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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:

Malaysia to hire 200,000 Bangladeshi workers in six months

- Malaysia will hire about 200,000 workers from Bangladesh in the next six months, State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives has said on Sunday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/malaysia-to-hire-200000-bangladeshi-workers-in-six-months-1788112652

No more overlapping import consignment crosscheck

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has issued the order for customs intelligence units to coordinate with the Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) and the Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) in such work, as businesses often resent overlapping of trade scrutiny.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/no-more-overlapping-import-consignment-crosscheck-1788113374

Foreign debt repayment exceeds receipts in July

- According to data from the Economic Relations Division (ERD), the government repaid USD 453 Mn in principal and interest on foreign loans in July, compared with USD 446 Mn in the same month last year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/foreign-debt-repayment-exceeds-receipts-july-4260611

Forward-booking importers get over a BDT 1.0 edge per dollar as rate jumps

- Importers that booked dollars forward over the past two weeks are gaining as much as BDT 1.0 per dollar after the exchange rate rebounded to BDT 123.50 from BDT 122 within days.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forward-booking-importers-get-over-tk1-edge-dollar-rate-jumps-1529046

Imports from India rise despite trade restrictions

- Bangladesh's imports from India continue to rise despite restrictions imposed by both countries on the movement of some goods, while exports to the neighbouring country remained almost unchanged. The country imported goods worth USD 10.96 Bn from India in fiscal year 2025-26, up from USD 9.62 Bn a year earlier.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/imports-india-rise-despite-trade-restrictions-4260636

BDT 20 Bn pre-financing fund formed for frozen food exporters

- Bangladesh Bank has built a BDT 20 Bn revolving pre-financing fund to support the country's frozen food industry, particularly shrimp and fish exporters.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/tk-2000-crore-pre-financing-fund-formed-frozen-food-exporters-4260376

Experts urge easing trade union registration process

- Labour rights experts have called on the authorities to ensure a transparent, predictable and time-bound trade union registration process in line with existing labour law.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/experts-urge-easing-trade-union-registration-process-1529026

MRT 1 and 5 costs set to be slashed by BDT 48 Bn, body formed for more cuts

- The revised cost estimates of Dhaka's Metro Rail Line-1 and Line-5 Northern projects are set to be reduced by at least BDT 38 Bn at the initial stage as the government moves to rationalise their sharply increased budgets.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/infrastructure/mrt-1-and-5-costs-set-be-slashed-tk4800cr-body-formed-more-cuts-1529011

Sector and Industries:

ENERGY | Bangladesh to widen LNG supplier pool

- The government has decided to expand its pool of LNG suppliers as the country is increasingly relying on the volatile spot market to overcome a worsening gas crisis and disruptions caused to contractual supplies.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-widen-lng-supplier-pool-1788112762

BANK | Banks under strain as BDT 85.65 Bn remittance incentive stalls

- Commercial banks in Bangladesh are shouldering an overdue government remittance incentive bill exceeding BDT 85.65 Bn, as severe delays in state reimbursements force lenders to finance public subsidies from their own funds, tightening liquidity and eroding profitability across the banking sector.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-under-strain-tk8565cr-remittance-incentive-remains-pending-1528166

BANK | How central bank waivers help lenders sidestep IFRS9

- The central bank introduced IFRS9 in late 2024. Since then, banks have been required to receive qualified opinions from auditors for any deviation from IFRS9. A systemic risk remains in companies' financial reporting, as auditors have used EOMs to bypass the need for qualified opinions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/how-central-bank-waivers-help-lenders-sidestep-ifrs9-1788114379

BANK | Loan interest for BDT 130 Bn agri refinancing schemes capped at 7%

- The Bangladesh Bank has set the terms for two refinancing schemes worth BDT 130 Bn to boost agricultural production, ensure food security, and increase economic activity and employment in rural areas.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/loan-interest-tk13000cr-agri-refinancing-schemes-capped-7-1528861

BANK | Bangladesh Bank made over BDT 260 Bn profit in FY26

- Bangladesh Bank’s net profit rose 15% year-on-year to BDT 260 Bn in the just-concluded 2025-26 fiscal year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-bank-made-over-tk-26000-crore-profit-fy26-4260481

Stocks:

EXCHANGE | BSEC fines Alliance Capital Asset BDT 0.5 Mn for reporting lapses

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has fined Alliance Capital Asset Management Limited BDT 0.5 Mn for repeatedly failing to submit its audited financial statements within the statutory deadlines.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-alliance-capital-asset-tk5-lakh-reporting-lapses-1528946

SHARPIND, AAMRATECH | Sharp Ind, Aamra Tech shares plunge after BSEC probe

- Sharp Industries' share price has plunged 42.18% in 11 trading sessions to BDT 25.50, while Aamra Technologies has dropped 28.14% in 14 sessions to BDT 16.60.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sharp-ind-aamra-tech-shares-plunge-after-bsec-probe-1528966

PADMALIFE | Padma Life fund deficit deepens to BDT 3.27 Bn as financial distress persists

- Padma Islami Life Insurance's life fund deficit widened to BDT 3.27 Bn as of 30 June 2026, highlighting the insurer's fragile financial position and keeping its stock in the "Z" category.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/padma-life-fund-deficit-deepens-tk327cr-financial-distress-persists-1528911

WALTONHIL | Walton's profit up 8.5pc on higher sales, lower finance costs

- Walton's sales increased 4.4% YoY to BDT 73.93 Bn during FY26, while finance costs dropped nearly 60% to BDT 1.81 Bn.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/waltons-profit-up-85pc-on-higher-sales-lower-finance-costs

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 84.39	USD 26.96	46.94%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 89.31	USD 28.46	46.77%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,469.74	USD 128.74	2.97%
DSEX	5,614.29	748.95	15.39%
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 = 123.71 BDT

1 GBP = 167.54 BDT

1 Euro = 143.39 BDT

1 INR = 1.29 BDT

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