

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:**Mostaqur Rahman replaces Ahsan H Mansur as BB governor**

- Md Mostaqur Rahman FCMA, a garment exporter and cost and management accountant, has been appointed governor of Bangladesh Bank for a four-year term, replacing Ahsan H Mansur.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/process-underway-appoint-new-bb-governor-replacing-ahsan-h-mansur-sources-1370886>

EU seeks early measures to remove NTBs

- The European Union (EU) has sought quick measures to remove non-tariff barriers (NTBs), promoting business confidence and ensuring non-discrimination.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/eu-seeks-early-measures-to-remove-ntbs>

Polls spending lifts Jan VAT take

- A surge in election-related spending in recent months appears to have provided a short-term boost to value-added tax (VAT) collection, with January 2026 revenue standing BDT 30 Bn above the July-December monthly average.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/polls-spending-lifts-jan-vat-take-1772042027>

Sector & Industries:**ENERGY | New FSRU nearby to feed growing fuel demand**

- A new floating storage and re-gasification unit (FSRU) with a capacity to re-gasify around 600 mmcf of LNG is planned to feed economy's growing fuel demand. Several companies including CMC of China, Aramco of Saudi Arabia, Socar of Azerbaijan, OQ Trading International of Oman and Posco of South Korea, have already expressed their interest about the country's fourth FSRU.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/new-fsru-nearby-to-feed-growing-fuel-demand-1772042063>

RMG | Finance minister seeks garment leaders suggestions' to ease business costs

- Finance Minister has sought suggestions from BGMEA leaders on why the cost of doing business is rising, what bureaucratic obstacles they face and what measures are needed to ease operations. The association sought a loan facility of around BDT 80 Bn to cover one month's wages, to be repaid over 15 months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/finance-minister-seeks-garment-leaders-suggestions-ease-business-costs-1371316>

TEXTILE | BTMA seeks clarity to operationalise US-Bangladesh zero-tariff textile deal

- The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) President has sent a letter to President and CEO of National Cotton Council of America, seeking structured consultations and policy clarifications to operationalise Article 5.3 (Textiles) of the recently signed US-Bangladesh agreement, saying the deal could significantly expand imports of American cotton while boosting apparel exports to the United States.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/btma-seeks-clarity-operationalise-us-bangladesh-zero-tariff-textile-deal-1371021>

RMG | Bangladesh's share in US apparel market rises to 10.53%

- Bangladesh expanded its footprint in the United States apparel market to 10.53% in 2025, up from 9.26% a year earlier, as American buyers shifted orders away from China, according to official data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-share-us-apparel-market-rises-1053-4115086>

JUTE | Govt seeks Chinese investment in closed fertiliser factories and jute mills

- China has expressed interest in expanding investment in Bangladesh, focusing on job creation and industrial revival. At the meeting, the government formally sought Chinese investment in several closed fertiliser factories struggling with prolonged gas shortages.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-seeks-chinese-investment-closed-fertiliser-factories-and-jute-mills-1371311>

AUTOMOBILE | Car sales hit 13-year low amid economic strain

- Private passenger car sales in Bangladesh have plunged to the lowest level in 13 years, reflecting persistent economic headwinds, high import costs and tightening consumer purchasing power.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/car-sales-hit-13-year-low-amid-economic-strain-4115136>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | BSEC earnings drop 14% in FY25**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) reported a 14% decline in its overall earnings to BDT 1.05 Bn in the 2024–25 fiscal year, mainly due to a sharp fall in income from fines, fees and licensing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-earnings-drop-14-fy25-1371346>

MUTUAL FUND | CDBL to apply for custodian licence to strengthen MF oversight

- Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd. (CDBL) is set to apply for a custodian license within a week to expand its services and enhance oversight in the mutual fund industry following recent embezzlement scandals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cdbl-to-apply-for-custodian-licence-to-strengthen-mf-oversight-1772038747>

ACI | Mitsui & Co. Asia Pacific signs strategic partnership with ACI Logistics (Shwapno)

- Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has agreed to provide a foreign currency-denominated convertible loan to ACI Logistics Limited, marking a strategic partnership aimed at supporting the expansion of the Shwapno retail chain.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/mitsui-co-asia-pacific-signs-strategic-partnership-with-aci-logistics-shwapno>

MIDLANDBNK | Imtiaz U. Ahmed new MD & CEO of Midland Bank

- Midland Bank has appointed Imtiaz U. Ahmed as its new managing director & CEO, who has been in the banking sector for over 25 years, including tenures at Shahjalal Islami Bank and Eastern Bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/imtiaz-u-ahmed-new-md-ceo-of-midland-bank-1772038932>

DOMINAGE | Dominage Steel rallies 120% despite losses, factory shutdown

- Dominage Steel Building Systems has continued its unabated rally despite having a significantly negative P/E (price-to-earnings) ratio and one of its factory units being shut down.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/dominage-steel-rallies-120pc-despite-losses-factory-shutdown>

BDSERVICE | InterContinental Hotel's losses narrow to BDT 380 Mn in H1

- Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL), the owner of InterContinental Dhaka, has reported a 24% year-on-year reduction in losses in H1FY26, though the company continues to struggle with heavy debt and accumulated losses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/intercontinental-hotels-losses-narrow-tk38cr-h1-1371351>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 65.69	USD 8.26	14.38%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 71.11	USD 10.26	16.86%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,183.96	USD 842.96	19.42%
DSEX	5,554.82	689.49	14.17%
S&P 500	6,946.14	47.32	0.69%
FTSE 100	10,806.41	875.03	8.81%
BSE SENSEX	82,276.07	-2,517.51	-2.97%
KSE-100	164,626.30	-9,428.00	-5.42%
CSEALL	23,703.10	1,078.79	4.77%

Exchange Rates**1 US Dollar = 121.98 BDT****1 GBP = 165.48 BDT****1 Euro = 144.18 BDT****1 INR = 1.34 BDT**

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