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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:

Dhaka's decision could shape wider European ties

- Airbus purchase decision by Dhaka could shape wider economic ties between Germany / the European Union and Bangladesh, the German envoy Rüdiger Lotz said. Meanwhile, he urged that upcoming elections be "free, fair and participatory," calling for broad citizen participation, peaceful competition, and transparent vote-counting — conditions he argued are essential for national reconciliation and international confidence in Bangladesh's democratic process.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dhakas-decision-could-shape-wider-european-ties-1764176377

Policy gaps hinder export growth of Bangladesh

- Exporters say they are taking major risks to enter global markets, but inconsistent regulations and unclear policies are holding Bangladesh's toy industry back from realising its potential. Despite the global toy market projected to reach nearly USD 150 Bn by 2032, Bangladesh exported only USD 78.74 Mn worth of toys last fiscal year, highlighting the constraints.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/policy-gaps-hinder-export-growth-of-bangladesh-1764175854

Sector & Industries:

BANK | Banks' NPL balloons to BDT 6.44 Tn in Sept count

- Banks in Bangladesh gasp under a burden of bad loans as the aggregate volume makes a quantum leap by over BDT 2.24 Tn in just six months to a record high until September. As per latest-available data until last September, with the fast rise in non-performing loans (NPLs), the outstanding of the classified loans in the country's banking system balloons over BDT 6.44 Tn, accounting for 35.73% of the entire loans worth BDT 18.04 Tn disbursed by the commercial banks.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-npl-balloons-to-tk-644t-in-sept-count-1764175140

BANK | Bangladesh Bank revises criteria for bank MD, CEO appointments

- The circular amends Section 2(গ)(10) of BRPD Circular No. 05, which was issued on February 27, 2024 and set out the basic eligibility conditions for CEO appointments. A candidate from the banking profession must now have at least 20 years of experience as an active officer in the banking sector, the BB said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-revises-criteria-for-bank-md-ceo-appointments

NBFI | NBFI liquidation plan: How much shareholders stand to lose

- Shareholders in eight listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) that are slated for liquidation likely stand to lose almost everything — with around BDT 9.47 Bn in paid-up share value at risk. The institutions' liabilities far exceed their assets, meaning that once debts are cleared, ordinary shareholders are unlikely to receive any payout.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbfi-liquidation-plan-how-much-shareholders-stand-lose-4044351

INSURANCE | General insurance profits rise amid signs of stability in marine business and investment income

- General insurers in the country posted solid year-on-year profit growth in the July-September 2025 quarter, buoyed by a sharp recovery in marine insurance and stronger income from investments, particularly government securities. Experts say the industry began improving early this year as trade normalised and import–export activities picked up, boosting LC openings

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/general-insurance-profits-rise-amid-signs-stability-marine-business-and-investment

FUEL & POWER | Private power producers under pressure as govt dues top BDT 270 Bn

- Bangladesh's independent power producers (IPPs) are struggling with prolonged government payment delays, which they say are disrupting their fuel procurement and financial obligations, and warn that such disruptions could hamper the sector's power supply reliability.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/private-power-producers-under-pressure-govt-dues-top-tk27000cr-1295881

BANK | BB curbs foreign travel of bankers ahead of national polls

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has restricted foreign travel for officials and employees of all banks and financial institutions until the upcoming national election. The restriction will remain in place until the end of the national election scheduled for February next year.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/banks-npl-balloons-to-tk-644t-in-sept-count

BANK | Bank merger: employees to face salary, benefit cuts

- At least three central bank officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed to The Daily Star that the administrators of the five banks had sought BDT 10 Bn in liquidity support to pay salaries and allowances. After approving the BDT 3.5 Bn fund exclusively for employee salaries, the central bank governor reportedly asked the administrators to reduce salaries and other benefits due to the weak financial condition of the lenders.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bank-merger-employees-face-salary-benefit-cuts-4044266

Stocks:

SAPORTL | Summit Alliance Port director to gift over 2.8 Mn shares to daughter

- Syed Ali Jowher Rizvi, a director of Summit Alliance Port Ltd (SAPL), has announced his intention to transfer 2,813,616 shares to his daughter, Fatema Hossain Rizvi, who is a general shareholder of the company.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/summit-alliance-port-director-gift-over-28-lakh-shares-daughter-1295856

EXCHANGE | BDT 10 Bn loan granted to ICB to revitalise stock market

- The government has issued a BDT 10 Bn, 10-year loan to the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) to ease its liquidity crisis and strengthen its ability to invest in the stock market. The loan carries a 5% interest rate, and a separate savings account will be maintained to manage the funds.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/icb-fund-injection-drives-dse-back-above-5000-after-3-weeks

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EXCHANGE | Businesses call for pre-listing inspections of IPO aspirants to ensure fair valuation

- Business leaders told the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) that companies planning to go public should face pre-listing on-site inspections to verify their actual financial and operational strength. Under the proposed rule changes, IPO offer prices would be set based on industry or market P/E ratios, with an audit of a company's fundamentals before approval.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/businesses-call-for-pre-listing-inspections-of-ipo-aspirants-to-ensure-fair-valuation-1764171745

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 58.33	(USD 13.10)	-18.34%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 62.85	(USD 11.54)	-15.51%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,152.75	USD 1,544.27	59.20%
DSEX	5,009.80	-206.64	-3.96%
S&P 500	6,812.61	905.67	15.33%
FTSE 100	9,691.58	1,570.57	19.34%
BSE SENSEX	85,609.51	7,409.58	9.48%
KSE-100	163,188.53	47,929.53	41.58%
CSEALL	22,838.44	6,893.83	43.24%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.41 BDT

1 GBP = 162.30 BDT

1 Euro = 142.13 BDT

1 INR = 1.37 BDT

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