

## Weekly Market Update

### Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-0.61%) lost -33.19 points and closed the week at 5,417.44 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-0.79%) lost -16.54 points and stood at 2,086.86 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-1.84%) lost -19.74 points and stood at 1,050.67 points. The large cap index CDSET (-0.47%) lost -5.15 points and closed at 1,101.49 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +11.35%, +12.59%, +4.99%, +9.62%, respectively.

**Total Turnover During The Week (DSE):** BDT 22.5 billion (USD 182 million)  
**Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV):** BDT 4.5 billion (Δ% Week: +13.9%)  
**Market P/E:** 11.8x

### Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-0.33%), remained negative on Monday (-0.61%) and Tuesday (-0.24%), turned positive on Wednesday (+0.87%), but turned negative again on Thursday (-0.29%).

### Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. Bank booked the highest gain of 0.60% followed by General Insurance (+0.27%). NBFi experienced the highest loss of 4.68% followed by Life Insurance (-2.34%), Mutual Fund (-1.87%).

All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Food & Allied experienced the highest loss of 2.92% followed by Engineering (-1.48%), Pharmaceutical (-1.26%), Telecommunication (-0.41%), and Fuel & Power (-0.18%).

### Macroeconomic Arena

Regulator intervenes as higher import payments roil forex market. NBR faces BDT 420 Bn revenue shortfall in Q1. Savings certificate sales on the rise, likely to exceed budget target as bank deposit rates fall. Govt seeks World Bank funding for MRT Line-2. BB eyes 3-3.5 percentage-point rise in tax-GDP ratio through digitisation. Execute logistics policy without delay to stay competitive: ADB. NBR asks BTTC to assess impact of tariff cuts. BBS preps to adjust GDP series for new fiscal calendar. Out-of-pocket medical bills push 10.8 Mn into poverty. INSURANCE | IDRA sets qualification rules for insurance CFOs. Indian firm L&T wins USD 1.0 Bn Dhaka Metro contracts. Gas crisis slows machinery imports.

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### Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | BSEC nods BDT 35 Bn in bonds to boost capital market. BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's nine-month profit jumps 38% to BDT 21.21 Bn. IDLC | IDLC Finance's Q3 profit up 17% on improved asset quality. SUMITPOWER | Summit Power profit surges 173% in FY26, declares 10.50% cash dividend. TRUSTBANK, BRACBANK | Trust Bank savings schemes now available on bKash. ROBI | Data revenue drives up Robi's Q3 profit by 4%. UPGDCL | United Power: Reduced power generation causes revenue slide. UCB | Firms linked to UCB chairman eye BDT 1 Bn bank stake. BRACBANK | Bkash's Q3 profit falls 25%. BATBC | BAT Bangladesh's Q3 profit plunges 67% to BDT 998.4 Mn. RAKCERAMIC | Gas disruption pushes RAK Ceramics into the red in Q3. RUNNERAUTO | Runner Automobiles' FY26 profit up 142%, fueled by higher sales, cost control. TITASGAS | Titas Gas loss down on lower sales tax.

## DSEX ended in Red (-0.61%) in the week

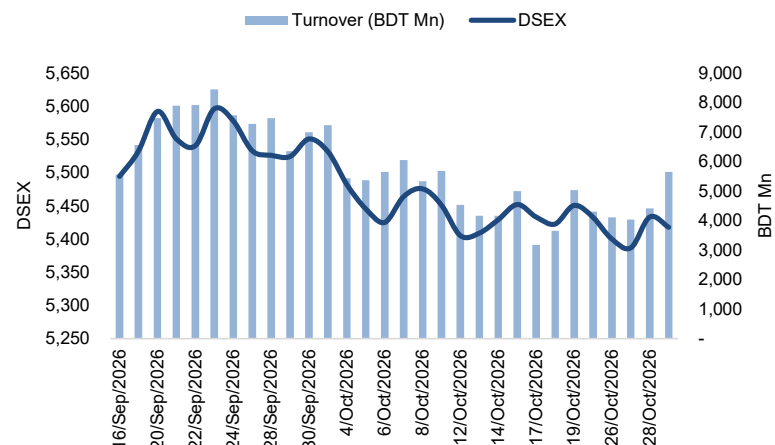
Table 1: Index

| Index | Closing* | Opening* | Δ(Pts) | 30-Dec-2025 | Δ% Week | Δ% YTD |
|-------|----------|----------|--------|-------------|---------|--------|
| DSEX  | 5,417.44 | 5,450.63 | -33.19 | 4,865.34    | -0.61%  | 11.35% |
| DS30  | 2,086.86 | 2,103.40 | -16.54 | 1,853.54    | -0.79%  | 12.59% |
| DSES  | 1,050.67 | 1,070.40 | -19.74 | 1,000.72    | -1.84%  | 4.99%  |
| CDSET | 1,101.49 | 1,106.64 | -5.15  | 1,004.81    | -0.47%  | 9.62%  |

Table 2: Market Statistics

|               |           | This Week | Last Week | % Change |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Mcap          | Mn BDT    | 6,744,763 | 6,815,877 | -1.04%   |
|               | Mn USD    | 54,518    | 55,093    |          |
| Turnover      | Mn BDT    | 22,504    | 11,856    | 89.81%   |
|               | Mn USD    | 182       | 96        |          |
| Average Daily | Mn BDT    | 4,501     | 3,952     | 13.88%   |
|               | Mn USD    | 36        | 32        |          |
| Volume        | Mn Shares | 871       | 407       | 113.95%  |

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   |
|--------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|------------|-------|------|
| 1STPRIMFMF   | 39.1   | 32.1  | +21.8% | 782    | 414.4      | NM    | 4.0x |
| LIBRAINFU    | 599.6  | 502.3 | +19.4% | 1,351  | 46.2       | NM    | 0.7x |
| PREMIERLEA   | 2.0    | 1.7   | +17.6% | 266    | 7.5        | NM    | NM   |
| MIRACLEIND   | 30.4   | 26.1  | +16.5% | 1,071  | 71.2       | NM    | 1.5x |
| HFL          | 11.1   | 9.8   | +13.3% | 1,011  | 5.3        | NM    | 0.4x |
| PLFSL        | 1.8    | 1.6   | +12.5% | 514    | 14.8       | NM    | NM   |
| PRIMEFIN     | 2.8    | 2.5   | +12.0% | 764    | 4.7        | NM    | NM   |
| CAPMIBLMF    | 16.7   | 15.0  | +11.3% | 1,116  | 82.7       | NM    | 2.0x |
| KPCL         | 11.0   | 9.9   | +11.1% | 4,372  | 41.0       | 21.6x | 0.6x |
| UCB          | 9.1    | 8.2   | +11.0% | 21,163 | 49.4       | NM    | 0.3x |

**Table 4: Top Ten Losers**

| Company Name | Close* | Open* | Δ%     | Mcap** | Turnover** | PE    | PB    |
|--------------|--------|-------|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|
| MIRAKHTER    | 25.0   | 30.9  | -19.1% | 3,019  | 47.8       | NM    | 0.6x  |
| RSRMSTEEL    | 6.3    | 7.4   | -14.9% | 637    | 1.4        | NM    | 0.1x  |
| ISNLTD       | 40.3   | 47.2  | -14.6% | 440    | 35.1       | NM    | 21.1x |
| BBS          | 8.8    | 10.3  | -14.6% | 1,434  | 15.9       | NM    | 0.8x  |
| SINGERBD     | 67.1   | 76.3  | -12.1% | 6,690  | 8.1        | NM    | NM    |
| ANLIMAYARN   | 27.8   | 31.4  | -11.5% | 497    | 1.5        | NM    | 9.8x  |
| KAY&QUE      | 363.0  | 409.4 | -11.3% | 2,538  | 98.9       | 32.3x | 3.2x  |
| ICB          | 32.9   | 37.0  | -11.1% | 28,533 | 14.8       | NM    | 1.1x  |
| ICBSONALI1   | 7.7    | 8.6   | -10.5% | 770    | 174.7      | NM    | 0.8x  |
| DESHBANDHU   | 12.9   | 14.4  | -10.4% | 792    | 13.5       | NM    | 1.0x  |

**Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares**

| Company Name | Close* | Open* | Δ%     | Mcap**  | Turnover** | PE    | PB    |
|--------------|--------|-------|--------|---------|------------|-------|-------|
| BRACBANK     | 67.5   | 67.8  | -0.4%  | 154,546 | 893.7      | 6.5x  | 1.2x  |
| PRIMEBANK    | 29.4   | 29.5  | -0.3%  | 35,827  | 679.6      | 3.7x  | 0.7x  |
| CITYBANK     | 29.8   | 29.6  | +0.7%  | 52,132  | 625.4      | 3.4x  | 0.8x  |
| SAIHAMTEX    | 44.5   | 47.6  | -6.5%  | 4,030   | 466.5      | NM    | 1.0x  |
| MATINSPINN   | 83.4   | 78.3  | +6.5%  | 8,131   | 466.3      | 13.1x | 1.2x  |
| ANWARGALV    | 113.4  | 119.6 | -5.2%  | 3,423   | 447.0      | 13.7x | 11.8x |
| 1STPRIMFMF   | 39.1   | 32.1  | +21.8% | 782     | 414.4      | NM    | 4.0x  |
| BXPBARMA     | 143.7  | 145.7 | -1.4%  | 64,106  | 377.3      | 7.1x  | 1.0x  |
| SPCL         | 55.9   | 53.4  | +4.7%  | 10,433  | 369.5      | 9.3x  | 1.3x  |
| SONALIANSH   | 203.5  | 226.3 | -10.1% | 2,208   | 365.1      | 56.4x | 0.9x  |

**Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

| Company Name | Close* | YTD %Δ | Mcap** | PE    | PB   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| SHASHADNIM   | 26.4   | +69.2% | 3,723  | 25.6x | 0.6x |
| IPDC         | 29.4   | +63.3% | 12,630 | 24.7x | 1.7x |
| BARKAPOWVER  | 9.8    | +46.3% | 2,308  | 8.9x  | 0.4x |
| ENVOYTEX     | 70.6   | +45.6% | 11,842 | 8.6x  | 1.2x |
| PIONEERINS   | 65.2   | +44.7% | 6,695  | 11.8x | 1.4x |
| POWERGRID    | 38.6   | +44.6% | 35,273 | 8.7x  | 0.3x |
| BSRMSTEEL    | 90.6   | +43.6% | 34,061 | 4.8x  | 0.9x |
| BXPBARMA     | 143.7  | +40.7% | 64,106 | 7.1x  | 1.0x |
| CITYBANK     | 29.8   | +40.5% | 52,132 | 3.4x  | 0.8x |
| UCB          | 9.1    | +31.2% | 21,163 | NM    | 0.3x |

**Table 7: Sector Indices**

| Sector Name            | Week Close* | Week Open* | Year Open* | Δ% Week | Δ% YTD  |
|------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|
| Bank                   | 1,567.7     | 1,558.4    | 1,367.20   | +0.60%  | +14.66% |
| NBFI                   | 974.9       | 1,022.8    | 860.23     | -4.68%  | +13.34% |
| Mutual Fund            | 642.9       | 655.1      | 478.27     | -1.87%  | +34.41% |
| General Insurance      | 4,284.9     | 4,273.4    | 2,879.11   | +0.27%  | +48.83% |
| Life Insurance         | 1,640.6     | 1,679.9    | 1,691.42   | -2.34%  | -3.00%  |
| Telecommunication      | 4,331.8     | 4,349.6    | 4,431.51   | -0.41%  | -2.25%  |
| Pharmaceutical         | 3,006.8     | 3,045.1    | 2,764.29   | -1.26%  | +8.77%  |
| Fuel & Power           | 1,092.8     | 1,094.7    | 996.11     | -0.18%  | +9.71%  |
| Cement                 | 1,833.5     | 1,932.0    | 1,739.18   | -5.10%  | +5.43%  |
| Services & Real Estate | 1,056.6     | 1,064.8    | 949.82     | -0.77%  | +11.25% |
| Engineering            | 2,459.4     | 2,496.4    | 2,290.78   | -1.48%  | +7.36%  |
| Food & Allied          | 11,504.4    | 11,850.9   | 12,942.72  | -2.92%  | -11.11% |
| IT                     | 2,156.7     | 2,202.6    | 1,703.25   | -2.08%  | +26.62% |
| Textile                | 1,314.4     | 1,328.9    | 1,060.76   | -1.10%  | +23.91% |
| Paper & Printing       | 4,170.5     | 4,380.0    | 4,485.61   | -4.78%  | -7.02%  |
| Tannery                | 1,963.9     | 1,987.6    | 1,806.05   | -1.20%  | +8.74%  |
| Jute                   | 12,573.6    | 13,791.3   | 11,805.57  | -8.83%  | +6.51%  |
| Ceramics               | 398.4       | 419.3      | 370.10     | -4.98%  | +7.65%  |
| Miscellaneous          | 2,385.2     | 2,416.9    | 3,881.56   | -1.31%  | -38.55% |

**Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix**

| Sector Name            | Daily Avg this Week | Daily Avg last Week | % Change | % of Total Turnover | PE    | PB   |
|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|---------------------|-------|------|
| Bank                   | 759.9               | 542.2               | +40.15%  | +18.40%             | 6.8x  | 0.7x |
| NBFI                   | 75.8                | 129.8               | -41.66%  | +1.83%              | NM    | 1.0x |
| Mutual Fund            | 266.4               | 265.8               | +0.22%   | +6.45%              | NM    | 0.5x |
| General Insurance      | 415.8               | 458.8               | -9.37%   | +10.07%             | 17.1x | 1.7x |
| Life Insurance         | 88.3                | 96.8                | -8.71%   | +2.14%              | NM    | NM   |
| Telecommunication      | 41.8                | 25.8                | +61.65%  | +1.01%              | 10.4x | 3.7x |
| Pharmaceutical         | 486.4               | 373.2               | +30.34%  | +11.78%             | 9.8x  | 1.4x |
| Fuel & Power           | 293.2               | 155.4               | +88.67%  | +7.10%              | 9.3x  | 0.6x |
| Cement                 | 34.5                | 18.4                | +87.67%  | +0.84%              | 23.5x | 1.9x |
| Services & Real Estate | 100.5               | 48.4                | +107.56% | +2.43%              | 30.8x | 0.4x |
| Engineering            | 353.0               | 311.0               | +13.50%  | +8.55%              | 13.3x | 0.8x |
| Food & Allied          | 112.7               | 84.8                | +33.02%  | +2.73%              | 41.2x | 2.7x |
| IT                     | 79.3                | 78.4                | +1.18%   | +1.92%              | 45.4x | 1.8x |
| Textile                | 723.9               | 862.4               | -16.06%  | +17.53%             | NM    | 0.9x |
| Paper & Printing       | 32.1                | 34.3                | -6.26%   | +0.78%              | NM    | 1.9x |
| Tannery                | 21.3                | 24.7                | -13.86%  | +0.51%              | NM    | 1.4x |
| Jute                   | 73.2                | 114.3               | -35.92%  | +1.77%              | NM    | 1.7x |
| Ceramics               | 37.3                | 22.3                | +67.55%  | +0.90%              | NM    | 1.2x |
| Miscellaneous          | 134.6               | 117.3               | +14.72%  | +3.26%              | 34.7x | 1.0x |

**Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

| Company Name | Close*  | YTD %Δ | Mcap**  | PE    | PB    |
|--------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|-------|
| ISLAMIBANK   | 22.7    | -30.8% | 36,547  | NM    | 0.6x  |
| SINGERBD     | 67.1    | -20.6% | 6,690   | NM    | NM    |
| ACTIVEFINE   | 4.4     | -20.0% | 1,056   | NM    | 0.2x  |
| TRUSTBANK    | 13.3    | -19.3% | 13,882  | 4.7x  | 0.5x  |
| LINDEBD      | 625.4   | -16.6% | 9,518   | 28.7x | 2.9x  |
| BATBC        | 209.1   | -15.9% | 112,914 | 30.0x | 1.9x  |
| UNILEVERCL   | 1,952.9 | -9.2%  | 37,641  | 61.5x | 23.1x |
| HEIDELBCEM   | 197.1   | -8.8%  | 11,137  | NM    | 2.8x  |
| ACI          | 177.6   | -8.7%  | 15,599  | NM    | 2.1x  |
| MIRAKHTER    | 25.0    | -8.4%  | 3,019   | NM    | 0.6x  |

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## Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

### Regulator intervenes as higher import payments roil forex market

- The central bank sold USD 122 Mn to the commercial banks at BDT 124 per dollar on the interbank market, according to central bank officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/regulator-intervenes-as-higher-import-payments-roil-forex-market-1793212047>

### NBR faces BDT 420 Bn revenue shortfall in Q1

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) fell BDT 418.79 Bn short of its revenue target in Q1FY27, as collection grew by less than 2% year-on-year. The tax authority collected BDT 925.17 Bn in July-September against a target of BDT 1,343.96 Bn, according to NBR sources.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nbr-faces-tk-42000cr-revenue-shortfall-q1-4310091>

### Savings certificate sales on the rise, likely to exceed budget target as bank deposit rates fall

- Savings certificate sales are rising as falling bank deposit rates push ordinary savers towards an investment that they see as safer and offers relatively higher returns, with net sales in July-August already reaching nearly 29% of the government's target for the entire year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/savings-certificate-sales-rise-likely-exceed-budget-target-bank-deposit-rates-fall>

### Govt seeks World Bank funding for MRT Line-2

- The government has finally sent a formal request to the World Bank to provide funding for the 30.4-kilometre Metro Rail Line 2. The estimated cost for the metro line is USD 4.95 Bn at current exchange rate.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/transport/news/govt-seeks-world-bank-funding-mrt-line-2-4310266>

### BB eyes 3-3.5 percentage-point rise in tax-GDP ratio through digitisation

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has taken several initiatives to accelerate the digitisation of financial transactions to curb corruption, reduce transaction costs and boost revenue mobilisation, targeting an increase of 3 to 3.5 percentage points in the country's tax-to-GDP ratio within the next two years.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-eyes-3-35-percentage-point-rise-in-tax-gdp-ratio>

### Execute logistics policy without delay to stay competitive: ADB

- Bangladesh ought to begin implementing the National Logistics Policy (NLP) 2025 right now to stay competitive after graduation from the world's poor-country club, suggests the ADB while offering funds for the upgrades. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has held out a USD 200 Mn worth of policy-based lending programme for the policy execution, officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/execute-logistics-policy-without-delay-to-stay-competitive-adb-1793212379>

### NBR asks BTTC to assess impact of tariff cuts

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has sought an assessment from the Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission (BTTC) on whether import duty and tax cuts introduced in the FY2026-27 budget have reduced retail prices and benefited consumers.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-asks-bttc-to-assess-impact-of-tariff-cuts-1793212522>

### BBS preps to adjust GDP series for new fiscal calendar

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is preparing to measure gross domestic product (GDP) estimates under a new fiscal calendar, a shift that will require adjustments to historical data and parallel calculations to ensure meaningful year-on-year growth comparisons.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bbs-preps-to-adjust-gdp-series-for-new-fiscal-calendar-1793213128>

### Out-of-pocket medical bills push 10.8 Mn into poverty

- Out-of-pocket (OOP) healthcare expenditure pushed more than 6.4% of the population below the poverty line in 2022, a new government study has found. Average monthly household OOP payments (inflation adjusted) rose from BDT 1,241 in 2005 to BDT 3,238 in 2022.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/out-pocket-medical-bills-push-108cr-poverty-4310276>

### INSURANCE | IDRA sets qualification rules for insurance CFOs

- The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority directed all insurance companies to appoint qualified and professional chief financial officers, making prior approval from the regulator mandatory for such appointments.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/idra-sets-qualification-rules-insurance-cfos-4309986>

**Indian firm L&T wins USD 1.0 Bn Dhaka Metro contracts**

- India's infrastructure major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has secured contracts worth up to USD 1.0 Bn to design and build two key system packages for Dhaka Metro Rail Line 1.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/indian-firm-lt-wins-1b-dhaka-metro-contracts-4309131>

**Gas crisis slows machinery imports**

- In Q1FY27, fresh letters of credit (LCs) openings for capital machinery fell by 3.58% to USD 515 Mn. Similarly, LC settlements for manufacturing equipment declined by 2.56% to USD 433 Mn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gas-crisis-slows-machinery-imports-4309151>

**TELECOM | Telcos seek deeper cuts in spectrum renewal prices**

- Mobile phone operators have urged the telecom regulator to further cut spectrum renewal prices and allow payments in 20 equal annual instalments instead of 12. The Association of Mobile Telecom Operators of Bangladesh (AMTOB) welcomed the commission's proposal to extend the spectrum renewal tenure to 20 years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/telcos-seek-deeper-cuts-spectrum-renewal-prices-4309126>

**BANK | BB to relax lending rules for BDT 17 Bn City Group bailout**

- Eight private commercial banks are set to receive regulatory relief to extend BDT 17 Bn in fresh loans to debt-laden City Group, in a move aimed at keeping its operations running and ensuring supplies of essential commodities ahead of Ramadan. The banks are City Bank, Mutual Trust Bank, Prime Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank, Southeast Bank, Trust Bank, NCC Bank and Pubali Bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-relax-lending-rules-tk-1700cr-city-group-bailout-4307291>

**BANK | Janata Bank seeks urgent government intervention to save UAE operations**

- Janata Bank has sought urgent government intervention to avert the impending shutdown of its operations in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), after CBUAE appointed an administrator to oversee its local business and suspended approvals for cash withdrawals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/janata-bank-seeks-urgent-government-intervention-to-save-uae-operations-1793126103>

**BANK | BDT 19.58 Bn export incentives stuck in payment delays**

- The government owes commercial banks BDT 19.58 Bn in cash incentives for exports of goods and services, with payments for July, August, and September remaining unpaid.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tk1958cr-q1-export-incentives-stuck-payment-delays-1585081>

**NBFI | Financial cos asked to end spl rescheduling process by Dec**

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has directed all financial companies operating in the country to complete the process of receiving applications and obtaining board approval for providing special loan-rescheduling and-restructuring facilities to affected borrowers by December 31, 2026.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/financial-cos-asked-to-end-spl-rescheduling-process-by-dec-1793125460>

**Bangladesh begins FTA talks with Malaysia optimistically**

- Bangladesh and Malaysia Tuesday opened negotiations on a free-trade agreement (FTA) aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investment, as Dhaka looks for easy market access in post-graduation era. Officials hope the trade deal to be signed by 2027 with the Southeast Asian country-a gateway to a vast market in the ASEAN bloc.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-begins-fta-talks-with-malaysia-optimistically-1793125233>

**BD to seek final commitment on USD 1.1 Bn loan for MRT-5**

- Bangladesh will seek final commitment for USD 1.1 Bn loan from South Korea next week for co-financing the MRT-5 Southern-line project as the government is ready to start construction of the metro-rail route, officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-to-seek-final-commitment-on-11b-loan-for-mrt-5-1793125334>

**Fuel import payments push dollar rate to BDT 124**

- The US dollar has strengthened against the Bangladeshi taka as demand for foreign currency rose to settle state energy import bills. The dollar was traded at BDT 123.75 around the middle of October but climbed to BDT 124.20 on Tuesday.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/319840/fuel-import-payments-push-dollar-rate-to-tk-124>

**Ramadan essentials see rise in imports, LC openings**

- Imports of major essentials, including edible oil, sugar, chickpeas, red lentils and dates, have increased in the first four months of the current fiscal year, improving the supply outlook ahead of Ramadan.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ramadan-essentials-see-rise-imports-lc-openings-4309121>

**RMG | Trade unions for USD 300 minimum wage for RMG workers**

- RMG workers' unions on Monday demanded a minimum monthly wage of USD 300, equivalent to BDT 37,125, for entry-level workers in the next wage structure, almost three times the current BDT 12,500.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/319734/trade-unions-for-300-minimum-wage-for-rmg-workers>

**Over double the annual subsidy allocation gobbled up already**

- The state-run corporation had to spend BDT 163 Bn as LNG-import subsidy until October 15, while the entire financial year's subsidy amount earmarked in the 2026-27 budget is only BDT 65 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/over-double-the-annual-subsidy-allocation-gobbled-up-already-1793039808>

**TELECOM | Teletalk to acquire 700MHz spectrum**

- State-owned mobile operator Teletalk has begun the process of expanding its 4G network using the 700MHz band, aiming to improve coverage in rural and remote areas and strengthen indoor connectivity.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/319730/teletalk-to-acquire-700mhz-spectrum>

**Forex reserves stand at USD 36.41 Bn**

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 36.41 Bn, while Reserves calculated under the IMF's BPM6 methodology stood at USD 31.60 Bn.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/438698>

**Treasury bill yields rebound from three-year lows**

- The yield on 364-day Treasury bills climbed to 8.79% at the latest auction, from 8.74% a week earlier and 7.89% on 11 October.

<https://tob.news/treasury-bill-yields-rebound-from-three-year-lows/>

**Govt mulls joint venture import of TCB essentials with private firms**

- Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) is moving to import commodities through joint ventures with private companies, raising fresh questions over price control, transparency and the future of its public-service mandate.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/govt-mulls-joint-venture-import-of-tcb-essentials-with-pvt-firms-1793123861>

**Govt wants USD 1 Bn Korean budget support to tackle energy shocks**

- The government is looking to secure USD 1.0 Bn in budget support from South Korea to help manage the economic fallout, as rising energy costs put pressure on public finances and foreign exchange reserves.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-wants-1b-korean-budget-support-tackle-energy-shocks-4308156>

**How exposed is Bangladesh to a prolonged Saudi crisis?**

- Bangladesh is unlikely to see an immediate fall in remittances from Saudi Arabia even as Houthi attacks on the kingdom intensified from early October, but a slowdown in new migration could weigh on inflows.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/how-exposed-bangladesh-prolonged-saudi-crisis-4308171>

**BD to edge past India in 2026: IMF**

- Bangladesh is projected to surpass India in per-capita gross domestic product (GDP) in 2026, though the neighbouring country maintains a significantly stronger position in terms of overall economic size, purchasing power, and growth momentum, according to International Monetary Fund (IMF).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-to-edge-past-india-in-2026-imf-1793040545>

**BANK | Govt picks MDs of two State-Owned Banks from private banks**

- The government has nominated top executives for two state-owned commercial banks from private-sector lenders. Another public bank's managing director is picked from a different State-Owned Commercial Banks during the private-public reshuffle in top bank management.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-picks-mds-of-two-sobs-from-private-banks-1793039695>

**FTA talks with KL tomorrow**

- Bangladesh and Malaysia will hold the first round of negotiations on a free-trade agreement on Tuesday amid hope that the deal will narrow lopsided trade balance and help exporters stay competitive after LDC graduation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/fta-talks-with-kl-tomorrow-1792951988>

**Bangladesh's foreign debt repayments more than double aid inflows in Q1 of FY27**

- External debt servicing costs soared to USD 1,351.23 Mn, while foreign aid disbursements dropped sharply to USD 662.31 Mn, leaving net inflows deeply negative for the period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-foreign-debt-repayments-more-double-aid-inflows-q1-fy27-1582971>

**BANK | BB fights on to curb family grip on banks**

- Bangladesh Bank has held its ground on curbing family control of private banks in a new reform proposal, resisting pressure from the country's powerful bank owners.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-fights-curb-family-grip-banks-4307481>

**BANK | BB to run alternative to SWIFT for local LCs**

- Bangladesh Bank will shift the processing of local back-to-back LCs from the international SWIFT network to a domestic messaging system next month. The system will reduce around BDT 750 Mn costs for banks annually.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/319567/bb-to-run-alternative-to-swift-for-local-lcs>

**BANK | Sikder Group's stolen USD 500 Mn funds abroad**

- Seven banks and an international asset-recovery consortium squabble over an agreement on repatriating Sikder Group's stolen assets worth around USD 1.0 Bn detected abroad.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/sikder-groups-stolen-500m-funds-abroad-1792951681>

**Bangladesh requests USD 2.0 Bn ADB budget support**

- Bangladesh has recently placed a request for USD 2.0 Bn in budgetary support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for accelerating switch from expensive imported fossil fuels to renewables.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-requests-20b-adb-budget-support>

**ENERGY | Govt to buy six LNG cargoes from BP Singapore, Qatar**

- Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase approved proposal to purchase five LNG cargoes from BP Singapore at a price of USD 0.17/MMBtu below the Japan-Korea Marker (JKM) benchmark.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-buy-six-lng-cargoes-bp-singapore-qatar-1582056>

**RMG | IBC demands USD 260 minimum wage for garment workers**

- The IndustriALL Bangladesh Council (IBC) has demanded a minimum monthly wage of USD 260 for garment workers, citing rising living costs and market volatility.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/ibc-demands-260-minimum-wage-for-garment-workers-1792946513>

**Global crude oil prices hit six-month high on Middle East conflict, fears of US strikes on Iran**

- Brent crude climbs to USD 116.72 a barrel, its highest close since April, as fears of potential US strikes on Iran and attacks on Saudi energy infrastructure fuel supply concerns. Global crude oil prices surged to a six-month high as investor anxieties mounted over potential US military strikes against Iran in the coming weeks alongside escalating regional conflict in the Middle East.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/world/global-economy/global-crude-oil-prices-hit-six-month-high-middle-east-conflict-fears-us>

**Japan to arrange private investments worth USD 6.36 Bn in Bangladesh**

- Japan will agree to arrange USD 6.36 Bn in private sector investments in Bangladesh over the next five years. The investments are expected to go into automobile and other manufacturing industries, as well as the construction of energy facilities.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/japan-to-arrange-private-investments-worth-636b-in-bangladesh>

**ADP implementation drops to 3.89% in Q1**

- The government's Annual Development Programme (ADP) implementation rate fell to 3.89% in Q1FY27, the lowest level recorded in at least four years, signifying a sluggish start to public development spending.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/metro-news/adp-implementation-drops-to-389pc-in-q1-1792949202>

### **Bangladesh may feel demand-driven volatility on forex market**

- Bangladesh could feel renewed volatility in the foreign-exchange market as higher international prices of fuels and fertilisers fatten their import bills that increase demand for the US dollar, financial experts say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bangladesh-may-feel-demand-driven-volatility-on-forex-market>

### **Money supply beating output growth pace fuels inflation**

- Money supply outpacing production growth in the economy ignites inflation in Bangladesh as government borrowing creates liquidity splurge while private-sector-credit flow slows amid production deceleration.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/money-supply-beating-output-growth-pace-fuels-inflation>

### **Govt explores Sukuk, dollar bonds for USD 1.3 Bn Matarbari Phase 2**

- The government is assessing domestic Sukuk, international dollar bonds, export credit agency (ECA) financing, and other borrowing options backed by sovereign guarantees to fund the second phase of the 1,320MW Matarbari coal-fired power plant as global development lenders refuse to finance fossil fuel projects.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/govt-explores-sukuk-dollar-bonds-13b-matarbari-phase-2-1581301>

### **One-person-co reg surges, but capital barrier persists**

- Registrations of one-person companies (OPCs) in Bangladesh are gathering pace, with 376 firms registered in the first three months of FY2026-27, but a high minimum paid-up capital requirement and regulatory hurdles continue to deter many small entrepreneurs, officials and experts say.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/one-person-co-reg-surges-but-capital-barrier-persists-1792863744>

### **BANK | Credit card transactions rise 30% YoY to BDT 40.89 Bn in August, dips 5.4% from July**

- Credit card transactions in Bangladesh reached BDT 40.89 Bn in August, marking a 30.03% year-on-year increase from BDT 31.44 Bn in August 2025. However, monthly spending dipped 5.44% compared to July's BDT 43.25 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/credit-card-transactions-rise-30-yoy-tk4089cr-august-dips-54-july-1578791>

### **Govt to ease capital repatriation to boost investor confidence**

- The government has planned to introduce a 30-day deadline for processing applications to repatriate profits from lawful foreign investments, alongside a series of financial reforms aimed at reducing business costs and strengthening investor confidence.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/319125/govt-to-ease-capital-repatriation-to-boost-investor-confidence>

### **Chasing 47% revenue growth: NBR launches sector-specific drives**

- A BDT 254.91 Bn revenue shortfall in just two months, despite a 47% or BDT 1.94 Tn growth target, has prompted the government to intensify tax collection drives. The pharmaceutical industry was the target in September. Another major sector has been selected for October.

<https://tob.news/chasing-47-revenue-growth-nbr-launches-sector-specific-drives/>

### **LC openings for petroleum imports surge 65% amid war**

- Letters of credit (LCs) opened for petroleum and petroleum product imports surged 65 percent year-on-year in the first quarter of the current fiscal year as the Middle East war has driven up global oil and gas prices, raising concerns over mounting pressure on government subsidies and the wider economy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/lc-openings-petroleum-imports-surge-65-amid-war-4302761>

### **Government debt ratio lower than India, Pakistan, several South Asian countries**

- According to the IMF-based figures for 2026 provided in the dataset, Bangladesh's government debt is estimated at around 40% of GDP, compared with around 83% for India, around 70% for Pakistan, around 95% for Sri Lanka, around 131% for the Maldives and around 116% for Bhutan.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/government-debt-ratio-lower-than-india-pakistan-several-south-asian-countries>

### **Middle East conflict threatens Bangladesh's remittance lifeline**

- Thousands of Bangladeshi migrant workers have been unable to join their jobs in Saudi Arabia amid intensified Houthi attacks this month, raising concerns over the country's remittance inflows and economic stability.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/middle-east-conflict-threatens-bangladeshs-remittance-lifeline>

**BANK | Balance stagnates at BDT 18.3 Tn as lending slowdown prolongs**

- The outstanding balance of private sector bank credit remained virtually unchanged between December 2025 and August 2026, reflecting a prolonged lending slowdown amid weak investment demand, subdued domestic consumption and businesses' reluctance to borrow. BB data show that the outstanding balance stood at BDT 18.303 Tn at the end of December 2025 and BDT 18.301 Tn in August 2026.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/private-sector-credit-balance-stagnates-at-tk-183t-as-lending-slowdown-prolongs>

**BANK | Cenbank sells USD 20 Mn to curb dollar rate hike**

- Bangladesh Bank has sold USD 20 Mn from its foreign exchange reserves to commercial banks after the dollar rate apparently threatened to cross BDT 124.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-sells-20m-curb-dollar-rate-hike-1578086>

**BANK | Invest Bangladesh, China Exim Bank seek Chinese banks' entry into Bangladesh**

- Invest Bangladesh and the Export-Import Bank of China have sought the entry of Chinese banks into Bangladesh and the opening of local branches, citing opportunities arising from growing bilateral trade and investment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/china-exim-bank-invest-bangladesh-seek-attract-chinese-banks-trade-reaches-19bn-fy25>

**IT | IT exports grew 9% in FY26, but AI concerns mount**

- Bangladesh's IT exports grew moderately in FY26, but industry leaders warn that artificial intelligence could make the gains harder to sustain as it automates work traditionally outsourced to countries such as Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/it-exports-grew-9-fy26-ai-concerns-mount-4306506>

**ENERGY | Bangladesh scales down LNG import for costly alternative sourcing**

- With the Middle-Eastern supply lines staying war-disrupted, Bangladesh scales down November LNG imports due to costly alternative sourcing. Sources have said the government is set to import 9 LNG cargoes in November, 10% less than October imports, to regasify in its two operational floating LNG terminals.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-scales-down-lng-import-for-costly-alternative-sourcing>

**ENERGY | Govt plans BDT 5.92 Bn project for two Titas wells**

- The government plans to drill two new wells at the Titas Gas Field at a cost of BDT 5.92 Bn to increase domestic gas production by around 30 Mn mmcf.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-plans-tk-592cr-project-two-titas-wells-4305221>

**TELECOM | BTRC plans two-phase NEIR rollout from January to curb BDT 20 Bn annual revenue loss**

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has drawn up a two-phase plan to reactivate the National Equipment Identification Register (NEIR), with the first phase scheduled for January 1, 2027, to curb tax evasion involving illegal mobile handsets and address security risks and financial fraud linked to unregistered and cloned devices.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/neir-rollout-aims-to-curb-tk-20b-tax-evasion-from-illegal-handsets>

**TELECOM | BTRC allows Viasat for in-flight internet service with USD 2,000 annual fee**

- Bangladesh's telecom regulator has recommended authorising US-based Viasat to provide satellite-based internet connectivity to foreign aircraft operating in the country's airspace, with a proposed annual fee of USD 2,000 that a regulatory committee has suggested reconsidering.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/robi-banglalink-users-can-spend-tk-50000-yearly-mobile-balances-4305226>

**BANK | Banks' dollar holdings rise to USD 4.29 Bn in Sept**

- The foreign currency holdings of the commercial banks rose to USD 4.29 Bn in September from USD 4.13 Bn in August, supported by export earnings and strong remittance inflows.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/318812/banks-dollar-holdings-rise-to-429b-in-sept>

**BANK | Deposits surge at Shariah units of conventional banks**

- Deposits at the Islamic branches of conventional banks rose 32.53% in August 2026, while those at full-fledged Islamic banks fell 1.69%. Deposits at full-fledged Islamic banks fell to BDT 3.92 Tn in August 2026, while those at Islamic branches of conventional banks rose to BDT 516.60 Bn and at Islamic windows increased by 28.13% to BDT 314.11 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/318966/deposits-surge-at-shariah-units-of-conventional-banks>

**RMG | Denim exports to EU rise 12.71% in August**

- Bangladesh's denim exports to the European Union grew 12.71% year-on-year in August 2026 to EUR 134.08 Mn, from EUR 118.96 Mn a year earlier.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/denim-exports-to-eu-rise-1271pc-in-august>

**RMG | Bangladesh-Japan trade passes USD 3.3 Bn on garment demand**

- Trade between Bangladesh and Japan has grown steadily over the past decade, mainly due to rising demand for competitively priced Bangladeshi garments.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-japan-trade-passes-33b-garment-demand-4304416>

**RMG | Protests across EU could squeeze apparel orders**

- Protests spreading like wildfires across France and other European countries are stoking concerns among garment exporters as prolonged unrest might weaken consumer spending and deepen pressure on apparel orders from Bangladesh's largest export market.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/protests-across-eu-could-squeeze-apparel-orders>

**HEALTHCARE | Billion-dollar medical device market unexplored, import dependence grows**

- Bangladesh imports nearly 90% of its medical equipment as a potential billion-dollar manufacturing opportunity is left largely untapped for policy shortcomings in the main. The market was estimated at USD 442 Mn in 2020 and projected to reach about USD 820 Mn by 2025, according to industry estimates cited in a sector study.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/billion-dollar-medical-device-market-unexplored-import-dependence-grows>

**INSURANCE | BFIU asks insurance companies to strengthen AML-CFT compliance**

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) has asked all life and non-life insurance companies to strengthen their AML/CFT compliance through regular self-assessments.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/318951/bfiu-asks-insurance-companies-to-strengthen-aml-cft-compliance>

## Important News: Stocks

### EXCHANGE | BSEC nods BDT 35 Bn in bonds to boost capital market

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has approved bonds worth BDT 35 Bn over the last five months to create new investment opportunities and expand long-term financing options through the capital market.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bsec-nods-tk-35-billion-in-bonds-to-boost-capital-market>

### BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's nine-month profit jumps 38% to BDT 21.21 Bn

- BRAC Bank PLC's consolidated net profit after tax rose 38% year-on-year to BDT 21.21 Bn in January-September 2026, up from BDT 15.36 Bn a year earlier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-bank-profit-reaches-tk2000cr-nine-months-1585836>

### IDLC | IDLC Finance's Q3 profit up 17% on improved asset quality

- IDLC Finance reported a 17% year-on-year growth in consolidated profit to BDT 2.07 Bn in Q3, mainly backed by improved asset quality. The company's NPL ratio declined to 4.09% in Q3 this year from 4.71% in the same quarter of the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idlc-finances-q3-profit-up-17pc-on-improved-asset-quality-1793208279>

### SUMITPOWER | Summit Power profit surges 173% in FY26, declares 10.50% cash dividend

- Summit Power Limited (SPL) reported a significant growth by 173% in its consolidated net profit for FY26, alongside recommending a 10.50% cash dividend for its shareholders. The company explained that consolidated EPS increased due to a lower impairment loss recognised against seven non-operating power plants.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/summit-power-profit-surges-173-fy26-declares-1050-cash-dividend-1584761>

### TRUSTBANK, BRACBANK | Trust Bank savings schemes now available on bKash

- Trust Bank customers can now open monthly deposit pension schemes (DPS) through the bKash app, with fixed deposits, loans and pay-later services set to be introduced in phases.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/trust-bank-savings-schemes-now-available-bkash-4310006>

### ROBI | Data revenue drives up Robi's Q3 profit by 4%

- Robi Axiata secured nearly 4% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 2.51 Bn in the third quarter through September this year, riding on higher revenue and improved operating efficiency. Revenue grew 7% year-on-year in the quarter to BDT 26.9 Bn, according to quarterly financial statements published on Wednesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/data-revenue-drives-up-robis-q3-profit-by-4pc-1793208203>

### UPGDCL | United Power: Reduced power generation causes revenue slide

- United Power Generation & Distribution Company's profit fell 23% year-on-year to BDT 9.24 Bn in FY26, as lower revenue and higher financing costs weighed on earnings. Due to the decline in earnings, the company slashed its cash dividend to 60% for FY26 from 65% a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/united-power-reduced-power-generation-causes-revenue-slide-1793208237>

### UCB | Firms linked to UCB chairman eye BDT 1 Bn bank stake

- Two companies associated with United Commercial Bank PLC (UCB) Chairman Sharif Zahir have expressed their intention to buy BDT 1.03 Bn worth of the bank's shares at yesterday's closing price, after the Bangladesh Bank recently eased the shareholding limit for the investors.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/firms-linked-ucb-chairman-eye-tk-100cr-bank-stake-4310096>

### BRACBANK | Bkash's Q3 profit falls 25%

- BKash Limited reported a 25% year-on-year decline in Q32026, as higher operating and administrative expenses weighed on earnings despite continued revenue growth.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/business-miscellany/320000/bkashs-q3-profit-falls-25pc>

### BATBC | BAT Bangladesh's Q3 profit plunges 67% to BDT 998.4 Mn

- British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh PLC's net profit fell 67.28% year on year to BDT 998.4 Mn in Q32026, as lower revenue and higher operating expenses weighed on earnings.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bat-bangladeshs-q3-profit-plunges-67-tk9984-crore-1586076>

**RAKCERAMIC | Gas disruption pushes RAK Ceramics into the red in Q3**

- RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Limited incurred a net loss of BDT 50 Mn in Q3'26, reversing from a profit a year earlier, as gas supply disruptions hampered production and increased operating costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/gas-disruption-pushes-rak-ceramics-red-q3-1584951>

**RUNNERAUTO | Runner Automobiles' FY26 profit up 142%, fueled by higher sales, cost control**

- Runner Automobiles posted 142% year-on-year growth in consolidated profit to BDT 300 Mn in FY26, driven by higher sales of four-wheeler commercial vehicles and electric two-wheelers, improved cost management and a recovery in its subsidiary's business.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/runner-automobiles-fy26-profit-up-142pc-fueled-by-higher-sales-cost-control-1793123730>

**TITASGAS | Titas Gas loss down on lower sales tax**

- Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution managed to reduce losses by 23% year-on-year to BDT 5.95 Bn in FY26, backed by lower sales tax.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/titas-gas-loss-down-on-lower-sales-tax-1793123795>

**DOREENPWR | Doreen Power exits DSE risk list as earnings rise 58%, dividend to 15%**

- Doreen Power Generations and Systems Ltd has been removed from the Dhaka Stock Exchange's (DSE) list of companies flagged over concerns about their ability to continue operations after its latest audited financial statements found no material uncertainty over its going concern.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/doreen-power-exits-dse-risk-list-earnings-rise-58-dividend-15-1583921>

**REGULATOR | BSEC reopens direct listing route to private companies**

- Large companies can now list their existing shares directly on the main boards of the country's stock exchanges without going through the traditional initial public offering (IPO) process, following the introduction of new rules by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bsec-reopens-direct-listing-route-private-companies-4306496>

**MIRAKHTER | Mir Akhter Hossain shares plunge 12% on zero dividend declaration**

- Shares of Mir Akhter Hossain Limited plummeted by 12.41% on 27 October after the company declared no dividend for the first time since its stock market listing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mir-akhter-hossain-shares-plunge-12-zero-dividend-declaration-1584971>

**GP | GP's Jan-Sept profit falls over 4% on lower revenue**

- Grameenphone's profit fell more than 4% year-on-year to BDT 21.72 Bn in the first nine months through September this year amid a decline in revenue in a challenging macroeconomic environment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/gps-jan-sept-profit-falls-over-4pc-on-lower-revenue-1793037739>

**UCB | Families, firms allowed to hold 30% shares at UCB Bank**

- Bangladesh Bank has exempted United Commercial Bank (UCB) from the legal limit on shareholding concentration, allowing an individual, family or related parties to hold up to 30% of the bank's shares. The decision comes after the UCB failed to attract sufficient subscriptions of a rights share issue from existing shareholders.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/319855/families-firms-allowed-to-hold-30pc-shares-at-ucb-bank>

**SQURPHARMA | Square Pharma posts over 15% profit growth on higher sales**

- The country's leading drug maker Square Pharmaceuticals has reported a 15.54% year-on-year growth in profit to BDT 27.70 Bn in FY26, driven by a significant rise in revenue.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/square-pharma-posts-over-15pc-profit-growth-on-higher-sales-1793037697>

**EXCHANGE | DBL's Parkway Packaging eyes BDT 780 Mn IPO with BDT 30 premium**

- Parkway Packaging and Printing Ltd, a concern of DBL Group, plans to raise BDT 780 Mn through an initial public offering (IPO), offering shares at BDT 40 each, including a BDT 30 premium over the BDT 10 face value.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dbls-parkway-packaging-eyes-tk78cr-ipo-tk30-premium-1584961>

**GPISPAT | GPH Ispat defers BDT 9.68 Bn rights share issue amid weak market conditions**

- GPH Ispat Limited has deferred its proposed BDT 9.68 Bn rights share issue, citing prevailing capital market conditions and the need to safeguard the interests of the company and its general shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/gph-ispas-defers-tk968cr-rights-share-issue-amid-weak-market-conditions-1583041>

**SPCL | Shahjibazar Power announces 40% cash dividend as net profit surges 138.5% in FY26**

- Shahjibazar Power Company has recommended a 40% cash dividend for FY26, doubling its payout from 20% a year earlier, as its consolidated net profit surged 138.5% year-on-year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/shahjibazar-power-announces-40-cash-dividend-net-profit-surges-1385-fy26-1583551>

**MALEKSPIN | BSEC probes disputed sales of Malek Spinning shares**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has ordered an investigation into alleged irregularities in the sale of Malek Spinning Mills shares from the beneficiary owner (BO) accounts of five individual investors at a merchant bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-probes-disputed-sales-of-malek-spinning-shares-1792948321>

**SQUARETEXT | Square Textiles' profit hits five-year low at BDT 890 Mn in FY26**

- Earnings per share (EPS) declined by nearly 38% to BDT 4.50 in FY26 from BDT 7.24 in the previous fiscal year. The board recommended a 32% cash dividend for its shareholders for the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/square-textiles-profit-hits-five-year-low-fy26-1582501>

**REGULATOR | BSEC plans unified software for real-time monitoring to protect investors' money, shares**

- Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has initiated a feasibility study to bring all brokerage houses under a unified back-office software system to prevent the misappropriation of investors' money and shares and detect shortfalls in client accounts.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-plans-unified-software-real-time-monitoring-protect-investors-money-shares>

**RUPALIBANK | Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund approaches liquidation**

- Vanguard AML Rupali Bank Balanced Fund is set to be wound up after an overwhelming majority of its unitholders voted against converting it into an open-end scheme ahead of its maturity in January next year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/vanguard-aml-rupali-bank-balanced-fund-approaches-liquidation-1793123829>

**BRACBANK | BRAC Bank to issue first BDT 10 Bn green bond from Nov 15**

- BRAC Bank is set to issue a BDT 10 Bn green bond from November 15, becoming the country's first bank to launch such an instrument in line with Bangladesh Bank's policy on green bond financing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-to-issue-first-tk-10b-green-bond-from-nov-15-1792948259>

**IDLC | IDLC Finance's profit rises 17% to BDT 2.0 Bn in nine months**

- IDLC Finance PLC reported a 17% year-on-year rise in net profit for 9M2026, supported by higher investment income and growth in operating revenue.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/idlc-finance-profit-rises-17-tk-200-crore-nine-months-4308911>

**SINGERBD | Singer Bangladesh Q3 loss widens 61% to BDT 770 Mn on soaring finance costs**

- Singer Bangladesh Limited's net loss widened 61% year-on-year to BDT 771.6 Mn in the July-September quarter of 2026, driven by higher operating expenses and finance costs despite revenue growth.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/singer-bangladesh-q3-loss-widens-61-tk77cr-soaring-finance-costs-1583621>

**SINGERBD | Singer to raise BDT 2.50 Bn through preference shares**

- Singer Bangladesh Limited plans to raise up to BDT 2.50 Bn by issuing preference shares to refinance existing debt, lower its debt burden, and fund working capital. The shares will be issued at the discretion of the issuer via private placement to the sponsor shareholder.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/singer-raise-tk-250cr-through-preference-shares-4308036>

**BRACBANK | BRAC Bank to launch BDT 10.0 Bn green bond tomorrow**

- BRAC Bank is set to issue a BDT 10.0 Bn green bond. According to the bank, the bond will follow Bangladesh Bank's green bond guidelines.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/brac-bank-launch-tk1000cr-green-bond-tomorrow-1581461>

**MATINSPINN | Matin Spinning FY26 results diverge sharply from first 9 months**

- Matin Spinning Mills reported strong top-line growth in FY26, riding on increased revenue income. Its profit jumped 35.33 % year-on-year to BDT 619.8 Mn in FY26 as revenue grew 3.35% to BDT 9.05 Bn in the year compared to the previous year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/matin-spinning-fy26-results-diverge-sharply-from-first-9-months>

**PIONEERINS | Pioneer Insurance post 40% surges in profit in Q3**

- Pioneer Insurance, a listed insurer on the stock exchange, reported a 40% year-on-year growth in net profit in the first nine months of 2026, supported by an increase in gross premium income. The company's net profit rose to BDT 430.6 Mn in January-September 2026, compared with BDT 307.8 Mn in the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pioneer-insurance-post-40-surges-profit-q3-1578806>

**DESCO | FDRs, stable forex lift Desco to profit**

- After suffering heavy losses from foreign currency fluctuations while repaying foreign loans, state-owned power distributor Dhaka Electricity Supply Company PLC (Desco) returned to profit in FY26, buoyed by non-operating income and the absence of foreign exchange losses amid a stable currency market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fdrs-stable-forex-buoy-desco-against-losses-fdrs-stable-forex-lift-desco-profit>

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