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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 governor signals further policy rate cuts

- Bangladesh Bank may cut its policy rate further if inflation remains under control, Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman has said, signalling a possible shift towards cheaper credit as the government seeks to stimulate investment.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-governor-signals-further-policy-rate-cuts-4335351

Revised budget for FY'27 may outstrip original one

- Finance officials crafting revised budget for the current fiscal year are in arithmetic dilemmas due to subsidy overruns and extra expenses amid global economic volatility for prolonged Mideast mayhem. Furthermore, they are concerned about the United States' possible ground invasion in Iran in coming weeks that may further disrupt energy transportation, leading to increased subsidy demand.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/revised-budget-for-fy27-may-outstrip-original-one-1795802588

Remittance rises 5.2% to USD 2.57 Bn in first 25 days of November

- Expatriates sent USD 2.567 Bn in remittances during the first 25 days of November 2026, posting a 5.2 % year-on-year growth. During the November 1-25 period in 2025, remittance inflows stood at USD 2.441 Bn.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-rises-52pc-to-257b-in-first-25-days-of-november

Govt to seek concessions on 'unjustified' tariff measures

- State Minister for Foreign Affairs spoke about the plan, a day after the Trump administration proposed additional tariffs of up to 18% on Bangladesh's exports to the US market.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/govt-to-seek-concessions-on-unjustified-tariff-measures-1795713856

Govt plans four types of bonds to reduce reliance on bank borrowing: Khosru

- Finance Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury has said the government plans to issue four types of bonds – dollar, panda, samurai and sukuk – to reduce its reliance on bank borrowing to finance public expenditure and development projects.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-plans-4-types-bonds-bank-recapitalisation-and-major-tax-energy-reforms-khosru-1616651

Dhaka to seek deeper trade ties with Ankara

- Bangladesh is seeking to deepen its economic and strategic partnership with Turkey, moving beyond traditional humanitarian assistance to greater cooperation in trade, investment, defence and industrial production.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/dhaka-seek-deeper-trade-ties-ankara-4335381

New FDI scheme offers USD 12,500 for every USD 1 Mn investment brought into Bangladesh

- The government has introduced a new incentive scheme to attract foreign investment, offering individuals and companies a financial reward of 1.25% of the investment value for bringing new FDI into Bangladesh.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/new-fdi-scheme-offers-12500-every-1m-investment-brought-bangladesh-1615451

Draft cos act tightens noose around transgressors

- The government has drafted a new companies act proposing major changes to the country's corporate regulatory framework, including stricter penalties for corporate violations and the transfer of many penalty-imposing powers from courts to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms (RJSC).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/draft-cos-act-tightens-noose-around-transgressors-1795803641

NBR in predicament with higher revenue target, smaller manpower

- Government's revenue authority appears in a difficult situation as it has to expand the tax revenues by 45% with a 40% staff shortage. Currently, it has almost no presence in upazillas, growth centres due to manpower shortages.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/nbr-in-predicament-with-higher-revenue-target-smaller-manpower

Bangladesh economy burdened with swelling seaborne trade cost

- Bangladesh's economy is burdened with bloated seaborne-trade costs for disruptions to major maritime routes and resultant shipping-cost hikes. As such, global seaborne trade is projected to record zero growth in 2026, down from 1.9% growth in 2025, according to the United Nations.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-economy-burdened-with-swelling-seaborne-trade-cost

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Bangladesh Bank caps cash foreign currency selling rate

- Bangladesh Bank has directed banks to ensure that the maximum exchange rate for selling cash foreign currency does not exceed the BC (Bills for Collection) selling rate, in a move aimed at stabilising the cash forex market and protecting customers. Banks are currently quoting BDT 125.05 to BDT 125.40 per US dollar at the BC selling rate. For cash foreign currency, however, they have been charging BDT 1 to BDT 1.50 more than that rate.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-caps-cash-foreign-currency-selling-rate-4334026

BANK | BB launches BARTA to replace SWIFT for local LCs

- Bangladesh Bank on Saturday launched the Bangladesh Real-time Trade Arrangement, a centralised digital platform to exchange local letter of credit information between banks, which would reduce transaction costs by about USD 6–7 Mn annually.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/324565/bb-launches-barta-to-replace-swift-for-local-lcs

ENERGY | 55-LNG cargoes cancelled amid Middle East crisis, Bangladesh eyes renewables

- Prime Minister’s Adviser on Finance and Planning has said that Bangladesh has faced the cancellation of 55 LNG cargoes since March 18 amid the ongoing Middle East crisis, forcing the government to procure LNG higher prices from the international spot market.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/55-lng-cargoes-cancelled-amid-middle-east-crisis-bangladesh-eyes-renewables

ENERGY | Govt revises tariffs for Payra, Rampal power plants

- The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase approved USD 0.0798 per kWh for 1,320MW Payra Ultra-Supercritical Power Plant and USD 0.0828 per kWh for the Rampal Maitree Super Thermal Power Project.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/govt-revises-tariffs-for-payra-rampal-power-plants-1795714623

ENERGY | Yearly gas import bills could hit USD 25.8 Bn by 2040

- Bangladesh's annual LNG import bill could reach USD 25.8 Bn by 2040 as the country plans to ramp up gas imports and power generation infrastructure in the Moheshkhali-Matarbari area, according to a new report.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/yearly-gas-import-bills-could-hit-258b-2040-4335561

ENERGY | Petrobangla reshuffles leadership at Titas, BAPEX, RPGCL amid gas crunch

- Petrobangla has replaced the heads of three key state-owned energy companies, Titas Gas, Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Limited (BAPEX) and Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGCL), as the country grapples with a gas shortage.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/petrobangla-reshuffles-leadership-at-titas-bapex-rpgcl-amid-gas-crunch

RMG | Are RMG orders shifting abroad or simply moving to factories within Bangladesh?

- Although the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) recently said labour unrest had led to USD 254 Mn worth of garment orders being shifted from Bangladesh to other countries, interviews with officials at the Dhaka offices of several international brands sourcing from the country suggest there has been no significant relocation of orders abroad in November.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/are-rmg-orders-shifting-abroad-or-simply-moving-factories-within-bangladesh-1616966

TEXTILE | New minimum wage structure for textile workers coming soon

- The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) is preparing to introduce a new minimum wage structure for textile workers, aiming to ensure fair, realistic and up-to-date wages. According to the association, the current minimum wage structure for textile workers was announced in 2024 and will remain in effect until February 2027.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/new-minimum-wage-structure-for-textile-workers-coming-soon

TEXTILE | BTMA seeks BB intervention over USD 14.03 Mn in overdue back-to-back LC payments

- The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has sought Bangladesh Bank's intervention to settle USD 14.03 Mn in overdue payments for accepted and matured back-to-back letters of credit (LCs).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/btma-seeks-bb-intervention-over-1403m-in-overdue-back-to-back-lc-payments

TEXTILE | Cotton import payments fall by 9.6% to USD 7.82 Bn in FY26

- Bangladesh's cotton import payments fell in FY26 as sluggish apparel orders, energy shortages, and disputes over yarn imports dampened millers' appetite for the key textile raw material, alongside a sharp shift in global sourcing.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/cotton-import-payments-fall-by-96-pc-to-782b-in-fy-26

RMG | Govt plans rent controls, 7 specialised hospitals for RMG workers after wage hike

- The government has announced plans to regulate house rents and establish seven specialised hospitals in industrial areas for readymade garment (RMG) workers, alongside raising their minimum monthly wage.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/govt-plans-house-rent-controls-7-specialised-hospitals-rmg-workers-after-wage-hike

AUTOMOBILE | EV market shifts into high gear as BYD sales cross 3,000 mark

- Chinese automaker BYD, which took nearly two years to sell its first 1,000 electric cars in Bangladesh, has now crossed the 3,000-unit milestone, with around 2,000 vehicles sold in the past four to five months.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/transport/ev-market-shifts-high-gear-byd-sales-cross-3000-mark-1616066

IT | BPO industry seeks higher cash incentive

- Bangladesh Association of Contact Center and Outsourcing (BACCO) has sought an increase in the cash incentive for business process outsourcing (BPO) and IT-enabled services exports to 10% from the existing 6%.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bpo-industry-seeks-higher-cash-incentive-4335411

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC to weigh IPO eligibility on operating cash flows

- The securities regulator is preparing sweeping reforms to make initial public offerings (IPOs) easier, faster and more attractive for large unlisted companies, said its chief.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-to-weigh-ipo-eligibility-on-operating-cash-flows

EXCHANGE | BSEC plans major IPO reforms, lottery-based allotment

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission chairman has announced sweeping changes to the initial public offering pricing and share allotment systems, including a shift to lottery-based allocation for general investors and greater flexibility in shareholding requirements for sponsors and directors.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/324277/bsec-plans-major-ipo-reforms-lottery-based-allotment

EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to relax 30% sponsor-director shareholding rule conditionally

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) plans to relax the mandatory 30% shareholding requirement for existing sponsors and directors of listed companies, allowing them to sell shares to any interested party that intends to join the board.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-relax-30-sponsor-director-shareholding-rule-conditionally-1615286

EXCHANGE | BSEC eases prohibited-period share buying for bank capital restructuring

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has exempted certain investors from prohibited-period trading restrictions to facilitate large-scale share purchases for capital restructuring in listed banks.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-eases-prohibited-period-share-buying-bank-capital-restructuring-1616906

EXCHANGE | DSE profit jumps 45% on non-operating income in FY26

- The board of directors of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has recommended BDT 0.25 dividend per share for FY26, up from BDT 0.17 in the previous fiscal year, as its net profit rose 45% to BDT 4.5 Bn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-profit-jumps-45-non-operating-income-fy26-1616911

MUTUAL FUND | Seven asset managers put majority of mutual fund assets in 10 stocks

- Sixteen conventional equity mutual funds managed by seven leading asset management companies (AMCs) had 61% of their combined assets under management (AUM) invested in just 10 listed companies as of 30 September, 2026, highlighting significant portfolio concentration in blue-chip banking, pharmaceutical and multinational stocks.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/seven-asset-managers-put-majority-mutual-fund-assets-10-stocks-1616916

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank forges partnership with ifarmer to ease farmers' access to credit

- BRAC Bank has financed nearly 6,000 smallholder farmers with around BDT 530 million through agri-tech platform ifarmer, expanding access to formal credit for agricultural production across the country.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/brac-bank-forges-partnership-with-ifarmer-to-ease-farmers-access-to-credit

JAMUNAOIL | Jamuna Oil's BDT 15.9 Bn deposits in limbo with no repayment timeline

- Jamuna Oil is confronting challenges in recovering BDT 15.9 Bn in deposits held with five troubled banks, which have been merged into Sammilito Islami Bank, as the merged bank has proposed issuing shares instead of repayment in cash.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/jamuna-oils-tk-159b-deposits-in-limbo-with-no-repayment-timeline

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 83.08	USD 25.65	44.66%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 90.84	USD 29.99	49.29%
Gold Spot*	USD 3,653.53	(USD 687.47)	-15.84%
DSEX	5,526.38	661.04	13.59%
S&P 500	7,297.49	398.67	5.78%
FTSE 100	10,698.81	767.43	7.73%
BSE SENSEX	83,339.26	-1,454.32	-1.72%
KSE-100	177,663.90	3,609.60	2.07%
CSEALL	21,198.24	-1,426.07	-6.30%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 125.46 BDT

1 GBP = 164.50 BDT

1 Euro = 137.40 BDT

1 INR = 1.35 BDT

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