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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:

BB imposes informal cap on dollar rates amid rising pressure

- The Bangladesh Bank has verbally instructed commercial banks not to buy dollars from the interbank market and remittance channels at rates exceeding BDT 123.82 as rising demand for import payments puts pressure on the foreign exchange market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-imposes-informal-cap-dollar-rates-amid-rising-pressure-1500561

High-level panel formed to assess feasibility of issuing Panda, other foreign currency sovereign bonds

- The finance ministry has formed a high-level committee to assess the feasibility of issuing Bangladesh's sovereign bonds in international markets in various foreign currencies, including China's proposed Panda Bond, as the government seeks to diversify its financing sources and deepen the country's capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-level-panel-formed-assess-feasibility-issuing-panda-other-foreign-currency-sovereign

Source tax, AIT to deliver 83% of income tax

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) plans to collect more than four out of every five taka in income tax through tax deducted at source and advance income tax (AIT) in the current fiscal year, backed by tighter monitoring and enforcement, extending a strategy that already delivered over 85% of income tax collection in FY26.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/source-tax-ait-deliver-83-income-tax-4234991

Turkish textile giant Sanko to invest USD 300 Mn in Mirsarai industrial zone

- Turkish textile manufacturer Sanko expressed interest in investing about USD 300 Mn in Bangladesh to establish an integrated textile manufacturing facility in the Mirsarai Industrial City, aiming to expand its production base and strengthen its presence in the country's textile and jute sectors.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/307908/turkish-textile-giant-sanko-to-invest-300m-in-mirsarai-industrial-zone

Govt plans BDT 161 Bn fuel import drive

- The government plans to import around 1.53 Mn tonnes of refined petroleum products worth an estimated BDT 161 Bn during H2'2026 under government-to-government (G2G) arrangements. Under the proposal, the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) plans to procure fuel from six state-owned suppliers in China, India, Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-plans-tk-161b-fuel-import-drive-1785261965

Gas crisis strikes paracetamol API, other industries

- A worsening gas crisis has significantly slashed domestic production of paracetamol API (Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient) while also severely disrupting production at factories across Bangladesh's manufacturing sector.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gas-crisis-strikes-paracetamol-api-other-industries-4235016

Russia wants rupee-based trade with Bangladesh to bypass US sanctions

- Russia has proposed settling bilateral trade with Bangladesh in Indian rupees, establishing a dedicated payment infrastructure, and opening a branch of a Russian bank in Dhaka to overcome transaction hurdles caused by US sanctions on Russian banks.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/russia-wants-rupee-based-trade-bangladesh-bypass-us-sanctions-1500566

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Banks' liquidity bloats amid sluggish credit demand, rising deposits

- Scheduled banks now seem to be in a quandary with excess liquidity buildup following deposit resurgence and weak loan demand amid prolonged economic slowdown, bankers say.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/banks-liquidity-bloats-amid-sluggish-credit-demand-rising-deposits

ENERGY | Govt fast-tracks spare parts import for floating LNG terminal to restore gas supply

- The government has fast-tracked approval for the import of critical spare parts for the damaged Excelerate Energy floating LNG terminal, aiming to restore operations as quickly as possible following severe disruptions to the country's gas supply after the recent fire incident.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/govt-fast-tracks-spare-parts-import-floating-lng-terminal-restore-gas-supply

ENERGY | Hearing on Adani payment dispute begins in Singapore early August

- The hearing on the payment dispute between state-run Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) and India's Adani Power Jharkhand Ltd (APJL) will begin in the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) during the first week of August.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/hearing-on-adani-payment-dispute-begins-in-singapore-early-august-1785262473

ENERGY | Chinese firm to build floating LNG terminal in Moheshkhali

- China National Energy Engineering and Construction Company Limited is set to construct a floating LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal at Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazar under a government-to-government (G2G) arrangement. At the same meeting, the committee also gave in-principle approval to a proposal for importing LNG on both a short- and long-term basis from US-based Gunvor USA LLC under a G2G framework.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-build-floating-lng-terminal-moheshkhali-4234806

ENERGY | Govt braces for costly LNG future

- The government is moving to expand the country’s LNG import capacity with another floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) and a land-based facility as domestic gas production continues to decline and the cost of imported gas is rising sharply. The proposed Matarbari land-based terminal is expected to add longer-term capacity to the country’s LNG import infrastructure.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-braces-costly-lng-future-4235196

Stocks:

REGULATOR | BSEC gets new commissioner

- Hossain Sadat has joined the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission as a commissioner, completing the regulator's full panel of commissioners. His career spans leadership roles at Grameenphone, Shell Oil and Gas, Kean Energy, and Rahman Rahman Huq (KPMG Bangladesh).

https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/307901/bsec-gets-new-commissioner

EXCHANGE | Confidence Infrastructure seeks BDT 3.0 Bn IPO to fund EV battery production

- Confidence Infrastructure plans to raise BDT 3.0 Bn through an initial public offering (IPO) to finance electric vehicle (EV) battery production, business expansion, debt repayment and investments in new sectors, including food. Confidence Infrastructure reported BDT 36.06 Bn in consolidated revenue and BDT 2.75 Bn in net profit for FY25, It has a paid-up capital of BDT 1.38 Bn and an authorised capital of BDT 5.0 Bn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/confidence-infrastructure-seeks-tk300cr-ipo-fund-ev-battery-production-1500516

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank posts 73.45% year-on-year surge in net profit

- BRAC Bank PLC posted a 73.45% year-on-year surge in net profit to BDT 7.28 Bn in the second quarter of 2026, driven by robust growth in net interest income and investment income.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/brac-bank-posts-7345pc-year-on-year-surge-in-net-profit

NBL | National Bank's H1 loss balloons to BDT 22.86 Bn

- The National Bank PLC has reported a staggering consolidated net loss of BDT 22.86 Bn for H1'26, as the lender continues to grapple with non-recovery of loans and a deepening capital crisis.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/national-banks-h1-loss-balloons-tk2286cr-1500326

PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank mobilises BDT 30.03 Bn in fresh deposits in 60 working days

- The Premier Bank PLC has mobilised BDT 30.03 Bn in fresh deposits within 60 working days under its Special Deposit & Recovery Campaign 2026, while recovering around BDT 7.69 Bn in cash from non-performing loans during the first half of the year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/premier-bank-mobilises-tk3003cr-fresh-deposits-60-working-days-1500521

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 82.51	USD 25.08	43.67%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 87.57	USD 26.72	43.91%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,027.55	(USD 313.45)	-7.22%
DSEX	5,900.27	1,034.93	21.27%
S&P 500	7,428.78	529.96	7.68%
FTSE 100	10,871.02	939.64	9.46%
BSE SENSEX	76,765.92	-8,027.66	-9.47%
KSE-100	177,780.90	3,726.60	2.14%
CSEALL	21,229.14	-1,395.17	-6.17%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.47 BDT

1 GBP = 164.11 BDT

1 Euro = 140.60 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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