

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:**Investors seek cheaper loans, gas guarantees as PM offers 44 state factories for revival**

- Local and foreign investors have sought additional policy support, including cheaper financing and guaranteed gas supplies, to help revive 44 loss-making and shuttered state-owned industrial units. Currently, 26% of the 107 factories under the industries ministry are loss-making, while 64% remain closed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/investors-seek-cheaper-loans-gas-guarantees-pm-offers-44-state-factories-revival>

Negotiations begin with IMF in mid-July for fresh USD 4.0 Bn loan

- A fresh government move gets underway to open negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in mid-July to secure some USD 4.0 Bn under a new lending package to attain macroeconomic stability, officials say. A senior Finance official said that in the new programme, the IMF may not agree to ditch those important reform measures but may accept their implementation at a later stage. Another Finance official says reform measures for boosting revenue mobilisation, bifurcation of the revenue board, and banking-sector reforms and greater exchange-rate flexibility will definitely be included in the new credit programme with the IMF.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/negotiations-begin-with-imf-in-mid-july-for-fresh-40b-loan>

BD expects USD 3.0 Bn dev funds during PM's China visit

- Bangladesh is expecting roughly USD 3.0 Bn in development support and grants from China during Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's upcoming visit starting June 23.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-expects-30b-dev-funds-during-pms-china-visit-1781977201>

PM's Malaysia, China visits: Dhaka to push RCEP bid, investment, labour market cooperation

- Bangladesh will strongly place its desire to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), as Prime Minister begins his twin visit to Malaysia and China, starting with engagements in Southeast Asian country Malaysia focused on broader cooperation in trade, investment, energy, and the labour market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/foreign-policy/pms-malaysia-visit-dhaka-push-rcep-bid-investment-labour-market-cooperation-1467841>

Govt seeks USD 5.15 Bn from ADB for 29 development projects

- The government has drawn up a pipeline of 29 development projects, seeking financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) over the next two years as it looks to sustain infrastructure development, strengthen climate resilience, and support economic reforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-seeks-515b-from-adb-for-29-development-projects-1781977626>

Govt to revamp GDP, inflation calculation methods

- The government is set to overhaul the methodology used to compile key macroeconomic indicators, including the consumer price index (CPI), inflation, wage rate index and gross domestic product (GDP), in a bid to make official statistics more accurate, realistic and aligned with international standards.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-revamp-gdp-inflation-calculation-methods-1781977400>

Ambitious targets could push budget deficit to BDT 4 Tn

- The actual fiscal deficit in the proposed national budget for FY27 could be close to BDT 4 Tn, according to Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID). In the budget, the finance minister has projected a deficit of BDT 2.43 Tn for the next fiscal year. RAPID Chairman said that even under an optimistic scenario, NBR revenue may remain below BDT 5 Tn, leaving a shortfall of around BDT 1.0 Tn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ambitious-targets-could-push-budget-deficit-tk-4-lakh-crore-4202416>

NBR for changes across 261 product lines ahead of LDC graduation

- In the proposed national budget for FY27, the revenue board has recommended sweeping adjustments across 261 distinct tariff lines, altering baseline customs duties, regulatory duties (RD), supplementary duties (SD), value-added tax (VAT), and minimum valuation benchmarks. However, macroeconomists and trade analysts point out a clear, long-term roadmap for comprehensive tariff liberalization remains missing.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/413186/nbr-for-changes-across-261-product-lines-ahead-of>

High inflation forces many into multiple jobs

- The prolonged inflation has significantly affected people's lives. In this reality, many young people are taking on multiple jobs. Some are even working three jobs to cope, they added.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/high-inflation-forces-many-multiple-jobs-4203716>

Dhaka requests Tokyo to review its new lending rate

- Bangladesh has formally requested Japan to review its newly imposed higher lending rate on development assistance loans, expressing concern that the increased borrowing cost could put additional pressure on the economy, officials said on Saturday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-requests-tokyo-to-review-its-new-lending-rate-1781977254>

Brent set for 8% weekly fall

- Brent crude ticked higher on Friday, but stayed set for a weekly fall of around 8 percent, after Israel and Hezbollah agreed on a ceasefire in Lebanon but Iran set conditions for using the vital Strait of Hormuz.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/brent-set-8-weekly-fall-4203731>

Sector and Industries:**RMG | USD 100 Bn apparel exports possible by 2030 with adequate energy supply: BGMEA**

- Bangladeshi garment manufacturers have the potential to export USD 100 Bn worth of apparel by the end of 2030 if they are ensured an adequate supply of gas and electricity and benefit from simplified business regulations.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/100b-apparel-exports-possible-2030-adequate-energy-supply-bgmea-4203536>

BANK | BB rules exist, but are they protecting bank MDs?

- Following resignation application of a managing director or chief executive officer of a bank, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) is supposed to call them for a hearing before taking a final decision, as per the existing regulations. However, in more than a year up to this month, more than a dozen managing directors and chief executive officers of private commercial banks have resigned or been terminated. In many of these cases, personal hearings were not held by the banking regulator.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-rules-exist-are-they-protecting-bank-mds-4203696>

BANK | BB moves to allow 100% margin LCs to keep Abdul Monem Sugar afloat

- The Bangladesh Bank has sought government approval to allow Abdul Monem Sugar Refinery Limited to open letters of credit (LCs) at a 100% margin until 30 June 2027, despite the company being classified as a loan defaulter due to its role as a guarantor for a defaulted loan of around BDT 4.55 Bn. The refinery is currently being operated by Abul Khair Limited following an agreement to acquire the business.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-moves-allow-100-margin-lcs-keep-abdul-monem-sugar-afloat-1467476>

BANK | RTGS crosses million-monthly transaction mark in 2025

- Bangladesh's real-time gross settlement (RTGS) system achieved a major milestone in 2025, processing more than one million transactions a month on average for the first time since its launch a decade ago.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rtgs-crosses-million-monthly-transaction-mark-in-2025-1781977672>

AUTOMOBILE | EV tax incentives may hurt reconditioned car market: Barvida

- Reconditioned vehicle importers have urged the government to review the proposed duty structure for automobiles, saying budgetary benefits for electric vehicles (EVs) could erode the competitiveness of hybrid and fossil-fuel-powered reconditioned cars in Bangladesh's developing automobile market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ev-tax-incentives-may-hurt-reconditioned-car-market-barvida-4203781>

PORT | Bangladesh liberalises container depot sector to attract global investment

- Bangladesh has scrapped the long-standing cap on foreign ownership of inland container depots (ICDs) and off-dock facilities, a move aimed at attracting greater foreign direct investment into the country's expanding logistics and port sectors. It will allow foreign investors to own 100% of private ICD and off-dock operations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-liberalises-container-depot-sector-attract-global-investment-1467446>

AVIATION | Biman's passenger handling monopoly to go as global giants vie for 3rd terminal

- The Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) has decided to appoint a second ground handling operator alongside Biman Bangladesh Airlines for passenger services at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport's third terminal. Cargo handling, however, will remain exclusively under Biman's control.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/bimans-passenger-handling-monopoly-go-global-giants-line-3rd-terminal-1467461>

Stocks:**FORTUNE | BSEC slaps hefty conditional fines on Fortune Shoes chairman, top officials over unpaid dues, dividends**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has issued a stern enforcement order targeting the top management and board members of Fortune Shoes Limited.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-slaps-hefty-conditional-fines-fortune-shoes-chairman-top-officials-over-unpaid>

BERGERPBL | Berger Paints to invest BDT 100 Mn in new packaging subsidiary

- Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Jenson and Nicholson (Bangladesh) Limited, have decided to jointly invest BDT 100 Mn in a newly formed entity, Jenson and Nicholson Packaging Limited (JNPL).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/berger-paints-invest-tk10cr-new-packaging-subsiary-1468041>

PRIMEBANK | Nine Prime Bank directors to buy BDT 310 Mn worth of shares

- Nine directors of Prime Bank PLC have announced plans to acquire shares worth about BDT 310 Mn from a sponsor who intends to sell just over 10 Mn shares through the block market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/nine-prime-bank-directors-buy-tk31cr-worth-shares-1468031>

MTB | Mamun made DMD of Mutual Trust Bank

- Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) has promoted Mohammad Mamun Faruk to the position of deputy managing director (DMD).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/islami-bank-faces-reserve-pressure-amid-tk4240cr-withdrawals-after-khurshid-alam>

CITYBANK | How City Bank got entangled in Sea Pearl's artificial rally

- City Bank's latest financial portfolio bears signs of institutional influence in an artificial market rally of the stock of Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa in 2023.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/how-city-bank-got-entangled-in-sea-pearls-artificial-rally>

WALTON | Walton begins exporting PCBA to US

- Walton began exporting printed circuit board assemblies or PCBA and various technology products to the United States on Thursday, said a press release.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/303305/walton-begins-exporting-pcba-to-us>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 76.54	USD 19.11	33.28%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 80.57	USD 19.72	32.41%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,155.71	(USD 185.29)	-4.27%
DSEX	5,661.38	796.05	16.36%
S&P 500	7,500.58	601.76	8.72%
FTSE 100	10,363.27	431.89	4.35%
BSE SENSEX	76,802.90	-7,990.68	-9.42%
KSE-100	179,330.90	5,276.60	3.03%
CSEALL	22,361.31	-263.00	-1.16%

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