

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:****51.4% growth of remittance inflow in first 26 days of January**

- Inflow of remittances witnessed a year-on-year growth of 51.4% reaching USD 2,708 Mn in the first 26 days of January, according to the latest data of Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued on Tuesday.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/national-taskforce-submits-report-on-restructuring-tax-system-to-ca>

**Tax reform panel urges single VAT rate, shift towards direct taxes**

- A national task force on tax reforms has recommended that the government introduce a single rate of value-added tax (VAT), doing away with multiple rates of the indirect tax paid by final consumers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/tax-reform-panel-urges-single-vat-rate-shift-towards-direct-taxes-4091806>

**Chinese firm to invest USD 16.34 Mn at Bepza Economic Zone**

- Chinese company Huazhu Accessories Co. Ltd signed an agreement with the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) to set up an accessories manufacturing factory at the Bepza Economic Zone in Mirsarai, Chattogram.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-invest-1634-million-bepza-economic-zone-4091651>

**US hinted at tariff relief for Bangladeshi goods, says Lutfey Siddiqi**

- Bangladeshi goods may soon face lower tariffs in the United States, Chief Advisor's International Affairs Special Envoy Lutfey Siddiqi has said after recent bilateral discussions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/us-hinted-at-tariff-relief-for-bangladeshi-goods-says-lutfey-siddiqi>

**Cost of project delay: Bangladesh misses WB grace periods**

- Imagine a factory owner forced to start repaying bank loans before the factory produces a single product. Inevitably, financial stress and eventual default would almost be assured.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cost-project-delay-bangladesh-misses-wb-grace-periods-1344836>

**Pay hikes for govt staff may fuel inflation: governor**

- The interim government's proposed new pay scale for public servants could intensify inflationary pressures and strain the banking system, Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Ahsan H Mansur said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/pay-hikes-govt-staff-may-fuel-inflation-governor-4092041>

**LDC graduation will expose economy to serious risks**

- Bangladesh is not fully prepared to face the economic and institutional challenges that will follow its graduation from the least developed country (LDC) category later this year, business leaders and bankers said yesterday, warning that it could expose the economy to serious risks.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ldc-graduation-will-expose-economy-serious-risks-4092046>

**Sector & Industries:****NBFI | Six NBFI finally set for liquidation, three get time to recover**

- Six non-bank financial institutions (NBFI) out of 35 are set to be liquidated finally due to poor financial health, after the Bangladesh Bank (BB) board approved the move. The six NBFI are FAS Finance, Premier Leasing, Fareast Finance, Aviva Finance, People's Leasing, and International Leasing. Prime Finance, GSP Finance, and Bangladesh Industrial Finance Company (BIFC) -- were given three to six months to improve their finances.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/six-nbfis-finally-set-liquidation-three-get-time-recover-4091836>

**PHARMACEUTICAL | Drug sales growth slip to single digits amid high costs, inflation**

- Sales growth of prescribed medicines has slowed to single digits, ending the double-digit expansion the pharmaceutical market enjoyed for years before the pandemic, as rising production costs and currency depreciation collide with prolonged inflation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/drug-sales-growth-slip-single-digits-amid-high-costs-inflation-4092031>

**TEXTILE | Spinners stick to Feb 1 shutdown over yarn imports**

- Spinning mills will remain closed from February 1 if the government does not withdraw the duty-free import of yarn, a move aimed at protecting the local spinning sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/spinners-stick-feb-1-shutdown-over-yarn-imports-4092021>

**TEXTILE | Textile millers seek BB intervention for recovery**

- Textile millers have sought the Bangladesh Bank's urgent intervention to recover USD 8.71 Mn in outstanding payments tied to more than 150 accepted and matured bills that have remained unpaid for an extended period.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/textile-millers-seek-bb-intervention-for-recovery-1769535203>

**Stocks:****EXCHANGE | Govt moves to merge DSE, CSE into one bourse**

- The government has moved to merge the Dhaka Stock Exchange and the Chittagong Stock Exchange to form a single national stock exchange, aiming to streamline operations and reduce duplication in the capital market. The proposal also includes listing Central Depository Bangladesh Limited on the stock market and making Central Counterparty Bangladesh Limited a subsidiary of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, officials said.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/289471/govt-moves-to-merge-dse-cse-into-one-bourse>

**APEXFOOT | Apex Footwear profit jumps 67% in Oct–Dec on higher sales**

- Apex Footwear, a leading manufacturer and retailer of footwear in Bangladesh, reported a 67% year-on-year increase in profit for the October–December quarter of 2025, driven by higher revenue growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/apex-footwear-profit-jumps-67-oct-dec-higher-sales-4091481>

**PUBALIBANK | Pubali Bank slashes NPLs to 2.05%, shifts focus to AI-driven digital banking**

- Making remarkable progress in controlling non-performing loans (NPLs), Pubali Bank PLC is now intensifying its efforts to establish supremacy in digital banking operations in the coming days.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/pubali-bank-slashes-npls-to-205pc-shifts-focus-to-ai-driven-digital-banking-1769535940>

**PADMAOIL | Padma Oil's profit up over 13%, driven by non-operating income**

- The state-run Padma Oil experienced 13.6% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 1.42 Bn in October-December (Q2) FY26, mainly supported by non-operating income derived from FDRs (fixed deposit receipts).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/padma-oils-profit-up-over-13pc-driven-by-non-operating-income-1769535979>

**EASTRNLUB | Eastern Lubricants posts Q2 profit despite operating loss**

- Eastern Lubricants Blenders' direct expenses (cost of production) exceeded its total revenue in the second quarter of FY26, mainly due to lower sales and higher production costs. The state-run entity's revenue stood at around BDT 88 Mn in the October-December quarter of FY26, compared to direct expenses of BDT 91Mn during the period under review, according to a stock exchange filing on Tuesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-lubricants-posts-q2-profit-despite-operating-loss-1769536015>

**DSHGARME | Desh Garments downgraded to Z category**

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (27 January) decided to downgrade Desh Garments to the Z category from B category, after the company failed to disburse approved dividends to their shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/desh-garments-downgraded-z-category-1345731>

**ANWARGALV | Anwar Galvanizing returns to profit on stock market gains**

- Anwar Galvanizing booked BDT 91.1 Mn H1 profit on investment gains despite core business losses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/anwar-galvanizing-returns-profit-stock-market-gains-1345676>

**CAPMIBBLMF | CAPM IBBL Islamic Mutual Fund reports loss in Q2**

- The difference between the cost-based and market-based NAV reflects the impact of prevailing market conditions on the valuation of the fund's underlying investments during the period under review.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-ibbl-islamic-mutual-fund-reports-loss-q2-1345471>

**Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 62.62	USD 5.19	9.04%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 67.74	USD 6.89	11.32%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,223.23	USD 882.23	20.32%
DSEX	5,140.39	275.05	5.65%
S&P 500	6,978.60	79.78	1.16%
FTSE 100	10,207.80	276.42	2.78%
BSE SENSEX	81,857.48	-2,936.10	-3.46%
KSE-100	188,202.86	14,148.56	8.13%
CSEALL	23,960.16	1,335.85	5.90%

**Exchange Rates**
**1 US Dollar = 121.93 BDT**
**1 GBP = 168.27 BDT**
**1 Euro = 146.24 BDT**
**1 INR = 1.33 BDT**

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