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Weekly Market Update

DSEX ended in Green (+0.39%) in the week

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+0.39%) gained 22.96 points and closed the week at 5,883.91 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+0.04%) gained 0.89 points and stood at 2,192.73 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-0.30%) lost -3.56 points and stood at 1,177.15 points. The large cap index CDSET (+0.46%) gained 5.24 points and closed at 1,153.99 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +20.94%, +18.30%, +17.63%, +14.85%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 49.9 billion (USD 403 million)

Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 10.0 billion (∆% Week: -15.6%)

Market P/E: 13.8x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-0.66%), turned positive on Monday (+0.39%), and remained positive on Tuesday (+1.00%). However, it turned negative on Wednesday (-0.11%) and ended the week negatively on Thursday (-0.23%).

Sectoral Peformance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. General Insurance booked the highest gain of 2.75% followed by Bank (+0.86%). Mutual Fund experienced the highest loss of 3.78% followed by Life Insurance (-3.60%), NBFI (-0.81%).

Most of the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Telecommunication experienced the highest loss of 1.67% followed by Engineering (-0.75%), Fuel & Power (-0.50%), Pharmaceutical (-0.02%), and Food & Allied (+1.10%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | World's largest sovereign fund trims Bangladesh exposure as Norway's 'Oil Fund' investment hits six-year low. REGULATOR | BSEC to probe allegations of irregularities against DSE top officials. EXCHANGE | DSE grants FIX certification to five more brokerage houses. ICB | ICB to propose fund-raising via public asset securitisation. BANK | Banks discuss BDT 10 Bn package for young entrepreneurs at 4-6% interest. NEWLINE | Non-functional New Line Clothings fails to explain DSE query over abnormal share price surge. RMG | Exporters seek share of USD 100 Bn US tariff refunds. PAYMENT | Banglalink gets BB licence to launch digital payment service Mukto Pay. ENERGY | Rooftop solar panels can add 3,600MWp to nat’l grid. OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries to buy 102 decimal land again in N’ganj at BDT 22.9 Mn. ENERGY | Govt decides to use solar power as much as possible for official work. TOBACCO | Health costs far exceed cigarette tax revenue.

Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	∆(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	∆% Week	∆% YTD
DSEX	5,883.91	5,860.96	+22.96	4,865.34	0.39%	20.94%
DS30	2,192.73	2,191.85	+0.89	1,853.54	0.04%	18.30%
DSES	1,177.15	1,180.71	-3.56	1,000.72	-0.30%	17.63%
CDSET	1,153.99	1,148.75	+5.24	1,004.81	0.46%	14.85%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	7,076,155	7,079,147	-0.04%
	Mn USD	57,208	57,232	
Turnover	Mn BDT	49,878	47,274	5.51%
	Mn USD	403	382	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	9,976	11,818	-15.59%
	Mn USD	81	96	
Volume	Mn Shares	1,737	1,855	-6.38%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in Last Four Weeks

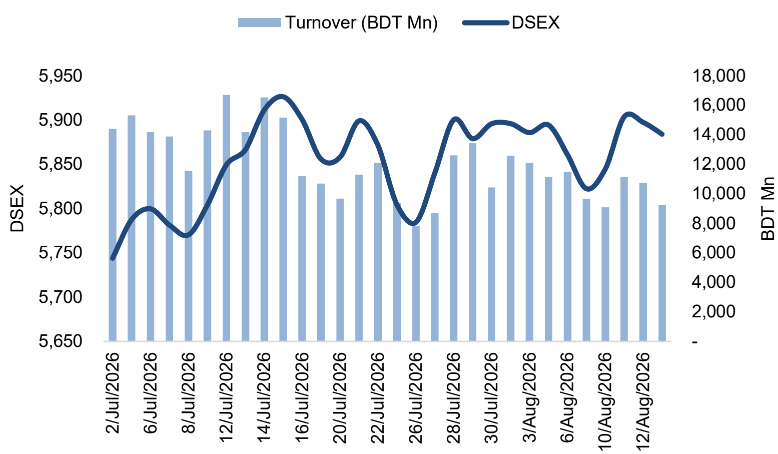

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Table 3: Top Ten Gainers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
TUNGHAI	5.5	3.6	+52.8%	587	101.4	NM	NM
GBBPOWER	15.2	12.0	+26.7%	1,547	167.5	NM	0.7x
NURANI	3.9	3.1	+25.8%	478	23.5	NM	0.4x
SIPLC	146.3	119.8	+22.1%	5,852	435.1	28.7x	4.8x
NRBCBANK	10.6	8.7	+21.8%	8,784	67.6	15.5x	0.6x
BDLAMPS	224.7	186.6	+20.4%	2,366	321.7	NM	4.8x
METROSPIN	10.9	9.4	+16.0%	673	17.5	NM	2.8x
CNATEX	3.7	3.2	+15.6%	885	38.8	46.3x	NM
REPUBLIC	44.4	38.5	+15.3%	2,429	378.9	23.5x	2.2x
BEXIMCO	27.1	23.5	+15.3%	25,562	1,833.5	NM	0.3x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
PLFSL	1.9	2.4	-20.8%	542	44.5	NM	NM
PREMIERLEA	2.4	2.9	-17.2%	319	16.0	NM	NM
ILFSL	2.1	2.5	-16.0%	466	1.1	NM	NM
FAREASTFIN	2.1	2.5	-16.0%	345	1.1	NM	NM
PRIMEFIN	3.2	3.8	-15.8%	873	15.6	NM	NM
GSPFINANCE	4.2	4.9	-14.3%	660	12.1	NM	NM
FASFIN	2.5	2.9	-13.8%	373	2.0	NM	NM
BIFC	4.4	5.1	-13.7%	443	7.5	NM	NM
CAPMBDBLMF	10.3	11.4	-9.6%	516	142.2	NM	0.9x
SUNLIFEINS	61.1	66.9	-8.7%	2,185	218.6	NM	NM

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
BEXIMCO	27.1	23.5	+15.3%	25,562	1,833.5	NM	0.3x
SHARPIND	43.8	39.1	+12.0%	13,291	1,719.6	NM	5.5x
MALEKSPIN	49.4	46.0	+7.4%	9,564	1,192.9	8.7x	0.8x
SAIHAMTEX	29.1	26.4	+10.2%	2,635	1,166.6	46.9x	0.7x
MLDYEING	17.0	17.7	-4.0%	3,951	1,064.1	NM	1.4x
SAPORTL	61.4	58.2	+5.5%	14,544	783.7	29.0x	1.7x
BXPHARMA	147.8	145.8	+1.4%	65,935	706.5	7.6x	1.1x
DOMINAGE	78.2	84.6	-7.6%	8,023	687.0	NM	4.6x
BRACBANK	64.4	63.5	+1.4%	147,448	665.4	6.5x	1.3x
PRIMEINSUR	62.5	60.5	+3.3%	2,555	663.3	28.3x	2.9x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
SHASHADNIM	29.8	+91.0%	4,203	45.2x	0.7x
IPDC	33.0	+83.3%	14,176	27.7x	1.9x
BARKAPOWER	11.2	+67.2%	2,637	12.1x	0.5x
PIONEERINS	70.0	+55.4%	7,188	13.3x	1.5x
BSRMSTEEL	94.2	+49.3%	35,415	5.8x	1.0x
MIRAKHTER	40.6	+48.7%	4,903	30.1x	0.8x
POWERGRID	39.6	+48.3%	36,187	8.9x	0.3x
CITYBANK	31.2	+47.0%	54,581	3.6x	0.8x
GHAIL	15.5	+46.2%	3,345	NM	1.3x
BBSCABLES	22.1	+45.4%	4,679	NM	0.9x

*BDT
*BDT Mn

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,581.9	1,568.3	1,367.20	+0.86%	+15.70%
NBFI	1,196.2	1,206.0	860.23	-0.81%	+39.06%
Mutual Fund	698.1	725.5	478.27	-3.78%	+45.96%
General Insurance	4,666.9	4,541.8	2,879.11	+2.75%	+62.09%
Life Insurance	1,889.2	1,959.7	1,691.42	-3.60%	+11.69%
Telecommunication	4,601.7	4,680.1	4,431.51	-1.67%	+3.84%
Pharmaceutical	3,200.2	3,200.7	2,764.29	-0.02%	+15.77%
Fuel & Power	1,167.6	1,173.4	996.11	-0.50%	+17.22%
Cement	2,160.7	2,175.4	1,739.18	-0.67%	+24.24%
Services & Real Estate	1,223.8	1,211.8	949.82	+0.99%	+28.84%
Engineering	2,762.1	2,782.9	2,290.78	-0.75%	+20.57%
Food & Allied	13,280.3	13,135.5	12,942.72	+1.10%	+2.61%
IT	2,648.1	2,648.2	1,703.25	-0.01%	+55.47%
Textile	1,536.9	1,489.2	1,060.76	+3.20%	+44.88%
Paper & Printing	4,970.1	4,894.0	4,485.61	+1.56%	+10.80%
Tannery	2,241.8	2,221.4	1,806.05	+0.92%	+24.13%
Jute	14,322.6	13,736.6	11,805.57	+4.27%	+21.32%
Ceramics	504.9	502.8	370.10	+0.42%	+36.43%
Miscellaneous	2,661.6	2,590.6	3,881.56	+2.74%	-31.43%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	717.7	575.4	+24.73%	+7.50%	7.4x	0.8x
NBFI	278.7	376.0	-25.89%	+2.91%	NM	1.2x
Mutual Fund	399.3	825.5	-51.62%	+4.17%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	1,751.4	1,635.2	+7.11%	+18.29%	19.5x	1.8x
Life Insurance	218.8	278.0	-21.28%	+2.29%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	111.1	94.2	+17.97%	+1.16%	11.0x	3.8x
Pharmaceutical	871.4	1,283.3	-32.10%	+9.10%	11.0x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	396.9	426.0	-6.84%	+4.15%	9.9x	0.6x
Cement	69.5	70.5	-1.31%	+0.73%	23.6x	2.3x
Services & Real Estate	273.2	355.1	-23.05%	+2.85%	27.1x	0.5x
Engineering	721.7	1,063.9	-32.16%	+7.54%	17.5x	0.9x
Food & Allied	346.2	479.2	-27.76%	+3.62%	35.5x	3.6x
IT	279.3	398.6	-29.92%	+2.92%	45.6x	2.1x
Textile	2,118.3	2,542.8	-16.69%	+22.13%	NM	1.1x
Paper & Printing	145.6	116.0	+25.54%	+1.52%	NM	1.5x
Tannery	103.7	92.9	+11.60%	+1.08%	NM	1.6x
Jute	62.1	45.6	+36.10%	+0.65%	NM	1.9x
Ceramics	95.3	159.3	-40.18%	+1.00%	NM	1.5x
Miscellaneous	613.6	544.2	+12.76%	+6.41%	41.4x	1.1x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ISLAMIBANK	29.5	-10.1%	47,495	NM	0.8x
UCB	9.5	-8.7%	14,729	38.0x	0.4x
SINGERBD	77.2	-8.6%	7,697	NM	NM
TRUSTBANK	15.3	-7.1%	15,970	5.1x	0.5x
UNILEVERCL	2,040.0	-5.2%	39,320	64.2x	24.1x
LINDEBD	721.0	-3.9%	10,972	31.3x	3.4x
RECKITTBEN	3,307.4	-3.4%	15,627	18.9x	41.8x
GP	250.3	-2.9%	337,980	9.6x	6.0x
BATBC	247.0	-0.6%	133,380	22.9x	2.3x
ACI	198.2	+1.8%	17,408	NM	2.3x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Inflation eases, but retail prices and household expenses remain high

- Economists credit the statistical drop partly to high baseline price levels from July 2025 rather than an absolute reduction in retail basket costs.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/417330/inflation-eases-but-retail-prices-and-household

Bangladesh seeks alternative financing to address USD 421 Bn SDG funding gap: FinMin

- Bangladesh is turning to alternative sources of financing to help address a USD 421 Bn funding gap for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-seeks-alternative-financing-address-421b-sdg-funding-gap-finmin-1513306

Finance minister defends inflation data amid manipulation allegations

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury denied allegations of data manipulation in the latest inflation figures, saying the decline in inflation in July was primarily driven by lower rice and meat prices. State Minister for Planning said the government would hold a detailed briefing for journalists on how inflation is calculated.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/finance-minister-defends-inflation-data-amid-manipulation-allegations-4246106

Disclose public procurement contracts

- Bangladesh has clear legal and regulatory procedures for awarding natural resource extraction contracts and licences, but provides only limited information on public procurement contracts, according to a US government report. The report recommended that Bangladesh publish basic information on natural resource extraction awards and public procurement contracts to improve fiscal transparency.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/disclose-public-procurement-contracts-4246356

Agri carbon credit framework in the offing

- The government is formulating an agricultural carbon credit framework to lower carbon emissions in farming and gain financial benefits through carbon trading, officials say.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/agri-carbon-credit-framework-in-the-offing-1786557642

BB terminates Chief Economist Akhtar's contract early

- Bangladesh Bank has cut short the contractual tenure of its Chief Economist Mohammad Akhtar Hossain, cancelling the remainder of his two-year appointment effective from 10 September this year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-terminates-chief-economist-akhtars-contract-early-1513466

ENERGY | Govt finally goes for US LNG at jacked-up price

- Bangladesh is set to buy 117 cargos of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from an American company over 13 years under government-to-government arrangement, as the much-talked-about bilateral trade agreement works.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-finally-goes-for-us-lng-at-jacked-up-price

ENERGY | Fuel price hike back on table as BPC reserves plunge

- The Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has pressed the government to raise the price of diesel as the Iran-US conflict and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz have pushed global fuel costs higher and deepened the state-run corporation's losses.

https://tob.news/fuel-price-hike-back-on-table-as-bpc-reserves-plunge/

ENERGY | Huawei launches smart inverter, battery storage system

- Huawei launched what it described as Bangladesh's first grid-forming smart string inverter and large-scale battery energy storage system (BESS), as the country seeks to expand renewable power while dealing with challenges in maintaining grid stability.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/huawei-launches-smart-inverter-battery-storage-system-4246291

Global food system better prepared to weather El Niño: experts

- Near-record inventories, technological advances and the rise of key exporters such as Brazil and Russia have made the global food system more resilient to this year's "super" El Nino than similar past events. The changes have been driven by higher-yielding crop varieties, greater use of fertiliser and improved irrigation and crop protection, lifting yields of staples such as rice, wheat, corn and soybeans.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/global-food-system-better-prepared-weather-el-nino-experts-4245536

BANK | BB injects BDT 850 Bn into troubled banks

- Bangladesh Bank has so far injected more than BDT 850 Bn into 13 crisis-hit banks since early 2023, providing emergency liquidity to lenders that struggled to meet withdrawals, maintain regulatory balances and settle routine transactions. The support was extended mainly through very short-term loans against promissory notes, as the banks lacked sufficient eligible collateral to obtain regular liquidity support from the central bank.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/309614/bb-injects-tk-85000cr-into-troubled-banks

BANK | Banks turn to retail as corporate lending piles up bad loans

- Classified loans in retail banking were at 7.10% at the end of March, compared with nearly 32% in industry lending, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-turn-retail-corporate-lending-piles-bad-loans-1512706

PAYMENT | Incentives for Bangla QR code to take off

- Making transactions through bangla quick response (QR) code not only chargeless but also incentive-induced is certainly a momentous decision.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/editorial/incentives-for-bangla-qr-code-to-take-off

Inflation eases further to 8.32% in July

- Bangladesh's headline inflation fell to 8.32% in July 2026 from 9.16% in June, mainly driven by a significant decline in food inflation, according to data released by the BBS.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/inflation-eases-further-to-832pc-in-july

Govt seeks pvt investment to ease energy crisis

- The government is seeking greater private-sector investment in the energy sector to meet rising demand and address persistent fuel and gas shortages, Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Minister has said on Tuesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-seeks-pvt-investment-to-ease-energy-crisis-1786471200

Govt leases 3 jute mills with BDT 6.19 Bn investment

- The government signed lease agreements with two private business groups to reopen three long-closed state-owned jute mills, involving an investment of around BDT 6.19 Bn and creating at least 11,629 jobs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-leases-3-jute-mills-tk-619cr-investment-4245476

New port-customs body to fast-track cargo clearance: Minister

- The government has decided to form a joint committee comprising the Chattogram Port Authority (CPA) and customs authorities to remove trade barriers, expedite cargo clearance, and reduce business costs.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/new-port-customs-body-fast-track-cargo-clearance-minister-1512176

USD 5.0 Bn investment over 5yrs pledged

- Leaders of the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) urged the government to accelerate economic reforms and improve policy predictability as they seek to attract USD 5.0 Bn in fresh US investment over the next five years.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/us50b-investment-over-5yrs-pledged

LNG supply plunges again

- Bangladesh's energy crisis deepened as imported liquefied natural gas supply to the national grid plummeted by 250 million cubic feet per day from Monday evening due to adverse weather conditions in the Bay of Bengal.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/309465/lng-supply-plunges-again

Forex reserves stand at 32.15 Bn USD

- Bangladesh's gross foreign exchange reserves stood at 32.15 Bn USD under the IMF's BPM6 methodology, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/forex-reserves-stand-3215b-1511601

Tax-GDP ratio edges up despite weak economic activity

- Bangladesh managed to stem the downturn in its tax-to-GDP ratio last fiscal year with the proportion having edged up by 0.08-percentage point notwithstanding sluggish investment and economic activity, and waning purchasing power of both individuals and businesses. Tax-to-GDP ratio stood at 6.78% in FY2025-26, compared to 6.70% a year earlier.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/tax-gdp-ratio-edges-up-despite-weak-economic-activity

Profit streak to cash crisis: BPC seeks BDT 186.99 Bn lifeline

- Although the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) raked in profits almost every year in the past decade, four months of the US-Israel war on Iran have upended the balance sheet of the government agency that imports, distributes and markets oil and petroleum products.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/profit-streak-cash-crisis-bpc-seeks-tk-18699cr-lifeline-4244811

BANK | BB waives merchant fees to boost Bangla QR adoption

- Bangladesh Bank is waiving the merchant fee for small shopkeepers, street vendors, and small businesses for accepting digital payments using Bangla QR codes.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-waives-merchant-fees-boost-bangla-qr-adoption-4244786

BANK | Cabinet okays bank resolution amendment, repeals former owners' comeback clause

- The cabinet approved the draft Bank Resolution (Amendment) Act, 2026, repealing a provision that allowed former directors or owners of banks undergoing or slated for mergers to regain control under relatively favourable terms.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cabinet-okays-repeal-section-18a-bank-resolution-act-blocking-former-owners-return

BANK | Bangladesh Bank removes two-year cap on bank boards

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has removed the two-year statutory limit on managing banks after dissolving their boards, enabling it to keep administrators in place indefinitely.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-removes-two-year-cap-bank-boards-4244701

Bangladesh's PMI rises to 57.8 as manufacturing powers July expansion

- Bangladesh's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) has risen to 57.8 points in July from 52.9 in June, signalling a stronger expansion in economic activity.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladeshs-pmi-rises-to-578-as-manufacturing-powers-july-expansion

BD boasts 6.6 Bn USD BoP surplus buoyed by external inflows

- Bangladesh posted a record $6.6 billion balance-of-payments surplus in the past fiscal year, as strong financial-account inflows offset a widening current-account deficit.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bd-boasts-66b-bop-surplus-buoyed-by-external-inflows

Trade deficit hits three-year high at USD 27.3 Bn

- Bangladesh's trade deficit hit a three-year high of USD 27.28 Bn in FY26, a 34% jump from FY25, as rising import bills outpaced stagnant export earnings

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/trade-deficit-hits-three-year-high-273b-4243951

Current account deficit hits USD 1.6 Bn as import bills surge

- Central bank data shows imports on a free-on-board (FOB) basis rose 10.5% to over USD 71.1 Bn, up from USD 64.36 Bn a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/current-account-deficit-hits-16b-import-bills-surge-1510811

Jan-Mar net govt guarantees ease to BDT 1.015 Tn

- The outstanding stock of government guarantees fell by more than 5.0% to BDT 1.015 Tn as of March 31, 2026, from BDT 1.070 Tn three months earlier, as repayments outpaced the issuance of new guarantees, according to the Finance Division.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/jan-mar-net-govt-guarantees-ease-to-tk-1015t

Businesses seek 'Sick Industries Law' to revive closed factories

- Businesses in Chattogram called for a "Sick Industries Law", modelled on similar legislation in developed countries, to revive struggling and closed industrial units.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/businesses-seek-sick-industries-law-revive-closed-factories-1510636

FY26: 62% remittances came from just 5 countries

- In the recently concluded FY26, the highest volume of remittance came from Saudi Arabia, totaling USD 5.85 Bn. The remaining nations in the top five are the United Kingdom, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Malaysia, and the United States.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/417071/fy26-62%25-remittances-came-from-just-5-countries

Jet fuel price hiked by over 21%

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the prices of jet fuel for domestic and international airlines by over 21%, which is expected to have an impact on the cost of travel in the days to come.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/jet-fuel-price-hiked-over-21-4243721

ISP | ISPs may be allowed to offer streaming packages

- The move comes after two nationwide ISPs, Race Online Limited and ICC Communication Limited, sought regulatory approval to bundle digital platforms with their approved internet tariffs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/isps-may-be-allowed-offer-streaming-packages-4243946

Factories reopen after riding out worst part of gas crunch

- Workers returned to production on Saturday as rising gas pressure relieved apparel factories during the peak Christmas shipment season.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/factories-reopen-after-riding-out-worst-part-gas-crunch-4243016

Ctg Chamber seeks 90-day moratorium on gas, power bills, loan instalments

- The Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) has demanded a 90-day moratorium on gas and electricity bill payments, along with a three-month suspension of loan instalments, for industrial units affected by prolonged utility disruptions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-chamber-seeks-90-day-moratorium-gas-power-bills-loan-instalments-1509786

Trade cost rises with spikes in shipping charges

- Container-shipping costs on select Bangladesh routes more than doubled in two months due to geopolitical tensions, expensive energy, and tightening vessel capacity.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/trade-cost-rises-with-spikes-in-shipping-charges

Expert panel to guide FTA deal with EU

- A 17-member government advisory panel of top bureaucrats, trade experts, and business leaders will guide negotiations for a free-trade agreement with the European Union

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/expert-panel-to-guide-fta-deal-with-eu-1786209860

Govt debt stock climbs to BDT 22 Tn until March

- Total government debt stock rose over 5.4% during 9MFY26 to BDT 22.59 Tn, driven largely by increased domestic borrowing, particularly from the banking system. Domestic debt climbed 8.41% to BDT 12.954 Tn by the end of March from the level recorded at the beginning of the fiscal year, the report showed.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-debt-stock-climbs-to-tk-22t-until-march

From SIM to MFS: Govt tightening digital crime net

- Bangladesh is moving to tighten controls over digital financial activity, with plans for real-time transaction monitoring, artificial intelligence (AI)-based fraud detection, biometric verification, location tracking and stricter SIM registration rules. Bangladesh Bank, NTMC, and MFS providers would be involved in implementing the system.

https://tob.news/from-sim-to-mfs-govt-tightening-digital-crime-net/

Govt plans 400-acre industrial park in Bogura

- The government plans to establish a new industrial park on 400 acres of land in Bogura to meet rising demand from small and medium enterprises.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-plans-400-acre-industrial-park-bogura-4243006

NBR reshuffles tax jurisdictions for bank interest, export earnings

- The National Board of Revenue has revised tax jurisdictions for withholding taxes on bank interest, export earnings and payments made by government agencies, assigning different tax zones to banks, financial institutions, exporters and other withholding entities.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/309151/nbr-reshuffles-tax-jurisdictions-for-bank-interest-export-earnings

BANK | Bank deposits grow 11.41pc in May

- Bank deposit growth surged by 11.41% YoY to BDT 20.41 Tn in May, driven by higher remittance inflows and attractive deposit rates.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/309150/bank-deposits-grow-1141pc-in-may

BANK | BB gives temporary administrators sweeping powers over troubled banks

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has introduced detailed rules for appointing temporary administrators to troubled banks and finance companies, giving them broad powers to protect critical operations, assess financial conditions and facilitate the resolution of failing institutions.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-gives-temporary-administrators-sweeping-powers-over-troubled-banks-4242821

BANK | Digital loans up to BDT 5,000 coming for utility bills

- People can soon borrow BDT 50 to BDT 5,000 digitally from banks, interest-free, to pay utility bills and top up mobile phones with a 30-day repayment limit.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/digital-loans-tk-5000-coming-utility-bills-4243001

BANK | Bangladesh Bank sets BDT 1 Bn fund to boost Bangla QR use

- BB has formed a BDT 1 Bn fund to encourage small merchants to adopt Bangla QR, with the fund to be increased if necessary, Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman said today (8 August).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bank-sets-tk100cr-fund-boost-bangla-qr-use-1509826

RMG | Bangladeshi apparel gains advantage as China, India exports to US drop

- According to Office of Textiles and Apparel (Otexa) data, total US garment imports fell 8.04% in value to USD 35.09 Bn and 8.50% in volume during H1'2026, as retailers managed excess inventory and navigated consumer spending cutbacks However, shipments from China and India plunged by 37.69% and 25.27% respectively, while Bangladesh's exports contracted by a modest 5.75%.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/417029/bangladeshi-apparel-gains-advantage-as-china

PHARMA | Construction of Delta Pharma's USD 100 Mn plant begins in Mirsarai

- Delta Pharma has begun work to establish an active pharmaceutical ingredient manufacturing complex at the National Special Economic Zone in Mirsarai of Chattogram, aiming to begin commercial production by 2029 as Bangladesh seeks to reduce its dependence on imported pharmaceutical raw materials.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/construction-delta-pharmas-100m-plant-begins-mirsarai-production-expected-2029

PAYMENT | BB targets BDT 10 Mn Bangla QR payments each day

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) is working to increase digital transactions through Bangla QR to 10 Mn a day by the end of the current fiscal year, BB Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman has said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-targets-1cr-bangla-qr-payments-each-day-4242996

ENERGY | Payment guarantee restored to lure investment in renewable power

- A provision of "Payment Guarantee" for renewable-energy sector is now restored, nearly two years after it was scrapped by the interim government only to dissuade both local and foreign investors from making fresh investment, sources said.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/payment-guarantee-restored-to-lure-investment-in-renewable-power

ENERGY | Closed FSRU resumes regasification operation

- An immediate relief for industries, power plants and household consumers from fuel crunch comes as the closed floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) resumes operation.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/private-sector-credit-growth-hits-record-low-at-447pc-amid-weak-demand-energy-crisis

ENERGY | Fuel privatisation to ensure smooth supply

- A just-approved draft energy policy is aimed at ensuring uninterrupted and safe fuel-oil supply across Bangladesh, a government body says and dispels doubts over the move to involve private corporates in the trade.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fuel-privatisation-to-ensure-smooth-supply-1786209951

STEEL | Local prefabricated steel industry hits demand slump

- Bangladesh's prefabricated steel industry faces a severe downturn driven by a sharp contraction in public infrastructure spending, sluggish private investment, and rising competition from duty-free imports, executives said.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/local-prefabricated-steel-industry-hits-demand-slump-4243036

RMG | Korean official see strong prospect of upgrading Bangladesh's RMG industry

- South Korean companies see significant investment opportunities in upgrading Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) industry. Bangladesh's RMG may enhance value addition and strengthen the country's global competitiveness by expanding the use of man-made fibres (MMF), functional textiles, automated sewing equipment and garment accessories.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/korean-official-see-strong-prospect-of-upgrading-bangladeshs-rmg-industry

BANK | CMSME asset quality worsens with 26pc classified loan ratio

- CMSME segment asset quality declined in Q1 2026, driven by a sharp contraction in total outstanding credit and an increasing volume of non-performing loans.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/cmsme-asset-quality-worsens-with-26pc-classified-loan-ratio

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | World's largest sovereign fund trims Bangladesh exposure as Norway's 'Oil Fund' investment hits six-year low

- Government Pension Fund Global, the world's largest sovereign wealth fund, has significantly scaled back its exposure to the Bangladeshi capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/worlds-largest-sovereign-fund-trims-bangladesh-exposure-norways-oil-fund-investment

REGULATOR | BSEC to probe allegations of irregularities against DSE top officials

- BSEC has initiated an investigation into financial mismanagement, corporate governance failures, irregular recruitment, and securities trading involving senior DSE officials.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-probe-allegations-irregularities-against-dse-top-officials-1513251

EXCHANGE | DSE grants FIX certification to five more brokerage houses

- DSE has awarded FIX certification to five additional brokerage houses, enabling them to launch proprietary Order Management Systems (OMS) via API connectivity.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dse-grants-fix-certification-to-five-more-brokerage-houses

ICB | ICB to propose fund-raising via public asset securitisation

- The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) has proposed raising funds by securitizing major public infrastructure projects, starting with the Jamuna Bridge, with subsequent phases potentially including the Padma Bridge, Metro Rail, and the Third Terminal of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/icb-to-propose-fund-raising-via-public-asset-securitisation-1786552340

BANK | Banks discuss BDT 10 Bn package for young entrepreneurs at 4-6% interest

- Commercial banks are discussing a BDT 10 Bn financing package with the BB to provide young entrepreneurs with loans at 4-6% interest, with collateral-free financing of up to BDT 1 Mn under the preliminary plan.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-plans-tk1000cr-fund-create-5000-new-entrepreneurs-1512361

NEWLINE | Non-functional New Line Clothings fails to explain DSE query over abnormal share price surge

- New Line Clothings, a non-functional company, failed to respond to a DSE query regarding an abnormal surge in its share price and trading volume.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/non-functional-new-line-clothings-fails-explain-dse-query-over-abnormal-share-price

RMG | Exporters seek share of USD 100 Bn US tariff refunds

- At the height of the 2025 reciprocal tariff hikes, many US apparel buyers pressured Bangladeshi garment exporters to share the burden. Exporters are now seeking a share of the refunds or, at the very least, some form of compensation through their continued business relationships with US buyers.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/exporters-seek-share-100b-us-tariff-refunds-1511796

PAYMENT | Banglalink gets BB licence to launch digital payment service Mukto Pay

- Banglalink has received a Payment Service Provider (PSP) licence from Bangladesh Bank, paving the way for the telecom operator to enter the country's digital payments market with its new service "Mukto Pay".

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banglalink-gets-bb-licence-launch-digital-payment-service-mukto-pay-1512391

ENERGY | Rooftop solar panels can add 3,600MWp to nat'l grid

- Bangladesh can generate over 3,600 MWp of rooftop solar electricity, requiring a BDT 162.95 Bn investment, according to a state-owned IDCOL assessment.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/rooftop-solar-panels-can-add-3600mwp-natl-grid-4245801

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries to buy 102 decimal land again in N'ganj at BDT 22.9 Mn

- Olympic Industries PLC has decided to acquire 102 decimals of land in Narayanganj to support its ongoing operational expansion.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-buy-102-decimal-land-again-nganj-tk229cr-1512541

ENERGY | Govt decides to use solar power as much as possible for official work

- The government has decided to use solar power for official work as much as possible. The Cabinet Division issued notification saying the Bangabhaban, the Cabinet Division, the Prime Minister's Office, the Planning Commission and the Finance Division would use the lion's share of solar power for their official work. Other government offices will gradually ensure the maximum use of solar power.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/309427/govt-decides-to-use-solar-power-as-much-as-possible-for-official-work

TOBACCO | Health costs far exceed cigarette tax revenue

- Bangladesh's cigarette tax revenue surged over 11-fold in two decades, yet repeated price hikes failed to significantly reduce consumption, questioning whether the tax structure delivers public health gains.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/health-costs-far-exceed-cigarette-tax-revenue-4245791

EXCHANGE | BSEC clears revised margin rules, sets P/E cap at 40

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved revised margin lending rules, setting a maximum price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 40 for margin-eligible shares across all sectors except life insurance.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-revised-margin-rules-sets-pe-cap-40-1512521

EXCHANGE | Court overturns regulator's bid to fix LR Global funds

- The handover of LR Global Bangladesh's six closed-end mutual funds is stalled by a court ruling barring the trustee from taking charge, making operations of the BDT 8.89 Bn funds uncertain.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/court-overturns-regulators-bid-to-fix-lr-global-funds-1786466893

WALTONHIL | High Court approves Walton Digi-Tech merger with Walton Hi-Tech

- The High Court has approved the merger of non-listed Walton Digi-Tech Industries Ltd with listed Walton Hi-Tech Industries Ltd, enabling the group's strategic corporate restructuring.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/high-court-approves-walton-digi-tech-merger-walton-hi-tech-1512526

ILFSL, FASFIN, FAREASTFIN | BB declares four financial institutions non-viable, starts resolution process

- Bangladesh Bank has declared four NBFIs non-viable and initiated resolution proceedings against them under the Bank Resolution Act, 2026, citing severe financial weaknesses and their inability to meet obligations to depositors and other creditors. The institutions are Aviva Finance Limited, Fareast Finance and Investment Limited, FAS Finance and Investment Limited, and International Leasing and Financial Services Limited.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-declares-four-financial-institutions-non-viable-starts-resolution-process-1510806

EXCHANGE | BSEC weighs more flexible margin financing rules; may replace P/B with of P/E

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is likely to withdraw the price-to-book (P/B) ratio as a condition for margin loans against shares of banks and non-life insurance companies and instead use the price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio as the main valuation benchmark across sectors, officials familiar with the matter said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-weighs-more-flexible-margin-financing-rules-may-replace-pb-pe-1511656

EXCHANGE | Solar Equity Venture signs issue management deal with LankaBangla, Southeast Bank Capital

- Solar Equity Venture has signed an issue management agreement with LankaBangla Investments and Southeast Bank Capital Services Limited to raise capital through an initial public offering (IPO).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/solar-equity-venture-signs-issue-management-deal-with-lankabangla-southeast-bank-capital-1786381405

EXCHANGE | Non-viable NBFIs: Investors face uncertain future

- BB spokesperson acknowledged the need for government support to implement the liquidation move. He also said the government might give BDT 25 Bn. A BSEC official said they would have no say if general investors did not get anything from the companies following a "pure liquidation".

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/non-viable-nbfis-investors-face-uncertain-future-1786381375

BRACBANK | Regulatory squeezes trigger foreign exit from BRAC Bank despite record profits

- Despite record financial performance, BRAC Bank is facing five consecutive months of heavy foreign sell-offs, driven by regulatory interventions, geopolitical uncertainty, and portfolio rebalancing

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/regulatory-squeezes-trigger-foreign-exit-brac-bank-despite-record-profits-1509911

EXCHANGE | CDBL to extend custodian role to non-listed companies

- The depository authority has moved to secure non-listed company shares, easing transfers, preventing fraud, and enabling digital share pledging for bank loans.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cdbl-to-extend-custodian-role-to-non-listed-companies-1786295388

ICB | Loss-hit ICB introduces first-ever policy to value BDT 149.83 Bn portfolio

- The new policy aims to improve financial transparency and reduce the risk of overvaluation or undervaluation of assets, particularly its substantial holdings in non-listed securities whose fair values had not previously been systematically assessed.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/loss-hit-icb-introduces-first-ever-policy-value-tk14983cr-portfolio-1510776

BRACBANK | MFS leader reinvests profits to expand financial inclusion

- Bangladesh MFS market leader bKash is ploughing its net earnings back into technological infrastructure and algorithmic products, turning simple mobile transfers into data-driven financial services.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mfs-leader-reinvests-profits-expand-financial-inclusion-4243896

UNITEDINS, SAIHAMTEX, ALLTEX | United Insurance, Saiham, Alltex deny hidden triggers behind recent price surges

- Three listed companies -- United Insurance, Saiham Textile and Alltex Industries -- have informed the Dhaka Stock Exchange that there is no undisclosed price-sensitive information (PSI) behind the recent "unusual" surge in their share prices and trading volumes.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/united-insurance-saiham-alltex-deny-hidden-triggers-behind-recent-price-surges

ICB | State-run ICB looks to further govt funds for survival

- Cash-strapped Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) considers low-cost funds or partial conversion of debts into equity for survival. The ICB at present has an aggregate amount of debts worth around BDT 130 Bn, including interest, most of which was received from state-run entities and also shareholders of the Corporation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/state-run-icb-looks-to-further-govt-funds-for-survival-1786206407

EXCHANGE | Royal Footwear estimates capital market funds to boost its profit by up to 60%

- Royal Footwear expects its profit to jump by 50-60% if it can utilise the funds raised from the capital market as planned, primarily by repaying bank loans, cutting interest costs, and ensuring a steady supply of raw materials and spare parts.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/state-run-icb-looks-to-further-govt-funds-for-survival-1786206407

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