

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in green this week. The benchmark index DSEX (+2.46%) gained 134.34 points and closed the week at 5,600.27 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (+3.41%) gained 71.58 points and stood at 2,169.46 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (+1.93%) gained 21.10 points and stood at 1,116.19 points. The large cap index CDSET (+2.92%) gained 33.40 points and closed at 1,175.99 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +15.11%, +17.04%, +11.54%, +17.04%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 36.2 billion (USD 296 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 7.2 billion (Δ% Week: -31.0%)
Market P/E: 15.9x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started positively on Sunday (+0.04%) and remained positive on Monday (+1.56%) but turned negative on Tuesday (-0.19%). However, it turned positive again on Wednesday (+0.22%) and Thursday (+0.82%).

Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. NBFJ booked the highest gain of 5.15% followed by Bank (+4.24%), and Mutual Fund (+1.60%). Life Insurance experienced the highest loss of 0.85% followed by General Insurance (-0.08%).

All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors posted positive performance this week. Pharmaceutical booked the highest gain of 1.34% followed by Telecommunication (+1.33%), Engineering (+1.31%), Fuel & Power (+1.04%), and Food & Allied (+0.68%).

Macroeconomic Arena

Mostaqur Rahman replaces Ahsan H Mansur as BB governor. EU seeks early measures to remove NTBs. Polls spending lifts Jan VAT take. ENERGY | New FSRU nearby to feed growing fuel demand. RMG | Bangladesh's share in US apparel market rises to 10.53%. RMG | Finance minister seeks garment leaders suggestions' to ease business costs. TEXTILE | BTMA seeks clarity to operationalise US-Bangladesh zero-tariff textile deal. JUTE | Govt seeks Chinese investment in closed fertiliser factories and jute mills. AUTOMOBILE | Car sales hit 13-year low amid economic strain. Forex reserves rise to USD 30.30 Bn as cenbank continues dollar purchase.

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | BSEC earnings drop 14% in FY25. MUTUAL FUND | CDBL to apply for custodian licence to strengthen MF oversight. ACI | Mitsui & Co. Asia Pacific signs strategic partnership with ACI Logistics (Shwapno). EXCHANGE | Probe launched into Associated Oxygen's alleged IPO malpractices. MIDLANDBNK | Imtiaz U. Ahmed new MD & CEO of Midland Bank. DOMINAGE | Dominance Steel rallies 120% despite losses, factory shutdown. BDSERVICE | InterContinental Hotel's losses narrow to BDT 380 Mn in H1. EXCHANGE | BSEC removes LR Global as asset manager of six mutual funds. BRACBANK, DHAKABANK | bKash launches weekly Islamic DPS by Dhaka Bank. MIDLANDBNK | MDB launches digital nano loan facilities. AL-HAJTEX | Regulator bars Al-Haj Textile from issuing stock dividends. OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries sees BDT 720 Mn shares change hands in block trade. EXCHANGE | Dhaka stocks see BDT 2.70 Bn foreign outflow in 2025.

DSEX ended in Green (+2.46%) in the week

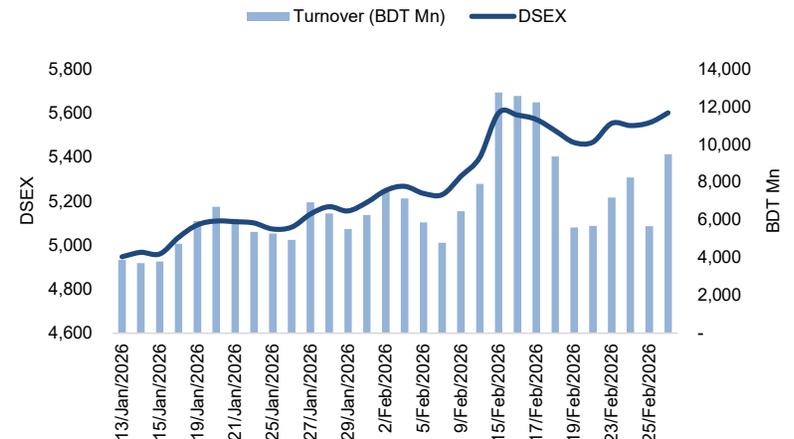
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,600.27	5,465.93	+134.34	4,865.34	2.46%	15.11%
DS30	2,169.46	2,097.88	+71.58	1,853.54	3.41%	17.04%
DSES	1,116.19	1,095.10	+21.10	1,000.72	1.93%	11.54%
CDSET	1,175.99	1,142.59	+33.40	1,004.81	2.92%	17.04%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	7,183,648	7,100,380	
	Mn USD	58,724	58,043	1.17%
Turnover	Mn BDT	36,243	52,502	-30.97%
	Mn USD	296	429	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	7,249	10,500	-30.97%
	Mn USD	59	86	
Volume	Mn Shares	1,293	1,971	-34.39%

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
BIFC	5.5	3.6	+52.8%	554	12.3	NM	NM
PRIMEFIN	4.0	2.7	+48.1%	1,092	57.9	NM	0.6x
GSPFINANCE	4.9	3.6	+36.1%	770	29.5	NM	NM
UNIONCAP	5.5	4.1	+34.1%	949	54.7	NM	NM
ICBIBANK	3.3	2.5	+32.0%	2,194	27.3	NM	NM
APOLOISPAT	2.9	2.2	+31.8%	1,164	31.8	NM	0.1x
PLFSL	1.7	1.3	+30.8%	485	22.4	NM	NM
FASFIN	1.7	1.3	+30.8%	253	10.5	NM	NM
SONARGAON	44.5	34.4	+29.4%	1,178	301.5	NM	2.4x
BAYLEASING	5.8	4.5	+28.9%	817	28.0	NM	NM

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
EXIM1STMF	3.0	3.3	-9.1%	430	26.2	NM	0.3x
BDWELDING	18.4	19.7	-6.6%	798	14.9	NM	1.6x
MEGHNACEM	33.9	36.2	-6.4%	1,071	9.3	NM	NM
ASIATICLAB	59.1	63.0	-6.2%	7,233	524.7	15.9x	1.1x
NBL	5.0	5.3	-5.7%	16,099	149.0	NM	NM
ICBEPMF1S1	4.8	5.0	-4.0%	360	11.1	NM	0.9x
SONALILIFE	62.6	65.2	-4.0%	2,974	13.5	NM	NM
AL-HAJTEX	132.2	137.0	-3.5%	2,948	102.9	13.1x	7.1x
MERCINS	24.8	25.7	-3.5%	1,069	2.5	13.2x	1.4x
REPUBLIC	33.3	34.5	-3.5%	1,822	21.0	18.4x	1.7x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
CITYBANK	33.0	28.8	+14.6%	50,200	2,248.1	3.8x	0.9x
BRACBANK	87.5	82.9	+5.5%	174,206	1,314.0	11.1x	1.7x
ROBI	32.9	30.8	+6.8%	172,328	1,084.9	18.4x	2.5x
KBPPWBIL	54.5	49.5	+10.1%	5,345	870.9	97.3x	4.6x
OLYMPIC	157.8	155.3	+1.6%	31,550	834.6	15.4x	2.4x
SQURPHARMA	225.7	227.9	-1.0%	200,072	650.5	7.7x	1.4x
ERIONINFU	382.0	368.0	+3.8%	7,777	634.2	NM	24.0x
EBL	28.7	26.9	+6.7%	45,800	632.1	5.8x	1.0x
SAPORTL	47.7	45.0	+6.0%	11,299	624.6	20.9x	1.4x
JAMUNABANK	26.1	24.5	+6.5%	24,517	547.2	9.0x	0.9x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
CONFIDCEM	69.8	+41.9%	6,021	5.8x	0.7x
ISLAMIBANK	45.7	+39.3%	73,577	NM	1.0x
BRACBANK	87.5	+38.7%	174,206	11.1x	1.7x
CITYBANK	33.0	+35.2%	50,200	3.8x	0.9x
ACTIVEFINE	7.1	+29.1%	1,704	NM	0.3x
BXPHARMA	131.6	+28.9%	58,708	9.2x	1.2x
LANKABAFIN	15.6	+26.8%	8,406	39.0x	0.8x
SHASHADNIM	19.0	+21.8%	2,680	19.8x	0.5x
BARKAPOWER	8.1	+20.9%	1,907	7.6x	0.4x
BANKASIA	21.9	+20.3%	28,087	5.3x	0.7x

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Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,705.4	1,636.1	1,367.20	+4.24%	+24.74%
NBFI	1,037.7	986.8	860.23	+5.15%	+20.63%
Mutual Fund	516.0	507.8	478.27	+1.60%	+7.88%
General Insurance	3,196.3	3,198.8	2,879.11	-0.08%	+11.02%
Life Insurance	1,969.4	1,986.4	1,691.42	-0.85%	+16.44%
Telecommunication	4,720.8	4,658.9	4,431.51	+1.33%	+6.53%
Pharmaceutical	3,128.6	3,087.1	2,764.29	+1.34%	+13.18%
Fuel & Power	1,087.6	1,076.4	996.11	+1.04%	+9.19%
Cement	2,018.2	1,973.1	1,739.18	+2.29%	+16.05%
Services & Real Estate	1,019.1	992.3	949.82	+2.70%	+7.29%
Engineering	2,527.2	2,494.5	2,290.78	+1.31%	+10.32%
Food & Allied	14,099.5	14,004.5	12,942.72	+0.68%	+8.94%
IT	1,916.3	1,832.8	1,703.25	+4.56%	+12.51%
Textile	1,138.1	1,106.5	1,060.76	+2.86%	+7.29%
Paper & Printing	4,898.8	4,809.9	4,485.61	+1.85%	+9.21%
Tannery	1,942.4	1,910.8	1,806.05	+1.65%	+7.55%
Jute	11,661.7	11,294.9	11,805.57	+3.25%	-1.22%
Ceramics	410.5	405.1	370.10	+1.32%	+10.91%
Miscellaneous	3,992.3	3,958.3	3,881.56	+0.86%	+2.85%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	1,613.1	2,138.7	-24.58%	+23.66%	11.2x	0.8x
NBFI	145.7	225.5	-35.39%	+2.14%	NM	1.0x
Mutual Fund	91.6	185.5	-50.61%	+1.34%	NM	0.5x
General Insurance	336.5	848.6	-60.35%	+4.93%	14.2x	1.3x
Life Insurance	221.4	366.7	-39.62%	+3.25%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	282.5	286.2	-1.29%	+4.14%	13.4x	3.9x
Pharmaceutical	906.7	1,692.6	-46.43%	+13.30%	12.4x	1.6x
Fuel & Power	258.8	523.3	-50.55%	+3.80%	9.7x	0.6x
Cement	79.4	160.0	-50.36%	+1.17%	23.8x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	187.4	247.3	-24.22%	+2.75%	19.9x	0.4x
Engineering	515.1	828.3	-37.81%	+7.56%	16.0x	0.9x
Food & Allied	574.1	476.7	+20.43%	+8.42%	20.6x	3.9x
IT	295.5	313.7	-5.81%	+4.33%	28.4x	1.6x
Textile	636.0	1,051.8	-39.53%	+9.33%	NM	0.8x
Paper & Printing	156.6	313.2	-50.01%	+2.30%	NM	1.3x
Tannery	41.6	75.3	-44.84%	+0.61%	NM	1.4x
Jute	15.1	28.4	-46.81%	+0.22%	NM	NM
Ceramics	64.2	147.9	-56.59%	+0.94%	NM	1.2x
Miscellaneous	397.0	391.3	+1.47%	+5.82%	90.3x	1.7x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
RUNNERAUTO	34.0	-7.4%	3,860	22.2x	0.5x
UCB	10.1	-2.9%	15,659	NM	0.4x
GP	262.1	+1.6%	353,914	12.0x	6.3x
ESQUIRENIT	20.7	+2.0%	2,792	NM	0.3x
SQUARETEXT	49.7	+2.5%	9,803	9.5x	0.9x
MJLBD	93.1	+2.9%	29,490	10.9x	1.8x
UNIQUEHRL	39.6	+3.7%	11,658	6.7x	0.4x
IFADAUTOS	22.4	+3.7%	6,009	NM	0.6x
UNILEVERCL	2,234.8	+3.9%	43,074	59.6x	20.8x
BERGERPBL	1,439.5	+4.0%	70,688	21.2x	3.8x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Mostaqur Rahman replaces Ahsan H Mansur as BB governor

- Md Mostaqur Rahman FCMA, a garment exporter and cost and management accountant, has been appointed governor of Bangladesh Bank for a four-year term, replacing Ahsan H Mansur.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/process-underway-appoint-new-bb-governor-replacing-ahsan-h-mansur-sources-1370886>

EU seeks early measures to remove NTBs

- The European Union (EU) has sought quick measures to remove non-tariff barriers (NTBs), promoting business confidence and ensuring non-discrimination.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/eu-seeks-early-measures-to-remove-ntbs>

Polls spending lifts Jan VAT take

- A surge in election-related spending in recent months appears to have provided a short-term boost to value-added tax (VAT) collection, with January 2026 revenue standing BDT 30 Bn above the July-December monthly average.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/polls-spending-lifts-jan-vat-take-1772042027>

ENERGY | New FSRU nearby to feed growing fuel demand

- A new floating storage and re-gasification unit (FSRU) with a capacity to re-gasify around 600 mmcf of LNG is planned to feed economy's growing fuel demand. Several companies including CMC of China, Aramco of Saudi Arabia, Socar of Azerbaijan, OQ Trading International of Oman and Posco of South Korea, have already expressed their interest about the country's fourth FSRU.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/new-fsru-nearby-to-feed-growing-fuel-demand-1772042063>

RMG | Bangladesh's share in US apparel market rises to 10.53%

- Bangladesh expanded its footprint in the United States apparel market to 10.53% in 2025, up from 9.26% a year earlier, as American buyers shifted orders away from China, according to official data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-share-us-apparel-market-rises-1053-4115086>

RMG | Finance minister seeks garment leaders suggestions' to ease business costs

- Finance Minister has sought suggestions from BGMEA leaders on why the cost of doing business is rising, what bureaucratic obstacles they face and what measures are needed to ease operations. The association sought a loan facility of around BDT 80 Bn to cover one month's wages, to be repaid over 15 months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/finance-minister-seeks-garment-leaders-suggestions-ease-business-costs-1371316>

TEXTILE | BTMA seeks clarity to operationalise US-Bangladesh zero-tariff textile deal

- The Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) President has sent a letter to President and CEO of National Cotton Council of America, seeking structured consultations and policy clarifications to operationalise Article 5.3 (Textiles) of the recently signed US-Bangladesh agreement, saying the deal could significantly expand imports of American cotton while boosting apparel exports to the United States.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/btma-seeks-clarity-operationalise-us-bangladesh-zero-tariff-textile-deal-1371021>

JUTE | Govt seeks Chinese investment in closed fertiliser factories and jute mills

- China has expressed interest in expanding investment in Bangladesh, focusing on job creation and industrial revival. At the meeting, the government formally sought Chinese investment in several closed fertiliser factories struggling with prolonged gas shortages.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-seeks-chinese-investment-closed-fertiliser-factories-and-jute-mills-1371311>

AUTOMOBILE | Car sales hit 13-year low amid economic strain

- Private passenger car sales in Bangladesh have plunged to the lowest level in 13 years, reflecting persistent economic headwinds, high import costs and tightening consumer purchasing power.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/car-sales-hit-13-year-low-amid-economic-strain-4115136>

Forex reserves rise to USD 30.30 Bn as cenbank continues dollar purchase

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves currently stand at USD 30.3 Bn. A senior central bank official told that the supply of dollars in banks has increased due to higher remittance inflows.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-buys-153b-february-so-far-fy26-purchases-reach-547b-1370311>

BB buys USD 1.53 Bn in February so far; FY26 purchases reach USD 5.47 Bn

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) purchased USD 1.53 Bn from commercial banks in February this year. BB has purchased USD 87 Mn from eight banks on Tuesday at BDT 122.30 per dollar.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-buys-153b-february-so-far-fy26-purchases-reach-547b-1370311>

IMF team to hold March talks with PM Tarique on next loan tranche

- A high-level delegation from the International Monetary Fund is due in Dhaka next month for talks with Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, as Bangladesh hopes to keep its multi-billion-dollar loan programme on track and unlock a delayed USD 1.30 Bn disbursement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-team-hold-march-talks-pm-tarique-next-loan-tranche-1370496>

New US tariffs come in at lower 10% rate

- The United States imposed a new tariff from Tuesday of 10% on all goods not covered by exemptions. The Section 122 law allows the president to impose the new duties for up to 150 days to address “large and serious” balance-of-payments deficits and “fundamental international payments problems.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/world/new-us-tariffs-come-in-at-lower-10pc-rate>

BD rethinking deal after blanket 10pc US tariffs

- Commerce Secretary has said that since uniform rate has been established for all, we do not see any immediate problem. He added that if we produce products using US cotton or fibre, we can access the US market duty-free. Centre for Policy Dialogue Distinguished Fellow Professor Mustafizur Rahman has termed the overall situation 'very uncertain' and suggested keeping a careful eye on how competitor countries absorb the duty.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-rethinking-deal-after-blanket-10pc-us-tariffs-1771955334>

Govt aims to gradually issue 20 Mn family cards

- Prime Minister Tarique Rahman will formally inaugurate the four-month pilot, where eligible families with at least five members will receive BDT 2,500 a month through direct transfers to their mobile wallets or bank accounts. If fully implemented, the programme would cost about BDT 600 Bn a year, potentially becoming the largest social spending commitment, accounting for 12% of this fiscal year's revenue target.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-aims-gradually-issue-2cr-family-cards-4114296>

PM orders public-private partnerships to relaunch weak, closed industries

- Prime Minister Tarique Rahman has ordered ministries to take steps to reopen dwindling and closed industries in partnership with private entrepreneurs.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/pm-orders-public-private-partnerships-to-relaunch-weak-closed-industries>

Cost of 65 dev projects ramped up by BDT 798.34 Bn

- Costs of 65 projects have been ramped up by BDT 798.34 Bn in apparent prodigal reappraisals of the development schemes by the just-gone interim government during its one-and-a-half-year tenure, sources say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/cost-of-65-dev-projects-ramped-up-by-tk-79834b>

Fruit imports face curbs despite dollar relief

- The dollar crisis has eased. Foreign exchange reserves have improved from the lows seen four years ago. But imported fruits still face a 100% cash margin for opening letters of credit (LCs).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/fruit-imports-face-curbs-despite-dollar-relief-4114191>

NBR forms committee to prepare budget for 2026-27 fiscal

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has formed a budget committee by assigning additional responsibilities to four senior officials to support the preparation and coordination of the national budget for the 2026–27 fiscal year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/nbr-forms-committee-to-prepare-budget-for-2026-27-fiscal>

RMG | RMG owners seek BDT 140 Bn soft loan before Eid

- The country's garment manufacturers and exporters have sought the urgent release of outstanding cash incentives and a BDT 140 Bn low-interest "soft loan" to help factories pay workers' wages and bonuses ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg-owners-seek-tk14000cr-soft-loan-eid-1370346>

ENERGY | LPG price cut by BDT 15 for 12kg cylinder

- The price of a 12kg cylinder of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), has been reduced by BDT 15.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/lpg-price-cut-by-tk-15-for-12kg-cylinder>

BANK | TakaPay struggles to gain traction two years after launch

- TakaPay card, the first-ever national debit card, has failed to secure a significant foothold in the two years since its launch by the central bank, aimed at reducing dependency on global payment networks such as Visa and Mastercard.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/takapay-struggles-gain-traction-two-years-after-launch-4114181>

MFS | Nagad privatisation depends on new govt

- Privatising Nagad largely depends on the decision and policy of the new government, Bangladesh Bank Governor has told the local coordinator of potential overseas investors. Once the policy is finalised, the process of bringing in investors may start, he has said. Spokesperson at the central bank told that some four applications on reviving Nagad had so far been placed with the banking regulator.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/nagad-privatisation-depends-on-new-govt-1771950150>

Bangladesh's macroeconomic stability hinges on reform delivery: Fitch Ratings

- The general election held on 12 February has reduced near-term political and policy uncertainty in Bangladesh, a development that could bolster macroeconomic stability, according to Fitch Ratings. However, Fitch cautioned that the ultimate impact on the country's credit profile will depend on the new government's ability to execute critical reforms to address weak governance, banking-sector fragilities, and a fragile external liquidity position.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-macroeconomic-stability-hinges-reform-delivery-fitch-ratings-1369176>

High inflation, tight policy rate weigh on economic momentum in Q2 of FY26: MCCI

- Bangladesh's economy showed mixed performance in the second quarter (October–December) of FY26, with high inflation and a tight monetary stance restraining overall momentum, according to a review by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), Dhaka. The review noted that growth remained modest during the quarter under review, weighed down by weak exports, subdued private investment, and continued credit tightening. Although macroeconomic stability showed gradual improvement, the recovery remained fragile, the MCCI added.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-inflation-tight-policy-rate-weigh-economic-momentum-q2-fy26-mcci-1369086>

PCA could be signed shortly: EU envoy

- Bangladesh and the European Union discussed Monday the possibilities of signing a free-trade agreement (FTA), as the EU desires to expand the multifaceted bilateral relations. EU Ambassador in Dhaka told that a future FTA could help cushion the impact of the eventual loss of preferential market access and lock in more predictable trade terms, while also expanding cooperation into services, investment and regulatory standards.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/pca-could-be-signed-shortly-eu-envoy-1771870082>

Commerce ministry calls meeting on US tariff deal

- The commerce ministry has convened a stakeholder consultation for tomorrow, bringing together economists, trade analysts, business leaders and senior officials from across the government to assess its reciprocal trade deal with the United States and determine the next steps.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/commerce-ministry-calls-meeting-us-tariff-deal-4113256>

UAE-Bangladesh joint venture to invest USD 10 Mn in BEPZA EZ

- Integrated Composite Industries Ltd, a UAE-Bangladesh joint venture, is set to invest USD 10 Mn to establish a composite manufacturing plant at the BEPZA Economic Zone.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/uae-bangladesh-joint-venture-invest-10m-bepza-ez-4112886>

BANK | Finance minister backs BB's reform drive: governor

- The new government will continue the ongoing reform programmes in the banking sector, Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury told Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Ahsan H Mansur.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/finance-minister-backs-bbs-reform-drive-governor-4113196>

BANK | Jul-Jan LC opening up 2.41%, settlement down 1.21%

- Despite a modest increase in import orders, Bangladesh's import-bill settlement declined during 7MFY26, reflecting subdued industrial demand and changing foreign-exchange dynamics. Letters of credit (LCs) worth USD 42.78 Bn were opened during 7MFY26, marking a 2.41% increase YoY.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/jul-jan-lc-opening-up-241pc-settlement-down-121pc-1771869781>

BANK | Agent banking deposits in Bangladesh makes a big jump

- Bangladesh's agent banking sector is defying conventional trends, recording strong deposit growth even as the number of agents and service outlets declines.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/agent-banking-deposits-in-bangladesh-makes-a-big-jump>

RMG | RMG exports fear order loss as US buyers 'sit on the fence' over tariff shifts

- Bangladesh's export momentum braces for fresh headwinds as uncertainty over the fate of the United States' short-term 15% tariff—whether it will be extended, increased or withdrawn after five months—has prompted American buyers to pause fresh commitments. Several US buyers are now demanding 2% price cuts on goods already in the pipeline, following the reduction of the tariff from 20% to 15%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-exports-fear-order-loss-us-buyers-sit-fence-over-tariff-shifts-1369606>

ENERGY | Excelerate begins LNG supply under long-term deal

- US-based Excelerate Energy has commenced long-term liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply to Bangladesh under a 15-year sales and purchase agreement (SPA).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/excelerate-begins-lng-supply-under-long-term-deal-1771869220>

RMG | Two more Bangladeshi garment factories achieve prestigious 'Green' certification

- Bangladesh's RMG sector has reached a new milestone in eco-friendly industrialization as two more garment factories have earned the prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/two-more-bangladeshi-garment-factories-achieve-prestigious-green-certification>

NBR starts budget work for FY27, seeks proposals

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has started budget-related work for the fiscal year 2026-27 and has sought proposals from business bodies and other relevant organisations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-starts-budget-work-fy27-seeks-proposals-1368731>

Saudi issues 750,000 work visas in 2025

- Saudi Arabia granted 750,000 work visas to Bangladeshi nationals in 2025, part of a total 1.4 Mn visas issued to Bangladeshis this year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/saudi-issues-750000-work-visas-in-2025-1771783832>

T-bill yields fall as BB buys dollars

- The cut-off yield on 91-day treasury bills stood at 10.02%, down from 10.11%, 182-D at 10.11% from previous 10.22%, and 364-D at 10.07% compared to 10.23%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/t-bill-yields-fall-as-bb-buys-dollars>

Central bank buys USD 123 Mn through auction

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday purchased USD 123 Mn from eight commercial banks at the rate of BDT 122.30.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/central-bank-buys-123m-through-auction>

Govt to hold talks with USTR over fate of trade deal

- The government will hold talks with the United States Trade Representative (USTR) this week to determine whether the recently signed bilateral trade deal remains valid after America's Supreme Court struck down a large swathe of President Donald Trump's tariffs on Friday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-hold-talks-ustr-over-fate-trade-deal-4112496>

NBR may miss FY26 revenue goal by nearly BDT 1.0 Tn

- The newly elected government is set to end the current fiscal year with a large shortfall in tax collection, as the National Board of Revenue (NBR) mobilised BDT 2.23 Tn, falling BDT 601.14 Bn short of the target set for 7MFY26.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-may-miss-fy26-revenue-goal-by-nearly-tk-10t-1771783547>

Inflation defies monetary antidote, keeps rising

- A daunting challenge left to the new government is stubborn inflation as its month-on-month rate has been on upturn over the last three months in defiance of the contractionary monetary-policy antidote, analysts say. Despite applying a more-than-a year-long tight monetary policy under the immediate-past interim government, point-to-point inflation started swelling in November last after a small fall in October to 8.19%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/inflation-defies-monetary-antidote-keeps-rising-1771783949>

Govt faces USD 30 Bn debt servicing bill

- Bangladesh is set to spend over USD 30 Bn this fiscal year to service its debts, covering both principal repayments and interest on domestic and foreign loans, according to projections by the International Monetary Fund. According to IMF data, Bangladesh's total public debt now stands at USD 188.79 Bn, which includes USD 101.24 Bn in domestic borrowing and USD 87.55 Bn in foreign loans.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-faces-30b-debt-servicing-bill-4112581>

TCB incurs BDT 14.12 Bn deficit in FY25 from subsidised sales

- The Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) incurred a deficit of around BDT 14.12 Bn in fiscal year 2024-25 from subsidised sales of sugar, soybean oil and lentils under its family card and open truck programmes.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tcb-incurs-tk1412cr-deficit-fy25-subsidised-sales-1368666>

Dollar declines

- The dollar declined in volatile trading on Friday and was poised to snap a four-session streak of gains after the US Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs based on a national emergency law.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-declines-4112411>

RMG | 2025 RMG exports to US increase 11.75pc

- Local garment items fetched USD 8.20 Bn last year, recording 11.75% growth from USD 7.34 Bn in 2024, according to the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA). In this period, Bangladesh shipped 2.66 Bn square metres (SME) of apparel, marking 12.36% growth. Managing director of Sparrow Group attributes the overall growth to the pre-tariff additional work orders and advanced shipments in fear of high tariffs until July.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/2025-rmg-exports-to-us-increase-1175pc>

BANK | BB cuts down-payment requirement to 1.0pc

- Current 2.0% mandatory down payment to get default loans regularised has been halved in a latest government measure to stem non-performing loan (NPL) buildup in Bangladesh's banking sector. BB official has said many banks informed them that many borrowers who received policy supports have faced difficulties in paying 2.0% down payment in one go. As a matter of fact, the banks kept requesting them to relax the regulation.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-cuts-down-payment-requirement-to-10pc>

JUTE | Bangladesh Bank extends loan rescheduling deadline for raw jute exporters

- Bangladesh Bank on Sunday extended the deadline for raw jute exporters to apply for loan rescheduling, aiming to support businesses facing liquidity challenges and help regularise defaulted loans.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-bank-extends-loan-rescheduling-deadline-for-raw-jute-exporters>

ENERGY | BERC slashes furnace oil price by BDT 16

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has reduced the retail price of furnace oil by BDT 15.90 per litre, setting the new rate at BDT 70.10, down from BDT 86.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/berc-slashes-furnace-oil-price-by-tk-16>

ENERGY | No power tariff hike likely in two years

- The new government plans to cut system loss to 5.0% from the current 7.0% to avoid rate hikes. Currently, average retail-level electricity tariff is BDT 8.95 per unit and bulk electricity tariff BDT 7.04 per unit on average.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/no-power-tariff-hike-likely-in-two-years-1771783373>

RMG | China (Hong Kong) firm to invest USD 19.59 Mn in RMG factory at Uttara EPZ

- Tianford Bangladesh Textile Co., Ltd., a China (Hong Kong)-based company, has signed a land lease agreement with the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) to establish a garment manufacturing facility at Uttara Export Processing Zone (EPZ), with an investment of USD 19.59 Mn.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/china-hong-kong-firm-to-invest-1959m-in-rmg-factory-at-uttara-epz>

MFS | MP Arman seeks to line up investors for Nagad

- Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem Arman, a newly elected lawmaker, has expressed interest in bringing fresh investment into the troubled mobile financial services provider Nagad. Bangladesh Bank Governor said the central bank had received various proposals regarding Nagad, but none it considered serious so far. A forensic auditor appointed by BB and ACC found preliminary evidence of BDT 23.0 Bn corruption under the previous management.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/jamaat-mp-arman-seeks-line-investors-nagad-4112486>

REAL ESTATE | Rising borrowing costs stall mid-segment housing market

- Surging home loan interest rates have brought Bangladesh's mid-segment housing market to a near standstill in 2025, squeezing salaried buyers and sharply raising monthly instalments beyond affordability. Interest rates rose to as high as 17% in January 2024, up from a maximum of 9% in January 2022, and remained elevated through January 2026. Senior executive director of Concord Group added that sales have declined by at least 30% industry-wide.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rising-borrowing-costs-stall-mid-segment-housing-market-4112466>

Election pledges to be reflected in next budget, 8% tax-GDP target set: Finance minister

- Newly appointed Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury has instructed the authorities to ensure that the government's election pledges are reflected in the upcoming national budget, signalling the administration's intent to implement its commitments from the very first fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/election-pledges-be-reflected-next-budget-8-tax-gdp-target-set-finance-minister-1367826>

Trump says he will raise US global tariff rate from 10 to 15%

- President Donald Trump said he will raise temporary tariffs on almost all US imports from 10% to 15%, the maximum level allowed under the law, after the US Supreme Court struck down his previous tariff programme as invalid.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/trump-says-he-will-raise-us-global-tariff-rate-from-10-to-15-percent>

BD-US reciprocal tariff deal's status unclear

- A landmark ruling by the US Supreme Court torpedoing Trump tariffs effectively upsets Bangladesh's trade arrangements with the USA. As the required exchange of formal notifications remains incomplete, the deal's current status is still unclear. According to Managing Director of Sparrow Group, if any agreement entered into by a US government department - including the Office of the US Trade Representative (USTR) - was based on modifying or applying the reciprocal tariffs, then that specific portion of the agreement would lose its legal standing. However, he clarifies that other components of trade agreements not directly linked to the reciprocal tariffs, such as commercial buying and selling commitments, would remain valid unless separately challenged.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bd-us-reciprocal-tariff-deals-status-unclear>

Bangladesh economy broadly remained stable in Q1FY26: BB

- The Bangladesh economy broadly remained stable in Q1FY26, supported by exchange rate stability, a resilient external sector, and continued policy tightening, according to the latest quarterly report of Bangladesh Bank. According to the latest Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, industrial growth rose to 6.97% in Q1 of FY26, a significant improvement from 2.38% in the previous quarter and 3.59% in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-economy-broadly-remained-stable-q1fy26-bb-1366321>

Forex reserves climb past USD 30 Bn as BB steps up dollar purchases

- The country's foreign exchange reserves have crossed the USD 30 Bn mark, Bangladesh Bank officials said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forex-reserves-climb-past-30b-bb-steps-dollar-purchases-1366446>

UN CDP to assess Bangladesh's graduation readiness as 3-year deferral sought

- A five-day meeting of the UN Committee for Development Policy (UN CDP) is set to begin tomorrow in New York City, where Bangladesh's graduation-related submission will be assessed.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-cdp-assess-bangladeshs-graduation-readiness-3-year-deferral-sought-1367661>

Remittance inflow crosses USD 2 Bn in just 18 days of February

- Expatriate Bangladeshis have sent over USD 2.0 Bn in remittances during the first 18 days of February, as money transfers surged ahead of Ramadan and Eid.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-crosses-2-billion-in-just-18-days-of-february>

Continue coordinated fiscal, monetary policies to tame inflation

- In a transition note, former Finance Adviser urged the newly elected government to maintain coordinated fiscal and monetary policies to sustain macroeconomic stability and keep inflation under control.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/continue-coordinated-fiscal-monetary-policies-to-tame-inflation>

Revenue lags, costly mega projects raise external debt risks

- High-cost infrastructure projects awarded largely through non-competitive contracts, coupled with weak revenue mobilisation, are increasing Bangladesh's exposure to external public debt risks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/revenue-lags-costly-mega-projects-raise-external-debt-risks-1367161>

BANK | Positive real returns draw savings into banks

- Savers have been earning positive real returns since June 2025 as deposit rates have remained above the inflation. Bankers said liquidity conditions and competition for funds influenced deposit pricing during the period, although the overall trajectory remained favourable for savers. Managing Director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) told depositors keep their money mostly in FDRs, which remain at 10% or above in the market. He added that deposits in the banking system have remained strong due to steady remittance inflows, otherwise, the gap might have widened.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/positive-real-returns-draw-savings-into-banks>

New govt faces fiscal space squeeze

- A total of 86 development projects, stalled for more than a decade despite having an approved estimated cost of BDT 4.76 Tn, significantly squeezed the previous government's fiscal space, potentially limiting the new administration's ability to take up fresh schemes, officials at the Planning Commission say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/new-govt-faces-fiscal-space-squeeze>

TEXTILE | Restricting yarn imports could cost US 2.4 Bn, put 0.4m jobs at risk

- BGMEA has told Finance Ministry that restrictive measures on imported cotton yarn could trigger a staggering USD 2.4 Bn annual cost shock for the export-oriented apparel sector and put up to 0.4 Mn jobs at risk. They have urged the government to adopt a phased 10-year transition roadmap.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/restricting-yarn-imports-could-cost-24b-put-04m-jobs-at-risk>

BANK | Banks' interbank, BB borrowings plummet amid credit demand squeeze

- Commercial banks' interbank and central-bank borrowings have plummeted due to a sharp decline in private-sector credit demand and increased liquidity from the central bank's foreign-exchange market interventions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/banks-interbank-bb-borrowings-plummet-amid-credit-demand-squeeze>

BANK | Ansar-VDP Development Bank seeks 3-yr extension

- Ansar-VDP Development Bank has sought extension of the state guarantee on a BDT 10 Bn "Agriculture and Rural Credit" facility for another three years. The bank management said repayment of as much as BDT 10.32 Bn (including interest) by that date could trigger a severe liquidity crisis for it.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/ansar-udp-development-bank-seeks-3-yr-extension>

BANK | Half of all large loans now NPLs

- Over half of all loan accounts exceeding BDT 500 Mn turned non-performing by Sep'25; in BDT 400–500 Mn bracket, the ratio jumped to 46.8%; 44.6% in BDT 300–400 Mn range; 40.5% in BDT 200–300 Mn range, 48.1% in BDT 100–200 Mn; 27.9% in BDT 10–100 Mn segment; while classified loans up to BDT 10 Mn rose to 15.2%.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/291731/half-of-all-large-loans-now-npls>

TELECOM | BTRC adds new frequency bands for NGSO satellite

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has appended new frequency bands for Non-Geostationary Orbit (NGSO) satellite services, signalling a significant regulatory move to meet the growing demand for next-generation satellite connectivity in Bangladesh.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/btrc-adds-new-frequency-bands-for-ngso-satellite>

NBFI | Cenbank eyes pre-Eid liquidation for six NBFIs, awaits govt fund release

- The Bangladesh Bank is fully prepared to begin the liquidation of six struggling non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs). A senior central bank official told that BDT 56.0 Bn has been sought from the Finance Division to carry out the liquidation. In the first phase, BDT 26.0 Bn will be provided, while rest will be paid by June. He added that as soon as the first instalment is received, BB will appoint administrators in the institutions concerned.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-eyes-pre-eid-liquidation-six-nbfis-awaits-govt-fund-release-1366576>

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | BSEC earnings drop 14% in FY25

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) reported a 14% decline in its overall earnings to BDT 1.05 Bn in the 2024–25 fiscal year, mainly due to a sharp fall in income from fines, fees and licensing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-earnings-drop-14-fy25-1371346>

MUTUAL FUND | CDBL to apply for custodian licence to strengthen MF oversight

- Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd. (CDBL) is set to apply for a custodian license within a week to expand its services and enhance oversight in the mutual fund industry following recent embezzlement scandals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cdbl-to-apply-for-custodian-licence-to-strengthen-mf-oversight-1772038747>

ACI | Mitsui & Co. Asia Pacific signs strategic partnership with ACI Logistics (Shwapno)

- Mitsui & Co., Ltd. has agreed to provide a foreign currency-denominated convertible loan to ACI Logistics Limited, marking a strategic partnership aimed at supporting the expansion of the Shwapno retail chain.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/mitsui-co-asia-pacific-signs-strategic-partnership-with-aci-logistics-shwapno>

EXCHANGE | Probe launched into Associated Oxygen's alleged IPO malpractices

- The market regulator has begun an investigation into Associated Oxygen over alleged irregularities in its initial public offering (IPO) application. There was also an allegation that the company issued 50.8 Mn pre-IPO shares, which were equivalent to 63% of its pre-IPO paid-up capital. Currently, the company's paid-up capital is BDT 1.09 Bn. NRB Equity Management was accused of forging the signature of the acting managing director and CEO of BD Finance Capital, the issue manager as per the company's IPO prospectus.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/probe-launched-into-associated-oxygens-alleged-ipo-malpractices-1771949548>

MIDLANDBNK | Imtiaz U. Ahmed new MD & CEO of Midland Bank

- Midland Bank has appointed Imtiaz U. Ahmed as its new managing director & CEO, who has been in the banking sector for over 25 years, including tenures at Shahjalal Islami Bank and Eastern Bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/imtiaz-u-ahmed-new-md-ceo-of-midland-bank-1772038932>

DOMINAGE | Dominage Steel rallies 120% despite losses, factory shutdown

- Dominage Steel Building Systems has continued its unabated rally despite having a significantly negative P/E (price-to-earnings) ratio and one of its factory units being shut down.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/dominage-steel-rallies-120pc-despite-losses-factory-shutdown>

BDSERVICE | InterContinental Hotel's losses narrow to BDT 380 Mn in H1

- Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL), the owner of InterContinental Dhaka, has reported a 24% year-on-year reduction in losses in H1FY26, though the company continues to struggle with heavy debt and accumulated losses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/intercontinental-hotels-losses-narrow-tk38cr-h1-1371351>

EXCHANGE | BSEC removes LR Global as asset manager of six mutual funds

- The decision was made during a BSEC board meeting earlier this month. The funds managed by LR Global Bangladesh Asset Management Company Limited include DBH First Mutual Fund, Green Delta Mutual Fund, AIBL First Islamic Mutual Fund, LR Global Bangladesh Mutual Fund-1, NCCBL Mutual Fund-1, and MBL First Mutual Fund.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-removes-lr-global-asset-manager-six-mutual-funds-1370411>

BRACBANK, DHAKABANK | bKash launches weekly Islamic DPS by Dhaka Bank

- bKash has recently added Dhaka Bank's short-term 'weekly' Islamic DPS in its app, said a press release. Through the bKash app, customers can now save at Dhaka Bank on a weekly instalment basis — from **BDT 250** to **BDT 5,000** — for a tenure of 6 or 12 months.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/mis/292072/bkash-launches-weekly-islamic-dps-by-dhaka-bank>

MIDLANDBNK | MDB launches digital nano loan facilities

- Midland Bank PLC recently launched 'MDB Digital Nano Loan' for all existing customers, marking a significant step in its digital banking journey. Loan amounts range from BDT 1,000 to BDT 50,000 with tenures of up to six months. Customers maintaining a minimum monthly balance of BDT 15,000 are eligible to apply.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/292077/mdb-launches-digital-nano-loan-facilities>

AL-HAJTEX | Regulator bars Al-Haj Textile from issuing stock dividends

- The market regulator has rejected the stock dividend proposal by Al-Haj Textile Mills for FY24, as the company failed to comply with regulatory conditions. The yarn manufacturer in December last year recommended 5% cash and 35% stock dividends for FY24 in an announcement delayed by more than a year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulator-bars-al-haj-textile-from-issuing-stock-dividends-1771859283>

OLYMPIC | Olympic Industries sees BDT 720 Mn shares change hands in block trade

- A total of 5 Mn shares were traded in the block market at BDT 144 per share during the session.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-sees-tk72cr-shares-change-hands-block-trade-1369496>

EXCHANGE | Dhaka stocks see BDT 2.70 Bn foreign outflow in 2025

- Foreign investment in the country's stock market weakened in 2025, with overseas investors pulling out a net BDT 2.70 Bn from equities amid economic fragility, market volatility and pre-election uncertainty, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange. The data shows that foreign investors sold shares worth BDT 20.95 Bn in 2025, while purchasing stocks valued at BDT 18.25 Bn, resulting in a net negative position of BDT 2.70 Bn for the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-see-tk270cr-foreign-outflow-2025-1369536>

MTB | MTB launches AI-powered PFM feature in flagship

- Mutual Trust Bank (MTB) has launched the country's first AI-powered personal financial management (PFM) feature, integrated into its flagship mobile banking platform, MTB Neo, according to a statement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/mtb-launches-ai-powered-pfm-feature-in-flagship-1771778201>

EXCHANGE | CSE platform ready, yet open-ended fund trading remains offline

- Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) completed setting up an online trading platform nearly a year ago and also conducted a mock trading session. To simplify the process of trading open-ended fund units, a separate clause was included in the revised mutual fund rules published in November last year. Managing director of the CSE said that asset managers are not interested in online trading in open-ended funds.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cse-platform-ready-yet-open-ended-fund-trading-remains-offline-1771778034>

EXCHANGE | Leo ICT Cables withdraws SME fundraising plan ahead of election

- Leo ICT Cables PLC has withdrawn its application to raise BDT 70 Mn from the SME platform of the stock market, stepping back amid political and economic uncertainties ahead of the national election.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/leo-ict-cables-withdraws-sme-fundraising-plan-ahead-election-1368676>

ROBI | Robi posts record BDT 9.37 Bn profit in 2025

- Robi Axiata achieved its highest-ever profit of BDT 9.37 Bn in 2025, despite only marginal revenue growth, crediting what it described as disciplined capital allocation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/robi-posts-record-tk-937-crore-profit-2025-4110056>

OLYMPIC | Aziz Mohammad Bhai announces plan to buy BDT 1.54 Bn worth of Olympic shares

- Aziz Mohammad Bhai, sponsor director and chairman of Olympic Industries Limited has announced his intention to purchase 10 Mn shares of the company through the block market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aziz-mohammad-bhai-announces-plan-buy-tk154cr-worth-olympic-shares-1365836>

BEXIMCO | BTRC cancels BEXIMCO's VSAT licence

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has cancelled the VSAT provider licence of Bangladesh Export Import Co. Ltd. (BEXIMCO), declaring it expired and cautioning that any continued operation under the licence would be treated as illegal.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/btrc-cancels-beximcos-vsats-licence>

PREMIERBAN | Premier Bank gets BDT 50.0 Bn in liquidity support from BB

- Premier Bank has received BDT 50.0 Bn in emergency liquidity support from Bangladesh Bank (BB) amid a deposit outflow. However, of the BDT 50.0 Bn, nearly BDT 40.0 Bn was deducted to meet its SLR (Statutory Liquidity Ratio) requirements.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/premier-bank-gets-tk-5000cr-liquidity-support-bb-4110281>

VAMLRBBF | Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund declares no dividend for 2025

- The Trustee Committee of Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund has declared no dividend for the year ended 31 December 2025, citing continued pressure on earnings despite signs of operational improvement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/vanguard-aml-rupali-bank-balanced-fund-declares-no-dividend-2025-1365811>

EXCHANGE | Past missteps haunt BSEC as fresh lobbying begins for top posts

- Strong lobbying has begun for the top positions at the securities regulator after the newly elected government assumed office last week. Market experts insist that the right leadership is imperative for the capital market to recover from decades-old wounds inflicted by fraud and self-serving policies.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/past-missteps-haunt-bsec-as-fresh-lobbying-begins-for-top-posts-1771695961>

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