

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:**Bangladesh seeks USD 4.5 Bn IMF loan in 6 instalments through 2029**

- Bangladesh is seeking a USD 4.5 Bn loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in quarterly instalments from December this year through December 2029, with an agreement expected by year-end.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-seeks-45b-imf-loan-6-instalments-through-2029-1574386>

IMF urges Bangladesh to maintain tight monetary policy, boost revenue

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has called on Bangladesh to maintain tight monetary policy to contain inflation, strengthen its weak financial sector and increase revenue collection as discussions continue over a new IMF-supported programme.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/imf-urges-bangladesh-to-maintain-tight-monetary-policy-boost-revenue>

Bangladesh to sign new country partnership framework with World Bank: Finance minister

- Bangladesh is set to sign a new country partnership framework with the World Bank (WB), with a government delegation scheduled to hold talks with the lender in the next two to three weeks to finalise the terms.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-to-sign-new-country-partnership-framework-with-wb>

Pressure on forex rises as external debt service surges

- Bangladesh feels the pinch of growing external borrowing as pressure builds up on its foreign-exchange buffers from incremental debt-service payouts. The government paid USD 1.56 Bn in interest against external loans in FY26 alone, compared to USD 491.25 Mn in FY22.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/pressure-on-forex-rises-as-external-debt-service-surges>

Energy crisis cuts output 0.22pc YoY in July

- Large-scale industrial production contracted by 0.22% year on year in July as persistent gas and electricity shortages and tensions in the Middle East weighed on energy-intensive manufacturing. Clothing production contracted by more than 2.0% in July, dragging down the overall index.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/energy-crisis-cuts-output-022pc-yoy-in-july-1792174960>

Remittance inflow rises 13.1% in July-October 14

- Expatriate Bangladeshis sent USD 1.516 Bn during October 1-14, 2026, compared to USD 1.351 Bn in the same period of 2025, registering a year-on-year growth of 12.2%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-rises-131-pc-in-july-october-14>

Freight cost surge squeezes US-bound exports

- Bangladesh's exports struggle to remain competitive on the US market as persistently high freight costs combine with rising raw-material prices and expensive bank financing to pose headwinds.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/freight-cost-surge-squeezes-us-bound-exports>

Govt restores monthly VAT returns

- The government has restored monthly value-added tax (VAT) return filing, scrapping the quarterly system introduced in July amid concerns over revenue collection and operational difficulties. The change was formalised through the Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-restores-monthly-vat-returns-4299721>

Global green standards put exporters under pressure

- Bangladesh's exporters are facing growing pressure to meet global environmental standards as international buyers demand cleaner energy and greater use of recycled materials, business leaders said at a dialogue in Dhaka. They called for tax incentives, easier access to climate finance and policy reforms to help factories adopt greener production methods without losing competitiveness.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/global-green-standards-put-exporters-under-pressure-4299771>

29% of highly educated Bangladeshi youth unemployed, half work below qualifications: IMF

- Nearly 29% of highly educated young people in Bangladesh are unemployed, while around half of highly educated workers are employed in jobs that do not fully use their qualifications and skills.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/29-highly-educated-bangladeshi-youth-unemployed-half-work-below-qualifications-imf>

TCB enrolls nearly 8.0 Mn beneficiaries

- The Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) has verified and enrolled nearly 8.0 Mn genuine beneficiaries in its database and has activated about 7.37 Mn Smart Family Cards.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tcb-enrolls-nearly-80-lakh-beneficiaries-4299766>

Sector and Industries:**NBFI | Dhaka seeks USD 100 Mn Saudi equity for SABINCO**

- Dhaka is preparing to seek USD 100 Mn in fresh sovereign equity from Saudi Arabia to recapitalise the Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited (SABINCO), matching its own proposed contribution.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-seeks-100m-saudi-equity-for-sabinco-1792171278>

RMG | RMG makers seek PM's intervention for yarn import

- The RMG manufacturers sought prime minister Tarique Rahman's intervention to withdraw a restriction on imports of 10–30 count cotton yarn under bonded warehouse facilities. They also said that the measure is disrupting raw material supplies and raising production costs for export-oriented garment factories.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/318190/rmg-makers-seek-pms-intervention-for-yarn-import>

RMG | Govt seeks nominations for garment sector wage board

- The government has asked garment manufacturers' and workers' organisations to nominate representatives for a proposed wage board to review wages in the country's garment sector amid renewed labour protests demanding a monthly minimum wage of BDT 30,000.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-seeks-nominations-for-garment-sector-wage-board>

RMG | Spain now Bangladesh's largest apparel buyer in EU

- Spain is now the largest buyer of apparel items in the European bloc, overtaking Germany in Q1FY27. Bangladesh's RMG exports to Spain rose nearly 14% year-on-year to USD 1.14 Bn in July-September.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/spain-now-bangladeshs-largest-apparel-buyer-eu-4299726>

ENERGY | Long-term LNG supplier OQT seeks spot-linked price to resume supply to Bangladesh

- OQ Trading Limited (OQT) has proposed a spot market-linked pricing formula to resume deliveries, replacing its existing contracts, potentially raising the cost of LNG to nearly double the price set under the original agreements. Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGCL) has rejected the proposal, insisting that OQT fulfill its existing contractual obligations without changing the agreed pricing mechanism.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/long-term-lng-supplier-oqt-seeks-spot-linked-price-resume-supply-bangladesh-1574511>

ENERGY | Solar projects offer BDT 27.77 Bn revenue potential in 20 years

- Rooftop and floating solar projects at public universities, colleges and two local government areas could generate BDT 27.77 Bn in electricity sales over 20 years, according to a study presented. The proposed projects, with a combined capacity of 132.61 MWp, would require an estimated investment of BDT 7.31 Bn and could generate 3,703 Mn units of electricity over the period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/solar-projects-offer-tk-2777cr-revenue-potential-20-years-4299741>

TELECOM | Mobile internet in lead amid rising internet penetration

- Internet penetration in Bangladesh increased to 77.89% in August 2026 from 73.28% in January, with mobile internet accounting for most of the growth while fixed broadband penetration remained largely stagnant.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/318003/mobile-internet-in-lead-amid-rising-internet-penetration>

AUTOMOBILE | EV demand rises, but charging and support networks lag behind

- Electric vehicle (EV) demand is rising in Bangladesh, but limited charging infrastructure, high investment costs and gaps in after-sales services and battery recycling are holding back wider adoption. BYD Bangladesh, a major player in the country's new-energy vehicle (NEV) market, has delivered more than 1,400 vehicles.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/ev-demand-rises-charging-and-support-networks-lag-behind-1574986>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | BDT 40.0 Bn at risk in 49 cos listed during Awami League rule**

- A total of 49 companies, listed on stock exchanges between 2009 and 2024, have now fallen into junk or 'Z' category, of which 21 of them have ceased operations, raising concerns over the quality of listings and investor protection in the capital market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/318274/tk-4000cr-at-risk-in-49-cos-listed-during-awami-league-rule>

BEACONPHARM | Beacon Pharma's profit doubles in FY26 on higher sales

- Beacon Pharmaceuticals secured a profit of BDT 1.94 Bn in FY26, up 105% from the previous year. It said the surge in earnings was fuelled by a 30.96 % increase in sales in FY26 compared with the previous year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/beacon-pharmas-profit-doubles-in-fy26-on-higher-sales>

BEACONPHARM | Beacon Pharma to invest BDT 2.50 Bn in second oncology facility

- Beacon Pharmaceuticals PLC has announced a massive investment plan of BDT 2.50 Bn to set up its second oncology production facility. The move aims to expand its manufacturing footprint, boost future revenues and strengthen research capabilities to meet international regulatory standards.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/beacon-pharma-invest-tk250cr-second-oncology-facility-1574546>

BSCPLC | Submarine Cables posts 37.47% surge in profit to BDT 2.83 Bn

- State-owned submarine cable operator Bangladesh Submarine Cables reported a 37.47% year-on-year increase in net profit for the 2025–26 fiscal year, reaching BDT 2.83 Bn, and recommended a 47.50% cash dividend. Total revenue grew by 25% to BDT 4.96 Bn, up from BDT 3.96 Bn in the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/submarine-cables-posts-3747-surge-profit-tk283cr-1574336>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 101.41	USD 43.98	76.58%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 109.86	USD 49.01	80.54%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,165.58	(USD 175.42)	-4.04%
DSEX	5,452.06	586.72	12.06%
S&P 500	7,659.44	760.62	11.03%
FTSE 100	10,881.90	950.52	9.57%
BSE SENSEX	74,729.27	-10,064.31	-11.87%
KSE-100	166,419.70	-7,634.60	-4.39%
CSEALL	20,185.05	-2,439.26	-10.78%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.00 BDT

1 GBP = 163.95 BDT

1 Euro = 138.24 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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