

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+0.31%) gained 16.98 points and closed the week at 5,532.15 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+0.28%) gained 5.84 points and stood at 2,101.16 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (+0.17%) gained 1.84 points and stood at 1,106.90 points. The large cap index CDSET (+0.40%) gained 4.44 points and closed at 1,107.80 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +13.71%, +13.36%, +10.61%, +10.25%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 27.7 billion (USD 226 million)

Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 5.5 billion (Δ% Week: +0.1%)

Market P/E: 13.0x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-1.75%) and remained negative on Monday (-0.73%); however, it turned positive on Tuesday (+1.74%) and remained positive on Wednesday (+0.39%) and Thursday (+0.69%).

Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. General Insurance booked the highest gain of 1.50% followed by Bank (+1.11%). Life Insurance experienced the highest loss of 1.34% followed by Mutual Fund (-1.18%), NBFIs (-0.20%).

Most of the non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted positive performance this week. Food & Allied booked the highest gain of 0.80% followed by Fuel & Power (+0.33%), Telecommunication (+0.26%), Engineering (+0.18%), and Pharmaceutical (-0.54%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | 'Visible changes in capital market expected within 2-3 months': Tanvir Shahriar Ghani. REGULATOR | BFIU orders brokerage houses, merchant banks to set up anti-money laundering units. EXCHANGE | Regulator promises retrospective benefits once IPO rules are revised. BRACBANK | BRAC Bank only Bangladeshi lender on Forbes' top 500 banks list. DOMINAGE | Dominage Steel top brass fined BDT 51 Mn for IPO fund utilisation lapses. ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank customers threaten movement if their demands not met. EXCHANGE | Brokers seek pre-opening session revival, margin net-off to ease liquidity pressure. BXPHERMA | Beximco Pharma seeks to free itself from group entities' troubles. EXCHANGE | Brokers press for new products to reduce reliance on equities. AAMRATECH | Weak sales, rising finance costs widen Aamra Technologies' losses. BNICL | Bangladesh National Insurance denies undisclosed price-sensitive info amid 31% surge.

DSEX ended in Green (+0.31%) in the week

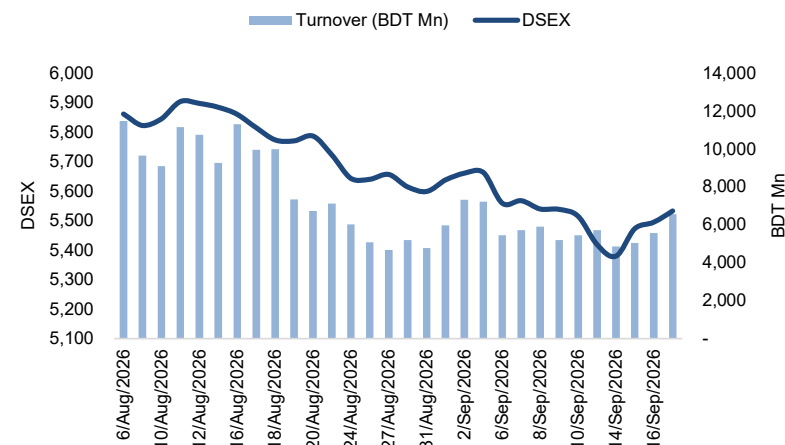
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,532.15	5,515.17	+16.98	4,865.34	0.31%	13.71%
DS30	2,101.16	2,095.31	+5.84	1,853.52	0.28%	13.36%
DSES	1,106.90	1,105.06	+1.84	1,000.72	0.17%	10.61%
CDSET	1,107.80	1,103.36	+4.44	1,004.81	0.40%	10.25%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,923,733	6,930,680	-0.10%
	Mn USD	56,382	56,439	
Turnover	Mn BDT	27,744	27,712	0.11%
	Mn USD	226	226	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	5,549	5,542	0.11%
	Mn USD	45	45	
Volume	Mn Shares	1,020	997	2.27%

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
AL-HAJTEX	84.4	70.0	+20.6%	1,882	139.1	NM	6.0x
BNICL	144.9	122.4	+18.4%	6,412	577.7	25.1x	4.2x
APEXSPINN	332.6	281.9	+18.0%	2,794	132.2	NM	4.0x
ISNLTD	51.8	44.1	+17.5%	566	43.1	NM	24.2x
MEGHNAPET	73.2	62.9	+16.4%	878	34.9	NM	1.0x
RELIANCINS	112.7	97.2	+15.9%	11,852	647.1	11.8x	1.3x
KBPPWBIL	34.4	29.9	+15.1%	3,374	158.4	49.9x	2.9x
ORIONINFU	213.7	188.6	+13.3%	4,351	333.8	NM	13.2x
IFIC	5.2	4.6	+13.0%	9,995	98.1	NM	NM
SONARGAON	97.2	88.0	+10.5%	2,573	65.7	NM	5.4x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
BDTHAIFOOD	21.1	25.1	-15.9%	1,720	241.7	NM	1.8x
SAIFPOWER	7.8	8.7	-10.3%	2,959	13.2	22.3x	0.5x
FAREASTLIF	17.0	18.9	-10.1%	1,271	5.8	NM	NM
CAPMBDBLMF	7.2	7.9	-8.9%	361	51.1	NM	0.8x
MIDASFIN	4.7	5.1	-7.8%	676	1.5	NM	NM
ZAHEENSPIN	5.1	5.5	-7.3%	581	5.3	7.5x	1.6x
PROVATIINS	50.7	54.3	-6.6%	2,044	41.4	24.5x	2.2x
BEXIMCO	20.1	21.5	-6.5%	18,959	309.6	NM	0.2x
BDTHAI	14.8	15.8	-6.3%	1,891	65.8	NM	0.6x
TAKAFULINS	54.4	57.9	-6.0%	2,317	119.1	29.4x	2.7x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ENVOYTEX	70.1	74.5	-5.9%	11,758	989.8	8.5x	1.1x
SHARPIND	19.4	19.0	+2.1%	5,887	959.4	NM	2.4x
EBL	22.9	23.2	-1.3%	37,640	827.9	4.2x	0.7x
PTL	81.2	78.1	+4.0%	14,544	779.6	12.8x	1.7x
SAIHAMTEX	34.1	32.3	+5.6%	3,088	767.5	55.0x	0.8x
RELIANCINS	112.7	97.2	+15.9%	11,852	647.1	11.8x	1.3x
IPDC	32.6	31.7	+2.8%	14,004	578.0	27.4x	1.9x
BNICL	144.9	122.4	+18.4%	6,412	577.7	25.1x	4.2x
MALEKSPIN	48.6	46.4	+4.7%	9,409	576.3	8.6x	0.8x
SAIHAMCOT	22.8	22.7	+0.4%	3,392	525.3	25.1x	0.6x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
IPDC	32.6	+81.1%	14,004	27.4x	1.9x
SHASHADNIM	27.2	+74.4%	3,836	41.2x	0.7x
PIONEERINS	66.2	+47.0%	6,798	12.6x	1.4x
BARKAPOWTER	9.8	+46.3%	2,308	10.6x	0.4x
ENVOYTEX	70.1	+44.5%	11,758	8.5x	1.1x
BXPHERMA	147.2	+44.2%	65,668	7.6x	1.1x
POWERGRID	37.9	+41.9%	34,633	8.6x	0.3x
CITYBANK	30.0	+41.4%	52,482	3.4x	0.8x
BSRMSTEEL	84.7	+34.2%	31,843	5.2x	0.9x
UCB	9.3	+34.1%	21,628	55.8x	0.5x

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,557.2	1,540.1	1,367.20	+1.11%	+13.89%
NBFI	1,076.0	1,078.1	860.23	-0.20%	+25.08%
Mutual Fund	653.3	661.1	478.27	-1.18%	+36.60%
General Insurance	4,382.4	4,317.8	2,879.11	+1.50%	+52.21%
Life Insurance	1,674.6	1,697.4	1,691.42	-1.34%	-0.99%
Telecommunication	4,385.0	4,373.6	4,431.51	+0.26%	-1.05%
Pharmaceutical	3,056.8	3,073.3	2,764.29	-0.54%	+10.58%
Fuel & Power	1,089.9	1,086.3	996.11	+0.33%	+9.42%
Cement	1,967.3	1,934.8	1,739.18	+1.68%	+13.12%
Services & Real Estate	1,144.8	1,148.6	949.82	-0.33%	+20.53%
Engineering	2,603.4	2,598.8	2,290.78	+0.18%	+13.65%
Food & Allied	12,390.6	12,292.7	12,942.72	+0.80%	-4.27%
IT	2,398.6	2,420.5	1,703.25	-0.91%	+40.82%
Textile	1,389.6	1,384.9	1,060.76	+0.34%	+31.01%
Paper & Printing	4,392.9	4,355.3	4,485.61	+0.86%	-2.07%
Tannery	2,093.7	2,094.7	1,806.05	-0.05%	+15.93%
Jute	12,960.8	12,988.6	11,805.57	-0.21%	+9.79%
Ceramics	443.1	448.0	370.10	-1.09%	+19.72%
Miscellaneous	2,435.6	2,464.1	3,881.56	-1.15%	-37.25%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	587.4	411.8	+42.64%	+11.13%	7.3x	0.7x
NBFI	156.7	138.7	+12.97%	+2.97%	NM	1.1x
Mutual Fund	365.8	295.6	+23.74%	+6.93%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	823.2	753.2	+9.30%	+15.59%	18.2x	1.7x
Life Insurance	66.9	87.4	-23.47%	+1.27%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	44.4	61.1	-27.42%	+0.84%	10.5x	3.6x
Pharmaceutical	546.8	553.2	-1.15%	+10.36%	10.5x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	137.6	158.8	-13.34%	+2.61%	9.3x	0.6x
Cement	46.9	51.8	-9.45%	+0.89%	21.5x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	157.5	138.9	+13.34%	+2.98%	25.4x	0.5x
Engineering	323.9	347.8	-6.88%	+6.13%	15.4x	0.8x
Food & Allied	201.8	217.5	-7.21%	+3.82%	33.1x	3.3x
IT	144.1	179.0	-19.49%	+2.73%	51.7x	2.0x
Textile	1,358.3	1,559.5	-12.91%	+25.73%	NM	1.0x
Paper & Printing	46.9	42.3	+10.68%	+0.89%	NM	1.4x
Tannery	28.2	33.2	-15.11%	+0.53%	NM	1.5x
Jute	17.8	19.6	-9.07%	+0.34%	NM	1.8x
Ceramics	40.6	41.9	-3.17%	+0.77%	NM	1.3x
Miscellaneous	184.8	198.7	-7.00%	+3.50%	37.9x	1.0x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ISLAMIBANK	26.9	-18.0%	43,309	NM	0.7x
TRUSTBANK	13.9	-15.6%	14,509	4.6x	0.5x
SINGERBD	74.0	-12.4%	7,378	NM	NM
LINDEBD	678.6	-9.5%	10,327	29.4x	3.2x
UNILEVERCL	1,974.0	-8.2%	38,048	62.2x	23.3x
BATBC	230.7	-7.2%	124,578	21.4x	2.2x
GP	240.1	-6.9%	324,207	9.2x	5.8x
ACI	184.3	-5.3%	16,187	NM	2.1x
RECKITT BEN	3,265.2	-4.6%	15,428	18.6x	41.3x
EBL	22.9	-2.9%	37,640	4.2x	0.7x

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Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Fed raises interest rates for first time since 2023, defying Trump as inflation mounts

- The Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rates for the first time since 2023 on Wednesday in a move aimed at slowing inflation that picked up again last month. The Fed's hike of 0.25% brings the central bank's flagship rate to between 3.75% and 4.00%.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/business/economy/fed-raises-rates-defying-trump-rcna598148>

Private-sector credit growth stays below 5% for fifth straight month

- Private-sector bank credit growth edged up to 4.62% in July but remained below 5% for a fifth consecutive month as an acute energy crisis and weak business demand continue to discourage fresh investment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/private-sector-credit-growth-stays-below-5-fifth-straight-month-1545011>

Bangladesh's gross forex reserves rise to USD 36.32 Bn

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 36.32 Bn (gross) while reserves calculated under the IMF's BPM6 methodology stood at USD 31.47 Bn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladeshs-gross-forex-reserves-rise-to-3632b>

BANK | Banks' industrial financing drops amid economic stress

- Banks disbursed BDT 200.28 Bn in industrial term loans during April-June 2026, down from BDT 242.96 Bn in the same period of 2025. Banks recovered BDT 245.07 Bn during April-June, down from BDT 271.81 Bn a year earlier.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/314132/banks-industrial-financing-drops-amid-economic-stress>

BD, EU discuss path to formal FTA negotiations

- Bangladesh and the European Union (EU) on Wednesday discussed ways to further deepen cooperation in trade and investments including early progression towards formal negotiations on the Bangladesh-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with a view to strengthening long-term economic ties.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-eu-discuss-path-to-formal-fta-negotiations-1789582985>

Why exporters are losing their competitive edge

- Bangladesh's exporters are losing ground to regional competitors as rising energy, financing and logistics costs squeeze profit margins and make it increasingly difficult to match the prices and delivery times offered by countries such as Vietnam, China and India.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/why-exporters-are-losing-their-competitive-edge-4274896>

BANK | BB sets 270-day limit for overdue status under back-to-back LC

- Bangladesh Bank has decided that local delivery bills against back-to-back LCs will not be considered overdue for Export Development Fund (EDF) financing if they remain outstanding for no more than 270 days.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bb-sets-270-day-limit-for-overdue-status-under-back-to-back-lc-1789578024>

TELECOM | GSMA seeks 50-75% cut in spectrum renewal fees

- GSMA has urged the Bangladesh government to cut spectrum renewal prices by 50-75% ahead of the November 2026 renewal of the 900 MHz, 1800 MHz and 2100 MHz bands.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/gsma-seeks-50-75-cut-spectrum-renewal-fees-4274866>

RMG | Bangladesh's garment prices in EU less than half of Vietnam's

- Bangladesh sells garment items to the European Union (EU) at less than half the prices of those from Vietnam because of the lack of high-value garment items in Bangladesh's export basket.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-garment-prices-eu-less-half-vietnams-4274711>
<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/314131/apparel-exports-to-eu-fall-1365pc-in-7-months>

PORT | New private ICDs to start full operations from day one

- New investors in private inland container depots (ICDs) will be able to begin full-fledged operations immediately after obtaining their licences, as the government moves to end a cumbersome approval process.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/new-private-icds-to-start-full-operations-from-day-one-1789582840>

TOBACCO | VAT intel unearths BDT 725 Mn evasion by Virgo Tobacco

- The VAT intelligence authorities have unearthed an estimated BDT 725 Mn worth of revenue evasion by a tobacco company through the alleged illegal production and marketing of cigarettes using used and fake banderoles.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/vat-intel-unearths-tk-725m-evasion-by-virgo-tobacco-1789582772>

Economic outlook upgrades to stable from negative

- Global ratings agency Moody's has revised Bangladesh economic outlook to stable from negative following the easing of political and external pressures, stronger foreign-exchange reserves and record remittance inflows.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/economic-outlook-upgrades-to-stable-from-negative-1789495248>

Remittance inflow hits USD 1.52 Bn in first 14 days of September

- Bangladeshi expatriates sent home USD 1.526 Bn in remittances during the first 14 days of September.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-hits-152-billion-in-first-14-days-of-september>

What JPMorgan's new frontier bond index means for Bangladesh

- JPMorgan is set to launch a new index tracking government bonds from 26 frontier-market countries, including Bangladesh. The index will cover nearly USD 330 billion worth of local-currency government debt.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/explainer/what-jpmorgans-new-frontier-bond-index-means-bangladesh-1543411>

Businesses target bigger share of USD 5.2 Tn halal market, seek dedicated authority

- The Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) has proposed forming a Bangladesh Halal Development Authority to coordinate certification and other activities related to the sector. The chamber has also recommended internationally recognised halal certification, accredited testing laboratories, skilled manpower development, and mutual recognition agreements with major halal markets.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/businesses-target-bigger-share-52tn-halal-market-seek-dedicated-authority-1543861>

ECNEC clears 12 projects involving BDT 1.68 Tn

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC) has approved 12 major development projects with an estimated total expenditure of BDT 1.689 Tn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/ecnec-clears-12-projects-involving-tk-168-trillion>

RMG | 87% knitwear exporters faced shipment delays due to gas crisis, 60% offered discounts: Survey

- Around 55% of knitwear exporters have reported cancelled or reduced export orders due to gas and electricity shortages, according to a survey by the Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/55-knitwear-factories-report-cancelled-or-reduced-export-orders-amid-gas-power-crises>

RMG | RMG exports to US jump 26% in Aug after first-half decline

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the US surged 25.65% year-on-year in August, despite a decline in shipments to the market during the first half of 2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/rmg-exports-us-jump-26-aug-after-first-half-decline-1543751>

ENERGY | Gas supply reverts to level seen before LNG-terminal disruption

- Gas supply to some areas has risen since Monday night to near the level prevailing before an LNG-terminal disruption, with some recharge as predicted.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/gas-supply-reverts-to-level-seen-before-lng-terminal-disruption-1789495472>

ENERGY | No fuel supply crisis expected until December: BPC chairman

- Bangladesh is unlikely to face a fuel supply crisis until December despite procurement challenges and disruptions affecting shipping routes, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Chairman has said (15 September).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/no-fuel-supply-crisis-expected-until-december-bpc-chairman-1543641>

CONSUMER | Bread, biscuit price hike put on hold for now

- The price increase for biscuits and bread has been suspended for now after bakery business representatives agreed to put the decision on hold at a meeting with Commerce Minister.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bread-biscuit-price-hike-put-hold-now-4274036>

ENERGY | Govt plans 5 new LNG terminals by 2035

- The government plans to build five new liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals by 2035 to boost gas supplies for industrialisation as domestic natural gas production declines rapidly. The planned facilities comprise three floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) and two land-based LNG terminals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-plans-5-new-lng-terminals-by-2035-1789495714>

BANK | Loan disbursements by 14 banks decline

- Bank lending has largely stalled across Bangladesh, with the loan books of a significant number of banks shrinking or barely growing over the six months till June as the banking sector grapples with a worsening bad-loan crisis. At least 14 banks either reduced their loan books or recorded almost no growth during the period.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/314012/loan-disbursements-by-14-banks-decline>

AVIATION | Biman's fleet: Deals on 21 Boeing, Airbus planes likely within weeks

- Biman is preparing to sign deals for 21 more Boeing and Airbus aircraft within weeks, taking its unfulfilled orders to 35 aircraft. 11 Boeing aircraft is expected during the UN General Assembly, followed by a deal on 10 jets with Airbus next month.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/bimans-fleet-deals-21-boeing-airbus-planes-likely-within-weeks-4274056>

BB eases foreign borrowing rules for BIDA-registered firms

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has eased rules on medium- and long-term external borrowing by industrial enterprises operating in specialised zones, exempting firms registered with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) from the central bank's approval requirement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-eases-foreign-borrowing-rules-bida-registered-firms-4272696>

BB auctions greenback in first such mkt intervention

- In first such intervention in foreign-exchange market, Bangladesh's central bank Monday auctioned off USD 11.50 Mn to five banks. The local currency depreciated by 4.0 paisa to BDT 123.2000 per dollar on Sunday from BDT 123.1600 on the previous day on the interbank market, which was BDT 123.0300 per dollar on Thursday.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bb-auctions-greenback-in-first-such-mkt-intervention>

BB launches hedging facility to manage import price risk

- BB has introduced a commodity price risk hedging facility for importers, aimed at reducing the risk of price fluctuations in international markets. Importers of raw materials, intermediate goods, fuel, edible oil, metals, grains, and fertiliser, among other essential commodities, will fall under this facility.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-launches-hedging-facility-manage-import-price-risk-4272556>

Greater revenue burden falls on large taxpayers

- The Large Taxpayers Unit (LTU) under the VAT wing of the National Revenue Board has been assigned a revenue target 60% higher than its collection last fiscal year. And the income-tax LTU's target is nearly 53% higher than its collection in FY26.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/greater-revenue-burden-falls-on-large-taxpayers>

Factories fail to tap BDT 200 Bn BB lifeline

- Around three and a half months after BB announced guidelines for a loan scheme to reopen closed factories, not a single taka has been disbursed under the BDT 200 Bn programme.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/factories-fail-tap-tk-20000cr-bb-lifeline-4273126>

INSURANCE | Risk-based supervision to strengthen insurance sector: finance minister

- A risk-based supervision system is being introduced to strengthen the efficiency, governance, financial capacity and risk management of insurance companies, said Finance Minister. As part of the reform process, insurance companies, IDRA, BB and the BSEC are being brought under an integrated and interoperable system.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/313875/risk-based-supervision-to-strengthen-insurance-sector-finance-minister>

New pay scale: Smaller increments for senior officials, house rents lowered for all

- Under the new pay scale, house rent allowances are reduced as basic salaries are set to rise by 100-142%, helping offset the higher cost of living, according to minutes of a cabinet meeting held on 31 August.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/new-pay-scale-smaller-increments-senior-officials-house-rents-lowered-all-1542856>

ENERGY | Gas supply to improve today, Chevron agrees to drill new wells with Bapex

- Industries struggling with gas shortages may get some relief from this evening as LNG supplies are expected to rise after a technical fault that disrupted ship-to-ship LNG transfer in July is finally fixed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/gas-supply-improve-today-chevron-agrees-drill-new-wells-bapex-1542821>

ENERGY | Cabinet body approves procurement of nine LNG cargoes

- The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase has approved the purchase of nine cargoes of LNG for 2026 through international quotation and direct procurement processes. TotalEnergies was recommended as the supplier for the 52nd cargo of the year at USD 28.95/MMBtu, while Vital Asia was recommended for the 56th cargo at USD 29.795/MMBtu.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-okays-purchase-of-nine-more-lng-cargoes>

ENERGY | Bangladesh, Rosatom agree to expedite Rooppur power generation

- Bangladesh and Russia's state nuclear energy corporation Rosatom have agreed to accelerate work on the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant so electricity can be generated and supplied to the national grid as soon as possible.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/bangladesh-rosatom-agree-expedite-rooppur-power-generation-1542591>

INSURANCE | IDRA targets 75% claim settlement rate amid BDT 70 Bn backlog

- At a programme at the IDRA office in the capital on Monday, IDRA Chairman said the regulator had adopted a two-pronged strategy to reach the goal by gradually clearing the backlog of unpaid claims.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idra-targets-75pc-claim-settlement-rate-amid-tk-70b-backlog-1789404249>

TELECOM | Teletalk launches 4G WiFi router

- Teletalk Bangladesh Limited has recently launched its new 4G WiFi router, said a press release. Under this package, customers can purchase a 4G WiFi Router, a Teletalk SIM and 3.99 GB of data at a price of BDT 3,499.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/313863/teletalk-launches-4g-wifi-router>

TEXTILE | BKMEA seeks stronger policy coordination for garment sector

- Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) urged the government to form a high-level committee to coordinate policymaking for the garment industry. The proposed committee would help improve the competitiveness of the country's garment industry and ensure necessary policy support.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bkmea-seeks-stronger-policy-coordination-garment-sector-4272826>

BANK | Accounts holding over BDT 10 Mn rise by 5,077, deposits up BDT 160 Bn

- The number of bank accounts holding more than BDT 10 Mn rose by 5,077 in the three months to June, while deposits in those accounts increased by nearly BDT 160 Bn, even as high inflation and prolonged weakness in the financial sector continue to weigh on the economy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/accounts-holding-over-tk1cr-rise-5077-deposits-tk16000cr-1542831>

BB launches UDYOG scheme to finance young entrepreneurs

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has launched a new financing programme selected young entrepreneurs will receive blended financing comprising bank loans and grants in a 50:50 ratio, with the combined financing capped at BDT 2.0 Mn for each entrepreneur.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-launches-udyog-scheme-to-finance-young-entrepreneurs>

WB plans disbursing USD 2.03 Bn soft credit to BD

- The World Bank plans to disburse USD 2.03 Bn to Bangladesh from its low-cost financing-arm International Development Association (IDA) in the current fiscal year, officials have said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-plans-disbursing-203b-soft-credit-to-bd-1789321813>

BB issues guidance on implementation of Import Policy Order 2026–2029

- The central bank has issued a circular providing guidance on the implementation of the Import Policy Order (IPO) 2026–2029, issued by the Ministry of Commerce on August 24, 2026.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-issues-import-policy-implementation-guidelines>

ENERGY | Chevron keen to invest more in Bangladesh gas sector

- US energy giant Chevron has expressed keen interest to come up with more investment in exploring new gas fields alongside existing ones to strengthen Bangladesh's energy security and meet its growing energy demand.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/chevron-keen-to-invest-more-in-bangladesh-gas-sector-1789322012>

ENERGY | IDCOL targets 1,000MW solar power capacity by next summer

- Of the target, 500MW is planned to come from a new Domestic Rooftop Solar (DRS) programme in on-grid areas, which IDCOL expects to launch within the next two weeks. Another 500MW is expected to come from expanding its existing industrial rooftop solar programme.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/idcol-targets-1000mw-solar-power-capacity-by-next-summer-1789322317>

TEXTILE | Commerce ministry asks NBR to suspend yarn bond facility order for review

- The commerce ministry has asked the National Board of Revenue to suspend its September 7 order tightening duty-free imports of 10–30 count cotton yarn under the bond facility for further review, amid opposition from readymade garment exporters.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/313689/commerce-ministry-asks-nbr-to-suspend-yarn-bond-facility-order-for-review>

RMG | Garment accessories makers seek simpler back-to-back LC process

- The Chattogram Garments Accessories Association (CGAA) has urged Bangladesh Bank to simplify the documentation and payment process for back-to-back letters of credit (LCs), saying repeated approvals are delaying payments and squeezing the working capital of 100% deemed exporters.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/garment-accessories-makers-seek-bangladesh-bank-review-back-back-lc-procedures-1541801>

CONSUMER | Wheat imports likely to fall 11% in 2026-27

- Bangladesh's wheat imports are expected to fall by 11% to 6.6 Mn tonnes in the 2026-27 marketing year as high global prices, large stocks and uncertainty over global supplies weigh on demand.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/wheat-imports-likely-fall-11-2026-27-4272111>

Red Sea tensions drive up import costs

- Bangladesh's imports from Saudi Arabia and other Middle Eastern countries face significantly longer routes and higher transport costs. The development is significant for Bangladesh because Saudi Arabia is a key source of crude oil, urea, diammonium phosphate (DAP) fertiliser, liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) and methanol.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/red-sea-tensions-drive-import-costs-4272136>
<https://www.newagebd.net/post/foreign-affairs/313739/red-sea-tensions-threaten-wheat-fuel-imports>

Investors brace for possible rate hike at uncertain Fed meeting

- For years, inflation has persistently run above the Fed's 2% annual target, and interest rate increases are the primary tool the central bank has historically deployed to try to tamp down prices.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/investors-brace-for-possible-rate-hike-at-uncertain-fed-meeting-1789317704>

BANK | BB ties MDs' performance to 100-mark evaluation framework

- Bank Solvency and Liquidity Lens (25 Marks): Evaluates capital strength, including Capital to Risk-Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR), Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1), and liquidity shock buffers.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-ties-mds-performance-to-100-mark-evaluation-framework>

ENERGY | July sees nearly 69% y-o-y surge in petroleum LC value

- Bangladesh pays dearly on overall imports as higher fuel-oil prices in troubled times lifted its import orders in value by nearly 14% in July, current fiscal year's maiden month, officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/july-sees-nearly-69pc-y-o-y-surge-in-petroleum-lc-value-1789321851>

ENERGY | Net 564 MW lost with Adani, Rampal doing the opposite

- Bangladesh's power-supply situation came under fresh pressure on Sunday as the second unit of the Rampal Thermal Power Plant shut down due to a technical glitch, even as electricity imports from India's Adani power plant began to increase after a brief disruption.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/net-564mw-lost-with-adani-rampal-doing-the-opposite-1789321907>

Govt launches AVS for safer NSC payments

- Investors will no longer have their savings certificate profit and principal amount held up because of an incorrect bank account number as the government has launched an automated Account Verification System in the National Savings Scheme Online Management System. The NSC system currently has 3,946,224 registered distinct customers. On average, around 175,000 electronic fund transfers are made every day to pay investors their profits and principal

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/313851/govt-launches-avs-for-safer-nsc-payments>

BANK | Shimanto Bank plans IPO by 2028

- Shimanto Bank PLC plans to go for an initial public offering (IPO) by 2028, subject to an evaluation of the bank's overall financial situation. The bank's operating profit increased by 6.08% in 2025, while its assets increased to BDT 41.5 Bn, registering growth of 25.7%. Loans and investments increased by 23.37% and 41.08%, respectively.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/shimanto-bank-plans-ipo-2028-4272021>

CABLES | SQ Group builds electrical industrial complex in Mirsarai to meet growing local demand

- SQ Group is developing an integrated electrical products manufacturing complex at the National Special Economic Zone (NSEZ) in Chattogram as part of its plan to reduce import dependence and eventually enter export markets.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/sq-group-builds-electrical-industrial-complex-mirsarai-meet-growing-local-demand>

Remittance inflow rises 15.9pc to USD 6.85 Bn in FY27 through Sept 9: BB

- Bangladesh received USD 6.85 Bn in remittances from July 1 to September 9 of fiscal year 2026-27, up 15.9% year-on-year, according to Bangladesh Bank data released Thursday.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-rises-159pc-to-685b-in-fy27-through-sept-9-bb>

Two months in, NBR weighs return to old VAT system

- The government may revert to monthly value-added tax (VAT) returns and payments from the current quarterly system launched this July amid concerns over monitoring difficulties, operational complications and increased collection risks arising from the new arrangement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/two-months-nbr-weighs-return-old-vat-system-4271176>

Invest Bangladesh invites opinions on closed SOEs

- Invest Bangladesh has invited opinions from relevant stakeholders on a draft policy aimed at bringing distressed, non-operational and closed state-owned industrial and commercial enterprises, along with their unused land and facilities, back into productive economic use.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/313320/invest-bangladesh-invites-opinions-on-closed-soes>

Non-tax revenue surges in fourth quarter of FY26

- Bangladesh's non-tax revenue surged nearly threefold in Q4FY26, driven largely by dividend payouts from state enterprises, interest earnings and administrative fees. Meanwhile, revenue collected outside the National Board of Revenue registered modest growth over the same period, driven overwhelmingly by stamp duties and taxes on the use of goods.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/non-tax-revenue-surges-in-fourth-quarter-of-fy26-1789233796>

Govt, AmCham to work together to attract additional USD 5.0 Bn US investment in five years

- The government and the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh (AmCham) will work together to attract an additional USD 5.0 Bn in US investment into Bangladesh over the next five years, Commerce Minister Khandaker Abdul Muktaadir said.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-amcham-to-work-together-to-attract-additional-50-billion-us-investment-in-five-years>

When fiscal stimulus becomes a debt burden

- It prescribes that governments should spend more to cushion shocks, sustain demand, and encourage households and businesses to spend and invest. For much of the past century, this approach has helped economies avoid deeper downturns.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/when-fiscal-stimulus-becomes-debt-burden-1540291>

CEPA should drive investment, joint ventures Says South Korean envoy

- The momentum behind the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) should be turned into tangible joint-venture manufacturing and foreign investment, said South Korean Ambassador to Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cepa-should-drive-investment-joint-ventures-says-south-korean-envoy-4271191>

High-tech parks fail to deliver on promise

- The government built 39 high-tech and software technology parks at a huge cost, but the facilities have failed to deliver the expected investment, jobs and technology growth, according to stakeholders.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/high-tech-parks-fail-deliver-promise-4271156>

110,364 farmers will receive incentives under Farmer Card programme: minister

- Some 110,364 farmers will receive incentives under the Farmer Card distribution programme on the inaugural day of its pilot phase, which is scheduled for September 17.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/110364-farmers-will-receive-incentives-under-farmer-card-programme-minister-4270956>

Govt entities directed to revise budget plans by September 15

- The government has stepped up its oversight of public financial management, issuing a strict directive to all government ministries, divisions, and institutions to revise and update their budget-implementation plans (BIPs).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-entities-directed-to-revise-budget-plans-by-september-15>

Global oil hits USD 108 per barrel while bond yields surge

- Oil prices surged Thursday, with Brent crude hitting USD 108 per barrel for the first time since May, as traders brace for a more prolonged supply shock caused by the Iran war.

<https://sg.finance.yahoo.com/news/global-oil-hits-105-per-145207287.html>

ECB lifts borrowing costs amid energy shock, opens door for more hikes

- The ECB raised interest rates Thursday for the second time this year as renewed Middle East fighting fans fears of higher inflation, and opened the door for further hikes.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/313434/ecb-lifts-borrowing-costs-amid-energy-shock-opens-door-for-more-hikes>

TELECOM | AI opens new revenue stream for telcos

- Worldwide, telecom operators are beginning to sell something different: access to artificial intelligence. Bangladesh's mobile operators are moving in the same direction.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ai-opens-new-revenue-stream-telcos-4269896>

Karnaphuli EPZ: From a defunct steel mill to an export hub

- Karnaphuli has attracted USD 787.33 Mn in investment, generated more than USD 14.15 Bn in exports and created direct employment for about 80,000 people over the last 20 years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/karnaphuli-epz-defunct-steel-mill-export-hub-4271221>

CONSUMER | Bakery prices rising 20pc, small bites getting smaller for cost cutting

- Prices of bakery products are set to rise up to 20% while some low-priced items become smaller in size without a change in their sticker rate through shrinkflation as bakers cite spikes in ingredient costs. Prices of flour, sugar, cooking oil, energy and other inputs of the ready-to-eat foodstuffs, they say about the fallout from wayward inflation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bakery-prices-rising-20pc-small-bites-getting-smaller-for-cost-cutting-1789233518>

ENERGY | Norway keen to invest in Bangladesh renewables

- Norwegian Ambassador to Bangladesh expressed interest in renewable energy, offshore exploration and green investment in Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/norway-keen-invest-bangladesh-renewables-4269841>

ENERGY | Adani plant's one unit trips amid Bangladesh power crunch

- A unit of the 1,600-megawatt Adani power plant in India's Jharkhand has shut down following "technical fault" that further tightened Bangladesh's power-supply situation amid ongoing gas, coal and liquid-fuel shortages.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/adani-plants-one-unit-trips-amid-bangladesh-power-crunch>

CONSUMER | Electrical, electronics exports hit record growth amid rising EU compliance hurdles

- Bangladesh's electrical and electronics exports are gaining momentum, with shipments of electrical products rising nearly 24% in FY2025-26, even as manufacturers seek to keep pace with increasingly demanding sustainability, traceability, and product-compliance requirements in the European Union.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/electrical-electronics-exports-hit-record-growth-amid-rising-eu-compliance-hurdles>

BANK | Agent banking accounts rise to 27.22m in June

- The number of accounts opened through agent banking in Bangladesh rose to 27.22 Mn at the end of June 2026, marking a 2.77% increase from the previous quarter, according to a Bangladesh Bank report.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/agent-banking-accounts-rise-to-2722m-in-june>

RMG | Diversify funding, reduce bank reliance: Speakers tell RMG firms

- Good and promising RMG companies should tap the capital market for long-term financing to diversify their funding sources and reduce heavy reliance on bank loans, speakers at a workshop said on Wednesday.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/diversify-funding-reduce-bank-reliance-speakers-tell-rmg-firms>

TEXTILE | Tightening yarn imports could secure 1.5m jobs

- Bangladesh's textile and spinning industries could help restore a significant number of jobs lost over the past three years and create new employment opportunities, potentially securing nearly 1.5 Mn jobs in the sector following the recent tighter controls on yarn imports, say officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/tightening-yarn-imports-could-secure-15m-jobs-1789233705>

INSURANCE | IDRA to pay BDT 230.3 Mn insurance claims to 5,868 policyholders

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) will facilitate the payment of BDT 230.3 Mn in long-pending insurance claims to 5,868 policyholders today (14 September) under the second phase of its claim settlement programme.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/idra-pay-tk2303cr-insurance-claims-5868-policyholders-1540926>

AVIATION | Foreign airlines control 77pc of Bangladesh's aviation market

- Foreign airlines control around 77% of Bangladesh's USD 5.8 Bn aviation market, highlighting the country's limited share of its own growing air transport sector, speakers said at a policy conclave in Dhaka on Saturday. Bangladesh's aviation market is worth about USD 5.8 Bn, but the country's share is only USD 1.3 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/313620/foreign-airlines-control-77pc-of-bangladeshs-aviation-market>

ENERGY | Pertamina to get O&M contract for BD's first SPM

- Indonesian state-run company, PT Pertamina, is all set to bag the operation and management (O&M) contract of Bangladesh's maiden single-point mooring (SPM) for carrying fuel from vessels in outer anchorage to onshore storage tanks. The Indonesian company will carry out the operation and management job for five years.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/pertamina-to-get-om-contract-for-bds-first-spm>

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | 'Visible changes in capital market expected within 2-3 months': Tanvir Shahriar Ghani

- Prime Minister's Special Assistant for Investment and Capital Market Affairs Tanvir Shahriar Ghani has outlined the measures and talked about the country's overall investment environment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/visible-changes-capital-market-expected-within-2-3-months-tanvir-shahriar-ghani>

REGULATOR | BFIU orders brokerage houses, merchant banks to set up anti-money laundering units

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has ordered brokerage houses, merchant banks and other capital market intermediaries to set up dedicated compliance units as part of a broader move to strengthen safeguards against money laundering and terrorist financing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/corruption/bfiu-orders-brokerage-houses-merchant-banks-set-anti-money-laundering-units>

EXCHANGE | Regulator promises retrospective benefits once IPO rules are revised

- If companies get listed now under the existing rules, they will be offered the benefits of any changes to those rules once they come into effect, the securities regulator said in a press release on Wednesday. The statement comes as the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) strives to bring new companies to the secondary market after a prolonged drought in IPO flow.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulator-promises-retrospective-benefits-once-ipo-rules-are-revised-1789578354>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank only Bangladeshi lender on Forbes' top 500 banks list

- BRAC Bank has emerged as the only Bangladeshi lender among Forbes' 500 top-performing banks globally, securing the 73rd position in the lower mid-size category in the US magazine's inaugural ranking.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-only-bangladeshi-lender-on-forbes-top-500-banks-list-1789578405>

DOMINAGE | Dominage Steel top brass fined BDT 51 Mn for IPO fund utilisation lapses

- The market watchdog has slapped an aggregate fine of BDT 51 Mn on the chairman, directors and senior officials of Dominage Steel Building Systems for failing to properly utilise IPO proceeds, deviating from the approved utilisation plan and providing false information.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dominage-steel-top-brass-fined-tk-51m-for-ipo-fund-utilisation-lapses-1789578454>

ISLAMIBANK | Islami Bank customers threaten movement if their demands not met

- Customers of the Islami Bank PLC under the banner of 'Conscious Customers Forum of the Islami Bank PLC' threatened on Wednesday to wage a greater movement in future if their demands were not fulfilled.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/islami-bank-customers-threaten-movement-if-their-demands-not-met-1789582603>

EXCHANGE | Brokers seek pre-opening session revival, margin net-off to ease liquidity pressure

- Market intermediaries have proposed reviving the long-suspended pre-opening trading session and introducing new trading strategies and products to improve liquidity and revive activity on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). The brokers also called for a review of debt repayment deadlines and extensions of Bangladesh Bank's special capital market schemes to provide relief to financially distressed intermediaries.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brokers-seek-pre-opening-session-revival-margin-net-ease-liquidity-pressure-1543776>

BXPHERMA | Beximco Pharma seeks to free itself from group entities' troubles

- Beximco Pharmaceuticals is set to overhaul its board and sever a key link with its embattled sponsor group as the drug maker seeks to shield its business and investors from the political fallout surrounding Vice Chairman Salman F Rahman.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/beximco-pharma-seeks-to-free-itself-from-group-entities-troubles-1789491004>

EXCHANGE | Brokers press for new products to reduce reliance on equities

- Top brokers of the Dhaka bourse laid importance on product diversification to reduce dependency on equity securities in the greater interest of the capital market, intermediaries and investors.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brokers-press-for-new-products-to-reduce-reliance-on-equities-1789491054>

AAMRATECH | Weak sales, rising finance costs widen Aamra Technologies' losses

- Aamra Technologies sank deeper into the red in the nine months through March this year as a sharp decline in revenue, rising finance costs and weakening cash collections squeezed its profitability.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/weak-sales-rising-finance-costs-widen-aamra-technologies-losses-1789491090>

BNICL | Bangladesh National Insurance denies undisclosed price-sensitive info amid 31% surge

- Bangladesh National Insurance Company Limited said it has no undisclosed information or operational decisions that could explain the recent unusual movements in its share price and trading volume.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-national-insurance-denies-undisclosed-price-sensitive-info-amid-31-surge>

MUTUAL FUND | UFS-Pragati Life Unit Fund gets BSEC nod for winding-up

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved the winding-up proposal for the UFS-Pragati Life Unit Fund.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ufs-pragati-life-unit-fund-gets-bsec-nod-winding-1543791>

EXCHANGE | DSE summons top 30 brokerages tomorrow to tackle prolonged market rout

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has convened an urgent meeting with the country's top 30 brokerage firms amid a prolonged market downturn and growing investor concerns. The meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (15 September) at the DSE office.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-summons-top-30-brokerages-tomorrow-tackle-prolonged-market-rout-1542716>

ALARABANK | Four independent directors resign from Al-Arafah Islami bank

- Four independent directors of Al-Arafah Islami Bank resigned from the bank's board on Sunday. Bank officials alleged that Bangladesh Bank had asked the directors to step down. BB officials said higher authorities in the government had asked for the removal of the four independent directors.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/313876/four-independent-directors-resign-from-al-arafah-islami-bank>

GPHISPAT | GPH Ispat plans to raise BDT 9.68 Bn through rights shares

- GPH Ispat Ltd has proposed raising nearly BDT 9.68 Bn through a rights share issue to repay loans, as the steel manufacturer seeks to strengthen its financial position and reduce its debt burden.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/gph-ispas-plans-to-raise-tk-968b-through-rights-shares>

EXCHANGE | Regulatory incentives fail to stem foreign capital flight in August

- Foreign investors accelerated their sell-off in the capital market in August, cutting holdings in several fundamental and large-cap stocks despite recent regulatory measures aimed at easing foreign investment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/regulatory-incentives-fail-stem-foreign-capital-flight-august-1540876>

EXCHANGE | DSE's push for CCBL control may deepen six-year deadlock

- The premier bourse has moved to expand its stake in the proposed clearing company and ensure dominance on its board before the company is registered with the securities regulator and comes into operation. Shareholders of the DSE said they want a higher stake - currently 45% under the existing rules - in the clearing company, as the CCBL's revenue would mostly come from daily transactions on the premier bourse.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dses-push-for-ccbl-control-may-deepen-six-year-deadlock-1789228768>

GP | GP brings major AI models under OneAI

- Grameenphone on Thursday launched 'OneAI' on its MyGP app, bringing several leading artificial intelligence models and tools under a single platform and subscription to make advanced AI services more accessible to Bangladeshi users.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/313333/gp-brings-major-ai-models-under-oneai>

GP | Telenor faces further scrutiny over Grameenphone union dispute

- The Norwegian National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct (NCP) has accepted for further examination a complaint filed by 21 former Grameenphone employees and union leaders against Telenor ASA over alleged anti-union practices, prolonged litigation and the Norwegian parent company's oversight of its Bangladeshi subsidiary.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/telenor-faces-further-scrutiny-over-grameenphone-union-dispute>

AFTABAUTO | Top brass of Aftab Automobiles fined over dividend payment irregularity

- The securities regulator has imposed an aggregate fine of BDT 13.5 Mn on the chairman, directors and senior officials of Aftab Automobiles for failing to distribute the declared dividends within the stipulated time.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/top-brass-of-aftab-automobiles-fined-over-dividend-payment-irregularity>

ACMEPL | ACME Pesticides' IPO fund utilisation plea rejected

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected ACME Pesticides Ltd's request to extend the deadline for utilising its initial public offering (IPO) proceeds until December 2027 after the company failed to meet regulatory conditions.

<https://tob.news/acme-pesticides-ipo-fund-utilisation-plea-rejected/>

BDFINANCE, NAVANACNG | BSEC clears Bangladesh Finance's move to confiscate Navana CNG shares

- Bangladesh Finance PLC, a listed non-bank financial institution, has received regulatory approval to confiscate shares of listed Navana CNG Limited that Navana Limited pledged as security for defaulted loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-bangladesh-finances-move-confiscate-navana-cng-shares-1540871>

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