

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:**Election pledges to be reflected in next budget, 8% tax-GDP target set: Finance minister**

- Newly appointed Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has instructed the authorities to ensure that the government's election pledges are reflected in the upcoming national budget, signalling the administration's intent to implement its commitments from the very first fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/election-pledges-be-reflected-next-budget-8-tax-gdp-target-set-finance-minister-1367826>

Trump says he will raise US global tariff rate from 10 to 15%

- President Donald Trump said he will raise temporary tariffs on almost all US imports from 10% to 15%, the maximum level allowed under the law, after the US Supreme Court struck down his previous tariff programme as invalid.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/trump-says-he-will-raise-us-global-tariff-rate-from-10-to-15-percent>

BD-US reciprocal tariff deal's status unclear

- A landmark ruling by the US Supreme Court torpedoing Trump tariffs effectively upsets Bangladesh's trade arrangements with the USA. As the required exchange of formal notifications remains incomplete, the deal's current status is still unclear. According to Managing Director of Sparrow Group, if any agreement entered into by a US government department - including the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) - was based on modifying or applying the reciprocal tariffs, then that specific portion of the agreement would lose its legal standing. However, he clarifies that other components of trade agreements not directly linked to the reciprocal tariffs, such as commercial buying and selling commitments, would remain valid unless separately challenged.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bd-us-reciprocal-tariff-deals-status-unclear>

Bangladesh economy broadly remained stable in Q1FY26: BB

- The Bangladesh economy broadly remained stable in Q1FY26, supported by exchange rate stability, a resilient external sector, and continued policy tightening, according to the latest quarterly report of Bangladesh Bank. According to the latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, industrial growth rose to 6.97% in Q1 of FY26, a significant improvement from 2.38% in the previous quarter and 3.59% in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-economy-broadly-remained-stable-q1fy26-bb-1366321>

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/industry-sees-big-697pc-growth-in-q1-fy26-1771695843>

Forex reserves climb past USD 30 Bn as BB steps up dollar purchases

- The country's foreign exchange reserves have crossed the USD 30 Bn mark, Bangladesh Bank officials said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forex-reserves-climb-past-30b-bb-steps-dollar-purchases-1366446>

UN CDP to assess Bangladesh's graduation readiness as 3-year deferral sought

- A five-day meeting of the UN Committee for Development Policy (UN CDP) is set to begin tomorrow in New York City, where Bangladesh's graduation-related submission will be assessed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-cdp-assess-bangladeshs-graduation-readiness-3-year-deferral-sought-1367661>

Remittance inflow crosses USD 2 Bn in just 18 days of February

- Expatriate Bangladeshis have sent over USD 2.0 Bn in remittances during the first 18 days of February, as money transfers surged ahead of Ramadan and Eid.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-crosses-2-billion-in-just-18-days-of-february>

Continue coordinated fiscal, monetary policies to tame inflation

- In a transition note, former Finance Adviser urged the newly elected government to maintain coordinated fiscal and monetary policies to sustain macroeconomic stability and keep inflation under control.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/continue-coordinated-fiscal-monetary-policies-to-tame-inflation>

Revenue lags, costly mega projects raise external debt risks

- High-cost infrastructure projects awarded largely through non-competitive contracts, coupled with weak revenue mobilisation, are increasing Bangladesh's exposure to external public debt risks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/revenue-lags-costly-mega-projects-raise-external-debt-risks-1367161>

New govt faces fiscal space squeeze

- A total of 86 development projects, stalled for more than a decade despite having an approved estimated cost of BDT 4.76 Tn, significantly squeezed the previous government's fiscal space, potentially limiting the new administration's ability to take up fresh schemes, officials at the Planning Commission say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/new-govt-faces-fiscal-space-squeeze>

Sector & Industries:

TEXTILE | Restricting yarn imports could cost US 2.4 Bn, put 0.4m jobs at risk

- BGMEA has told Finance Ministry that restrictive measures on imported cotton yarn could trigger a staggering USD 2.4 Bn annual cost shock for the export-oriented apparel sector and put up to 0.4 Mn jobs at risk. They have urged the government to adopt a phased 10-year transition roadmap.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/restricting-yarn-imports-could-cost-24b-put-04m-jobs-at-risk>

BANK | Positive real returns draw savings into banks

- Savers have been earning positive real returns since June 2025 as deposit rates have remained above the inflation. Bankers said liquidity conditions and competition for funds influenced deposit pricing during the period, although the overall trajectory remained favourable for savers. Managing Director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) told depositors keep their money mostly in FDRs, which remain at 10% or above in the market. He added that deposits in the banking system have remained strong due to steady remittance inflows, otherwise, the gap might have widened.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/positive-real-returns-draw-savings-into-banks>

BANK | Banks' interbank, BB borrowings plummet amid credit demand squeeze

- Commercial banks' interbank and central-bank borrowings have plummeted due to a sharp decline in private-sector credit demand and increased liquidity from the central bank's foreign-exchange market interventions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/banks-interbank-bb-borrowings-plummet-amid-credit-demand-squeeze>

BANK | Ansar-VDP Development Bank seeks 3-yr extension

- Ansar-VDP Development Bank has sought extension of the state guarantee on a BDT 10 Bn "Agriculture and Rural Credit" facility for another three years. The bank management said repayment of as much as BDT 10.32 Bn (including interest) by that date could trigger a severe liquidity crisis for it.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/ansar-vdp-development-bank-seeks-3-yr-extension>

BANK | Half of all large loans now NPLs

- Over half of all loan accounts exceeding BDT 500 Mn turned non-performing by Sep'25; in BDT 400–500 Mn bracket, the ratio jumped to 46.8%; 44.6% in BDT 300–400 Mn range; 40.5% in BDT 200–300 Mn range, 48.1% in BDT 100–200 Mn; 27.9% in BDT 10–100 Mn segment; while classified loans up to BDT 10 Mn rose to 15.2%.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/291731/half-of-all-large-loans-now-npls>

TELECOM | BTRC adds new frequency bands for NGSO satellite

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has appended new frequency bands for Non-Geostationary Orbit (NGSO) satellite services, signalling a significant regulatory move to meet the growing demand for next-generation satellite connectivity in Bangladesh.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/btrc-adds-new-frequency-bands-for-ngso-satellite>

NBFI | Cenbank eyes pre-Eid liquidation for six NBFIs, awaits govt fund release

- The Bangladesh Bank is fully prepared to begin the liquidation of six struggling non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs). A senior central bank official told that BDT 56.0 Bn has been sought from the Finance Division to carry out the liquidation. In the first phase, BDT 26.0 Bn will be provided, while rest will be paid by June. He added that as soon as the first instalment is received, BB will appoint administrators in the institutions concerned.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-eyes-pre-eid-liquidation-six-nbfis-awaits-govt-fund-release-1366576>

Stocks:**ROBI | Robi posts record BDT 9.37 Bn profit in 2025**

- Robi Axiata achieved its highest-ever profit of BDT 9.37 Bn in 2025, despite only marginal revenue growth, crediting what it described as disciplined capital allocation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/robi-posts-record-tk-937-crore-profit-2025-4110056>

OLYMPIC | Aziz Mohammad Bhai announces plan to buy BDT 1.54 Bn worth of Olympic shares

- Aziz Mohammad Bhai, sponsor director and chairman of Olympic Industries Limited has announced his intention to purchase 10 Mn shares of the company through the block market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aziz-mohammad-bhai-announces-plan-buy-tk154cr-worth-olympic-shares-1365836>

BEXIMCO | BTRC cancels BEXIMCO's VSAT licence

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has cancelled the VSAT provider licence of Bangladesh Export Import Co. Ltd. (BEXIMCO), declaring it expired and cautioning that any continued operation under the licence would be treated as illegal.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/btrc-cancels-beximcos-vsats-licence>

PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank gets BDT 50.0 Bn in liquidity support from BB

- Premier Bank has received BDT 50.0 Bn in emergency liquidity support from Bangladesh Bank (BB) amid a deposit outflow. However, of the BDT 50.0 Bn, nearly BDT 40.0 Bn was deducted to meet its SLR (Statutory Liquidity Ratio) requirements.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/premier-bank-gets-tk-5000cr-liquidity-support-bb-4110281>

VAMLRBBF | Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund declares no dividend for 2025

- The Trustee Committee of Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund has declared no dividend for the year ended 31 December 2025, citing continued pressure on earnings despite signs of operational improvement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/vanguard-aml-rupali-bank-balanced-fund-declares-no-dividend-2025-1365811>

EXCHANGE | Past missteps haunt BSEC as fresh lobbying begins for top posts

- Strong lobbying has begun for the top positions at the securities regulator after the newly elected government assumed office last week. Market experts insist that the right leadership is imperative for the capital market to recover from decades-old wounds inflicted by fraud and self-serving policies.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/past-missteps-haunt-bsec-as-fresh-lobbying-begins-for-top-posts-1771695961>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 66.48	USD 9.05	15.76%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 71.76	USD 10.91	17.93%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,107.45	USD 766.45	17.66%
DSEX	5,465.93	600.59	12.34%
S&P 500	6,909.51	10.69	0.15%
FTSE 100	10,686.89	755.51	7.61%
BSE SENSEX	82,814.71	-1,978.87	-2.33%
KSE-100	173,169.70	-884.60	-0.51%
CSEALL	23,773.64	1,149.33	5.08%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.35 BDT

1 GBP = 165.01 BDT

1 Euro = 144.18 BDT

1 INR = 1.35 BDT

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