

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:**Investment promotion agencies receive USD 1.85 Bn in proposals in eight months**

- Bangladesh's investment promotion agencies have collectively received approximately USD 1.85 Bn in investment proposals from both domestic and foreign entities over the first eight months of 2025. Around 3,500 organisations submitted these proposals, which the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida) is now working to convert into actual investments.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/investment-promotion-agencies-receive-185b-proposals-eight-months-1261661>

Govt easing visa system for foreign investors

- The government is working to modernise the visa system for foreign investors by digitising fee payments and tightening regulations with tougher penalties for malpractice, according to the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-easing-visa-system-foreign-investors-4011236>

Sector & Industries:**TEXTILE, BANK | Nassa's BDT 40 Bn loan being rescheduled**

- On an avowed purpose of facilitating production and protecting jobs in beleaguered Nassa Group, the defaulter kingpin's loan worth nearly BDT 40 Bn out of its accumulated debts is set to be rescheduled. One of the giant apparel makers in Bangladesh, NASSA's loans have been taken from five commercial banks, insiders said Wednesday, as the bailout is prepared by the current interim government.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nassas-tk-40b-loan-being-rescheduled-1760554018>

BANK | Deposit growth returns to double digits after 17 months

- After 17 consecutive months, bank deposit growth has returned to double digits, reaching 10.02% at the end of August, according to Bangladesh Bank data. From March 2024 to July 2025, deposit growth had remained in single digits – at 8.50% in July. The last double-digit growth was recorded in February 2024 at 10.43%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/deposit-growth-returns-double-digits-after-17-months-1261756>

BANK | Post-merger payouts: Depositors face 6-month to 5-year wait

- Individual depositors of five troubled shariah-based banks set to merge will receive their repayments within six months to a maximum of five years. The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has drawn up a detailed roadmap outlining specific timelines for the repayment process, officials said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/post-merger-payouts-depositors-face-6-month-5-year-wait-4011261>

FUEL & POWER | Dithering clouds solar power future

- Bangladesh's solar ambitions seem losing steam as 17 recently proposed solar-power plants, each offering the reduced tariffs ever, have been left waiting for approval while some previously contracted ones lie in limbo. Sources say the "bureaucratic dithering" is frustrating sponsors, foreign investors and energy experts alike, as the current push--locally and globally--is for transition to clean, renewable energy to save the planet from disasters of global warming.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dithering-clouds-solar-power-future-1760554134>

Stocks:**FEKDIL | Far East Knitting's profit rises 4% to BDT 374 Mn in FY25**

- Far East Knitting and Dyeing Industries Ltd posted a modest rise in profit for the year ended June 30, 2025, on the back of higher operating expenses, with the board recommending a lower dividend than the previous year. For the year, the company reported a profit of BDT 374 Mn, up 4 percent year-on-year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/far-east-knittings-profit-rises-4-tk-374-crore-fy25-4010826>

LANKABAFIN | LankaBangla Finance posts 37% profit drop, skips dividend for 2024

- LankaBangla Finance has announced no dividend for 2024 after posting a 37.25% year-on-year decline in profit to BDT 274.8 Mn. The announcement came as a major disappointment for shareholders, who had expected stronger results in 2024 compared with the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lankabangla-finance-posts-37pc-profit-drop-skips-dividend-for-2024-1760550828>

APEXTANRY | Apex Tannery share slumps 12% following no dividend announcement

- Apex Tannery Limited has declared no dividend in FY25 for the first time since 2000 as it suffered mounting high losses. Following the announcement through the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (15 October), its share price dropped by 12.01% to close at BDT 60.10.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-tannery-share-slumps-12-following-no-dividend-announcement-1261621>

SHAHJABANK, LANKABAFIN | Shahjalal Islami Bank director to transfer shares to LankaBangla Finance

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has approved the transfer of 3.06 Mn shares of Shahjalal Islami Bank PLC's sponsor director Anwer Hossain Khan to LankaBangla Finance PLC, following a loan default. According to a disclosure posted on the DSE website, the approval was granted under Regulation 47(1)(d) of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations, 2015, and other applicable laws, allowing the share transfer "other than by way of gift." The transfer must be completed within 30 working days, effective from 12 October 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/shahjalal-islami-bank-director-transfer-shares-lankabangla-finance-1261681>

EXCHANGE | Falling yields give fresh bout of energy to T-bond secondary market

- Trading in Treasury bonds in the secondary market has surged by 64% year-on-year to BDT 537 Mn in the July-September quarter, against the backdrop of declining yields of the debt securities. Bond prices are inversely related to interest rates, so sellers now see an opportunity to make capital gains.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/falling-yields-give-fresh-bout-of-energy-to-t-bond-secondary-market-1760550762>

EXCHANGE | BD achieves milestones in local currency bond market reforms: IMF

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has noted that Bangladesh has achieved a significant progress in the development of local currency bond market, reports BSS. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has noted that Bangladesh has achieved a significant progress in the development of local currency bond market, reports BSS.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bd-achieves-milestones-in-local-currency-bond-market-reforms-imf-1760550906>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 58.74	(USD 12.69)	-17.77%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 62.37	(USD 12.02)	-16.16%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,236.08	USD 1,627.60	62.40%
DSEX	5,116.51	-99.93	-1.92%
S&P 500	6,671.06	764.12	12.94%
FTSE 100	9,424.75	1,303.74	16.05%
BSE SENSEX	82,605.43	4,405.50	5.63%
KSE-100	165,686.38	50,427.38	43.75%
CSEALL	22,292.28	6,347.67	39.81%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.71 BDT****1 GBP = 163.49 BDT****1 Euro = 141.99 BDT****1 INR = 1.39 BDT**

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