

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:**Oil jumps 10% on Iran conflict and could spike to USD 100 a barrel, analysts say**

- Brent crude jumped 10% to USD 80 a barrel over the counter on Sunday, while analysts predicted that prices could climb as high as USD 100 after US and Israeli strikes on Iran plunged the Middle East into a new war.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/oil-jumps-10pc-on-iran-conflict-and-could-spike-to-100-a-barrel-analysts-say>

Middle East war to create fresh challenges for BD's foreign trade

- Bangladesh's foreign trade, both exports and imports, is set to face fresh challenges as several Middle Eastern flights remain suspended amid ongoing attacks in a number of Gulf countries

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/middle-east-war-to-create-fresh-challenges-for-bds-foreign-trade>

Remittance inflow increases by 19.5% in February

- Expatriate Bangladeshis sent USD 3.02 Bn remittances in Feb'26, around 19.5% higher than Feb'25. During 8MFY26, remittance inflow stood at USD 22.45 Bn, up from USD 18.49 Bn in 8MFY25.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-increases-by-195pc-in-february>

Govt plans to speed up ADP implementation despite late fiscal push

- The newly formed government has taken a move to expedite the annual development rate (ADP) of the country to an expected level although two-thirds of the fiscal period has been gone under the interim government.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-plans-to-speed-up-adp-implementation-despite-late-fiscal-push>

Private credit growth dips to record low at 6%

- The country's private sector credit growth plummeted to an all-time low of 6.03% in January, as prolonged political instability and a high-interest-rate regime forced businesses to stall expansion plans and led banks to adopt a highly cautious lending stance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-credit-growth-dips-record-low-6-1373706>

Exporters fear longer lead times, higher costs

- Bangladesh's exporters are bracing for longer shipment lead times and higher freight costs amid fears that an escalation of the Middle East conflict could disrupt key global trade routes, particularly the Strait of Hormuz. A significant portion of vessels sailing from the Chittagong Port to Europe pass through the strait. Businesses say prolonged instability may suspend flights through major Gulf transit hubs, delay cargo movement, inflate freight charges, and disrupt energy supplies, thus putting fresh pressure on an already fragile external trade sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/exporters-fear-longer-lead-times-higher-costs-1772389563>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | Managing bad assets, reopening closed factories stressed**

- Bangladesh Bank's new governor rolls out a to-do list focused on continued reforms to manage banking sector's distressed assets and reopen closed factories for economic pickup and job generation. The central bank also plans to move towards selective deregulation, beginning with allowing banks to negotiate rental and lease agreements independently within defined regulatory guidelines. The governor also pledged efforts to facilitate release of overdue funds related to export incentives, Export Development Fund (EDF) reimbursements and remittance incentives.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/managing-bad-assets-reopening-closed-factories-stressed>

BANK | Treasury bill yields fall below 10% amid rising banking liquidity

- The yields on 91-day, 182-day, and 364-day treasury bills dropped to 9.90%, 9.98%, and 9.93%, respectively, as liquidity in the banking sector improved significantly. Just a week earlier, the yields stood above 10%, with the 91-day bill at 10.02%, the 182-day bill at 10.11%, and the 364-day bill at 10.07%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/treasury-bill-yields-fall-below-10-amid-rising-banking-liquidity-1374536>

ENERGY | Bangladesh keeps fuel prices steady for March

- The government has kept the retail prices of all major fuel oils unchanged for March. The existing rates would remain in force under the revised automatic fuel pricing guideline. Diesel will continue to sell at BDT 100 per litre, octane at BDT 120, petrol at BDT 116 and kerosene at BDT 112 at the consumer level.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-keeps-fuel-prices-steady-for-march>

ENERGY | Big LPG importers sidelined as emerging players gain ground

- The domestic liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) market is undergoing a shake-up as stricter banking rules during the interim government have altered who can import fuel. As a result, some of the largest players have been sidelined, while emerging companies are rapidly expanding their footprint. Two former key market players, Bashundhara LP Gas Ltd and Beximco LPG, have effectively been excluded. Meanwhile, Meghna Fresh LPG Ltd, Jamuna Spacetech Joint Venture and United Aygaz LPG Ltd have gradually increased their market share up to fiscal year (FY) 2025.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/big-lpg-importers-sidelined-emerging-players-gain-ground-4118296>

Stocks:**EXCHANGE | Protection rules on cards: Whistleblowers to get 25% of BSEC penalties**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has initiated the formulation of rules to ensure legal protection for whistleblowers, aiming to encourage greater disclosure of information about the capital market. The regulator published the draft namely "Capital Market Related Information Disclosure and Whistleblower Protection Rules, 2026" and sought public opinions within two weeks, by 15 March.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/protection-rules-cards-whistleblowers-get-25-bsec-penalties-1374141>

NBL | Melita Mehjabeen made new National Bank chairman, replacing Minister Abdul Awal Mintoo

- Professor Dr Melita Mehjabeen has been elected as the new chairman of the board of directors of National Bank PLC, replacing Abdul Awal Mintoo, minister for environment, forest and climate change.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/national-bank-gets-new-chairman-replacing-minister-abdul-awal-mintoo-1374456>

PRIMEBANK | Mastercard, Prime Bank launch numberless debit card

- Mastercard has partnered with Prime Bank PLC to launch Bangladesh's first numberless debit card through the bank's digital platform, Prime NOW, aimed at strengthening security, privacy and customer control in digital transactions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/mastercard-prime-bank-launch-numberless-debit-card-4117316>

BSC | BSC tells its vessel in UAE to stay alert

- Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) is maintaining close communication with its vessel, MV Banglar Joyjatra, now berthed at the Port of Jebel Ali in the UAE, amid heightened regional tensions linked to the Iran-US conflict.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bsc-tells-its-vessel-uae-stay-alert-4118251>

MTB | Nagad, MTB sign agreement to expand interoperable digital transactions

- Nagad Limited and Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) have recently signed an agreement where MTB will act as the settlement bank for NPSB and Bangla QR transactions conducted through Nagad's mobile financial service platform.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/nagad-mtb-sign-agreement-to-expand-interoperable-digital-transactions-1772391561>

RINGSHINE | Ring Shine Textile faces EPZ lease cancellation over USD 16.19 mn in dues

- The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has begun proceedings to cancel six additional lease agreements of Ring Shine Textile Limited for failure to clear outstanding dues.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ring-shine-textile-faces-epz-lease-cancellation-over-1619m-dues-1374521>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 69.87	USD 12.44	21.66%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 76.36	USD 15.51	25.49%
Gold Spot*	USD 5,324.55	USD 983.55	22.66%
DSEX	5,461.71	596.37	12.26%
S&P 500	6,878.88	-19.94	-0.29%
FTSE 100	10,910.55	979.17	9.86%
BSE SENSEX	81,287.19	-3,506.39	-4.14%
KSE-100	168,062.17	-5,992.13	-3.44%
CSEALL	23,734.06	1,109.75	4.91%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.29 BDT

1 GBP = 164.38 BDT

1 Euro = 144.12 BDT

1 INR = 1.34 BDT

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

Analyst Certification: Each research analyst and research associate who authored this document and whose name appears herein certifies that the recommendations and opinions expressed in the research report accurately reflect their personal views about any and all of the securities or issuers discussed therein that are within the coverage universe.

Disclaimer: Estimates and projections herein are our own and are based on assumptions that we believe to be reasonable. Information presented herein, while obtained from sources we believe to be reliable, is not guaranteed either as to accuracy or completeness. Neither the information nor any opinion expressed herein constitutes a solicitation of the purchase or sale of any security. As it acts for public companies from time to time, BRAC-EPL may have a relationship with the above-mentioned company(s). This report is intended for distribution in only those jurisdictions in which BRAC-EPL is registered and any distribution outside those jurisdictions is strictly prohibited.

Compensation of Analysts: The compensation of research analysts is intended to reflect the value of the services they provide to the clients of BRAC-EPL. As with most other employees, the compensation of research analysts is impacted by the overall profitability of the firm, which may include revenues from corporate finance activities of the firm's Corporate Finance department. However, Research analysts' compensation is not directly related to specific corporate finance transaction.

General Risk Factors: BRAC-EPL will conduct a comprehensive risk assessment for each company under coverage at the time of initiating research coverage and revisit this assessment when subsequent update reports are published, or material company events occur. Following are some general risks that can impact future operational and financial performance: (1) Industry fundamentals with respect to customer demand or product / service pricing could change expected revenues and earnings; (2) Issues relating to major competitors or market shares or new product expectations could change investor attitudes; (3) Unforeseen developments with respect to the management, financial condition or accounting policies alter the prospective valuation; or (4) Interest rates, currency or major segments of the economy could alter investor confidence and investment prospects.

BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited

Research

Salim Afzal Shawon, CFA	Head of Research	salim@bracepl.com	01708 805 221
Fahim Hassan	Research Analyst	fahim.hassan@bracepl.com	01709 636 546
Hossain Zaman Towhidi Khan	Research Analyst	hztowhidi.khan@bracepl.com	01708 805 224
Foyisal Ahmed, CFA	Research Analyst	foysal.ahmed@bracepl.com	01708 805 201
S M Toufique Imran	Research Analyst	smtoufique.imran@bracepl.com	01708 805 228
Tasviha Taher Trishila	Research Associate	tasviha.trishila@bracepl.com	01730 701 733

International Trade and Sales

Ahsanur Rahman Bappi	CEO	bappi@bracepl.com	01730 357 991
----------------------	-----	--	---------------

BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited

www.bracepl.com

Symphony, Plot No.: S.E.(F) – 9(3rd Floor), Road No.: 142

Gulshan Avenue, Dhaka – 1212

Phone: + (88)-02-222282446-47

Fax: + (88)-02-222282452

E-Mail: research@bracepl.com