

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-0.03%) lost -1.43 points and closed the week at 5,450.63 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+0.33%) gained 6.89 points and stood at 2,103.40 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-0.70%) lost -7.55 points and stood at 1,070.40 points. The large cap index CDSET (+0.24%) gained 2.63 points and closed at 1,106.64 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +12.03%, +13.48%, +6.96%, +10.13%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 11.9 billion (USD 96 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 4.0 billion (Δ% Week: -16.0%)
Market P/E: 12.6x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed three sessions this week. The market started negatively on Saturday (-0.35%), remained negative on Sunday (-0.19%), but turned positive on Monday (+0.52%).

Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. Bank booked the highest gain of 0.92% followed by General Insurance (+0.40%), and Life Insurance (+0.08%). Mutual Fund experienced the highest loss of 0.24% followed by NBF1 (-0.01%).

Non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted mixed performance this week. Fuel & Power booked the highest gain of 0.49% followed by Telecommunication (+0.06%). Food & Allied experienced the highest loss of 0.63% followed by Pharmaceutical (-0.46%), and Engineering (-0.03%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | Bdtask launches multi-tenant OMS for brokerage firms. RENATA | Renata's profit jumps 64% as finance costs fall. LINDEBD | Energy price hike weighs on Linde Bangladesh's Q3 profit. IFIC | Imran joins IFIC Bank as AMD. EXCHANGE | BDT 40.0 Bn at risk in 49 cos listed during Awami League rule. EXCHANGE | BSEC proposes 50% IPO debt repayment cap, mandatory escrow accounts. BRACBANK | BRAC Bank, IFPRI to build digital financing ecosystem for farmers. EXCHANGE | DSEX posts 9-month-low turnover as DSE uses alternate server. EXCHANGE | BSEC fines CBC Capital-led syndicate BDT 3.59 Mn for Lovello share manipulation. BEACONPHARM | Beacon Pharma's profit doubles in FY26 on higher sales. BEACONPHARM | Beacon Pharma to invest BDT 2.50 Bn in second oncology facility. BSCPLC | Submarine Cables posts 37.47% surge in profit to BDT 2.83 Bn

DSEX ended in Red (-0.03%) in the week

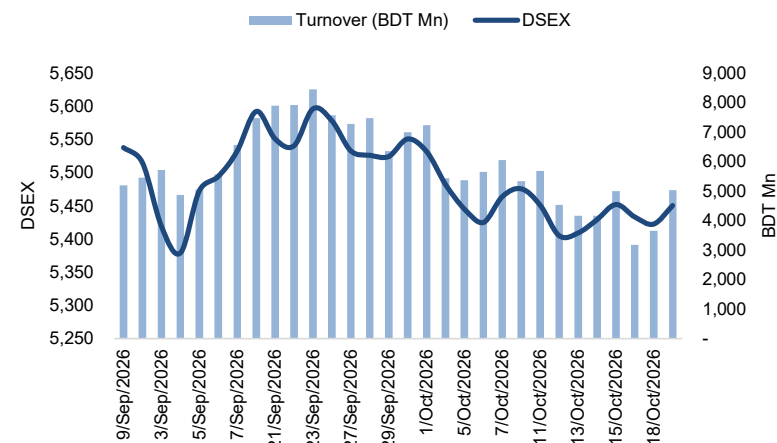
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,450.63	5,452.06	-1.43	4,865.34	-0.03%	12.03%
DS30	2,103.40	2,096.51	+6.89	1,853.54	0.33%	13.48%
DSES	1,070.40	1,077.96	-7.55	1,000.72	-0.70%	6.96%
CDSET	1,106.64	1,104.01	+2.63	1,004.81	0.24%	10.13%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,815,877	6,841,079	-0.37%
	Mn USD	55,161	55,365	
Turnover	Mn BDT	11,856	23,534	-49.62%
	Mn USD	96	190	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	3,952	4,707	-16.03%
	Mn USD	32	38	
Volume	Mn Shares	407	829	-50.89%

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
RSRMSTEEL	7.4	6.5	+13.8%	749	3.5	NM	0.2x
PHOENIXFIN	3.6	3.2	+12.5%	597	5.5	5.9x	NM
PURABIGEN	28.1	26.1	+7.7%	1,681	17.4	12.3x	1.9x
ICBSONALI1	8.6	8.0	+7.5%	860	168.7	NM	0.9x
PROVATIINS	55.5	51.8	+7.1%	2,237	134.6	26.8x	2.4x
BDFINANCE	11.2	10.5	+6.7%	2,108	5.8	8.6x	NM
ASIATICLAB	110.2	103.4	+6.6%	13,488	217.6	25.3x	1.9x
MATINSPINN	78.3	73.5	+6.5%	7,633	267.2	12.3x	1.1x
RUPALIINS	27.7	26.2	+5.7%	2,230	12.9	26.8x	1.3x
NITOLINS	57.2	54.2	+5.5%	2,415	106.4	28.2x	1.8x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
SHARPIND	11.2	13.7	-18.2%	3,399	219.2	NM	1.5x
MLDYEING	9.7	10.9	-11.0%	2,255	64.7	NM	0.8x
DSHGARME	126.5	141.4	-10.5%	1,048	17.6	NM	0.8x
BDLAMPS	226.0	245.5	-7.9%	2,379	66.3	79.0x	3.8x
MEGHNA PET	68.3	72.9	-6.3%	820	4.9	NM	1.0x
PF1STMF	12.0	12.8	-6.3%	720	69.5	NM	1.4x
INTECH	20.9	22.2	-5.9%	655	2.6	NM	NM
FEKDIL	19.4	20.6	-5.8%	4,244	82.7	NM	1.0x
ORIONINFU	236.6	251.1	-5.8%	4,817	104.5	NM	14.6x
REGENTEX	4.9	5.2	-5.8%	630	1.6	NM	0.2x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
PTL	77.2	75.1	+2.8%	13,828	396.0	12.2x	1.6x
SONALIANSH	226.3	238.4	-5.1%	2,455	342.4	62.7x	1.0x
SAIHAMTEX	47.6	46.7	+1.9%	4,311	313.7	76.8x	1.1x
BRACBANK	67.8	66.2	+2.4%	155,233	309.5	6.8x	1.4x
PRIMEBANK	29.5	28.2	+4.6%	35,949	308.7	3.9x	0.8x
CITYBANK	29.6	29.6	-	51,782	277.2	3.4x	0.8x
MATINSPINN	78.3	73.5	+6.5%	7,633	267.2	12.3x	1.1x
IPDC	30.8	29.4	+4.8%	13,231	265.2	25.9x	1.8x
SHARPIND	11.2	13.7	-18.2%	3,399	219.2	NM	1.5x
ASIATICLAB	110.2	103.4	+6.6%	13,488	217.6	25.3x	1.9x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
SHASHADNIM	26.7	+71.2%	3,766	40.5x	0.6x
IPDC	30.8	+71.1%	13,231	25.9x	1.8x
ENVOYTEX	70.8	+46.0%	11,876	8.6x	1.2x
PIONEERINS	65.7	+45.8%	6,747	12.5x	1.4x
POWERGRID	38.9	+45.7%	35,547	8.8x	0.3x
BSRMSTEEL	90.3	+43.1%	33,949	4.7x	0.8x
BXPHERMA	145.7	+42.7%	64,999	7.5x	1.1x
BARKAPOWER	9.4	+40.3%	2,213	10.1x	0.4x
CITYBANK	29.6	+39.5%	51,782	3.4x	0.8x
DUTCHBANGL	47.0	+28.2%	47,707	3.7x	0.8x

*BDT

*BDT Mn

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,558.4	1,544.2	1,367.20	+0.92%	+13.98%
NBFI	1,022.8	1,023.0	860.23	-0.01%	+18.90%
Mutual Fund	655.1	656.7	478.27	-0.24%	+36.98%
General Insurance	4,273.4	4,256.5	2,879.11	+0.40%	+48.43%
Life Insurance	1,679.9	1,678.6	1,691.42	+0.08%	-0.68%
Telecommunication	4,349.6	4,346.9	4,431.51	+0.06%	-1.85%
Pharmaceutical	3,045.1	3,059.1	2,764.29	-0.46%	+10.16%
Fuel & Power	1,094.7	1,089.4	996.11	+0.49%	+9.90%
Cement	1,932.0	1,945.9	1,739.18	-0.71%	+11.09%
Services & Real Estate	1,064.8	1,073.1	949.82	-0.77%	+12.11%
Engineering	2,496.4	2,497.2	2,290.78	-0.03%	+8.98%
Food & Allied	11,850.9	11,926.4	12,942.72	-0.63%	-8.44%
IT	2,202.6	2,216.6	1,703.25	-0.63%	+29.32%
Textile	1,328.9	1,339.8	1,060.76	-0.81%	+25.28%
Paper & Printing	4,380.0	4,452.5	4,485.61	-1.63%	-2.35%
Tannery	1,987.6	2,005.9	1,806.05	-0.91%	+10.05%
Jute	13,791.3	14,380.1	11,805.57	-4.09%	+16.82%
Ceramics	419.3	415.2	370.10	+0.99%	+13.29%
Miscellaneous	2,416.9	2,441.2	3,881.56	-1.00%	-37.73%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	542.2	325.0	+66.83%	+14.40%	7.3x	0.7x
NBFI	129.8	131.0	-0.88%	+3.45%	NM	1.0x
Mutual Fund	265.8	254.7	+4.38%	+7.06%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	458.8	499.4	-8.12%	+12.19%	17.4x	1.6x
Life Insurance	96.8	120.3	-19.56%	+2.57%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	25.8	34.7	-25.46%	+0.69%	10.5x	3.6x
Pharmaceutical	373.2	389.6	-4.23%	+9.91%	10.2x	1.4x
Fuel & Power	155.4	239.9	-35.22%	+4.13%	9.2x	0.6x
Cement	18.4	26.7	-31.00%	+0.49%	21.1x	2.0x
Services & Real Estate	48.4	67.5	-28.21%	+1.29%	25.8x	0.4x
Engineering	311.0	418.6	-25.71%	+8.26%	13.2x	0.8x
Food & Allied	84.8	173.8	-51.24%	+2.25%	30.8x	3.2x
IT	78.4	71.7	+9.35%	+2.08%	49.8x	1.8x
Textile	862.4	1,067.5	-19.21%	+22.91%	NM	0.9x
Paper & Printing	34.3	57.8	-40.71%	+0.91%	NM	1.4x
Tannery	24.7	47.6	-48.19%	+0.66%	NM	1.5x
Jute	114.3	138.0	-17.15%	+3.04%	NM	1.9x
Ceramics	22.3	48.4	-53.91%	+0.59%	NM	1.2x
Miscellaneous	117.3	282.6	-58.47%	+3.12%	37.1x	1.0x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ISLAMIBANK	24.8	-24.4%	39,928	NM	0.7x
TRUSTBANK	13.0	-21.1%	13,569	4.3x	0.4x
ACTIVEFINE	4.7	-14.5%	1,128	NM	0.2x
LINDEBD	641.6	-14.5%	9,764	29.4x	2.9x
BATBC	217.6	-12.5%	117,504	20.2x	2.0x
SINGERBD	76.3	-9.7%	7,607	NM	NM
GP	238.5	-7.5%	322,047	9.1x	5.7x
ACI	180.0	-7.5%	15,810	NM	2.1x
UNILEVERCL	1,992.4	-7.4%	38,402	62.7x	23.5x
KPCL	9.9	-5.7%	3,934	11.0x	0.5x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

FDI eludes Bangladesh despite generous baits

- Open-handed tax incentives and other business-boosting budgetary measures have yet to fully satisfy multinational companies (MNCs) operating in Bangladesh in an uninspiring signal for fresh foreign investment in the country. Several key initiatives and reforms to attract foreign direct investment are on in Bangladesh though central-bank data show net inflows faced a 28% year-on-year drop during H12026.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/fdi-eludes-bangladesh-despite-generous-baits>

Japanese investors plan to invest USD 1.2 Bn in Bangladesh tourism

- A delegation of Japanese investors has announced plans to invest an initial USD 1.2 Bn in Bangladesh's tourism and hospitality sector, opening up fresh prospects for foreign investment in the largely untapped tourism industry.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/japanese-investors-plan-to-invest-12b-in-bangladesh-tourism>

AI threatens 2.0% labour demand in Bangladesh

- Artificial intelligence is likely to negatively impact the country's aggregate labour demand by 2.0% as its working-age population grows, according to an International Monetary Fund analysis.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/318433/ai-threatens-2pc-labour-demand-in-bangladesh>

Businesses no longer need prior approval for boiler imports

- The industries ministry shared the information through a letter on October 7 to the central bank, and the banking regulator today asked all authorised dealer banks to take necessary action accordingly.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/businesses-no-longer-need-prior-approval-boiler-imports-4301841>

Household debt outstrips savings by 44.6%

- Bangladeshi households are sinking deeper into financial insecurity, with average debt exceeding savings by 44.6% and the poorest families spending nearly half as much again as they earn. Average household debt stood at BDT 189,000 against savings of BDT 131,000, leaving a gap of BDT 58,305. Monthly household income averaged BDT 32,685 against expenditure of BDT 32,615.

<https://tob.news/household-debt-outstrips-savings-by-44-6/>

BDT 5.60 Bn disbursed under factory revival scheme, but BGMEA units still await funds

- BB'sBDT 200 Bn refinancing scheme to revive closed factories has gained some momentum, with loan disbursements rising to BDT 5.60 Bn by 18 October, although most applications remain under processing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-banks-tk20000cr-scheme-loans-closed-factories-rise-tk450cr-18-days>

LC openings rise by 18% in first 2 months of FY27

- Stagnation in the country's import trade has begun to ease with positive growth in LC openings. During 2MFY27, LC openings increased by nearly 18% year-over-year. Additionally, LC settlements witnessed growth of over 10%.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/422386/lc-openings-rise-by-18%25-in-first-2-months-of-fy27>

GCC trade pact could cost Bangladesh BDT 17 Bn a year

- Bangladesh could lose up to BDT 17 Bn in annual revenue if it eliminates import duties on goods from the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) under a proposed free-trade agreement (FTA), prompting calls for a phased tariff reduction to limit the fiscal impact.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/gcc-trade-pact-could-cost-bangladesh-tk-17b-a-year-1792347994>

Vietnam signs free trade deal with four EU nations

- Vietnam and four European nations outside the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, signed a free trade agreement in Hanoi on Sunday, seeking to diversify their markets as US tariffs disrupt global commerce.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/vietnam-signs-free-trade-deal-four-eu-nations-4302106>

BANK | Sonali Bank's lending to NBL pushes T-bill rates up

- Treasury bill interest rates rose sharply on Sunday as the government's growing borrowing demand coincided with tighter bank liquidity after state-owned Sonali Bank lent BDT 70 Bn to financially troubled National Bank, turning itself from a major lender into a borrower.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/318582/sonali-banks-lending-to-nbl-pushes-t-bill-rates-up>

Bangladesh collects 30% of potential VAT despite high rates

- Bangladesh collected only 30% of its potential VAT revenue in 2023, despite an average VAT rate of 18%, according to OECD's Revenue Statistics in Asia and the Pacific 2026 report. The country's tax-to-GDP ratio stood at 6.7% per cent in 2024, the lowest in the Asia-Pacific region.

<https://tob.news/bangladesh-collects-30-of-potential-vat-despite-high-rates/>

Trade licences to be available through single online portal

- Commerce Minister has said the government plans to introduce a single online portal for issuing trade licences and a coordinated inspection system to reduce administrative complexities, save business costs and improve the investment climate.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/435999>

Bangladesh Bank consolidates licensing rules for forex, gold dealers

- The central bank has consolidated existing regulations governing the issuance and renewal of licences for authorised dealers (ADs), money changers, limited money changers, authorised gold dealers (AGDs) and importers of gold ore and doré.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bb-consolidates-licensing-rules-for-forex-gold-dealers>

BEPZA attracts USD 3.0 Mn investment per acre of land

- Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has attracted USD 3.0 Mn in investment per acre of land, generating an annual return of BDT 138.2 Mn per acre through the optimal utilization of limited industrial land.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/436060>

BPPA weighs local-content threshold in projects

- Bangladesh's procurement authority is weighing a minimum local-content requirement for goods seeking preference in government purchases as it moves to finalise rules for implementing the policy.

<https://tob.news/bppa-weighs-local-content-threshold-in-projects/>

INSURANCE | IDRA bars forced policy purchases

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) has barred life insurance companies from forcing policyholders or nominees to purchase new policies as a condition for receiving insurance claims.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/idra-bars-forced-policy-purchases-4301181>

Forex reserves stand at USD 36.39 Bn

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 36.39 Bn. Reserves calculated under the IMF's BPM6 methodology stood at USD 31.58 Bn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/forex-reserves-stand-at-3639-billion>

BANK | 1,500 staff, deposit risks deter buyers from StanChart retail business

- Several banks that initially expressed interest in acquiring Standard Chartered Bangladesh's retail banking business have stepped back, citing concerns over the cost and complexity of absorbing around 1,500 employees, differences in deposit pricing, and customer behaviour.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/1500-staff-deposit-risks-deter-buyers-stanchart-retail-business-1577056>

Enhanced customs valuation may yield BDT 35 Bn, yet far short

- Changes to customs measures introduced in the FY2026-27 budget are expected to generate an additional BDT 35 Bn in import-tax revenue to contribute to an ambitious target.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/enhanced-customs-valuation-may-yield-tk-35b-yet-far-short-1792258159>

ENERGY | QatarEnergy falls short of LNG supply pledges

- Bangladesh's largest LNG supplier, QatarEnergy, has delivered far fewer cargoes than committed under its long-term supply agreement, forcing the country to turn to the volatile spot market and alternative suppliers at significantly higher prices.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/qatarenergy-falls-short-of-lng-supply-pledges-1792348087>

Businesses identify 107 business hurdles, customs-VAT top list

- Businesses have identified at least 107 obstacles to improving the ease of doing business in Bangladesh, with customs and VAT-related issues accounting for the largest share at 37.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/businesses-identify-107-business-hurdles-customs-vat-top-list-1575941>

Remittance inflow rises 13.1% in July-October 14

- Expatriate Bangladeshis sent USD 1.516 Bn during October 1-14, 2026, compared to USD 1.351 Bn in the same period of 2025, registering a year-on-year growth of 12.2%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-rises-131-pc-in-july-october-14>

TELECOM | BTRC to study telecom gaps in remote areas

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has decided to conduct a study to identify remote, hard-to-reach, underserved and disaster-prone areas where telecom services are inadequate or of poor quality and explore ways to ensure reliable, high-quality connectivity.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/btrc-study-telecom-gaps-remote-areas-4302076>

Oil touches USD 110 a barrel for first time since May

- Brent has touched USD 110 a barrel for the first time since May amid worries that escalating Middle East tensions could further tighten supplies. Brent crude futures settled 3.7% higher at USD 109.86 on Friday, the highest since May 19, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures closed 3.5% higher at USD 101.41, the highest since September 17.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/oil-touches-110-a-barrel-for-first-time-since-may>

BANK | Foreign banks play it safe with low-cost deposits, careful lending

- Nine foreign lenders keep their bad loans near 6.5%, versus 33% industry-wide. Foreign commercial banks in Bangladesh rely more heavily on low-cost deposits from businesses than their local peers, helping them keep funding costs down while lending to large corporations and multinational companies with strong credit records.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/foreign-banks-play-it-safe-low-cost-deposits-careful-lending-4301161>

RMG | EU apparel imports from Bangladesh fall 11.67% in 8 months

- The European Union's apparel imports from Bangladesh fell 11.67% year-on-year to EUR 11.93 Bn in 8M2026, down from EUR 13.5 Bn a year earlier. The decline exceeded the 3.83% fall in the bloc's overall apparel imports, which dropped to EUR 60.29 Bn from EUR 62.69 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/318434/eu-apparel-imports-from-bangladesh-fall-1167pc-in-8-months>

TELECOM | BTRC prepares '2G Sunset Plan' by 2029

- Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has charted a phase out roadmap for exiting 2G technology by December 2029, with affordable smartphones at the centre of the shift for more than sixty million feature phone users on the network, who have from July 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029 to move to newer devices.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/318421/btrc-prepares-2g-sunset-plan-by-2029>

ENERGY | Excelerate halts LNG supplies to Bangladesh for seven months

- US-based Excelerate Energy has suspended LNG deliveries to Bangladesh since late February, following the outbreak of the latest Middle East conflict and disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. Excelerate Energy is to supply Petrobangla with 0.85 Mn to 1.0 Mn tonnes of LNG annually over a 15-year period beginning in 2026.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/excelerate-halts-lng-supplies-to-bangladesh-for-seven-months-1792259277>

AVIATION | High Court orders liquidation of Regent Airways operator over USD 3.71 Mn debt

- The High Court ordered the liquidation of HG Aviation Ltd, the operator of Regent Airways under Habib Group, over its failure to repay more than USD 3.7 Mn in aircraft lease dues to US-based Wilmington Trust Company.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-court-orders-liquidation-regent-airways-operator-over-371m-debt-1575956>

Bangladesh seeks USD 4.5 Bn IMF loan in 6 instalments through 2029

- Bangladesh is seeking a USD 4.5 Bn loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in quarterly instalments from December this year through December 2029, with an agreement expected by year-end.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-seeks-45b-imf-loan-6-instalments-through-2029-1574386>

IMF urges Bangladesh to maintain tight monetary policy, boost revenue

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has called on Bangladesh to maintain tight monetary policy to contain inflation, strengthen its weak financial sector and increase revenue collection as discussions continue over a new IMF-supported programme.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/imf-urges-bangladesh-to-maintain-tight-monetary-policy-boost-revenue>

Bangladesh to sign new country partnership framework with World Bank: Finance minister

- Bangladesh is set to sign a new country partnership framework with the World Bank (WB), with a government delegation scheduled to hold talks with the lender in the next two to three weeks to finalise the terms.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-to-sign-new-country-partnership-framework-with-wb>

29% of highly educated Bangladeshi youth unemployed, half work below qualifications: IMF

- Nearly 29% of highly educated young people in Bangladesh are unemployed, while around half of highly educated workers are employed in jobs that do not fully use their qualifications and skills.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/29-highly-educated-bangladeshi-youth-unemployed-half-work-below-qualifications-imf>

TCB enrolls nearly 8.0 Mn beneficiaries

- The Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) has verified and enrolled nearly 8.0 Mn genuine beneficiaries in its database and has activated about 7.37 Mn Smart Family Cards.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tcb-enrolls-nearly-80-lakh-beneficiaries-4299766>

NBFI | Dhaka seeks USD 100 Mn Saudi equity for SABINCO

- Dhaka is preparing to seek USD 100 Mn in fresh sovereign equity from Saudi Arabia to recapitalise the Saudi-Bangladesh Industrial and Agricultural Investment Company Limited (SABINCO), matching its own proposed contribution.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-seeks-100m-saudi-equity-for-sabinco-1792171278>

RMG | RMG makers seek PM's intervention for yarn import

- The RMG manufacturers sought prime minister Tarique Rahman's intervention to withdraw a restriction on imports of 10–30 count cotton yarn under bonded warehouse facilities. They also said that the measure is disrupting raw material supplies and raising production costs for export-oriented garment factories.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/318190/rmg-makers-seek-pms-intervention-for-yarn-import>

ENERGY | Long-term LNG supplier OQT seeks spot-linked price to resume supply to Bangladesh

- OQ Trading Limited (OQT) has proposed a spot market-linked pricing formula to resume deliveries, replacing its existing contracts, potentially raising the cost of LNG to nearly double the price set under the original agreements. Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Limited (RPGCL) has rejected the proposal, insisting that OQT fulfill its existing contractual obligations without changing the agreed pricing mechanism.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/long-term-lng-supplier-oqt-seeks-spot-linked-price-resume-supply-bangladesh-1574511>

Pressure on forex rises as external debt service surges

- Bangladesh feels the pinch of growing external borrowing as pressure builds up on its foreign-exchange buffers from incremental debt-service payouts. The government paid USD 1.56 Bn in interest against external loans in FY26 alone, compared to USD 491.25 Mn in FY22.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/pressure-on-forex-rises-as-external-debt-service-surges>

Energy crisis cuts output 0.22pc YoY in July

- Large-scale industrial production contracted by 0.22% year on year in July as persistent gas and electricity shortages and tensions in the Middle East weighed on energy-intensive manufacturing. Clothing production contracted by more than 2.0% in July, dragging down the overall index.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/energy-crisis-cuts-output-022pc-yoy-in-july-1792174960>

Freight cost surge squeezes US-bound exports

- Bangladesh's exports struggle to remain competitive on the US market as persistently high freight costs combine with rising raw-material prices and expensive bank financing to pose headwinds.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/freight-cost-surge-squeezes-us-bound-exports>

Govt restores monthly VAT returns

- The government has restored monthly value-added tax (VAT) return filing, scrapping the quarterly system introduced in July amid concerns over revenue collection and operational difficulties. The change was formalised through the Value Added Tax and Supplementary Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-restores-monthly-vat-returns-4299721>

Global green standards put exporters under pressure

- Bangladesh's exporters are facing growing pressure to meet global environmental standards as international buyers demand cleaner energy and greater use of recycled materials, business leaders said at a dialogue in Dhaka. They called for tax incentives, easier access to climate finance and policy reforms to help factories adopt greener production methods without losing competitiveness.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/global-green-standards-put-exporters-under-pressure-4299771>

RMG | Govt seeks nominations for garment sector wage board

- The government has asked garment manufacturers' and workers' organisations to nominate representatives for a proposed wage board to review wages in the country's garment sector amid renewed labour protests demanding a monthly minimum wage of BDT 30,000.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-seeks-nominations-for-garment-sector-wage-board>

RMG | Spain now Bangladesh's largest apparel buyer in EU

- Spain is now the largest buyer of apparel items in the European bloc, overtaking Germany in Q1FY27. Bangladesh's RMG exports to Spain rose nearly 14% year-on-year to USD 1.14 Bn in July-September.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/spain-now-bangladeshs-largest-apparel-buyer-eu-4299726>

ENERGY | Solar projects offer BDT 27.77 Bn revenue potential in 20 years

- Rooftop and floating solar projects at public universities, colleges and two local government areas could generate BDT 27.77 Bn in electricity sales over 20 years, according to a study presented. The proposed projects, with a combined capacity of 132.61 MWp, would require an estimated investment of BDT 7.31 Bn and could generate 3,703 Mn units of electricity over the period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/solar-projects-offer-tk-2777cr-revenue-potential-20-years-4299741>

TELECOM | Mobile internet in lead amid rising internet penetration

- Internet penetration in Bangladesh increased to 77.89% in August 2026 from 73.28% in January, with mobile internet accounting for most of the growth while fixed broadband penetration remained largely stagnant.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/318003/mobile-internet-in-lead-amid-rising-internet-penetration>

AUTOMOBILE | EV demand rises, but charging and support networks lag behind

- Electric vehicle (EV) demand is rising in Bangladesh, but limited charging infrastructure, high investment costs and gaps in after-sales services and battery recycling are holding back wider adoption. BYD Bangladesh, a major player in the country's new-energy vehicle (NEV) market, has delivered more than 1,400 vehicles.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/ev-demand-rises-charging-and-support-networks-lag-behind-1574986>

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | Bdtask launches multi-tenant OMS for brokerage firms

- Bangladeshi software company Bdtask Limited has launched a multi-tenant order management system (OMS) for stock exchanges, brokerage houses and other capital market intermediaries, aiming to reduce technology costs and dependence on foreign software vendors.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bdtask-launches-multi-tenant-oms-for-brokerage-firms>

RENATA | Renata's profit jumps 64% as finance costs fall

- The company's revenue increased 7.7% year-on-year to BDT 46.20 Bn, while its profit rose to BDT 3.64 Bn, recovering from a 44% decline in FY25 when high finance costs linked to investments in a new plant weighed on earnings. The company recommended a 55% cash dividend, unchanged from the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/renatas-profit-jumps-64-finance-costs-fall-4301236>

LINDEBD | Energy price hike weighs on Linde Bangladesh's Q3 profit

- Linde Bangladesh Ltd reported a 19% drop in net profit for Q3'2026, as rising power and energy prices squeezed operating margins despite top-line revenue growth. Profitability declined despite a 9% year-on-year increase in quarterly revenue to BDT 641.7 Mn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/energy-price-hike-weighs-linde-bangladeshs-q3-profit-1575876>

IFIC | Imran joins IFIC Bank as AMD

- Imran Ahmed has joined IFIC Bank PLC as Additional Managing Director. Prior to joining IFIC Bank, he served as Deputy Managing Director of National Bank PLC. His previous leadership positions were at Sonali Bank PLC, NRB Bank PLC and Bank Asia PLC.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/318575/imran-joins-ific-bank-as-amd>

EXCHANGE | BDT 40.0 Bn at risk in 49 cos listed during Awami League rule

- A total of 49 companies, listed on stock exchanges between 2009 and 2024, have now fallen into junk or 'Z' category, of which 21 of them have ceased operations, raising concerns over the quality of listings and investor protection in the capital market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/318274/tk-4000cr-at-risk-in-49-cos-listed-during-awami-league-rule>

EXCHANGE | BSEC proposes 50% IPO debt repayment cap, mandatory escrow accounts

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has proposed raising the cap on using initial public offering (IPO) and rights offer (RPO) proceeds to repay existing loans from 30% to 50%. It would also make escrow accounts mandatory to ensure the money goes to its declared purposes.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-proposes-50-ipo-debt-repayment-cap-mandatory-escrow-accounts-1576896>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank, IFPRI to build digital financing ecosystem for farmers

- BRAC Bank and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) have partnered to expand digital payments and access to formal credit across Bangladesh's agricultural value chains. The Gates Foundation supports the initiative, developed under FINNOVISION, BRAC Bank's impact-driven SME Innovation Lab.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-edges-down-sell-continues-second-session-1576906>

EXCHANGE | DSEX posts 9-month-low turnover as DSE uses alternate server

- The Dhaka bourse on Saturday recorded its lowest turnover in more than nine months as many brokers failed to get an uninterrupted connection to the exchange's trading server. On the day, DSE conducted trading through a "disaster recovery server" situated outside the exchange's main building. As a result, many brokers faced disruptions while executing trades.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dsex-posts-9-month-low-turnover-as-dse-uses-alternate-server-1792252134>

EXCHANGE | BSEC fines CBC Capital-led syndicate BDT 3.59 Mn for Lovello share manipulation

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed a cumulative fine of BDT 3.59 Mn on merchant bank CBC Capital and Equity Management Ltd, and three individuals for alleged series trading and price manipulation of Taufika Foods and Lovello Ice-Cream PLC shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-cbc-capital-led-syndicate-tk3592-lakh-lovello-share-manipulation-1575891>

BEACONPHARM | Beacon Pharma's profit doubles in FY26 on higher sales

- Beacon Pharmaceuticals secured a profit of BDT 1.94 Bn in FY26, up 105% from the previous year. It said the surge in earnings was fuelled by a 30.96 % increase in sales in FY26 compared with the previous year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/beacon-pharmas-profit-doubles-in-fy26-on-higher-sales>

BEACONPHARM | Beacon Pharma to invest BDT 2.50 Bn in second oncology facility

- Beacon Pharmaceuticals PLC has announced a massive investment plan of BDT 2.50 Bn to set up its second oncology production facility. The move aims to expand its manufacturing footprint, boost future revenues and strengthen research capabilities to meet international regulatory standards.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/beacon-pharma-invest-tk250cr-second-oncology-facility-1574546>

BSCPLC | Submarine Cables posts 37.47% surge in profit to BDT 2.83 Bn

- State-owned submarine cable operator Bangladesh Submarine Cables reported a 37.47% year-on-year increase in net profit for the 2025–26 fiscal year, reaching BDT 2.83 Bn, and recommended a 47.50% cash dividend. Total revenue grew by 25% to BDT 4.96 Bn, up from BDT 3.96 Bn in the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/submarine-cables-posts-3747-surge-profit-tk283cr-1574336>

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