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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:

Nearly 43% of annual LNG subsidy spent in just 1.5 months

- Nearly 43% of the subsidy allocated for liquefied natural gas (LNG) import in the budget has already been disbursed within one and a half months of this fiscal year as the fuel price spikes amid global unrest.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nearly-43pc-of-annual-lng-subsidy-spent-in-just-15-months-1787162649

Import of RMG raw materials drops 4pc in FY26

- The country's imports of raw materials for the RMG sector witnessed a decline of 4% in FY26, reaching USD 17.7 Bn FY26, which was USD 18.44 Bn in FY25.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/310453/import-of-rmg-raw-materials-drops-4pc-in-fy26

Bangladesh's cotton import forecast slashed for MY27

- The United States Department of Agriculture slashed its projection of Bangladesh's cotton imports to 7.4 Mn bales for the ongoing 2026-27 marketing year, down from 7.6 Mn bales projected in its June and July forecast.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/310454/bangladeshs-cotton-import-forecast-slashed-for-my27

MSME registration launched with tax, remittance benefits

- SME Foundation on Tuesday launched micro, small and medium enterprise registration to help entrepreneurs avail tax exemptions on annual turnover and remit money abroad for business purposes.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/310455/msme-registration-launched-with-tax-remittance-benefits

BDT 50 Bn fund for cottage-micro entrepreneurs launched

- Bangladesh Bank and Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) have launched a BDT 50 Bn special fund to expand financing for cottage and micro enterprises. PKSF will develop promising business clusters across different regions of the country, with a target of creating 200,000 jobs in the micro enterprise sector.

https://tob.news/tk5000cr-fund-for-cottage-micro-entrepreneurs-launched/

Gas allocation keeps public-private KAFCO running as state-owned CUFL stays shut

- Gas allocation has kept the public-private Karnaphuli Fertiliser Company Ltd (Kafco) in operation, while state-owned Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Ltd (CUFL) has remained shut for five and a half months, highlighting the contrasting impact of the ongoing gas shortage on the two fertiliser plants located in the same area of Chattogram.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/gas-allocation-keeps-public-private-kafco-running-state-owned-cufl-stays-shut

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Govt sets five-year plan to clean up banking sector

- The government has set out a five-year plan to clean up the banking sector, with a focus on recovering bad loans, tightening supervision, improving governance and restoring depositor confidence.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-sets-five-year-plan-clean-banking-sector-4251926

BANK | Islamic banks face deposit drain

- While the overall Islamic banking system saw total deposits slip by 2.68% - equivalent to BDT 130 Bn - to BDT 4.67 Tn in June compared to May, total investments climbed by 2.06%, reaching BDT 6.12 Tn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/islamic-banks-face-deposit-drain-1787162975

BANK | Islamic banks' remittance receipts fall 27% in June

- Remittances channelled through Islamic banks fell 27% year-on-year to USD 448 Mn in June 2026.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/islamic-banks-remittance-receipts-fall-27-june-4251911

BANK | BB allows release of USD 3.2 Mn loan for SS Power-I

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has granted permission to release the remaining portion of an approved foreign-currency syndicated loan for power-generation company SS Power-I Limited, reports UNB.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-allows-release-of-32-million-loan-for-ss-power-i-1787163051

BANK | NPLs in 5 state-owned banks up by BDT 63.04 Bn in H1 2026

- Severe balance-sheet distress across Bangladesh's five major state-owned commercial banks (SoCBs) continues to deepen as non-performing loans (NPLs) surged by BDT 63.04 Bn in H1'26, reaching a staggering BDT 1.51 Tn (USD 12.8+ Bn) at the end of June.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/417857/npls-in-5-state-owned-banks-up-by-tk6-304cr-in-h1

BANK | Borrowing by banks squeezes for lack of investment scope

- Commercial banks' borrowing appetite dampens amid a squeeze in credit demand amid persisting economic sluggishness, leaving affluent lenders wallowing in un-invested liquidity buildups, statistics show.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/borrowing-by-banks-squeezes-for-lack-of-investment-scope-1787162780

TELECOM | BTRC moves to lower voice call floor price

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission is working to reduce the floor price of voice calls in the interest of consumers, as customers raised concerns over mobile call charges at a public hearing on Wednesday. The commission currently sets the minimum voice call tariff at BDT 0.45 per minute, while the maximum tariff is BDT 2.0.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/310460/btrc-moves-to-lower-voice-call-floor-price

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mobile-users-complain-high-call-rates-poor-network-4251936

TELECOM | Govt plans cheaper smartphones to bring feature-phone users online

- The government is working to bring the price of smartphones down to around BDT 6,000-7,000 to help millions of feature-phone users switch to data-enabled devices and participate more fully in the digital economy.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/310464/govt-plans-cheaper-smartphones-to-bring-feature-phone-users-online

ENERGY | Excelerate terminal stops gas supply

- Regasified LNG supply from Excelerate Energy's terminal in Cox's Bazar's Moheshkhali has stopped amid a cargo shortage.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/excelerate-terminal-stops-gas-supply-1787162868

ENERGY | Merchant power risks losing price appeal under proposed charges

- Big factories and industries hoping to save money by buying electricity directly from private power plants, instead of the national grid, may find those savings shrink sharply if a new set of proposed fees are implemented, according to an analysis of the proposals.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/merchant-power-risks-losing-price-appeal-under-proposed-charges-4251941

ENERGY | Govt to buy one cargo LNG from spot market

- The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase on Wednesday approved a proposal for buying one cargo of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the spot market at a price of USD 23.93 per MMBtu.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-buy-one-cargo-lng-from-spot-market-1787163103

PHARMA | IFC, Popular Pharmaceuticals to boost Bangladesh's healthcare supply chains, create jobs

- IFC has committed a USD 30.7 Mn senior secured loan to Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC (Popular), a leading manufacturer of generic medicines. The financing will support Popular's US dollar working capital needs, primarily for the import of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), critical inputs for local medicine production.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/417853/ifc-popular-pharmaceuticals-to-boost-bangladesh%E2%80%99s

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | DSE names 138 marginable stocks as new lending rules take effect

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has issued a fresh list of 138 marginable securities, providing a clear roadmap for investors and brokerage houses under the newly implemented regulatory framework.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-names-138-marginable-stocks-new-lending-rules-take-effect-1519841

EXCHANGE | BSEC reconstitutes probe committee on Robi Axiata, extends deadline by 90 working days

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has reconstituted its enquiry committee investigating Robi Axiata PLC and extended the deadline for submitting the probe report by another 90 working days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-reconstitutes-probe-committee-robi-axiata-extends-deadline-90-working-days

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank unveils ESG and Sustainability Report 2025

- BRAC Bank has recently published its ESG and Sustainability Report 2025, presenting the bank's sustainability performance and impact across people, planet and prosperity under the theme 'Driving Innovation, Advancing Inclusion and Creating Impact,' said a press release.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/310462/brac-bank-unveils-esg-and-sustainability-report-2025

NCCBANK | NCC Bank to expand Shariah-compliant footprint with 20 new branches

- NCC Bank is set to scale up its Shariah-compliant operations after receiving in-principle approval from Bangladesh Bank to convert 20 of its conventional branches into full-fledged Islamic banking units.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ncc-bank-expand-shariah-compliant-footprint-20-new-branches-1519846

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UTTARAFIN | Uttara Finance board dissolved again

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has once again dissolved the board of Uttara Finance and Investments, just six months after reconstituting it, and appointed an administrator to the crisis-hit non-bank financial institution (NBFI).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/uttara-finance-board-dissolved-again-1787159254

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 85.81	USD 28.38	49.42%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 91.92	USD 31.07	51.06%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,505.03	USD 164.03	3.78%
DSEX	5,769.71	904.37	18.59%
S&P 500	7,707.98	809.16	11.73%
FTSE 100	10,743.35	811.97	8.18%
BSE SENSEX	77,468.45	-7,325.13	-8.64%
KSE-100	176,846.40	2,792.10	1.60%
CSEALL	21,416.57	-1,207.74	-5.34%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 121.93 BDT
1 GBP = 165.81 BDT
1 Euro = 142.21 BDT
1 INR = 1.27 BDT

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