

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:**Dhaka division gets half of remittances in December**

- Dhaka division remained the largest recipient of remittances in December, receiving nearly half of the total inflows, as migrant earnings continued to strengthen foreign currency reserves and support millions of households, according to a report by Bangladesh Bank (BB).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/dhaka-division-gets-half-remittances-december-4107816>

Import LCs opening highest in 11 months in January

- Opening of import letters of credit (LCs) rose sharply in January, reaching USD 6.61 Bn – the highest level in the past 11 months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/import-lcs-opening-highest-11-months-january-1363486>

Development spending plunges to 16-year low

- The government's development expenditure in the first seven months of the current fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26) has slumped to its lowest level in at least 16 years amid fiscal restraints and political disruptions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/development-spending-plunges-16-year-low-4107841>

India's US tariff parity: Real threat or overblown fear for Bangladesh?

- When Indian Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal announced on February 12 that India would receive the same concessional duty access on garment exports to the US as Bangladesh, alarm bells rang across Dhaka's garment districts.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/indias-us-tariff-parity-real-threat-or-overblown-fear-bangladesh-4107836>

HC adjourns hearing on NBR split

- The High Court yesterday adjourned the hearing of a writ petition challenging the government's decision to separate the functions of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and create two new divisions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/hc-adjourns-hearing-nbr-split-4107811>

Imported goods push up inflation in Oct-Dec

- The contribution of imported goods to inflation rose in the October-December quarter of the ongoing fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26), reflecting higher prices of items brought from abroad.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/imported-goods-push-inflation-oct-dec-4107056>

A narrow window for US cotton gains

- After a roller coaster period since the reciprocal US tariff was announced in April last year, the cut from 20 % to 19 % is modest but offers some relief. Under the new deal, certain Bangladeshi RMG and textile products made with US cotton and man-made fibres can enter the US duty free, with volumes tied to Bangladesh's purchases.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/narrow-window-us-cotton-gains-4107796>

Sector & Industries:

Bank | BB Officers' Welfare Council protests 'hasty' move to grant digital bank licence

- The Bangladesh Bank Officers' Welfare Council has protested what it termed a hasty initiative to grant a controversial digital bank licence ahead of the formation of the newly elected government, demanding postponement of a board meeting scheduled for today (16 February).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bb-officers-welfare-council-protests-hasty-move-grant-digital-bank-licence-1363171>

Fuel & Power | Petrobangla struggles to recover BDT 2.1 Bn stuck in seven troubled banks

- State-owned energy corporation Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (Petrobangla) is facing mounting challenges in recovering BDT 2.10 Bn placed as fixed deposits in seven troubled private and scheduled banks, raising concerns over funding for key gas-development projects.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/petrobangla-struggles-to-recover-tk-21b-stuck-in-seven-troubled-banks-1771265919?amp=true>

Stocks:

GREENDELTA | Green Delta declares 27% cash dividend

- Green Delta Insurance has announced a 27% cash dividend for the financial year ending 31 December 2025, an increase from the 25% payout provided to shareholders the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/green-delta-declares-27-cash-dividend-1363561>

GPHISPAT | Second generation gets GPH Ispat shares

- GPH Ispat Ltd's sponsor Mohammed Almas Shimul is set to transfer 20 Mn shares to his son and daughter, both general shareholders of the company, marking the entry of the second generation into the company's shareholding structure.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/second-generation-gets-gph-ispate-shares-1363521>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 63.77	USD 6.34	11.04%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 68.66	USD 7.81	12.83%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,015.20	USD 674.20	15.53%
DSEX	5,589.56	724.22	14.89%
S&P 500	6,836.17	-62.65	-0.91%
FTSE 100	10,473.69	542.31	5.46%
BSE SENSEX	83,277.15	-1,516.43	-1.79%
KSE-100	174,453.94	399.64	0.23%
CSEALL	23,900.11	1,275.80	5.64%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.33 BDT****1 GBP = 166.73 BDT****1 Euro = 144.97 BDT****1 INR = 1.34 BDT**

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