

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:**NBR starts budget work for FY27, seeks proposals**

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has started budget-related work for the fiscal year 2026-27 and has sought proposals from business bodies and other relevant organisations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-starts-budget-work-fy27-seeks-proposals-1368731>

Saudi issues 750,000 work visas in 2025

- Saudi Arabia granted 750,000 work visas to Bangladeshi nationals in 2025, part of a total 1.4 Mn visas issued to Bangladeshis this year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/saudi-issues-750000-work-visas-in-2025-1771783832>

T-bill yields fall as BB buys dollars

- The cut-off yield on 91-day treasury bills stood at 10.02%, down from 10.11%, 182-D at 10.11% from previous 10.22%, and 364-D at 10.07% compared to 10.23%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/t-bill-yields-fall-as-bb-buys-dollars>

Central bank buys USD 123 Mn through auction

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday purchased USD 123 Mn from eight commercial banks at the rate of BDT 122.30.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/central-bank-buys-123m-through-auction>

Govt to hold talks with USTR over fate of trade deal

- The government will hold talks with the United States Trade Representative (USTR) this week to determine whether the recently signed bilateral trade deal remains valid after America's Supreme Court struck down a large swathe of President Donald Trump's tariffs on Friday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-hold-talks-ustr-over-fate-trade-deal-4112496>

NBR may miss FY26 revenue goal by nearly BDT 1.0 Tn

- The newly elected government is set to end the current fiscal year with a large shortfall in tax collection, as the National Board of Revenue (NBR) mobilised BDT 2.23 Tn, falling BDT 601.14 Bn short of the target set for 7MFY26.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-may-miss-fy26-revenue-goal-by-nearly-tk-10t-1771783547>

Inflation defies monetary antidote, keeps rising

- A daunting challenge left to the new government is stubborn inflation as its month-on-month rate has been on upturn over the last three months in defiance of the contractionary monetary-policy antidote, analysts say. Despite applying a more-than-a year-long tight monetary policy under the immediate-past interim government, point-to-point inflation started swelling in November last after a small fall in October to 8.19%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/inflation-defies-monetary-antidote-keeps-rising-1771783949>

Govt faces USD 30 Bn debt servicing bill

- Bangladesh is set to spend over USD 30 Bn this fiscal year to service its debts, covering both principal repayments and interest on domestic and foreign loans, according to projections by the International Monetary Fund. According to IMF data, Bangladesh's total public debt now stands at USD 188.79 Bn, which includes USD 101.24 Bn in domestic borrowing and USD 87.55 Bn in foreign loans.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-faces-30b-debt-servicing-bill-4112581>

TCB incurs BDT 14.12 Bn deficit in FY25 from subsidised sales

- The Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) incurred a deficit of around BDT 14.12 Bn in fiscal year 2024-25 from subsidised sales of sugar, soybean oil and lentils under its family card and open truck programmes.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tcb-incurs-tk1412cr-deficit-fy25-subsidised-sales-1368666>

Dollar declines

- The dollar declined in volatile trading on Friday and was poised to snap a four-session streak of gains after the US Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs based on a national emergency law.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-declines-4112411>

Sector & Industries:**RMG | 2025 RMG exports to US increase 11.75pc**

- Local garment items fetched USD 8.20 Bn last year, recording 11.75% growth from USD 7.34 Bn in 2024, according to the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA). In this period, Bangladesh shipped 2.66 Bn square metres (SME) of apparel, marking 12.36% growth. Managing director of Sparrow Group attributes the overall growth to the pre-tariff additional work orders and advanced shipments in fear of high tariffs until July.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/2025-rmg-exports-to-us-increase-1175pc>

BANK | BB cuts down-payment requirement to 1.0pc

- Current 2.0% mandatory down payment to get default loans regularised has been halved in a latest government measure to stem non-performing loan (NPL) buildup in Bangladesh's banking sector. BB official has said many banks informed them that many borrowers who received policy supports have faced difficulties in paying 2.0% down payment in one go. As a matter of fact, the banks kept requesting them to relax the regulation.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-cuts-down-payment-requirement-to-10pc>

JUTE | Bangladesh Bank extends loan rescheduling deadline for raw jute exporters

- Bangladesh Bank on Sunday extended the deadline for raw jute exporters to apply for loan rescheduling, aiming to support businesses facing liquidity challenges and help regularise defaulted loans.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-bank-extends-loan-rescheduling-deadline-for-raw-jute-exporters>

ENERGY | BERC slashes furnace oil price by BDT 16

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has reduced the retail price of furnace oil by BDT 15.90 per litre, setting the new rate at BDT 70.10, down from BDT 86.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/berc-slashes-furnace-oil-price-by-tk-16>

RMG | China (Hong Kong) firm to invest USD 19.59 Mn in RMG factory at Uttara EPZ

- Tianford Bangladesh Textile Co., Ltd., a China (Hong Kong)-based company, has signed a land lease agreement with the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) to establish a garment manufacturing facility at Uttara Export Processing Zone (EPZ), with an investment of USD 19.59 Mn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/china-hong-kong-firm-to-invest-1959m-in-rmg-factory-at-uttara-epz>

ENERGY | No power tariff hike likely in two years

- The new government plans to cut system loss to 5.0% from the current 7.0% to avoid rate hikes. Currently, average retail-level electricity tariff is BDT 8.95 per unit and bulk electricity tariff BDT 7.04 per unit on average.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/no-power-tariff-hike-likely-in-two-years-1771783373>

MFS | MP Arman seeks to line up investors for Nagad

- Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem Arman, a newly elected lawmaker, has expressed interest in bringing fresh investment into the troubled mobile financial services provider Nagad. Bangladesh Bank Governor said the central bank had received various proposals regarding Nagad, but none it considered serious so far. A forensic auditor appointed by BB and ACC found preliminary evidence of BDT 23.0 Bn corruption under the previous management.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/jamaat-mp-arman-seeks-line-investors-nagad-4112486>

REAL ESTATE | Rising borrowing costs stall mid-segment housing market

- Surging home loan interest rates have brought Bangladesh's mid-segment housing market to a near standstill in 2025, squeezing salaried buyers and sharply raising monthly instalments beyond affordability. Interest rates rose to as high as 17% in January 2024, up from a maximum of 9% in January 2022, and remained elevated through January 2026. Senior executive director of Concord Group added that sales have declined by at least 30% industry-wide.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rising-borrowing-costs-stall-mid-segment-housing-market-4112466>

Stocks:**MTB | MTB launches AI-powered PFM feature in flagship**

- Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) has launched the country's first AI-powered personal financial management (PFM) feature, integrated into its flagship mobile banking platform, MTB Neo, according to a statement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/mtb-launches-ai-powered-pfm-feature-in-flagship-1771778201>

EXCHANGE | CSE platform ready, yet open-ended fund trading remains offline

- Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) completed setting up an online trading platform nearly a year ago and also conducted a mock trading session. To simplify the process of trading open-ended fund units, a separate clause was included in the revised mutual fund rules published in November last year. Managing director of the CSE said that asset managers are not interested in online trading in open-ended funds.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cse-platform-ready-yet-open-ended-fund-trading-remains-offline-1771778034>

EXCHANGE | Leo ICT Cables withdraws SME fundraising plan ahead of election

- Leo ICT Cables PLC has withdrawn its application to raise BDT 70 Mn from the SME platform of the stock market, stepping back amid political and economic uncertainties ahead of the national election.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/leo-ict-cables-withdraws-sme-fundraising-plan-ahead-election-1368676>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.66	USD 8.23	14.33%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 70.92	USD 10.07	16.55%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,157.54	USD 816.54	18.81%
DSEX	5,467.85	602.51	12.38%
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 = 122.01 BDT****1 GBP = 164.94 BDT****1 Euro = 144.23 BDT****1 INR = 1.34 BDT**

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