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Dhaka Stock Exchange

Weekly Market Update

DSEX ended in Green (+1.66%) in the week

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+1.66%) gained 96.29 points and closed the week at 5,900.36 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+2.29%) gained 49.86 points and stood at 2,227.63 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (+1.49%) gained 17.75 points and stood at 1,206.86 points. The large cap index CDSET (+2.46%) gained 28.06 points and closed at 1,170.16 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +21.27%, +20.18%, +20.60%, +16.46%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 73.7 billion (USD 596 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 14.7 billion (∆% Week: +6.6%)
Market P/E: 13.8x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started positively on Sunday (+0.78%), and remained positive throughout Monday (+0.30%), Tuesday (+0.76%) and Wednesday (+0.25%). However, it ended the week negatively on Thursday (-0.44%).

Sectoral Peformance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. Mutual Fund booked the highest gain of 5.01% followed by Bank (+3.26%), and NBFI (+1.02%). General Insurance experienced the highest loss of 0.44% followed by Life Insurance (-0.06%).

All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted positive performance this week. Engineering booked the highest gain of 2.27% followed by Food & Allied (+1.62%), Pharmaceutical (+1.45%), Fuel & Power (+1.32%), and Telecommunication (+0.85%).

Macroeconomic Arena

BB relaxes borrowing rules for foreign-owned industries. Parliament passes Invest Bangladesh Bill despite opposition objections. Breakwater design completion key to attracting investors. Saudi Arabia keen to invest up to USD 1Bn in Bangladesh's ports, infrastructure. Bangladesh, Italy set for strategic talks. Bepza attracts record USD 718 Mn investment proposals in FY26. LDC exit in 2026 could deepen economic woes: govt report. PM announces 'Universal Card' to consolidate all welfare benefits. Deltaport Footwear to invest USD 21.60 Mn in Bepza zone. Govt 'signals interest' in Airbus amid EU lobbying. ENERGY | 5-MW rooftop solar power by Sept. ENERGY | Bangladesh faces fresh LNG supply setback.

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | BSEC holds talks to simplify IPO rules, expand direct listing. EXCHANGE | BSEC to relax margin loan restrictions. ALARABANK | KDS Group regains control of Al-Arafah. ROBI | Robi's ex-CEO resignation saga exposes cracks in governance. EXCHANGE | In a first in 2 years, BSEC approves Royal Footwear to raise BDT 120 Mn through SME IQIO. RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics welcomes Mohammod Khourshed Alam as CEO. IFIC | Rescue efforts in tatters: Old troubles haunt IFIC Bank. EXCHANGE | Margin loans open to all, BDT 0.5 Mn minimum investment to scrap. EXCHANGE | BSEC greenlights intra-day trading, cautions bourses on risks. GP | Grameenphone's Q2 profit falls 14% on revenue decline. EXCHANGE | In a first in 2 years, BSEC approves Royal Footwear to raise BDT 120 Mn through SME IQIO. RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank's paid-up capital to nearly double with new shares. EXCHANGE | 21 junk stocks dodge DSE axe, trade at premium.

Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	∆(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	∆% Week	∆% YTD
DSEX	5,900.36	5,804.06	+96.29	4,865.34	1.66%	21.27%
DS30	2,227.63	2,177.76	+49.86	1,853.54	2.29%	20.18%
DSES	1,206.86	1,189.11	+17.75	1,000.72	1.49%	20.60%
CDSET	1,170.16	1,142.10	+28.06	1,004.81	2.46%	16.46%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	7,108,834	7,038,344	1.00%
	Mn USD	57,488	56,918	
Turnover	Mn BDT	73,742	69,193	6.58%
	Mn USD	596	560	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	14,748	13,839	6.58%
	Mn USD	119	112	
Volume	Mn Shares	2,181	2,193	-0.53%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in Last Four Weeks

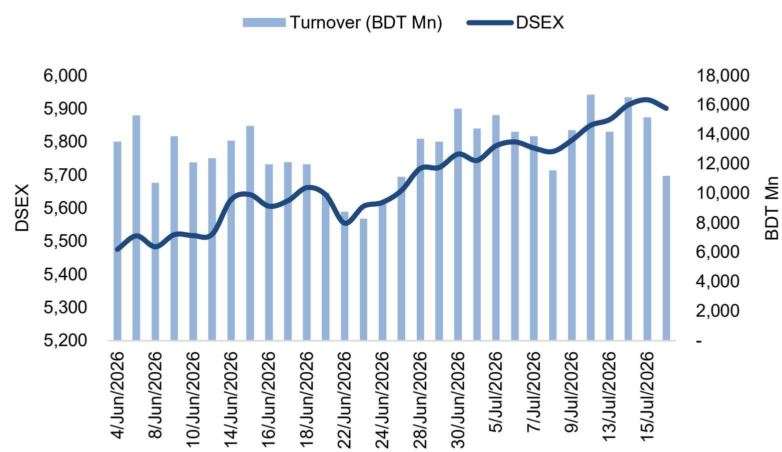

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Table 3: Top Ten Gainers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
RENWICKJA	979.6	769.4	+27.3%	1,959	27.4	NM	NM
SHARPIND	31.8	26.6	+19.5%	9,650	797.0	NM	4.0x
GLDNJMF	8.1	6.8	+19.1%	810	94.5	NM	0.7x
UNIONINS	54.5	45.8	+19.0%	2,638	469.5	28.5x	2.7x
AIBL1STIMF	6.3	5.3	+18.9%	630	167.3	NM	0.7x
EXIM1STMF	4.2	3.6	+16.7%	602	63.6	NM	0.4x
ACIFORMULA	175.6	152.9	+14.8%	8,297	506.3	23.5x	2.2x
ICBAGRANI1	8.6	7.5	+14.7%	844	50.9	NM	0.7x
NCCBLMF1	5.6	4.9	+14.3%	608	16.1	NM	0.6x
MIDLANDBNK	18.4	16.2	+13.6%	12,487	450.9	15.0x	1.2x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
SUNLIFEINS	69.2	80.0	-13.5%	2,475	325.2	NM	NM
SHURWID	6.0	6.7	-10.4%	344	7.0	NM	0.5x
SONARGAON	86.7	95.3	-9.0%	2,295	126.0	NM	4.8x
DOMINAGE	74.9	81.7	-8.3%	7,685	521.0	NM	4.4x
FAMILYTEX	2.3	2.5	-8.0%	815	12.4	NM	0.2x
TOSRIFA	23.1	25.1	-8.0%	1,570	184.1	42.8x	0.7x
SAIFPOWER	9.4	10.2	-7.8%	3,566	49.5	26.9x	0.6x
REGENTTEX	5.9	6.4	-7.8%	759	9.3	NM	0.2x
AFCAGRO	7.3	7.9	-7.6%	841	13.9	NM	0.4x
BDWELDING	14.0	15.1	-7.3%	607	24.5	NM	1.2x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
LOVELLO	73.8	70.9	+4.1%	7,245	2,164.6	24.2x	5.5x
MALEKSPIN	43.7	43.7	-	8,460	1,864.0	7.7x	0.7x
BSC	126.4	121.6	+3.9%	19,280	1,611.7	6.7x	1.1x
BRACBANK	64.6	61.8	+4.5%	147,906	1,302.0	7.4x	1.3x
LHB	60.7	55.9	+8.6%	70,495	1,140.6	14.6x	3.5x
SAPORTL	53.2	49.5	+7.5%	12,601	1,137.5	25.1x	1.5x
BSRMSTEEL	99.0	90.1	+9.9%	37,219	1,061.8	6.1x	1.0x
BXPHARMA	153.3	153.7	-0.3%	68,389	978.8	7.9x	1.1x
EHL	97.8	101.0	-3.2%	9,129	971.9	11.0x	1.0x
FEKDIL	25.0	24.2	+3.3%	5,469	909.6	NM	1.3x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
IPDC	32.2	+78.9%	13,833	28.5x	1.9x
SHASHADNIM	27.1	+73.7%	3,822	41.1x	0.6x
PIONEERINS	70.7	+56.9%	7,260	15.1x	1.5x
BSRMSTEEL	99.0	+56.9%	37,219	6.1x	1.0x
POWERGRID	41.5	+55.4%	37,923	9.4x	0.3x
MIRAKHTER	42.3	+54.9%	5,109	31.3x	0.8x
CROWNCEMNT	69.7	+51.5%	10,350	26.1x	1.1x
BXPHARMA	153.3	+50.1%	68,389	7.9x	1.1x
BBSCABLES	22.7	+49.3%	4,806	NM	0.9x
CITYBANK	31.6	+48.9%	55,281	3.8x	0.8x

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Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,587.1	1,537.0	1,367.20	+3.26%	+16.08%
NBFI	1,183.5	1,171.6	860.23	+1.02%	+37.59%
Mutual Fund	617.3	587.8	478.27	+5.01%	+29.06%
General Insurance	4,411.2	4,430.6	2,879.11	-0.44%	+53.21%
Life Insurance	1,987.5	1,988.8	1,691.42	-0.06%	+17.51%
Telecommunication	4,749.9	4,709.9	4,431.51	+0.85%	+7.18%
Pharmaceutical	3,276.0	3,229.2	2,764.29	+1.45%	+18.51%
Fuel & Power	1,193.1	1,177.5	996.11	+1.32%	+19.77%
Cement	2,288.4	2,136.2	1,739.18	+7.13%	+31.58%
Services & Real Estate	1,231.5	1,232.0	949.82	-0.04%	+29.66%
Engineering	2,849.2	2,785.8	2,290.78	+2.27%	+24.38%
Food & Allied	12,794.1	12,590.6	12,942.72	+1.62%	-1.15%
IT	2,670.6	2,724.3	1,703.25	-1.97%	+56.79%
Textile	1,413.1	1,410.8	1,060.76	+0.16%	+33.22%
Paper & Printing	5,004.5	5,035.5	4,485.61	-0.62%	+11.57%
Tannery	2,226.0	2,133.0	1,806.05	+4.36%	+23.25%
Jute	13,983.3	13,577.3	11,805.57	+2.99%	+18.45%
Ceramics	516.2	506.3	370.10	+1.95%	+39.47%
Miscellaneous	2,611.7	2,603.3	3,881.56	+0.32%	-32.72%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	1,174.4	853.0	+37.68%	+8.18%	7.1x	0.8x
NBFI	405.1	480.8	-15.76%	+2.82%	NM	1.2x
Mutual Fund	382.8	323.8	+18.24%	+2.67%	NM	0.5x
General Insurance	1,910.9	1,595.7	+19.75%	+13.31%	20.1x	1.7x
Life Insurance	574.3	383.2	+49.85%	+4.00%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	238.3	174.9	+36.20%	+1.66%	11.4x	3.8x
Pharmaceutical	1,547.2	1,374.7	+12.55%	+10.78%	11.2x	1.6x
Fuel & Power	542.4	572.5	-5.26%	+3.78%	10.1x	0.6x
Cement	385.0	202.4	+90.20%	+2.68%	24.9x	2.3x
Services & Real Estate	697.4	834.3	-16.41%	+4.86%	27.3x	0.5x
Engineering	1,311.5	1,258.6	+4.20%	+9.14%	18.5x	0.9x
Food & Allied	948.2	493.5	+92.13%	+6.61%	39.4x	3.5x
IT	681.3	954.5	-28.62%	+4.75%	46.0x	2.2x
Textile	1,910.0	2,443.1	-21.82%	+13.31%	NM	1.0x
Paper & Printing	264.4	209.7	+26.09%	+1.84%	NM	1.6x
Tannery	176.6	106.0	+66.54%	+1.23%	NM	1.6x
Jute	78.7	28.1	+180.32%	+0.55%	NM	1.9x
Ceramics	217.9	194.6	+11.97%	+1.52%	NM	1.5x
Miscellaneous	905.0	893.6	+1.27%	+6.31%	55.5x	1.1x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
UCB	9.2	-11.5%	14,263	51.1x	0.4x
BATBC	222.7	-10.4%	120,258	25.3x	2.2x
SINGERBD	77.0	-8.9%	7,677	NM	NM
UNILEVERCL	2,060.8	-4.2%	39,721	51.1x	16.8x
TRUSTBANK	15.9	-3.5%	16,596	5.0x	0.6x
RECKITTBEN	3,324.8	-2.9%	15,710	20.3x	15.8x
KPCL	10.3	-1.9%	4,093	11.4x	0.5x
ISLAMIBANK	32.3	-1.5%	52,003	NM	0.8x
GP	257.5	-0.2%	347,702	9.9x	6.2x
LINDEBD	749.0	-0.1%	11,399	30.5x	3.4x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

BB relaxes borrowing rules for foreign-owned industries

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed its regulations on external borrowing for fully foreign-owned industrial enterprises in a bid to attract fresh foreign direct investment (FDI) in Bangladesh.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-relaxes-borrowing-rules-for-foreign-owned-industries-1784139533

Parliament passes Invest Bangladesh Bill despite opposition objections

- Parliament passed the Invest Bangladesh Bill, 2026, paving the way for the Invest Bangladesh Authority by abolishing BIDA, PPP Authority and BEZA.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/parliament-passes-invest-bangladesh-bill-despite-opposition-objections-1489311

Breakwater design completion key to attracting investors

- The government has prioritised the completion of the breakwater design for the Bay Terminal project at the Chittagong Port as the first step towards attracting private investors and making at least one terminal operational by 2030.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/breakwater-design-completion-key-to-attracting-investors-1784138958

Saudi Arabia keen to invest up to USD 1Bn in Bangladesh's ports, infrastructure

- A high-level Saudi delegation met Prime Minister Tarique Rahman and expressed interest in investing up to USD 1 billion in Bangladesh's ports, railways and key infrastructure projects.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/saudi-arabia-keen-invest-1-billion-bangladeshs-ports-infrastructure-1489476

Bangladesh, Italy set for strategic talks

- Bangladesh and Italy will hold political consultations in Rome on August 4 to deepen cooperation on trade, migration, investment and regional issues, as Dhaka seeks to strengthen strategic ties with key European partners, diplomatic sources said.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bangladesh-italy-set-for-strategic-talks-1784134512

Bepza attracts record USD 718 Mn investment proposals in FY26

- The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority secured record investment proposals worth USD 718 Mn in fiscal year 2025-26, reflecting strong investor confidence in its export processing zones despite a challenging global economic environment.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bepza-attracts-record-718m-investment-proposals-fy26-4224911

LDC exit in 2026 could deepen economic woes: govt report

- Bangladesh's economy is in crisis due to domestic and external shocks, and graduation from the category of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) this year will worsen the situation due to several risks.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ldc-exit-2026-could-deepen-economic-woes-govt-report-4224931

PM announces 'Universal Card' to consolidate all welfare benefits

- Prime Minister Tarique Rahman Wednesday announced a landmark initiative bringing all government welfare programmes onto a single platform through the introduction of 'Universal Card' for greater social and financial security for working people, marginal farmers and disadvantaged communities.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/pm-announces-universal-card-to-consolidate-all-welfare-benefits-1784139031

Deltaport Footwear to invest USD 21.60 Mn in Bepza zone

- Deltaport Footwear Ltd, a joint venture of Italian and Irish investors, will invest USD 21.60 Mn to set up a footwear manufacturing plant at the Bepza Economic Zone in Mirsharai, Chattogram, run by the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/deltaport-footwear-invest-2160m-bepza-zone-4224836

Govt 'signals interest' in Airbus amid EU lobbying

- After sealing a Boeing deal, the government has “signalled interest” in adding Airbus aircraft to Biman's fleet following sustained European lobbying.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/govt-signals-interest-in-airbus-amid-eu-lobbying

ENERGY | 5-MW rooftop solar power by Sept

- Bangladesh is set to supply nearly 5 MW of electricity generated from rooftop solar panels to the national grid by September, marking another step in the government's efforts to diversify the country's energy mix and expand renewable power generation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/5-mw-rooftop-solar-power-by-sept-1784139140

ENERGY | Bangladesh faces fresh LNG supply setback

- Bangladesh's long-term LNG supply plans have suffered another setback as US-based Excelerate Energy joined QatarEnergy in halving contracted deliveries for 2026, forcing to rely more heavily on costly spot purchases.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-faces-fresh-lng-supply-setback-1784139225

ENERGY | 1.4 Mn tonnes of diesel import without tender proposed

- The energy division has sent a proposal seeking approval for importing 14.75 lakh tonnes diesel without tenders. The proposal based on negotiations with 15 trading houses and suppliers came amid fresh escalation of war between the United States and Iran in the Middle East, the country's main sources of fuel oils.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/306322/14-lakh-tonnes-of-diesel-import-without-tender-proposed

BANK | ABB proposes charges after 3 counter withdrawals in a month

- The Association of Bankers, Bangladesh (ABB), the organization representing bank executives, has proposed that customers who withdraw cash over the counter more than three times a month may face an additional fee ranging from BDT 100 to BDT 300. Furthermore, recommendations have been made to introduce new fees or increase existing charges across 14 other banking services.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/415225/abb-proposes-charges-after-3-counter-withdrawals

TEXTILE | BTMA seeks BB support to protect USD 32 Bn primary textile investments

- The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has urged Bangladesh Bank to roll out a broad package of policy support for the country's primary textile sector, already attracting USD 32 Bn in investments.

https://tob.news/btma-seeks-bb-support-to-protect-32bn-primary-textile-investments/

Bangladesh to explore int'l bond market for fundraising, lower internal borrowing

- Bangladesh will accelerate efforts to tap international bond markets for development financing, the government told the IMF.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-explore-intl-bond-market-for-fundraising-lower-internal-borrowing-1784055784

VAT schedule change may widen revenue gap

- Changes to the VAT payment schedule could pressure officials to achieve the BDT 2.23 trillion VAT collection target this fiscal year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/vat-schedule-change-may-widen-revenue-gap-1784055645

IMF reviews Bangladesh's external debt risks, slow loan disbursements

- The officials said they told the mission that Bangladesh is transitioning from a "low-risk stabilisation phase" to a "medium-risk acceleration phase" in terms of external debt risk.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-reviews-bangladeshs-external-debt-risks-slow-loan-disbursements-1488601

NBR asks BB to require BIN for business bank accounts

- NBR has asked Bangladesh Bank to require VAT registration (BIN) for business and STD accounts to expand the VAT net and increase revenue.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-asks-bb-require-bin-business-bank-accounts-1488571

Chinese firms drive two-thirds of EPZ investments in FY26

- Of 36 companies with BEPZA lease agreements in FY26, 23 are Chinese-owned or joint ventures, representing USD 498.86 million in proposed investments.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/chinese-firms-drive-two-thirds-epz-investments-fy26-1488641

RSGT Bangladesh launches full operations at Patenga terminal after USD 170 Mn investment

- Since taking over operations in 2024, the company has invested in expanding the terminal's capacity and modernising its facilities.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/rsgt-bangladesh-launches-full-operations-patenga-terminal-after-170m-investment-1488626

ENERGY | Three more spot LNG cargoes to arrive in August

- The government will buy three LNG cargoes from the spot market by mid-August as long-term suppliers halt deliveries due to the Middle East crisis and Strait of Hormuz disruptions.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/three-more-spot-lng-cargoes-to-arrive-in-august-1784049516

ENERGY | 42.5MW power to be produced from Dhaka waste by 2028: Adviser

- The government has taken an initiative to generate 42.5 MW of electricity by August 2028 by processing around 3,000 tonnes of waste produced daily in Dhaka.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/425mw-power-to-be-produced-from-dhaka-waste-by-2028-adviser-1784049609

Only poor should get subsidy benefits: IMF

- The IMF recommended targeting power and energy subsidies only to the poor while affluent users pay market rates.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/only-poor-should-get-subsidy-benefits-imf-1783965434

RMG | BD adds 4 more LEED-certified RMG factories

- Bangladesh added four more LEED-certified RMG factories, strengthening its global green garment leadership.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bd-adds-4-more-leed-certified-rmg-factories-1784049538

PHARMA | Pharma pricing policy threatens innovation

- Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry seeks medicine pricing reform as limited price adjustments hurt profitability, investment and smaller drug makers.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/pharma-pricing-policy-threatens-innovation-4223956

IT | WB imposes 10-month ban on Beximco Computers

- World Bank debarred Beximco Computers Limited for 10 months over collusive practices in a digital development project.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-imposes-10-month-ban-on-beximco-computers-1784055560

Dollar hits BDT 123 in inter-bank trade

- The US dollar reached BDT 123 in the inter-bank market amid higher demand, slower remittance and export inflows, with banks trading at BDT 122.70–123.75.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-hits-tk-123-inter-bank-trade-4223191

Remittance inflow registers 11.6pc growth, reaches USD 1.15 Bn in July's first 11 days

- Bangladesh's inward remittance recorded a robust double-digit growth with USD 1.15 Bn in first 11 days of July.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-registers-116pc-growth-reaches-115b-in-julys-first-11-days

Reforms under IMF programme to be phased in - Finance minister says

- The Finance Minister said IMF-backed reforms will be implemented gradually, considering political realities, as major changes cannot happen overnight..

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/reforms-under-imf-programme-be-phased-finance-minister-says-4223176

IMF queries BDT 780 Bn bailout for weak banks

- The International Monetary Fund has sought detailed information from Bangladesh Bank on the nearly BDT 780 Bn in emergency liquidity support provided to financially distressed banks.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/306050/imf-queries-tk-78000cr-bailout-for-weak-banks

ICT | BD mulling policy incentives in ICT sector: Minister

- Bangladesh is considering a competitive tax regime and policy incentives to attract South Korean investment in ICT and smart device manufacturing.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-mulling-policy-incentives-in-ict-sector-minister-1783966660

Exports to Latin America surge 29% in 4 yrs

- Bangladesh's strategic pivot toward non-traditional markets has hit a major milestone as its year-on-year exports to Latin American nations are increasing significantly.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/exports-to-latin-america-surge-29pc-in-4-yrs-1783966488

TELCO | No reprieve for Summit over BDT 30 Mn bandwidth pricing fine

- The telecom regulator has upheld a BDT 30 Mn administrative fine on Summit Communications Ltd, the country's largest telecom infrastructure operator, after concluding it engaged in discriminatory bandwidth pricing.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/no-reprieve-summit-over-tk-3cr-bandwidth-pricing-fine-4223926

IMF inquires how NBR plans to meet its 45% higher revenue target for FY27

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has asked the National Board of Revenue (NBR) how it plans to achieve its BDT 6,040 Bn revenue target for the fiscal 2026-27, which is about 45% higher than the FY26 collection.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-inquires-how-nbr-plans-meet-its-45-higher-revenue-target-fy27-1487331

BANK | BB relaxes rules for DPA enterprises in EZs

- Banks can now process outward remittances for royalty, technical know-how and assistance fees beyond the existing ceiling, subject to BEZA approval.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-relaxes-rules-for-dpa-enterprises-in-ezs-1783966603

EPB charts USD 66 Bn export roadmap for FY27

- The Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has proposed a USD 66 billion export target for FY2026–27, including USD 57 billion from merchandise and USD 9 billion from services.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/epb-charts-66b-export-roadmap-for-fy27-1783880570

ENERGY | Govt-imported LPG to hit market in Oct

- The government-imported liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) is all set to hit the domestic market in October, helping keep the domestic cooking-fuel market stable.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-imported-lpg-to-hit-market-in-oct-1783880357

TEXTILE | BTMA seeks 15pc cap on FoC fabric imports

- BTMA proposed tighter FoC import rules with a 15% cap on yarn and fabric imports and minimum local value-addition requirements..

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/btma-seeks-15pc-cap-on-foc-fabric-imports-1783962612

BANK | BB extends Foreign Currency-Taka swap facility to exporters in specialised economic zones

- The move allows exporters in EPZs, private EPZs, economic zones and high-tech parks to access short-term Taka liquidity without converting their foreign currency holdings.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-extends-foreign-currency-taka-swap-facility-exporters-specialised-economic-zones-1487591

New IMF loan may come next January, say officials

- A new IMF loan programme prioritising revenue growth and banking sector reforms may begin next January, with an IMF mission reviewing Bangladesh's reform progress and government plans.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/new-imf-loan-may-come-next-january-say-officials-4221471

BANK | From BDT 500 to BDT 100 Bn: The phenomenal rise of bKash & City Bank's nano loan

- Digital nano loan disbursement crossed BDT 100 Bn in July, marking a milestone for the collateral-free service launched by bKash and City Bank in 2021, with over 3.5 Mn customers served.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/tk500-tk10000cr-phenomenal-rise-bkash-city-banks-nano-loan-1485926

RMG | Bangladesh posts 0.89% apparel export growth in 2025, lowest among Asian rivals: WTO

- According to World Trade Organization (WTO) data released recently, Bangladesh exported USD 38.82 Bn worth of garments in 2025, up just 0.89% from USD 38.48 Bn a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bangladesh-posts-089-apparel-export-growth-2025-lowest-among-asian-rivals-wto-1487416

Dhaka seeks IMF deal without public cost

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has signalled a cautious approach towards a new IMF credit programme, saying any future arrangement must protect public interests and economic stability as the lender begins discussions on fresh support.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dhaka-seeks-imf-deal-without-public-cost-1783880524

IMF reviews bad loans, bank reforms

- The authorities briefed the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on the new pay scale for public sector employees, while the visiting mission also received updates on bad loans and banking sector reforms.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/imf-reviews-bad-loans-bank-reforms-4222411

TEXTILE | Cash incentive for local textile exports raised to 5.0%for FY27

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday increased the cash incentive for the export-oriented local textile sector to 5% from the previous 1.5% for the 2026-27 fiscal year to encourage the use of domestically produced raw materials and enhance export competitiveness.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/cash-incentive-for-local-textile-exports-raised-to-50pc-for-fy27-1783880484

BANK | Q1'26 term deposits up 14% as savers seek safe returns

- Term deposits at banks recorded robust YoY growth in Q1'2026 as depositors increasingly opted for fixed-income savings instruments to secure higher returns amid a high interest rate environment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/q126-term-deposits-up-14pc-as-savers-seek-safe-returns-1783875282

BANK | Default loans to be curbed through NPL resolution guideline, BB tells IMF

- Bangladesh Bank will issue non-performing loan (NPL) resolution guidelines by December as part of its banking sector reform commitments under the proposed new loan programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/default-loans-be-curbed-through-npl-resolution-guideline-bb-tells-imf-1486676

PAYMENT | Mandatory Bangla QR irks merchants over 1% fee

- Shopkeepers argue that in many countries digital QR payments are free, and that Bangladesh is unfairly squeezing small businesses. This mandatory fee has ignited intense frustration among small traders, many of whom operate on razor-thin profit margins.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/414987/mandatory-bangla-qr-irks-merchants-over-1%25-fee

AIRLINES | US-Bangla set to lease 21 Boeing aircraft in USD 1.11 Bn fleet expansion

- US-Bangla Airlines is set to expand its fleet by adding 21 new Boeing 737-8 aircraft through leasing arrangements in 2027, in a move valued at about USD 1.11 Bn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/us-bangla-set-lease-21-boeing-aircraft-111b-fleet-expansion-1486661

AUTOMOBILE | Japanese big three pick up speed in flat bike market

- Industry data showed that 422,655 motorcycles were sold in FY26, almost unchanged from 422,593 units in the previous fiscal year. Companies blamed weak demand for the stagnant market.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/japanese-big-three-pick-speed-flat-bike-market-4222401

Iran declares Strait of Hormuz closed as 'unauthorised' vessel hit

- Iran on Sunday said it closed the Strait of Hormuz after a vessel travelled on an unapproved route and was struck, warning that any retaliation over the incident would be met with a "severe response."

https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/middle-east/iran-declares-strait-hormuz-closed-unauthorised-vessel-hit-1485826

Tax net expands to cover foreign digital businesses

- A significant amendment to Bangladesh's income-tax law has paved the way for taxing foreign digital businesses that have no physical presence in the country but serve 0.1 Mn or above Bangladeshi users.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/tax-net-expands-to-cover-foreign-digital-businesses-1783791257

SMEs urge govt to cut business costs, ease regulations

- Business leaders have urged the government to reduce the cost of doing business, simplify regulatory procedures and improve law and order, warning that persistent global trade uncertainties and domestic challenges are weighing on investment and economic growth.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/smes-urge-govt-to-cut-business-costs-ease-regulations-1783791535

Prepare for EU trade shift

- Bangladesh's trade relations with the European Union (EU) are set to undergo the biggest transformation in decades, but the country may not be fully prepared to seize new opportunities and tackle emerging challenges, said MA Razzaque, chairman of the Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/prepare-eu-trade-shift-4221456

Bangladesh's wheat imports surge to all-time high

- Wheat imports surged to 7.3 Mn tonnes in FY26 as the private sector capitalised on lower international prices. Private imports rose 16% YoY to 6.58 Mn tonnes, while public sector imports jumped 61% YoY.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-wheat-imports-surge-all-time-high-4221481

Bangladesh may face highest inflation in South Asia in 2026-27: ADB

- In its latest Asian Development Outlook July update, the multilateral lender predicted that Bangladesh's average inflation could hit 8.8%, outpacing regional peers including India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/305741/bangladesh-may-face-highest-inflation-in-south-asia-in-2026-27-adb

BDT 400 Bn SOE debt pile fuels fiscal concern

- State-backed contingent liabilities for underperforming State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and autonomous bodies reached BDT 400.12 Bn in sovereign guarantees till the last fiscal year, officials say.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tk-400b-soe-debt-pile-fuels-fiscal-concern-1783792246

TEXTILE | Bangladesh likely to import 7.6 Mn bales of cotton in MY27

- Bangladesh may import 7.6 Mn bales of cotton in the marketing year 2026-27, starting on August 1, according to a projection by the United States Department of Agriculture. The report also stated that imports are expected to decline due to disruptions in yarn production and weaker demand in the ready-made garment sector.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/305919/bangladesh-likely-to-import-76m-bales-of-cotton-in-my27

Govt earmarks BDT 4.0 Bn for 100 electric buses

- The government has taken a major step to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) by deciding to introduce 100 electric buses into the public transport fleet and requiring government agencies to procure only fully electric vehicles for their transport pools.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-earmarks-tk-40b-for-100-electric-buses-1783792312

Global oil demand picks up despite war fears: IEA

- The International Energy Agency said Friday that 'a recovery' in global oil demand had started as supplies tentatively start moving through the strategic Strait of Hormuz again and prices ease.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/305641/global-oil-demand-picks-up-despite-war-fears-iea

BANK | BB to offer commodity price hedging for importers

- Bangladesh Bank is likely to allow commercial banks' Offshore Banking Units (OBUs) to offer commodity price hedging services, helping importers lock in prices and reduce market volatility risks..

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/305818/bb-to-offer-commodity-price-hedging-for-importers

BANK | Bangladesh Bank begins special inspection

- In a major move to curb irregularities in foreign exchange operations and stamp out illicit financial flows, Bangladesh Bank has launched a comprehensive special inspection targeting some commercial banks.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/305815/bangladesh-bank-begins-special-inspection

BANK | Islami Bank remains remittance leader in FY26 as Krishi, BRAC banks post strong gains

- Trouble-hit Islami Bank retained its position as Bangladesh's largest remittance-collecting bank in FY26, while state-owned specialised Krishi Bank emerged as a surprise second place-holder, followed by BRAC Bank.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/islami-bank-remains-remittance-leader-fy26-krishi-brac-banks-post-strong-gains

RMG | Jan-May apparel exports to US fall over 8%

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the United States declined more than 8% in the first five months of 2026 as weaker consumer demand weighed on imports, although a rebound in May signalled a potential recovery in export orders.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/jan-may-apparel-exports-to-us-fall-over-8pc-1783791753

Several nondescript sectors picked as potential GDP hikers

- Emerging sectors including courier services, money exchange and arts activities show untapped growth potential, with past contributions of BDT 4.54 Bn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/several-nondescript-sectors-picked-as-potential-gdp-hikers-1783791632

Three sub-zones dev project under NSEZ comes under scrutiny

- Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) is seeking approval for a BDT 19.18 Bn infrastructure-development project to carve out three sub-zones in the National Special Economic Zone (NSEZ) in Mirsarai, Chattogram.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/three-sub-zones-dev-project-under-nsez-comes-under-scrutiny-1783791804

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | BSEC holds talks to simplify IPO rules, expand direct listing

- The securities regulator has embarked on a major overhaul of the country's initial public offering (IPO) regime, aiming to simplify the listing process, broaden direct listing opportunities and attract fundamentally strong companies to the market.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-holds-talks-to-simplify-ipo-rules-expand-direct-listing-1784131520

EXCHANGE | BSEC to relax margin loan restrictions

- Restrictions on margin loans for "B" category shares and the minimum BDT 0.50 million one-year investment requirement are being withdrawn, while investors may buy non-marginable shares using cash within margin accounts.

https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/stock/415215/bsec-to-relax-margin-loan-restrictions

ALARABANK | KDS Group regains control of Al-Arafah

- Bangladesh Bank has appointed 14 new directors to the board of Al-Arafah Islami Bank, paving the way for the lender’s founding shareholders, led by KDS Group, to regain control after nearly a year under a board dominated by independent directors.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/306311/kds-group-regains-control-of-al-arafah

ROBI | Robi's ex-CEO resignation saga exposes cracks in governance

- The show-cause notice alleged that operating expenses were capitalised and profits inflated in 2019 and 2020 under Mr Ahmed’s leadership, as operating costs should be expensed while capital expenditure is recorded as assets and depreciated over years.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/robis-ex-ceo-resignation-saga-exposes-cracks-in-governance-1784131477

EXCHANGE | In a first in 2 years, BSEC approves Royal Footwear to raise BDT 120 Mn through SME IQIO

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved Royal Footwear PLC's proposal to raise BDT 120 Mn through an Initial Qualified Investor Offer (IQIO) on the SME platform, marking the regulator's first approval for SME fundraising in more than two years.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/first-2-years-bsec-approves-royal-footwear-raise-tk12cr-through-sme-iqio-1488346

RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics welcomes Mohammod Khourshed Alam as CEO

- RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited has announced the appointment of Mohammod Khourshed Alam as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO), effective from 15 July.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/rak-ceramics-welcomes-mohammod-khourshed-alam-as-ceo-1784134617

IFIC | Rescue efforts in tatters: Old troubles haunt IFIC Bank

- The attempt to rescue IFIC Bank from years of financial scams, fraudulent lending and breach of regulations appears to have stumbled at the hands of those entrusted with the turnaround.

https://tob.news/rescue-efforts-in-tatters-old-troubles-haunt-ific-bank/

EXCHANGE | Margin loans open to all, BDT 0.5 Mn minimum investment to scrap

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved draft amendments to the Margin Rules, 2025, relaxing several restrictive provisions introduced last November to improve market liquidity and make margin lending more accessible.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/margin-loans-open-all-tk5-lakh-minimum-investment-scrap-1488491

EXCHANGE | BSEC greenlights intra-day trading, cautions bourses on risks

- The securities regulator approved intra-day trading on stock exchanges, a landmark reform aimed at boosting liquidity and aligning Bangladesh’s capital market with global standards.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-greenlights-intra-day-trading-cautions-bourses-on-risks-1784047770

GP | Grameenphone's Q2 profit falls 14% on revenue decline

- Grameenphone has reported a nearly 14% year-on-year decline in profit to BDT 7.6 Bn in the second quarter (Q2) of 2026, due to lower revenue earnings amid a challenging macroeconomic environment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/grameenphones-q2-profit-falls-14pc-on-revenue-decline-1784047821

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RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank's paid-up capital to nearly double with new shares

- Rupali Bank is set to nearly double its paid-up capital after securing regulatory approval to issue BDT 6.80 Bn worth of ordinary shares to the government against accumulated share money deposits.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rupali-banks-paid-up-capital-to-nearly-double-with-new-shares-1783962323

EXCHANGE | 21 junk stocks dodge DSE axe, trade at premium

- Despite years without dividends, these companies remain listed as investors drive some shares above stronger firms.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/21-junk-stocks-dodge-dse-axe-trade-premium-4223961

ENVOYTEX | Envoy Textiles boosts denim fabric capacity to 60m yards

- Envoy Textiles Ltd has increased its annual denim fabric production capacity to 60 Mn yards from 52 Mn yards after completing upgrades to its upstream production facilities and introducing automation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/envoy-textiles-boosts-denim-fabric-capacity-to-60m-yards-1784049560

SKTRIMS | SK Trims narrows Q1 losses on cost cuts

- SK Trims & Industries, an accessories manufacturer, has reported a narrower net loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2025-26, driven by lower manufacturing and operating expenses compared with the same period a year earlier.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sk-trims-narrows-q1-losses-cost-cuts-1488476

SPCERAMICS | Shinepukur Ceramics gets special LC facility

- Bangladesh Bank has allowed Beximco Group's defaulting company Shinepukur Ceramics to open LCs for raw material imports under a special arrangement.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/shinepukur-ceramics-gets-special-lc-facility-4223936

ACI | ACI to invest BDT 7.0 Bn in Shwapno

- ACI will subscribe to 7.0 Mn convertible preference shares of ACI Logistics, each with a face value of BDT 1,000, expected to be completed by 15 October of the current year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/shinepukur-ceramics-gets-special-lc-facility-4223936

EXCHANGE | 6 merchant banks face licence cancellation over capital deficiency, inactivity

- The merchant banks facing licence cancellation are FAS Capital Management, Imperial Capital, NDB Capital, Riverstone Capital, HAL Capital, and Roots Investment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/6-merchant-banks-face-licence-cancellation-over-capital-deficiency-inactivity-1783962278

EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to reduce settlement cycle, scrap wet signatures

- At the centre of the reform agenda is the plan to reduce the securities settlement cycle from the current T+2 to T+1, with a long-term target of introducing same-day settlement, or T+0.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-reduce-settlement-cycle-scrap-wet-signatures-1487576

BERGERPBL | Berger Paints affiliate to invest USD 13.7 Mn in National Special Economic Zone

- BEZA signed a land lease agreement with Jenson & Nicholson Packaging for a USD 13.7 Mn manufacturing facility at the National Special Economic Zone..

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/beza-signs-137m-investment-land-lease-deal-1487411

AAMRATECH | Aamra Technologies recommends 0.25% dividend

- Aamra Technologies Limited has recommended a 0.25% cash dividend for general shareholders for FY2025 despite a sharp decline in financial performance.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aamra-technologies-recommends-025-dividend-1487566

USMANIAGL, DAFODILCOM | Dhaka bourse halts trading for Daffodil Computers, Usmania Glass

- According to the DSE, shares trading halt for Usmania Glass for second time as it had faced trading halt on 9 June, and resume on the next trading session.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-bourse-halts-trading-daffodil-computers-usmania-glass-1487571

EASTRNLUB | Eastern Lubricants surges on new transformer oil deal

- Eastern Lubricants' share price hit a six-month high of BDT 1,969.30 as investors rushed to buy after news of a new product addition.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-lubricants-surges-on-new-transformer-oil-deal-1783875091

SONALIANSH | Sonali Aansh returns to 'A' category after dividend payout

- Sonali Aansh Industries PLC has been elevated to the "A" category from the junk "Z" category by the Dhaka Stock Exchange after completing the distribution of a 15% cash dividend to shareholders for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sonali-aansh-returns-category-after-dividend-payout-1486596

EXCHANGE | Web portal to showcase open-ended mutual fund performance

- The securities regulator has moved to launch a web portal that will display the performance of all open-ended mutual funds (MFs) to help investors make investment decisions. BSEC chairman added that the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) would launch the web portal.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/web-portal-to-showcase-open-ended-mutual-fund-performance-1783782222

AFCAGRO | DSE finds AFC Agro's factory closed, adding to growing list of non-operational firms

- A DSE inspection team found AFC Agro Biotech Limited's factory premises completely shut down, with no production or operations underway.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-finds-afc-agros-factory-closed-adding-growing-list-non-operational-firms-1485681

EASTRNLUB | Eastern Lubricants ties up with US-based Ergon to expand transformer oil business

- The company's share price rose 0.94% to BDT 1,889 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange on Saturday.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-lubricants-ties-us-based-ergon-expand-transformer-oil-business-1485691

DAFODILCOM | Daffodil Computers surges 308% in five months despite weak earnings, no PSI

- The company's share price climbed from BDT41.80 on 8 February to BDT 170.60 on 9 July, marking a 308.13% gain during the period.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/daffodil-computers-surges-308-five-months-despite-weak-earnings-no-psi-1485686

EXCHANGE | BSRM, ACME Laboratories, Power Grid added to blue-chip index

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) restructured its blue-chip DS30 index, adding three companies and removing three others based on its semi-annual stock performance review.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsrm-acme-laboratories-power-grid-added-to-blue-chip-index-1783875053

CITYBANK | City Bank bucks trend as foreigners inject BDT 28 Mn amid broader market exodus

- Global fund managers sold across the market but invested nearly BDT 28 Mn in the bank, more than doubling their stake within a month.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-bucks-trend-foreigners-inject-tk280cr-amid-broader-market-exodus-1486621

EXCHANGE | Only 10 firms make up 40% of DSE market value

- Although 360 companies are listed on the DSE, 10 account for nearly 40% of total market capitalisation, highlighting the limited depth of the capital market.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/only-10-firms-make-40-dse-market-value-4221486

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