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:

Economic outlook upgrades to stable from negative

- Global ratings agency Moody's has revised Bangladesh economic outlook to stable from negative following the easing of political and external pressures, stronger foreign-exchange reserves and record remittance inflows.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/economic-outlook-upgrades-to-stable-from-negative-1789495248

Remittance inflow hits USD 1.52 Bn in first 14 days of September

- Bangladeshi expatriates sent home USD 1.526 Bn in remittances during the first 14 days of September.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-hits-152-billion-in-first-14-days-of-september

What JPMorgan's new frontier bond index means for Bangladesh

- JPMorgan is set to launch a new index tracking government bonds from 26 frontier-market countries, including Bangladesh. The index will cover nearly USD 330 billion worth of local-currency government debt.

https://www.tbsnews.net/explainer/what-jpmorgans-new-frontier-bond-index-means-bangladesh-1543411

Businesses target bigger share of USD 5.2 Tn halal market, seek dedicated authority

- The Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) has proposed forming a Bangladesh Halal Development Authority to coordinate certification and other activities related to the sector. The chamber has also recommended internationally recognised halal certification, accredited testing laboratories, skilled manpower development, and mutual recognition agreements with major halal markets.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/businesses-target-bigger-share-52tn-halal-market-seek-dedicated-authority-1543861

Sector and Industries:

RMG | 87% knitwear exporters faced shipment delays due to gas crisis, 60% offered discounts: Survey

- Around 55% of knitwear exporters have reported cancelled or reduced export orders due to gas and electricity shortages, according to a survey by the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/55-knitwear-factories-report-cancelled-or-reduced-export-orders-amid-gas-power-crises

RMG | RMG exports to US jump 26% in Aug after first-half decline

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the US surged 25.65% year-on-year in August, despite a decline in shipments to the market during the first half of 2026.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/rmg-exports-us-jump-26-aug-after-first-half-decline-1543751

ENERGY | Gas supply reverts to level seen before LNG-terminal disruption

- Gas supply to some areas has risen since Monday night to near the level prevailing before an LNG-terminal disruption, with some recharge as predicted.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/gas-supply-reverts-to-level-seen-before-lng-terminal-disruption-1789495472

ENERGY | No fuel supply crisis expected until December: BPC chairman

- Bangladesh is unlikely to face a fuel supply crisis until December despite procurement challenges and disruptions affecting shipping routes, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Chairman has said (15 September).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/no-fuel-supply-crisis-expected-until-december-bpc-chairman-1543641

ENERGY | Govt plans 5 new LNG terminals by 2035

- The government plans to build five new liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals by 2035 to boost gas supplies for industrialisation as domestic natural gas production declines rapidly. The planned facilities comprise three floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) and two land-based LNG terminals.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-plans-5-new-lng-terminals-by-2035-1789495714

BANK | Loan disbursements by 14 banks decline

- Bank lending has largely stalled across Bangladesh, with the loan books of a significant number of banks shrinking or barely growing over the six months till June as the banking sector grapples with a worsening bad-loan crisis. At least 14 banks either reduced their loan books or recorded almost no growth during the period.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/314012/loan-disbursements-by-14-banks-decline

CONSUMER | Bread, biscuit price hike put on hold for now

- The price increase for biscuits and bread has been suspended for now after bakery business representatives agreed to put the decision on hold at a meeting with Commerce Minister.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bread-biscuit-price-hike-put-hold-now-4274036

AVIATION | Biman's fleet: Deals on 21 Boeing, Airbus planes likely within weeks

- Biman is preparing to sign deals for 21 more Boeing and Airbus aircraft within weeks, taking its unfulfilled orders to 35 aircraft. 11 Boeing aircraft is expected during the UN General Assembly, followed by a deal on 10 jets with Airbus next month.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bimans-fleet-deals-21-boeing-airbus-planes-likely-within-weeks-4274056

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Brokers press for new products to reduce reliance on equities

- Top brokers of the Dhaka bourse laid importance on product diversification to reduce dependency on equity securities in the greater interest of the capital market, intermediaries and investors.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brokers-press-for-new-products-to-reduce-reliance-on-equities-1789491054

EXCHANGE | Brokers seek pre-opening session revival, margin net-off to ease liquidity pressure

- Market intermediaries have proposed reviving the long-suspended pre-opening trading session and introducing new trading strategies and products to improve liquidity and revive activity on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). The brokers also called for a review of debt repayment deadlines and extensions of Bangladesh Bank's special capital market schemes to provide relief to financially distressed intermediaries.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brokers-seek-pre-opening-session-revival-margin-net-ease-liquidity-pressure-1543776

REGULATOR | BFIU orders brokerage houses, merchant banks to set up anti-money laundering units

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has ordered brokerage houses, merchant banks and other capital market intermediaries to set up dedicated compliance units as part of a broader move to strengthen safeguards against money laundering and terrorist financing.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/corruption/bfiu-orders-brokerage-houses-merchant-banks-set-anti-money-laundering-units

BXPHARMA | Beximco Pharma seeks to free itself from group entities' troubles

- Beximco Pharmaceuticals is set to overhaul its board and sever a key link with its embattled sponsor group as the drug maker seeks to shield its business and investors from the political fallout surrounding Vice Chairman Salman F Rahman.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/beximco-pharma-seeks-to-free-itself-from-group-entities-troubles-1789491004

AAMRATECH | Weak sales, rising finance costs widen Aamra Technologies' losses

- Aamra Technologies sank deeper into the red in the nine months through March this year as a sharp decline in revenue, rising finance costs and weakening cash collections squeezed its profitability.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/weak-sales-rising-finance-costs-widen-aamra-technologies-losses-1789491090

BNICL | Bangladesh National Insurance denies undisclosed price-sensitive info amid 31% surge

- Bangladesh National Insurance Company Limited said it has no undisclosed information or operational decisions that could explain the recent unusual movements in its share price and trading volume.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-national-insurance-denies-undisclosed-price-sensitive-info-amid-31-surge

MUTUAL FUND | UFS-Pragati Life Unit Fund gets BSEC nod for winding-up

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved the winding-up proposal for the UFS-Pragati Life Unit Fund.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ufs-pragati-life-unit-fund-gets-bsec-nod-winding-1543791

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 104.53	USD 47.10	82.01%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 107.86	USD 47.01	77.26%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,338.82	(USD 2.18)	-0.05%
DSEX	5,472.46	607.13	12.48%
S&P 500	7,585.73	686.91	9.96%
FTSE 100	10,658.13	726.75	7.32%
BSE SENSEX	74,003.82	-10,789.76	-12.72%
KSE-100	169,392.30	-4,662.00	-2.68%
CSEALL	21,262.13	-1,362.18	-6.02%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.04 BDT

1 GBP = 165.71 BDT

1 Euro = 141.93 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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