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Important News Snippets

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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:

Remittance inflow reached USD 2.14 Bn in 22 days of August

- Expatriate Bangladeshis sent home USD 2.148 Bn in remittances during the first 22 days of August, marking a 25.6% year-on-year increase, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank data.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-reaches-214-billion-in-22-days-of-august

Govt prioritises creative economy to raise GDP contribution to 1.5%

- The government has given special priority to the creative economy, aiming to unlock its economic potential, bring the sector into the mainstream economy and raise its contribution to 1.5% of GDP while creating 500,000 new jobs.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-prioritises-creative-economy-to-raise-gdp-contribution-to-15pc

Invest Bangladesh authority born

- An integrated new apex investment-promotion agency styled 'Invest Bangladesh' sets sail with the heterogeneous regulators losing existence as the new government aspires to draw both local and foreign investments in simpler processes.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/invest-bangladesh-authority-born-1787509244

Sector and Industries:

ENERGY | BERC panel proposes BDT 6.48 solar power tariff for MPPs

- The Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has proposed a tariff of BDT 6.48 per unit for electricity generated by renewable energy-based merchant power plants (MPPs).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/berc-panel-proposes-tk-648-solar-power-tariff-for-mpps-1787509151

BANK | No-frill account deposits rise 24% in Apr-Jun

- Deposits in no-frill accounts (NFAs) increased 23.93% year-on-year to BDT 90.10 Bn at the end of the April-June quarter of 2026, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/no-frill-account-deposits-rise-24-apr-jun-4254911

PAYMENT | Bangla QR transactions double after mandatory rollout

- Transactions through Bangla QR -- the country's interoperable national payment standard -- have nearly doubled since the system became mandatory for merchants on July 1, Bangladesh Bank (BB) said. Daily transactions averaged BDT 0.178 Mn, worth about BDT 373.3 Mn, at the beginning of July.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangla-qr-transactions-double-after-mandatory-rollout-4255031

Stocks:

FUWANGFOOD | Fu-Wang Food shuts factory over gas crisis, high input costs

- The board of directors of Fu-Wang Food has decided to shut down its factory for six months, citing inadequate gas pressure and a sharp rise in raw material prices, in a move that could leave 992 workers without jobs.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/fu-wang-food-shuts-factory-over-gas-crisis-high-input-costs-1787505091

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fu-wang-foods-lays-factory-amid-gas-shortage-raw-materials-cost-hike-1522921

EXCHANGE | BSEC conditionally approves 30% stake sale in Dominage Steel

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has conditionally approved a proposal by listed engineering company Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited to sell around 30% of its shares to new investors.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-conditionally-approves-30-stake-sale-dominage-steel-1522906

EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to overhaul merchant banking rules after 30 years

- The four-member committee has been given 30 working days to propose amendments covering licensing, financial capacity, risk management and merchant bankers' responsibilities to investors.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-overhaul-merchant-banking-rules-after-30-years-1522891

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 86.02	USD 28.59	49.78%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 93.34	USD 32.49	53.39%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,638.66	USD 297.66	6.86%
DSEX	5,722.21	856.88	17.61%
S&P 500	7,674.37	775.55	11.24%
FTSE 100	10,816.56	885.18	8.91%
BSE SENSEX	77,540.83	-7,252.75	-8.55%
KSE-100	177,166.50	3,112.20	1.79%
CSEALL	21,416.61	-1,207.70	-5.34%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.33 BDT

1 GBP = 167.02 BDT

1 Euro = 142.94 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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