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:

Gas supply getting a boost with LNG resurgence

- Overall gas supply across Bangladesh is expected to increase substantially in September amid re-gasification of increased volumes of imported liquefied natural gas (LNG) with both the floating terminals in full-steam operation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/gas-supply-getting-a-boost-with-lng-resurgence-1788028785

Govt seeks foreign funds worth USD 4.5 Bn

- The government has begun searching for nearly USD 4.5 Bn in foreign financing to build the proposed Dhaka-Chattogram Expressway, one of Bangladesh's largest planned transport infrastructure projects.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-seeks-foreign-funds-worth-45-billon-1788029464

Bangladesh receives USD 2.45 Bn in remittances in 26 days of August

- Bangladeshi expatriates sent home USD 2.455 Bn in remittances during the first 26 days of August.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-receives-245b-in-remittances-in-26-days-of-august

CCCI seeks BB push for one-time exit facility

- The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) has urged Bangladesh Bank to issue clear guidelines allowing banks to accept one-time exit proposals from distressed borrowers, including concessions where necessary, to reduce non-performing loans (NPLs) and restore private-sector credit flow.

https://tob.news/ccci-seeks-bb-push-for-one-time-exit-facility/

World Bank sees 0.6 Mn jobs at risk, slow poverty reduction

- The World Bank has warned that Bangladesh could lose nearly 600,000 jobs and see only about 500,000 people move out of poverty in 2026 as the economic fallout from the Middle East conflict compounds existing pressures from high inflation, weak investment, energy shortages and a fragile banking sector.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-front/311657/world-bank-sees-6-lakh-jobs-at-risk-slow-poverty-reduction

Sales of savings instruments rebound in FY'26

- Sales of state-run savings tools rebounded in the just-concluded fiscal year, signaling a recovery in demand for the government savings instruments after a sharp decline in the previous fiscal year. Total sales increased by BDT 240.74 Bn, total repayment increased by BDT 175.75 Bn, and the net sales stood at BDT 4.36 Bn in FY26.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/sales-of-savings-instruments-rebound-in-fy26

New policy obligates corporates to spend higher on CSR

- An upcoming comprehensive national CSR policy obligates listed companies, banks, financial institutions, insurers and other specified businesses to spend minimum 1.0% of their previous year's pre-tax profit on such activities.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/new-policy-obligates-corporates-to-spend-higher-on-csr

Sector and Industries:

BANK | Cenbank's BDT 600 Bn stimulus package: 17 banks sign deal to provide BDT 410 Bn

- Seventeen banks have completed agreements to provide BDT 410 Bn for Bangladesh Bank's BDT 600 Bn stimulus package aimed at reopening closed factories, boosting private sector investment and reviving the stagnant economy.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bbs-tk60000cr-stimulus-package-17-banks-sign-deal-provide-tk41000cr-1525986

BANK | Treasury bill, bond yields fall into single digits

- Interest rates on all types of Treasury bills and bonds have fallen into single digits, with yields declining steadily since June as banks grapple with excess liquidity and weak private-sector credit demand. Bankers attributed the decline mainly to two factors: substantial excess liquidity in the banking system and weak demand for private-sector loans.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/treasury-bill-bond-yields-fall-single-digits-1526621

BANK | Mattress money swells to BDT 3.36 Tn amid fragile bank confidence

- The amount of cash held outside Bangladesh's banking system continued to rise in June, signalling a growing preference for physical money at a time when economic activity remains subdued and confidence in banks has yet to fully recover.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/mattress-money-swells-to-tk-336t-amid-fragile-bank-confidence-1788029592

BANK | High imports down bank dollar holdings

- Commercial banks' foreign currency holdings declined further in July from a year earlier despite record remittance inflows and improved stability in the foreign exchange market, as import payments remained high.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-front/311664/high-imports-down-bank-dollar-holdings

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank files 10,000 cases to recover defaulted loans

- Sammilito Islami Bank PLC has so far filed about 10,000 cases to recover defaulted loans, while more cases are being prepared, as the newly formed bank steps up efforts to protect depositors' interests. The bank is rationalising and integrating 780 branches and 1,500 business units based on location, business potential, customer service and operating costs.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/311395/sammilito-islami-bank-files-10000-cases-to-recover-defaulted-loans

BANK | Foreign firms get nod for bank guarantees on government tenders

- Foreign companies can now obtain bank guarantees from any scheduled bank operating in Bangladesh to bid for international tenders.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/foreign-firms-get-nod-for-bank-guarantees-on-government-tenders

INSURANCE | Insurance regulator moves to identify data offenders

- The insurance regulatory authority is looking to crack down on data manipulation as part of its broader drive to protect policyholders.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/insurance-regulator-moves-to-identify-data-offenders-1788023260

INSURANCE | Claim settlements of troubled insurers from next week: IDRA

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) will begin settling long-overdue insurance claims from next week by liquidating assets and selling properties belonging to several troubled insurance companies.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/claim-settlements-troubled-insurers-next-week-idra-4259591

ENERGY | No second thermal power unit, solar plant to be built instead at Rampal

- A planned second coal-fired unit at Rampal is effectively ditched and a 442-megawatt grid-connected solar power plant will be built instead, officials said Thursday about the policy switch. According to the BPDB, the highly competitive tariff of BDT 6.18 per unit makes it roughly 43% cheaper than other upcoming installations.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/no-second-thermal-power-unit-solar-plant-to-be-built-instead-at-rampal

ENERGY | Govt orders diverting funds from dev budget for clean power generation

- The government has asked the finance division to divert necessary funds from the development budget to support the initiative for higher generation of clean energy. Government high-ups now asked the finance division to divert BDT 10 Bn from earmarked allocation and use the money for installation of rooftop-solar power systems.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-orders-diverting-funds-from-dev-budget-for-clean-power-generation

SHIPBUILDING | Maersk keen to invest in Bangladesh's shipbuilding industry

- Danish shipping and logistics giant Maersk Line has expressed interest in making direct investments in Bangladesh's shipbuilding industry.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/maersk-keen-invest-bangladeshs-shipbuilding-industry-1527961

TEXTILE | CottonPort brings US cotton to Bangladesh

- CottonPort, Bangladesh’s first digital raw cotton marketplace, is set to offer US-grown cotton to local spinning mills at prices close to those of Brazilian cotton. More than 30 spinning mill owners have already expressed interest in purchasing US cotton directly through the platform, chief executive officer of CottonPort has said.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/311398/cottonport-brings-us-cotton-to-bangladesh

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC seeks investor protection as three NBFIs face resolution

- The securities regulator has stepped in to protect general investors of three listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), urging Bangladesh Bank (BB) not to proceed with liquidation or delisting without safeguarding shareholders’ legitimate interests, official sources said.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-seeks-investor-protection-as-three-nbfis-face-resolution-1788023285

NAVANAPHAR | Regulator intervention ends boardroom uncertainty at Navana Pharma

- The securities regulator's intervention has finally ended months of uncertainty over the boardroom dispute at Navana Pharmaceuticals, with the listed drug manufacturer formally disclosing its existing board composition and reaffirming its previous leadership.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/regulator-intervention-ends-boardroom-uncertainty-at-navana-pharma

ICB | 'Cannot repay': Investees tell ICB over BDT 9.27 Bn money refund

- 'Cannot repay now' — that was the blunt response from several non-bank financial institutions to the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), rendering the state-owned investment bank's efforts to recover over BDT 9.27 Bn in trapped fixed deposits with principal and interest completely in vain.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cannot-repay-investees-tell-icb-over-tk927cr-money-refund-1528046

WALTONHIL | Walton declares 190% dividend for FY26 as profits rise

- According to the price-sensitive disclosure, the company's earnings per share (EPS) rose to BDT33.75 for FY2025-26, up from BDT31.11 recorded in the previous financial year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/walton-recommends-180-cash-10-stock-dividend-fy26-1527881

MTB | MTB to issue BDT 5.0 Bn subordinated bonds

- Mutual Trust Bank PLC is set to raise BDT 5.0 Bn through a seven-year subordinated bond as part of its efforts to strengthen its regulatory capital base.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/311363/mtb-to-issue-tk-500cr-subordinated-bonds

DUTCHBANGL | DBBL increases authorised capital to BDT 35.0 Bn

- Dutch-Bangla Bank PLC has decided to increase its authorised capital. The board of directors has decided to increase the authorised capital of the bank from BDT 15.0 Bn to BDT 35.0 Bn. The board of directors has also decided to purchase land for the operation and expansion of the bank's DEPZ data center project.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/311366/dbbl-increases-authorised-capital-to-tk-3500-crore

MIDASFIN | MIDAS Financing to liquidate three properties to ease liquidity crunch

- MIDAS Financing PLC, a non-bank financial institution (NBFI), has decided to liquidate three of its prime commercial properties to alleviate a severe liquidity crisis.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/midas-financing-liquidate-three-properties-ease-liquidity-crunch-1528051

PLFSL | High Court rejects BB plea to dissolve Peoples Leasing board

- The High Court has rejected Bangladesh Bank's application seeking dissolution of the court-appointed board of directors of Peoples Leasing and Financial Services Ltd. The High Court's decision means Bangladesh Bank cannot proceed with its proposed resolution process for Peoples Leasing in the manner it had sought.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/court/high-court-rejects-bb-plea-dissolve-peoples-leasing-board-1527996

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 83.40	USD 25.97	45.22%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 88.10	USD 27.25	44.78%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,455.11	USD 114.11	2.63%
DSEX	5,655.68	790.35	16.24%
S&P 500	7,711.76	812.94	11.78%
FTSE 100	10,824.26	892.88	8.99%
BSE SENSEX	77,264.51	-7,529.07	-8.88%
KSE-100	177,696.50	3,642.20	2.09%
CSEALL	21,315.91	-1,308.40	-5.78%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.21 BDT

1 GBP = 166.77 BDT

1 Euro = 142.72 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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