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 Bank plans fully floating exchange rate within a month

- Bangladesh Bank plans to introduce a fully floating exchange rate system within a month, allowing buyers and sellers to negotiate foreign currency prices directly, BB Governor has said at a consultation meeting.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bangladesh-bank-plans-fully-floating-exchange-rate-within-month-1608901

Country forgoes tax revenue equal to 5.89% of GDP: RAPID

- Bangladesh is failing to collect revenue equal to 5.89% of GDP from personal income tax and domestic VAT alone, even under existing tax laws, according to a study by Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID).

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/323524/country-forgoes-tax-revenue-equal-to-589pc-of-gdp-rapid

Bangladesh risks low-growth cycle, World Bank warns

- Bangladesh risks remaining trapped in a low-growth cycle, with average economic growth projected at 4.2% over the decade to 2035 unless it undertakes reforms, the World Bank has warned. Sustained reforms, however, could lift average annual growth to 5.7%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-risks-low-growth-cycle-world-bank-warns-4328511

Manufacturing sheds 1.4 Mn jobs despite output growth

- Manufacturing employment fell from 9.5 Mn to 8.1 lakh despite sustained growth in industrial output, highlighting a widening disconnect between economic expansion and employment generation, the study found.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/manufacturing-sheds-14-lakh-jobs-despite-output-growth-4328501

Germany pledges EUR 246 Mn new dev aid for BD

- Bangladesh is set to receive up to EUR 402 Mn in development assistance from Germany under a latest development-cooperation programme as the two countries have agreed to expand cooperation in renewable energy, energy efficiency, skills development, and sustainable infrastructure.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/germany-pledges-246m-new-dev-aid-for-bd-1795112800

Labour reforms open door to US DFC financing

- Bangladesh has regained eligibility for financing from the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) following progress on labour reforms, opening the door to long-term financing and private investment in commercially viable projects.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/labour-reforms-open-door-to-us-dfc-financing-1795113786

Online platform glitches disrupt businesses' VAT compliance

- Persistent technical glitches and frequent service disruptions in the online VAT system are making it increasingly difficult for businesses to meet their tax obligations, disrupting routine operations and raising concerns over statutory return-submission deadlines.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/online-platform-glitches-disrupt-businesses-vat-compliance-1795113663

NSC sales rise amid bank sector woes

- Net sales of national savings certificates increased in Q1FY27 as concerns over the safety of bank deposits and lower deposit rates encouraged households to shift their savings to government-backed investment schemes.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/323522/nsc-sales-rise-amid-bank-sector-woes

Sector and Industries:

BANK | BB opens BDT 600 Bn stimulus funds to defaulters with stay order

- Loan defaulters who have secured stay orders from courts have been declared eligible to receive loans under Bangladesh Bank's BDT 600 Bn incentive schemes.

https://tob.news/bb-opens-tk60000cr-stimulus-funds-to-defaulters-with-stay-order/
https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/home/doling-out-economic-stimulus-funds-far-trails-deadline

BANK | BB plans caps on single borrowers, corporate lending

- BB plans to cap the amount a single borrower can take in loans, as well as the share of corporate lending in a bank's portfolio. Under the Bank Company Act, a single borrower can take a maximum of 25% of a bank's paid-up capital. However, there is no limit on how much a borrower can take from the banking sector as a whole.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bb-plans-caps-single-borrowers-corporate-lending-4329946

BANK | Cenbank orders StanChart to retain employees' 5% profit share as retained earnings

- BB has instructed Standard Chartered Bangladesh (SCB) to retain 5% of annual profits under the Workers' Profit Participation Fund (WPPF) as retained earnings until legal complications over the payment are resolved.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-orders-stanchart-retain-employees-5-profit-share-retained-earnings-1609901

BANK | Rural demand fuels 38% growth in Sept

- Lending through agent banking channels expanded by more than 38% year-on-year to BDT 441.1 Bn at the end of September 2026. The average loan size is BDT 50,000, and it mostly goes to shops and micro-entrepreneurs.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/rural-demand-fuels-38pc-growth-in-sept

RMG | RMG unrest may cost BDT 22 Bn a day, warn buying houses

- The country's economy could lose BDT 20–22 Bn each day if ready-made garment production stays shut amid the ongoing labour unrest, the Bangladesh Garment Buying House Association warned on Thursday.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/323219/rmg-unrest-may-cost-tk-2200cr-a-day-warn-buying-houses

RMG | RMG wage wrangles worsen with disagreements over scale hikes

- Minimum wage wrangles for the garment sector get complicated following sharp pushback from both factory owners and labour bodies against the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD)-broached pay recommendations.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/home/rmg-wage-wrangles-worsen-with-disagreements-over-scale-hikes

RMG | Bangladesh attains milestone as LEED-certified factories cross 300

- Bangladesh now has 302 LEED-certified green factories, the highest of any country, as 12 more apparel, textile and accessories factories recently earned certification from the US Green Building Council.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/323340/bangladesh-attains-milestone-as-leed-certified-factories-cross-300

RMG | Denim exports to EU decline 5.48% in Jan-Sept

- Imports from Bangladesh fell 5.48% to EUR 1.01 Bn from that of EUR 1.07 Bn in the same period past year.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/323220/denim-exports-to-eu-decline-548pc-in-jan-sept

ENERGY | BDT 6.05 Bn Matarbari solar project faces cost scrutiny

- The government will build a 70 MW solar power plant in Matarbari at cost of BDT 6.05 Bn, with the European Investment Bank (EIB) expected to provide the lion's share of the cost.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/tk-605b-matarbari-solar-project-faces-cost-scrutiny-1795199351

ENERGY | LNG-powered plants: USD 7.7 Bn in planned investment stalls as gas remains scarce

- Bangladesh's ambitious plan to expand LNG-based power generation has largely failed to materialise, with 10 projects involving a potential investment of USD 7.7 Bn either cancelled, withdrawn or stalled without significant progress over the past five years.

https://tob.news/lng-powered-plants-7-7b-in-planned-investment-stalls-as-gas-remains-scarce/

LEATHER | Govt raises min. wage for leather, footwear workers by 67.6%

- The government has raised the minimum monthly wage for workers in the leather goods and footwear manufacturing sector by 67.6% to BDT 11,900, six years after the previous pay structure was introduced.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-raises-min-wage-for-leather-footwear-workers-by-676pc

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | T+1 trade settlement cycle to begin in Jan

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has decided to begin the T+1 trade settlement cycle on January 4 next year, with the expectation that a shortened cycle would boost trade volume.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/t1-trade-settlement-cycle-to-begin-in-jan-1795276842

EXCHANGE | Order management: Dhaka bourse seeks local vendor to cut costs

- The Dhaka bourse plans to appoint a local vendor instead of a foreign one to provide Order Management System (OMS) services to brokerage firms in order to cut costs. DSE chairman has said the DSE was also thinking of establishing a FinTech company in an effort to ensure the services.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/order-management-dhaka-bourse-seeks-local-vendor-to-cut-costs-1795276824

EXCHANGE | DSE sees BDT 1.71 Bn foreign turnover in early November

- Foreign turnover, combining the buying and selling of shares at the Dhaka bourse, was reported at BDT 1.71 Bn in the first half of November, according to a fortnightly report by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-sees-tk171cr-foreign-turnover-early-november-1609906

EXCHANGE | Derivatives debut historic, but success takes time: BSEC chief

- Bangladesh's move to introduce derivatives trading in the capital market marks a historic milestone, but significant trading activity is unlikely to emerge immediately, said BSEC Chairman.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/derivatives-debut-historic-success-takes-time-bsec-chief-1608276

EXCHANGE | Auditors flag survival risks at 60 listed firms, sparking investor concerns

- The number of listed companies facing doubts over their ability to continue operations has risen sharply, with auditors flagging 60 firms as going concerns in their latest financial statements, up from 37 in April, according to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/auditors-flag-survival-risks-60-listed-firms-sparking-investor-concerns-1609891

REGULATORY | BSEC eases foreign dividend payout rules for listed firms

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has relaxed dividend disbursement rules for listed companies, exempting legitimate delays in payments to foreign shareholders from penalties when the delays arise from procedural requirements for obtaining tax clearance.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-eases-foreign-dividend-payout-rules-listed-firms-1608286

LANKABAFIN | LankaBangla Finance falls 13% on DSE after first-ever annual loss disclosure

- LankaBangla Finance's shares plunged more than 13% to BDT 12.20 on Thursday after the company's disclosure of its first-ever annual loss for 2025 and its decision against recommending any dividend for the second consecutive year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/lankabangla-finance-falls-13pc-on-dse-after-first-ever-annual-loss-disclosure-1795107900

TECHNODRUG, ACFL, SAFKOSPINN, LEGACYFOOT | Mismatches found in financial reporting by 4 firms

- Auditors found accounting discrepancies, governance weaknesses and issues tied to regulatory compliance in the FY26 financial statements of four listed companies, raising questions about the reliability of their financial reporting and internal controls. The companies are Techno Drugs, Aman Cotton Fibrous, Safko Spinning Mills and Legacy Footwear.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/mismatches-found-in-financial-reporting-by-4-firms-1795107954

BEXGSUKUK | BSEC weighs extension of Beximco's BDT 30.0 Bn sukuk

- With the December maturity deadline just weeks away, the regulator is considering extending the maturity tenure of Beximco's BDT 30.0 Bn Green Sukuk. The potential lifeline aims to avert a major default and ease mounting anxiety among 22 banks and NBFIs holding over BDT 28.0 Bn in unpaid principal.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-weighs-extension-beximcos-tk3000cr-sukuk-1608271

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 83.41	USD 25.98	45.24%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 92.57	USD 31.72	52.13%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,538.49	(USD 802.51)	-18.49%
DSEX	5,505.64	640.30	13.16%
S&P 500	6,910.39	11.57	0.17%
FTSE 100	10,346.34	414.96	4.18%
BSE SENSEX	83,919.71	-873.87	-1.03%
KSE-100	177,382.60	3,328.30	1.91%
CSEALL	21,369.72	-1,254.59	-5.55%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.83 BDT

1 GBP = 163.33 BDT

1 Euro = 136.94 BDT

1 INR = 1.34 BDT

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