months-4324801

Apparel sector lifts industrial growth to 8.79% in Aug

- A strong rebound in garment manufacturing propelled Bangladesh's large-scale industrial sector to 8.79% year-on-year growth in August 2026, offsetting a contraction in the textile industry and signalling improved momentum across several manufacturing segments.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/apparel-sector-lifts-industrial-growth-to-879pc-in-aug-1794767793

Bangladesh begins preliminary FTA negotiation with EU

- Bangladesh has opened preliminary talks with the European Union (EU) on a possible free-trade agreement (FTA) to keep preferential access to its largest export market after LDC graduation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-begins-preliminary-fta-negotiation-with-eu-1794767372

Govt spends just 6.5% of ADP outlay in 4 months

- The government has spent just 6.53% of its Annual Development Programme (ADP) allocation in 4MFY27, marking the slowest implementation pace for the period in at least 17 years.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-spends-just-65-adp-outlay-4-months-4324791

BOESL moves to send manpower directly to Saudi Arabia

- Bangladesh Overseas Employment and Services Limited (BOESL) has taken initiatives to send manpower from Bangladesh to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) on its own.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/boesl-moves-to-send-manpower-directly-to-saudi-arabia-1794767961

Cabinet approves monthly VAT return filing

- The government is set to restore the requirement to file VAT returns monthly instead of every three months, as the cabinet gave approval to the draft Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty (Amendment) Act 2026.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/322605/cabinet-approves-monthly-vat-return-filing

Sector and Industries:

BANK| 15 banks account for 85% of default loans: BB

- Only 15 banks - including five recently merged shariah-based banks - account for more than 85% of the over BDT 6,000 Bn in NPLs, underscoring that asset-quality distress remains concentrated in a handful of lenders rather than being widespread across the banking sector.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/15-banks-account-85-default-loans-bb-4324796

RMG | Owners submit wage proposal today

- Garment-factory owners are set to submit their package of minimum wage to the Wage Board today (Monday) as ongoing labour unrest forced 121 apparel units still keep shut across key industrial belts.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/owners-submit-wage-proposal-today-1794767670

RMG | Bangladesh loses ground in EU apparel market

- Bangladesh's apparel industry is losing its competitive edge in the European Union (EU), with export earnings, shipment volumes and average unit prices all declining in the first nine months of this year (2026).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-loses-ground-in-eu-apparel-market-1794767415

ENERGY | Oil to flow via subsea pipeline in February

- The commercial operations of Single Point Mooring (SPM) is expected to commence in the first week of Feb'27.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/oil-to-flow-via-subsea-pipeline-in-february-1794767821

TELECOM | Mobile subscriptions rise to 191m in September

- Mobile phone subscriptions in Bangladesh rose to 191.39 Mn in September. The country's four mobile operators added around 0.3 Mn subscriptions in September.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/322616/mobile-subscriptions-rise-to-191m-in-september

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Dhaka stocks rise as easing of BO restrictions boosts sentiment

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) started the week on a positive note today (15 November), with renewed buying in undervalued stocks and improved investor sentiment following regulatory moves to ease restrictions on frozen beneficiary owner (BO) accounts, lifting the indices and turnover.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-rise-easing-bo-restrictions-boosts-sentiment-1603636

ACI | ACI to form BDT 500 Mn subsidiary for group services

- The new company will bring together various services provided by different companies within the ACI Group and manage them under a separate entity, the disclosure said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/aci-form-tk-50cr-subsidiary-group-services-4324776

BXPHARMA | Beximco Pharma eyes herbal medicine market with new subsidiary

- Beximco Pharmaceuticals is expanding its footprint into the herbal medicine market to capitalise on growing demand by setting up a wholly owned subsidiary.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/beximco-pharma-eyes-herbal-medicine-market-with-new-subsidiary-1794760825

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 87.83	USD 30.40	52.93%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 94.78	USD 33.93	55.76%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,873.28	(USD 467.72)	-10.77%
DSEX	USD 5,460.56	595.22	12.23%
S&P 500	7,561.67	662.85	9.61%
FTSE 100	10,902.56	971.18	9.78%
BSE SENSEX	81,592.45	-3,201.13	-3.78%
KSE-100	177,873.90	3,819.60	2.19%
CSEALL	22,024.18	-600.13	-2.65%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.74 BDT

1 GBP = 164.81 BDT

1 Euro = 137.48 BDT

1 INR = 1.32 BDT

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