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:

Bangladesh to adopt Apr-Mar financial year from 2028-29

- Bangladesh will shift its financial year from the current July-June cycle to April-March from fiscal 2028-29. The 2027-28 fiscal year will instead run for nine months, from July to March, during transition before the new cycle begins. An April-March cycle would allow infrastructure development to be completed before the monsoon.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-adopt-apr-mar-financial-year-from-2028-29-1786989438

Bangladesh to receive USD 1.0 Bn in soft loan

- Bangladesh's development pursuit may get a boost as the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) chief will come here early next month with the confirmation offer of USD 1.0 Bn assistance in the first go.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-receive-10b-in-soft-loan-1786989627

Govt to implement new pay scale this yr: Khosru

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury Monday said the government will implement the new pay scale for public servants this year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-implement-new-pay-scale-this-yr-khosru-1786990424

Over 90% of economic units have no TIN

- BBS data show the vast majority of the country's cottage, micro and small businesses have no TIN as government seeks higher revenue.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/over-90-economic-units-have-no-tin-4250251

Real estate output rises, but developers face hurdles

- Real-estate activities in Bangladesh have expanded steadily according to official statistics, though industry insiders say the sector is struggling with high taxes, regulatory restrictions, and weak investment conditions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/real-estate-output-rises-but-developers-face-hurdles-1786989674

NBR removes tax ambiguity for commercial solar importers

- Commercial importers of solar equipment will now be entitled to concessional tax treatment similar to that available to manufacturers, following a clarification issued by the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-removes-tax-ambiguity-for-commercial-solar-importers-1786990372

UAE expats plan to invest BDT 10 Bn in Bangladesh

- Bangladeshi expatriate businesspeople and entrepreneurs based in the United Arab Emirates are planning to invest around BDT 10 Bn in Bangladesh, mainly in technology-driven banking, renewable energy, food processing, tourism, education and healthcare.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/uae-expats-plan-invest-tk-1000cr-bangladesh-4250231

Economic zones planned on land of 3 closed state-owned mills

- The government has taken an initiative to establish economic zones on the land of the closed Latif Bawany Jute Mills Limited and Karim Jute Mills Limited in Demra, Dhaka, and Kushtia Sugar Mills Limited.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/economic-zones-planned-land-3-closed-state-owned-mills-1517956

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Agri credit disbursement target up 53.85% to BDT 600 Bn for FY'27

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has set a target of disbursing agricultural and rural loans worth BDT 600 Bn during the fiscal year (FY) 2026-27 with an aim to give an impetus to rural economy and farm productivity.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/agri-credit-disbursement-target-up-5385pc-to-tk-600b-for-fy27-1786989545

BANK | Lend to productive sectors, augment AD ratio

- Sonali Bank has been advised to enhance advance-deposit ratio by lending to productive sectors instead of keeping funds idle as the bank's AD proportion is said to be at the lowest level among the state-owned banks.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/lend-to-productive-sectors-augment-ad-ratio-1786989786

BANK | Shariah-based institutions will get 50% of any sukuk: BB

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) will allocate half of any sukuk issue to Shariah-based banks, financial institutions and insurance companies. A separate 30% will be allocated to Islamic branches and windows of conventional banks, while individual investors will get a dedicated 10% quota.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/shariah-based-institutions-will-get-50-any-sukuk-bb-4250226

BANK | RAKUB raises deposits, reduces losses

- Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank has made tremendous progress in various financial indicators during the last one year. The bank’s deposits have increased by BDT 8.56 Bn while net loss has decreased by BDT 1.71 Bn.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/310226/rakub-raises-deposits-reduces-losses

ENERGY | Govt to buy two more LNG cargoes for Aug-Sept delivery

- The government will purchase two more cargoes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for delivery in August and September at a combined cost of BDT 18.51 Bn, including taxes and duties.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-buy-two-more-lng-cargoes-for-aug-sept-delivery-1786990526

LEATHER | BDT 11,900 min wage proposed for leather, footwear workers

- The Minimum Wage Board has proposed a minimum monthly wage of BDT 11,900 for entry-level workers in Bangladesh's leather goods and footwear factories.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tk-11900-min-wage-proposed-for-leather-footwear-workers-1786990488

TELCO | Cirkle replaces Airtel in Bangladesh's mobile market

- Robi Axiata has replaced its Airtel brand in Bangladesh with 'Cirkle', marking the end of the brand's 16-year presence in the country's mobile market.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cirkle-replaces-airtel-in-bangladeshs-mobile-market-1786986125

TELCO | Service, data issues dominate grievances

- Poor service quality and mobile internet problems have dominated subscriber grievances against Bangladesh's mobile phone operators, with 66,705 complaints lodged against Grameenphone, Robi, Banglalink and Teletalk between January 2021 and June 2026. Robi received the highest number of complaints, with 24,874, followed by Grameenphone with 21,526, Teletalk with 11,594 and Banglalink with 8,711.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/310205/service-data-issues-dominate-grievances

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Dhaka stocks sink to 3-week low on worries over margin rules, energy crisis

- Stocks suffered a sharp sell-off on Monday, extending their losing streak to fourth consecutive session, due to growing concerns over the country's macroeconomic outlook amid an ongoing energy crisis.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-stocks-sink-to-3-week-low-on-worries-over-margin-rules-energy-crisis-1786986047

STANDBANKL | Jabedul Alam new DMD of Standard Islami Bank

- Jabedul Alam has joined Standard Islami Bank as deputy managing director & chief transformation officer.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/jabedul-alam-new-dmd-of-standard-islami-bank-1786986143

MERCANBANK | BB, MERCANTILE BANK SIGN AGRI-DEVELOPMENT REFINANCING DEAL

- Mercantile Bank has formally entered into a participatory agreement with Bangladesh Bank (BB) under a BDT 100 Bn refinancing scheme.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bb-mercantile-bank-sign-agri-development-refinancing-deal-1786986173

RECKITTBEN | BSEC extends Reckitt's foreign shareholders dividend payout

- Amid delays in tax clearance, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has extended the deadline until September for Reckitt Benckiser (Bangladesh) to disburse dividends to its foreign shareholders.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-extends-reckitts-foreign-shareholders-dividend-payout-1517871

ICB | Why ICB Asset funds skip dividends despite earnings rebound in FY26

- ICB Asset Management Company has skipped dividend payouts for seven of its managed mutual funds for the third consecutive year despite a significant earnings rebound in FY26. ICB officials said losses accumulated in previous years had left the retained earnings of the other funds negative, limiting their ability to distribute dividends despite improved earnings in FY26.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/why-icb-asset-funds-skip-dividends-despite-earnings-rebound-fy26-1517891

CAPMBDBLMF | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund-01 unitholders to vote on open-end conversion or redemption

- The trustee of CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund-01 has called a special general meeting of its unitholders to consider converting the scheme from a closed-end to an open-end mutual fund or proceeding with its redemption.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-01-unitholders-vote-open-end-conversion-or-redemption-1517876

SONALILIFE | Sonali Life settles BDT 4,051.5 Mn claims in 2025

- Sonali Life Insurance settled 55,300 insurance claims worth BDT 4,051.5 Mn in 2025, while declaring a 15% cash dividend to its shareholders for the year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sonali-life-settles-tk405cr-claims-2025-1517881

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 85.06	USD 27.63	48.11%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.40	USD 30.55	50.21%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,396.60	USD 55.60	1.28%
DSEX	5,814.27	948.93	19.50%
S&P 500	7,745.06	846.24	12.27%
FTSE 100	10,720.30	788.92	7.94%
BSE SENSEX	77,728.16	-7,065.42	-8.33%
KSE-100	180,502.50	6,448.20	3.70%
CSEALL	21,616.88	-1,007.43	-4.45%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.70 BDT

1 GBP = 166.31 BDT

1 Euro = 142.01 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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