

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:**Inflation to cool below 7% by June for policy panaceas**

- According to officials who briefed at the discussion, inflation has already shown signs of easing after a prolonged period of pressure driven by currency weakness, supply disruptions and global price shocks. Based on a 12-month average, overall inflation fell below 9.0% in November 2025 in a climb-down for the first time since June 2023.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-to-cool-below-7pc-by-june-for-policy-panaceas-1766425853>

ADB, GoB sign loan deals worth USD 688 Mn to support project

- The Bangladesh government and the Asian Development Bank have finalized agreements to modernize the 35-kilometre Chattogram-Dohazari railway corridor and construct a crucial bypass at the Dohazari station. This initiative is designed to streamline direct rail connectivity between Dhaka and the popular tourist destination of Cox's Bazar while enhancing regional trade and transport efficiency.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/adb-gob-sign-loan-deals-worth-688m-to-support-project-1766426104>

Forex reserves cross USD 28 Bn, rise USD 1.5 Bn in 20 days

- According to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) BPM-6 accounting method, the country's gross reserves stood at USD 26.51 Bn on 1 December. This indicates an increase of USD 1.5 Bn within just 20 days.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forex-reserves-cross-28bn-rise-15bn-20-days-1316656>

LDC exit nears but trade deals stayed in waiting mode in 2025

- Less than a year remains before the country formally graduates from the least developed country (LDC) club in November 2026. For an economy built on garment exports, this milestone is not just symbolic; it comes with the real risk of losing duty-free access to major markets.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ldc-exit-nears-trade-deals-stayed-waiting-mode-2025-4064151>

Sector & Industries:**NBFI | NBFC lending drops 4.62% in Q3'25**

- Total disbursements of economic-purpose loans and advances stood at BDT 58.03 Bn in January-March 2025 before falling to BDT 50.93 Bn in April-June, according to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) data. The declining trajectory persisted in July-September, when disbursements declined further to BDT 48.58 Bn. Total disbursements fell by 4.62% in July-September 2025 compared to the previous quarter. However, lending activities were still 30.10% higher than the July-September quarter of 2024, indicating stronger overall credit flow despite the recent slowdown.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbfc-lending-drops-462pc-in-q325-1766426250>

BANK | Govt owes banks BDT 40 Bn in remittance incentive dues

- As of 30 November, outstanding incentive dues included BDT 1.85 Bn at City Bank, BDT 4.45 Bn at BRAC Bank, BDT 40 Bn at Trust Bank and BDT 16 Bn at Pubali Bank

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/govt-owes-banks-tk4000cr-remittance-incentive-dues-1315856>

Stocks:**CROWNCEMNT | Crown Cement declares 21% cash dividend**

- Crown Cement PLC has declared a 21% cash dividend for the year that ended on June 30, 2025.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/crown-cement-declares-21-cash-dividend-4064101>

JAMUNAOIL, MPETROLEUM | Jamuna Oil, Meghna Petroleum see billions stuck in cash-strapped banks

- State-run Jamuna oil and Meghna Petroleum are at 'high credit risk' as their investments in fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) equivalent to BDT 16.95 Bn are stuck with banks facing acute liquidity crises. The banks are Global Islami Bank, Union Bank, First Security Islami Bank, Social Islami Bank, National Bank, Padma Bank, and Bangladesh Commerce Bank. Of them, the first four banks are undergoing a merger process, while National Bank, Padma Bank, and Bangladesh Commerce Bank have been enduring losses due to high non-performing loans.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/jamuna-oil-meghna-petroleum-see-billions-stuck-in-cash-strapped-banks-1766422755>

INTRACO | Intraco Refueling sees 19% profit declines in Q1

- During the July-September quarter, the EPS of Intraco Refueling Stations declined to BDT 0.21 against BDT 0.26 in the same period of the previous fiscal year, according to a disclosure published on the stock exchanges website yesterday (21 December).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/intraco-refueling-sees-19-profit-declines-q1-1316671>

ISLAMICFIN | Islamic Finance asset value nearly doubles to BDT 580 Mn after revaluation

- Islamic Finance and Investment Limited's total asset value surged to BDT 581.6 Mn after a board-approved reassessment of its land and building holdings across various locations. Despite this significant boost in book value, the non-bank financial institution continues to face financial challenges, reporting substantial losses and failing to declare dividends for its shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islamic-finance-asset-value-nearly-doubles-tk58cr-after-revaluation-1316686>

EXCHANGE | BSEC approves stock dividends of some, rejects others despite audit opinions

- In the latest round of decisions, the market regulator rejected the stock dividend proposals of Himadri Limited and Kay and Que (Bangladesh) Ltd, which had declared 100% and 6% stock dividends respectively. In official letters to the companies, the BSEC said the proposals were turned down due to insufficient retained earnings and the presence of qualified audit opinions in the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-approves-stock-dividends-some-rejects-others-despite-audit-opinions-1316721>

EXCHANGE | ESG reporting gains pace among Bangladeshi companies

- The number of Bangladeshi firms adopting global sustainability disclosures more than doubled to 16 over the last two years, driven by the need to attract foreign investment and enhance corporate transparency. Major companies like Linde Bangladesh and Reckitt Benckiser are leading the trend, significantly improving their scores in environmental and governance criteria to align with international standards.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/esg-reporting-gains-pace-among-bangladeshi-companies-1766422723>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 57.87	(USD 13.56)	-18.98%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 61.96	(USD 12.43)	-16.71%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,488.81	USD 1,880.33	72.09%
DSEX	4,874.52	-341.92	-6.55%
S&P 500	6,878.49	971.55	16.45%
FTSE 100	9,865.97	1,744.96	21.49%
BSE SENSEX	85,567.48	7,367.55	9.42%
KSE-100	171,204.19	55,945.19	48.54%
CSEALL	21,898.20	5,953.59	37.34%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 122.20 BDT****1 GBP = 164.69 BDT****1 Euro = 143.86 BDT****1 INR = 1.36 BDT**

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