*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:

### Fuel prices jump BDT 20 a litre

- The government has revised retail prices of diesel, octane, petrol and kerosene, with the new rates coming into effect from Monday. Diesel will be sold at BDT 135 per litre, octane at BDT 165, petrol at BDT 160 and kerosene at BDT 155.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/fuel-prices-jump-tk-20-a-litre

### Remittance inflow reaches USD 1.87 Bn in 19 days of September: BB

- Expatriate Bangladeshis sent over USD 1.87 Bn in remittances during the first 19 days of September 2026, marking a slight monthly increase compared to the same period of the previous fiscal year.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/remittance-inflow-reaches-187b-in-19-days-of-september

### USD 1.5 Bn local investment plans stalled over past four years

- At least USD 1.5 Bn in identifiable corporate investment plan has been affected over the past four years as businesses were hit by external shocks, domestic political uncertainty, high borrowing costs and energy crises.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/15b-local-investment-plans-stalled-over-past-four-years-4278151

### Taka strengthens against dollar after 5.5 years: BB

- On a point-to-point basis during June this year, the value of the taka appreciated by 0.06%. Furthermore, between August 30 and September 17, the local currency strengthened by 0.77% against the greenback.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/taka-strengthens-against-dollar-after-55-years-bb-4278356

### E-filing made mandatory for 11 goods and services

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has made online VAT return filing mandatory for 11 goods and services to improve compliance, boost revenue collection and bring VAT documentation under a digital system. The sectors are - cigarettes, mobile phones, medicines, beverages, cement, MS products, tiles, paints and varnishes, insurance, banking and non-banking financial services, and mobile financial services.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/e-filing-made-mandatory-11-goods-and-services-4278181

### Govt moves to ease bidding requirements

- The proposed changes to the Public Procurement Act, 2006 include easing the mandatory requirements for "prior experience" and "high annual turnover", which currently give established firms an advantage in bidding for large government projects.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-moves-ease-bidding-requirements-4278406

### Investor hurdles drag Bangladesh startup funding to 5-year low in Jan-Jun

- Bangladesh's startup investment fell to a five-year low in the first half of 2026. Bangladeshi startups raised just USD 6.0 Mn in January-June, down 95% from USD 120 Mn in the same period last year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/investor-hurdles-drag-bangladesh-startup-funding-5-year-low-jan-jun-1548671

### BAFFA urges NBR to bar fully foreign-owned firms from freight forwarding

- The Bangladesh Freight Forwarders Association (BAFFA) has urged the National Board of Revenue (NBR) not to issue freight forwarding licences to fully foreign-owned companies, arguing that local participation is needed to protect domestic entrepreneurs and retain economic benefits in Bangladesh.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/baffa-urges-nbr-bar-fully-foreign-owned-firms-freight-forwarding-1548561

## Sector and Industries:

### BANK | Banks fret over deposit buildup sans investment scope

- Liquidity crunch looks to be a thing of the past now as affluent commercial banks in particular fret over deposit buildup amid squeezing investment avenues for  economic slowdown. An analysis of the paradoxical situation shows various regulatory moves and deposit-mobilising drives by the country's banks helped in gradually restoring people's once-shaken trust in the banking sector.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/banks-fret-over-deposit-buildup-sans-investment-scope

### BANK | Islamic banks' deposits, investment grow in July

- Islamic banks in Bangladesh witnessed mixed trends in deposits, investments, remittances and trade transactions in July 2026. Their deposits and investments registered a year-on-year growth while remittances and export receipts declined in the month.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/islamic-banks-deposits-investment-grow-in-july-1789927206

### INSURANCE | MetLife launches health savings insurance with critical illness cover

- MetLife Bangladesh has launched a health savings plan that combines critical illness protection with savings that policyholders can access for eligible healthcare expenses during the policy term.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/metlife-launches-health-savings-insurance-critical-illness-cover-4278311

### RMG | Bangladesh RMG unit prices trail global average in US, EU

- Recent trade data showed that Bangladesh’s average export price on the US market stood at USD 3.05 per square metre equivalent against a global average of USD 3.17, a 3.8% discount in January-July of 2026. The gap was much wider in the European Union, where the global average unit price reached EUR 19.84 a kilogram, while Bangladeshi shipments fetched only EUR 13.80 a kilogram during the period, a steep 30.4% discount.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/314705/bangladesh-rmg-unit-prices-trail-global-average-in-us-eu

### TELECOM | Mobile phone ownership rises to 65.6% in Bangladesh

- Mobile phone ownership among individuals in Bangladesh rose to 65.6% in the Q4FY26, up from 64.2% in the same period of the previous year, according to Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/mobile-phone-ownership-rises-to-656pc

### PAYMENT | Family Card beneficiaries to get TakaPay debit cards for transactions

- The government has decided to provide TakaPay debit cards to every Family Card beneficiary to make it easier for them to withdraw and spend their allowances. The cards will allow beneficiaries to withdraw cash from ATMs and make purchases through point-of-sale (POS) terminals.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/family-card-beneficiaries-get-takapay-debit-cards-transactions-1547751

**ENERGY | Petrobangla to buy rigs as it gears up for gas discovery**

- Petrobangla has launched preparations to expand its drilling fleet and auction off project bids as it attempts to execute a four-year strategy to drill 118 wells by fiscal year 2029–30. Petrobangla plans to drill 17 wells in FY2026-27, followed by 30 in FY2027-28, 33 in FY2028-29 and 38 in FY2029-30.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/petrobangla-buy-rigs-it-gears-gas-discovery-1547721

**Stocks:**

**MARICO | Foreign investors offload BDT 850 Mn Marico shares in six months**

- Foreign investors have continued to offload their holdings in Marico Bangladesh Limited selling around 0.315 Mn shares worth approximately BDT 850 Mn between March and August this year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-offload-tk85cr-marico-shares-six-months-1548551

**MTB | Mutual Trust Bank to provide API-driven cash management to CDBL**

- Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) has signed an agreement with Central Depository Bangladesh PLC (CDBL) for cash management services. Under the arrangement, CDBL will utilise MTB's integrated, API-driven cash management services to manage all types of payments and online collections through MTB eBank.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/mutual-trust-bank-provide-api-driven-cash-management-cdbl-4278336

**EBL | Eastern Bank tops DSE turnover board with BDT 369.4 Mn trade**

- Eastern Bank emerged as the top turnover leader on Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on September 20, as shares worth BDT 369.4 Mn changed hands during the session, with 16.1 Mn shares traded through 1,773 transactions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-bank-tops-dse-turnover-board-tk3694cr-trade-1548516

**SICL | BSEC fines Sikder Insurance board BDT 1.1 Mn over IPO fund misuse**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed fines on the board of directors, managing director and company secretary of listed insurer Sikder Insurance Company Limited for violating securities laws and conditions governing the utilisation of its IPO proceeds.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-sikder-insurance-board-tk11-lakh-over-ipo-fund-misuse-1548521

**Stock and Commodities***

| Index Name | Close Value | Value Change YTD | % Change YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Crude Oil (WTI)* | USD 98.27 | USD 40.84 | 71.11% |
| Crude Oil (Brent)* | USD 102.09 | USD 41.24 | 67.77% |
| Gold Spot* | USD 4,379.16 | USD 38.16 | 0.88% |
| DSEX | 5,592.21 | 726.87 | 14.94% |
| S&P 500 | 7,650.50 | 751.68 | 10.90% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,659.13 | 727.75 | 7.33% |
| BSE SENSEX | 74,294.96 | -10,498.62 | -12.38% |
| KSE-100 | 170,884.60 | -3,169.70 | -1.82% |
| CSEALL | 21,056.26 | -1,568.05 | -6.93% |

**Exchange Rates**

## 1 US Dollar = 122.76 BDT

## 1 GBP = 164.39 BDT

## 1 Euro = 140.95 BDT

## 1 INR = 1.27 BDT

## IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

**Analyst Certification:** Each research analyst and research associate who authored this document and whose name appears herein certifies that the recommendations and opinions expressed in the research report accurately reflect their personal views about any and all of the securities or issuers discussed therein that are within the coverage universe.

**Disclaimer**: Estimates and projections herein are our own and are based on assumptions that we believe to be reasonable. Information presented herein, while obtained from sources we believe to be reliable, is not guaranteed either as to accuracy or completeness. Neither the information nor any opinion expressed herein constitutes a solicitation of the purchase or sale of any security. As it acts for public companies from time to time, BRAC-EPL may have a relationship with the above-mentioned company(s). This report is intended for distribution in only those jurisdictions in which BRAC-EPL is registered and any distribution outside those jurisdictions is strictly prohibited.

**Compensation of Analysts:** The compensation of research analysts is intended to reflect the value of the services they provide to the clients of BRAC-EPL. As with most other employees, the compensation of research analysts is impacted by the overall profitability of the firm, which may include revenues from corporate finance activities of the firm's Corporate Finance department. However, Research analysts' compensation is not directly related to specific corporate finance transaction.

**General Risk Factors:** BRAC-EPL will conduct a comprehensive risk assessment for each company under coverage at the time of initiating research coverage and revisit this assessment when subsequent update reports are published, or material company events occur. Following are some general risks that can impact future operational and financial performance: (1) Industry fundamentals with respect to customer demand or product / service pricing could change expected revenues and earnings; (2) Issues relating to major competitors or market shares or new product expectations could change investor attitudes; (3) Unforeseen developments with respect to the management, financial condition or accounting policies alter the prospective valuation; or (4) Interest rates, currency or major segments of the economy could alter investor confidence and investment prospects.

**BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited**

**Research**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salim Afzal Shawon, CFA | Head of Research | salim@bracepl.com | 01708 805 221 |
| Fahim Hassan | Research Analyst | fahim.hassan@bracepl.com | 01709 636 546 |
| Hossain Zaman Towhidi Khan | Research Analyst | hztowhidi.khan@bracepl.com | 01708 805 224 |
| Foysal Ahmed, CFA | Research Analyst | foysal.ahmed@bracepl.com | 01708 805 201 |
| S M Toufique Imran | Research Analyst | smtoufique.imran@bracepl.com | 01708 805 228 |
| Tasviha Taher Trishila | Research Associate | tasviha.trishila@bracepl.com | 01730 701 733 |

**International Trade and Sales**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kumaresh Saha | CEO (Acting) | kumaresh@bracepl.com | |

**BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited**

www.bracepl.com

Symphony, Plot No.: S.E.(F) – 9(3rd Floor), Road No.: 142

Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka – 1212

Phone: + (88)-02-222282446-47

Fax: + (88)-02-222282452

E-Mail: research@bracepl.com