

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:**Govt to drop package VAT plan for minnows**

- The government has decided to withdraw its proposal to impose a specific Value Added Tax (VAT) on small businesses following strong protests from retail traders and concerns that the measure could hurt the SMEs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-to-drop-package-vat-plan-for-minnows-1782583540>

Budget WB lends BD USD 1.013 Bn for two projects

- Bangladesh will receive World Bank loans worth USD 1.013 Bn for financing two projects aimed at mitigating the price and supply volatility in the global fertiliser and fuel markets and sustaining food security.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-lends-bd-1013b-for-two-projects-1782583775>

Dhaka seeks USD 3.3 Bn loan for fossil fuels, fertiliser imports

- Bangladesh has launched high-level negotiations to secure a USD 3.30 Bn trade financing package from the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) to finance imports of fuel, liquefied natural gas (LNG) and fertiliser in fiscal year 2026-27.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dhaka-seeks-33b-loan-for-fossil-fuels-fertiliser-imports-1782584688>

Govt secures USD 3.11 Bn from dev partners

- Bangladesh has secured USD 3.11 Bn in emergency budget support from four development partners, including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank, this month to cushion the economic fallout from the US and Israel's war on Iran.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-secures-311b-dev-partners-4209856>

Govt moves to trim slow-moving projects

- The government is tightening oversight of development spending by introducing tougher rules to weed out slow and wasteful projects and hold ministries accountable ahead of implementing a record development budget. The planning ministry has instructed all ministries and divisions to review projects that have achieved less than 30% progress and scrap those found to be no longer viable.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-moves-trim-slow-moving-projects-4209666>

More individuals opt for T-bonds for better returns

- Individuals are increasingly investing in government treasury bills and bonds as concerns over the banking sector, stock market volatility and limited alternative investment opportunities push savers toward safer assets offering attractive returns. Bangladesh Bank data showed that individual investment in treasury bills and bonds rose sharply to BDT 75.58 Bn in March 2026 from BDT 60.62 Bn in December 2025.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/304017/more-individuals-opt-for-t-bonds-for-better-returns>

Tax-free income limit may rise to BDT 0.4 Mn

- The government is likely to raise the tax-free income threshold to BDT 0.4 Mn over the next two fiscal years, FY2026-27 and FY2027-28, to ease the tax burden on lower-income earners.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tax-free-income-limit-may-rise-tk-4-lakh-4209671>

NBR targets 10.7% revenue-to-GDP ratio by FY 2028-29

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has set a target to raise the country's revenue-to-GDP ratio to 10.7% by the fiscal year (FY) 2028-29 to strengthen domestic resource mobilisation and sustain economic development, according to the government's Medium-Term Macroeconomic Policy Statement (2026-27 to 2028-29).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-targets-107-revenue-gdp-ratio-fy-2028-29-1472821>

China proposes economic corridor through Bangladesh, Myanmar

- China has proposed the development of an economic corridor connecting Bangladesh, Myanmar and China to enhance regional connectivity, trade and economic cooperation.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/china-proposes-economic-corridor-through-myanmar>

Sector and Industries:**BANK | BB extends personal loan tenure to 8 years, eases consumer credit cap**

- Under the revised policy, banks will now be allowed to grow their consumer financing portfolios at a rate higher than their overall loan growth. Previously, banks were not permitted to let consumer finance grow faster than the annual growth rate of their total loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-extends-personal-loan-tenure-8-years-relaxes-consumer-finance-growth-cap-1472416>

BANK | BB ends CAMELS ratings for banks

- Bangladesh Bank has discontinued the CAMELS rating system for banks, replacing it with a forward-looking Composite Risk Rating (CRR) framework under its new Risk-Based Supervision (RBS) architecture. The BB made the decision on June 18, saying the system is effective from January 2026.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/304198/bb-ends-camels-ratings-for-banks>

BANK | Financial strain: City Group explores sale of non-core assets

- City Group is considering the divestment of selected non-core business units to generate funds and streamline operations amid a mountainous financial burden. The group is also exploring fresh equity injections through strategic local and foreign partners, private equity investors, and the potential public listing of some businesses to strengthen its capital base and reduce its reliance on debt.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/financial-strain-city-group-explores-sale-non-core-assets-4209876>

MFS | Nagad joins Bangla QR network with 1.0 Mn merchants

- Mobile financial services (MFS) provider Nagad Limited has launched the “Bangla QR” payment service for its users. At the same time, the MFS provider has also introduced an instant “Transfer Money” feature, enabling seamless fund transfers between personal accounts across all banks and other MFS operators.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/nagad-joins-bangla-qr-network-10-lakh-merchants-4209776>

INSURANCE | IDRA calls for mindset shift, structural reforms to revive insurance sector

- Bangladesh's insurance regulator is considering a one-time bailout package to help insurance companies clear around BDT 70.0 Bn in outstanding claims, a move aimed at restoring public confidence in the sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/insurance-regulator-considers-bailout-plan-4209681>

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idra-calls-for-mindset-shift-structural-reforms-to-revive-insurance-sector-1782585087>

NBFI | NBFCs win back depositors as reforms boost confidence

- Customer confidence in the country's non-bank financial companies (NBFCs) appears to be gradually recovering, as both deposits and the number of depositors saw a rise in Q1'2026, driven by reform initiatives introduced after the political transition in August 2024. Deposits in the NBFC sector rose 8.99% YoY during Q1'2026, reaching BDT 515.59 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/nbfc-win-back-depositors-as-reforms-boost-confidence-1782585623>

RMG | Bangladesh's RMG exports to EU fall 19% in Jan-Apr

- Garment exports from Bangladesh to the European Union (EU) fell 19.33% year-on-year to EUR 6.09 Bn in the January-April period of 2026 due to intense international competition and weaker demand.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-rmg-exports-eu-fall-19-jan-apr-4209526>

ENERGY | Force majeure leaves Bangladesh hunting costly LNG

- Bangladesh has been forced to increase its purchases of costly liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the volatile spot market after three contracted suppliers invoked 'force majeure' under five sales and purchase agreements (SPAs).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/force-majeure-leaves-bangladesh-hunting-costly-lng-1782584565>

ENERGY | Govt to establish another floating LNG terminal: commerce minister

- Commerce Minister said the government plans to establish another floating LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal to ensure an uninterrupted energy supply for industries.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-establish-another-floating-lng-terminal-commerce-minister-4209501>

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-weighing-crash-programmes-on-energy-supplies-to-factories-1782585660>

HEALTHCARE | BMU hospital set for corporate model

- The Super Specialised Hospital of the Bangladesh Medical University (BMU) is set to be run as a corporate entity, and its treatment costs will be higher than those of government or autonomous hospitals, officials said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bmu-hospital-set-corporate-model-4209906>

Stocks:**BXPHERMA | Beximco Pharma trading resumes on London Stock Exchange after six months**

- Beximco Pharmaceuticals Limited has resumed trading on the London Stock Exchange after a suspension of nearly six months over its failure to publish annual financial results on time.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/beximco-pharma-trading-resumes-on-london-stock-exchange-after-six-months-1782585098>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 69.23	USD 11.80	20.55%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 71.99	USD 11.14	18.31%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,088.74	(USD 252.26)	-5.81%
DSEX	5,652.82	787.49	16.19%
S&P 500	7,354.02	455.20	6.60%
FTSE 100	10,508.02	576.64	5.81%
BSE SENSEX	77,100.47	-7,693.11	-9.07%
KSE-100	179,823.70	5,769.40	3.31%
CSEALL	22,409.81	-214.50	-0.95%

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