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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:

Factory output, employment fall amid energy crisis, rising costs: survey

- Power and energy disruptions, rising production costs and difficulties in accessing bank finance squeezed industries in April–June, forcing factories to cut output, working hours and employment, according to a survey by the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/324000/factory-output-employment-fall-amid-energy-crisis-rising-costs-survey

ECNEC may nod BDT 59.85 Bn cost hike for 7 projects today

- The Planning Commission is set to seek approval today for a BDT 59.85 Bn increase in the combined cost of seven ongoing projects, up by 33.54% from their latest approved estimates.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/324008/ecnec-may-nod-tk-5985cr-cost-hike-for-7-projects-today

Sector and Industries:

RMG | Wage board sets garment workers' minimum wage at BDT 17,000

- The wage board has fixed the minimum monthly wage for garment workers at BDT 17,000, raising it from the existing BDT 12,500 following a lengthy meeting.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/rmg/news/wage-board-sets-garment-workers-minimum-wage-tk-17000-4332716

BANK | BB to Issue BDT 320 Bn Sukuk in FY27 to strengthen Islamic banking liquidity

- Bangladesh Bank plans to issue Sukuk worth BDT 320 Bn in FY27 to address the shortage of Shariah-compliant investment instruments, improve liquidity management in Islamic banks and support Islamic banking reforms.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-issue-tk32000cr-sukuk-fy27-strengthen-islamic-banking-liquidity-1612261

BANK | BB to collect LC payment schedules early as aggregators exploit due dates

- Bangladesh Bank will collect government agencies' schedules for large import LC payments in advance and instruct banks to prevent foreign remittance aggregators from raising dollar rates on payment days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-collect-lc-payment-schedules-early-aggregators-exploit-due-dates-1613166

BANK | BB outlines four-year plan to stabilise banking sector

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has set out a four-year reform plan to stabilise the banking sector, with recovery plans tailored to individual commercial lenders.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-outlines-four-year-plan-stabilise-banking-sector-4332431

BANK | BB places Padma Bank under resolution process

- The central bank issued a circular on Tuesday under the Bank Resolution Act, 2026, formally announcing the decision to bring the troubled bank under the resolution framework.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-places-padma-bank-under-resolution-process-1795542487

BANK | State banks sit on a pile of unlent deposits

- Six state-owned banks are collecting far more deposits than a year ago but are barely lending out the additional funds, a finance ministry report shows. The six banks are Sonali, Janata, Agrani, Rupali, BDBL and BASIC. In June, their deposits were about 11% higher than a year earlier, while their loans had increased by less than 1%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/state-banks-sit-pile-unlent-deposits-4332466

BANK | 10 banks lead BDT 200 Bn bad loan rescheduling

- Banks rescheduled nearly BDT 200 Bn in defaulted loans in April-June with 10 banks rescheduling BDT 117 Bn, but the concessions failed to contain growth of defaulted loans. Islami Bank rescheduled the largest amount, followed by United Commercial Bank, AB Bank, Prime Bank, Trust Bank, Premier Bank, NCC Bank, Social Islami Bank, Bangladesh Krishi Bank, and Dutch-Bangla Bank.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/323971/10-banks-lead-tk-20000cr-bad-loan-rescheduling

BANK | 'BB working on formulating Islamic Banking Act'

- Bangladesh Bank Deputy Governor has said that the central bank was working towards formulating a dedicated Islamic Banking Act, drawing on international best practices and regulatory standards, alongside comprehensive Islamic banking guidelines.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/323961/bb-working-on-formulating-islamic-banking-act

TELECOM | Australia's Macquarie-led group to buy EDOTCO tower businesses in Bangladesh, four other markets for USD 1.2 Bn, reports Reuters

- A consortium led by the asset management arm of Australian financial services group Macquarie Group has agreed to acquire the international telecommunications tower businesses of EDOTCO Group across five Asia-Pacific markets, including Bangladesh, valued at USD 1.2 Bn, reports Reuters.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/australias-macquarie-led-group-buy-edotco-tower-businesses-bangladesh-four-other-markets-12b-reports-4331911

Stocks:

REGULATOR | BSEC rejects LR Global's appeal against removal from six mutual funds

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected a review petition filed by LR Global Bangladesh Asset Management Company Limited, upholding its earlier decision to cancel the firm's appointment as asset manager of six mutual funds.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-rejects-lr-globals-appeal-against-removal-six-mutual-funds-1613066

REGULATOR | BSEC revises rules for holding AGMs online

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has decided to allow listed companies to hold their annual general meetings (AGMs) on digital platforms, provided they are in the "A" category or declare a cash dividend of at least 5%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bsec-revises-rules-holding-agms-online-4332441

REGULATOR | SME board trading threshold cut to BDT 1 Mn

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has eased investment requirements on the stock market's SME platform, cutting the minimum investment threshold to BDT 1.0 Mn from BDT 3.0 Mn for secondary market trading.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/323968/sme-board-trading-threshold-cut-to-tk-10-lakh

SINGERBD | Singer to raise preference share issue to BDT 2.85 Bn

- Singer Bangladesh has increased its proposed preference share issuance to BDT 2.85 Bn from BDT 2.50 Bn, aiming to reduce its debt burden, contain financing costs and strengthen its balance sheet amid mounting losses.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/singer-to-raise-preference-share-issue-to-tk-285b-1795538441

MTB | MTB ACHIEVES MILESTONE OF OVER BDT 70 Bn NET DEPOSIT GROWTH-

- Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) has surpassed BDT 70 Bn in net deposit growth, driven by growing customer trust, steady business momentum, and strong branch-led mobilisation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/mtb-achieves-milestone-of-over-tk-70b-net-deposit-growth-1795535897

LANKABFIN | After 2025 loss, LankaBangla Finance turns profitable in Jan-Sept

- The NBFI reported a consolidated profit of BDT 516 Mn in January-September this year, up 66% from the same period a year earlier, according to its unaudited financial statements published on Tuesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/after-2025-loss-lankabangla-finance-turns-profitable-in-jan-sept-1795535847

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 80.67	USD 23.24	40.47%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 90.03	USD 29.18	47.95%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,558.61	(USD 782.39)	-18.02%
DSEX	5,588.02	722.69	14.85%
S&P 500	7,201.09	302.27	4.38%
FTSE 100	10,467.07	535.69	5.39%
BSE SENSEX	82,435.99	-2,357.59	-2.78%
KSE-100	178,542.30	4,488.00	2.58%
CSEALL	21,242.52	-1,381.79	-6.11%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 124.71 BDT

1 GBP = 163.46 BDT

1 Euro = 136.65 BDT

1 INR = 1.34 BDT

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