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:

Unified taxpayer data: IMF hands NBR new automation roadmap

- IMF advised replacing separate identification numbers for income tax and VAT with a single Taxpayer Identification Number. The unified system would allow an individual or institution's income tax, VAT, customs, import-export data, tax deduction at source (TDS), and other financial records to be viewed and analyzed on a single platform.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/416266/unified-taxpayer-data-imf-hands-nbr-new

NBR wants BDT 520 Bn extra source tax, businesses worried

- The tax authorities plan to rely heavily on source tax, aiming to collect an additional BDT 520 Bn through this channel. Business leaders, however, fear that the drive could lead to increased harassment of businesses.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-wants-tk52000cr-extra-source-tax-businesses-worried-1500641

Borrowers must withdraw lawsuits to get BB incentives

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has instructed banks not to provide any policy support or incentives to borrowers until they withdraw lawsuits filed against the government, the central bank, or the concerned banks.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/borrowers-must-withdraw-lawsuits-get-bb-incentives-4235721

Sector and Industries:

ENERGY | Govt mulling LNG from KL in ISO tanks

- Bangladesh is exploring importing LNG from Malaysia in ISO tank containers to supply to industries and power plants directly, potentially providing a faster solution to the country's gas crisis without requiring a new FSRU.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-mulling-lng-kl-iso-tanks-4235976

BANK | Administrators being withdrawn, new MD takes charge soon

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has made the decision on withdrawal of the administrators of the five and charge handover to the emerging bank's MD, sources said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/administrators-being-withdrawn-new-md-takes-charge-soon

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank depositors can withdraw up to BDT 1 Mn for emergency needs

- Depositors of Sammilito Islami Bank will now be able to withdraw up to BDT 1.0 Mn for emergency purposes, following a revision to Bangladesh Bank's withdrawal scheme for the merged Islamic lender.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islami-bank-depositors-can-withdraw-tk10-lakh-emergency-needs-1501581

BANK | Foreign banks' credit contracts 11% in 2025 despite profit uptick

- Foreign commercial banks operating in Bangladesh saw their credit portfolio contract in 2025 despite a modest rise in net profits, as institutions maintained a cautious lending strategy amid shifting macroeconomic conditions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/foreign-banks-credit-contracts-11-2025-despite-profit-uptick-1501621

BANK | Banks can now tie up with payment platforms like PayPal

- The Bangladesh Bank has allowed banks to partner with foreign payment platforms to process outward remittances, in a bid to modernise the payment ecosystem and widen digital financial inclusion.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-can-now-tie-payment-platforms-paypal-4235756

BANK | NRB Bank appoints Anwar Uddin and Kimiwa Saddat as AMDs

- NRB Bank PLC has recently appointed Anwar Uddin and Kimiwa Saddat as additional managing directors (AMDs) to strengthen its executive leadership team.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/416258/nrb-bank-appoints-anwar-uddin-and-kimiwa-saddat-as

AVIATION | US-Bangla to add 21 Boeing aircraft in USD 1.5 Bn deal

- US-Bangla Airlines announced the acquisition of 21 new Boeing aircraft in a deal worth about USD 1.5 Bn, calling it “one of the most significant fleet expansion programmes in the country’s aviation history.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/us-bangla-add-21-boeing-aircraft-15b-deal-4235766

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | Inflation, weak demand weigh on listed MNCs' H1 earnings

- Listed multinational companies delivered mixed but largely weaker earnings in H1’26 as persistent inflation, subdued consumer demand and higher operating costs continued to squeeze profit margins.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/inflation-weak-demand-weigh-on-listed-mncs-h1-earnings-1785347221

LHB | LafargeHolcim Q2 profit rises 8pc on higher sales

- LafargeHolcim Bangladesh PLC posted an 8% year-on-year increase in net profit in Q2’26, driven by higher revenue, strategic price adjustments and strong demand for premium products.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lafargeholcim-q2-profit-rises-8pc-on-higher-sales-1785347242

MARICO | Marico Bangladesh declares 500% interim cash dividend

- Marico Bangladesh has declared a 500% interim cash dividend based on audited financial statements for the three-month period ended June this year.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/marico-bangladesh-declares-500pc-interim-cash-dividend-1

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank incurs highest ever BDT 13.16 Bn loss in H1

- Islami Bank Bangladesh, one of the country's largest private sector lenders, reported a record consolidated loss of BDT 13.16 Bn for H1’26, reversing a profit recorded in the same period last year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/islami-bank-incurs-highest-ever-tk1316cr-loss-h1-1501626

GPHISPAT | HC fines GPH Ispat BDT 50 Mn for hiding facts in loan default case

- The High Court on Wednesday fined GPH Ispat BDT 50 Mn for concealing material facts while pursuing legal proceedings over its defaulted loan status.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/308090/hc-fines-gph-ispat-tk-5cr-for-hiding-facts-in-loan-default-case

NBL | National Bank MD resigns

- Adil Chowdhury, managing director of National Bank, has resigned, citing personal reasons.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/national-bank-md-resigns-4235726

UCB | UCB H1 profit jumps 90% to BDT 340 Mn on subsidiary earnings, lower provisioning

- United Commercial Bank (UCB) reported a 90% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit to BDT 340.4 Mn in H1'26, driven by stronger contributions from its subsidiaries and a sharp decline in loan-loss provisioning.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/ucb-h1-profit-jumps-90-tk34cr-subsidiary-earnings-lower-provisioning-1501531

UNILEVERCL | Unilever consumer care approves BDT 1.5 Bn loan

- Unilever Consumer Care Ltd has also approved, in principle, an unsecured intercompany loan facility of up to BDT 1.5 Bn for related party Unilever Bangladesh Limited (UBL) to support its working capital needs.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/308104/unilever-consumer-care-approves-tk150cr-loan

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 83.61	USD 26.18	45.59%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 89.44	USD 28.59	46.98%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,079.08	(USD 261.92)	-6.03%
DSEX	5,878.85	1,013.52	20.83%
S&P 500	7,316.15	417.33	6.05%
FTSE 100	10,908.41	977.03	9.84%
BSE SENSEX	77,654.60	-7,138.98	-8.42%
KSE-100	176,077.00	2,022.70	1.16%
CSEALL	21,229.14	-1,395.17	-6.17%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 123.13 BDT

1 GBP = 164.35 BDT

1 Euro = 141.10 BDT

1 INR = 1.28 BDT

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