

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-0.84%) lost -46.68 points and closed the week at 5,531.65 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-0.41%) lost -8.58 points and stood at 2,103.55 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-1.40%) lost -15.63 points and stood at 1,100.26 points. The large cap index CDSET (-0.64%) lost -7.09 points and closed at 1,103.26 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +13.70%, +13.49%, +9.95%, +9.80%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 35.3 billion (USD 287 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 7.1 billion (Δ% Week: -10.1%)
Market P/E: 13.0x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-0.82%), remained negative on Monday (-0.12%) and Tuesday (-0.03%) but turned positive on Wednesday (+0.47%). However, ended the week negatively on Thursday (-0.34%).

Sectoral Performance

All the financial sectors registered negative performance this week. NBFi experienced the highest loss of -2.71% followed by Mutual Fund (-2.26%), Life Insurance (-1.18%), Bank (-0.19%), and General Insurance (-0.05%).

All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Engineering experienced the highest loss of 2.41% followed by Food & Allied (-1.46%), Fuel & Power (-0.73%), Telecommunication (-0.63%), and Pharmaceutical (-0.56%).

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Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | CSE50 Index revised, new composition effective Oct 11. REGULATOR | Phased implementation stressed for proposed BSEC governance framework. IBNSINA | IBN Sina Pharma earns record profit in FY26. EBL | EBL arranges USD 10 Mn financing for Samuda Shipping. ONEBANKPLC | ONE Bank to issue subordinated bond worth BDT 4.0 Bn. BXPHERMA | BSEC gives nod to Beximco Pharma's board overhaul proposal. BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's remittance inflows cross USD 2.5 Bn in nine months. ACI | ACI to invest anew in beverage business, form new venture with Japanese firm. SOUTHEASTB | Southeast launches TeleCash. EXCHANGE | BSEC orders digital overhaul to protect investors' funds. LHB | Lafarge Holcim outlines bio-drying project for Sylhet waste segregation. PHOENIXFIN | Phoenix Finance to sell 2.0 Mn fund units after 263% price surge. NBL | Mohammad Abu Jafar new National Bank MD.

DSEX ended in Red (-0.84%) in the week

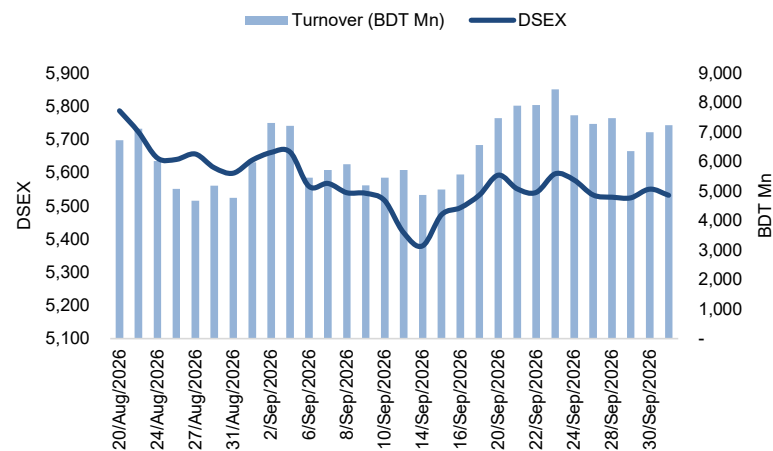
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,531.65	5,578.33	-46.68	4,865.34	-0.84%	13.70%
DS30	2,103.55	2,112.13	-8.58	1,853.54	-0.41%	13.49%
DSES	1,100.26	1,115.89	-15.63	1,000.72	-1.40%	9.95%
CDSET	1,103.26	1,110.35	-7.09	1,004.81	-0.64%	9.80%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,859,358	6,905,719	-0.67%
	Mn USD	55,692	56,069	
Turnover	Mn BDT	35,306	39,286	-10.13%
	Mn USD	287	319	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	7,061	7,857	-10.13%
	Mn USD	57	64	
Volume	Mn Shares	1,132	1,369	-17.30%

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
SAIHAMTEX	42.5	34.9	+21.8%	3,849	1,271.3	68.5x	1.0x
SKTRIMS	14.0	12.5	+12.0%	1,186	11.6	NM	1.3x
CAPMIBLMF	16.2	14.5	+11.7%	1,083	141.5	NM	1.9x
SUNLIFEINS	57.7	52.0	+11.0%	2,063	187.5	NM	NM
AOL	17.5	15.8	+10.8%	1,921	49.7	NM	0.9x
SAMATALETH	96.6	87.6	+10.3%	997	70.5	NM	6.7x
TUNGHAI	4.6	4.2	+9.5%	491	20.4	NM	NM
DULAMACOT	214.5	196.6	+9.1%	1,621	53.5	NM	NM
ETL	15.9	14.7	+8.2%	2,922	554.6	24.8x	1.2x
PTL	81.9	76.2	+7.5%	14,670	993.8	12.9x	1.7x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
1STPRIMFMF	31.3	35.4	-11.6%	626	407.5	NM	3.2x
CNATEX	3.0	3.3	-9.1%	718	12.7	37.5x	NM
BIFC	3.3	3.6	-8.3%	332	1.3	NM	NM
BDTHAIFOOD	19.2	20.9	-8.1%	1,565	122.8	NM	1.6x
BBS	11.4	12.4	-8.1%	1,857	20.9	NM	1.0x
AFCAGRO	5.7	6.2	-8.1%	657	2.0	NM	0.3x
ICBAMCL2ND	9.6	10.4	-7.7%	480	91.4	NM	1.0x
ZAHEENSPIN	4.9	5.3	-7.5%	558	2.3	7.2x	1.5x
ZEALBANGLA	173.2	186.9	-7.3%	1,039	6.0	NM	NM
EXIM1STMF	6.4	6.9	-7.2%	917	128.4	NM	0.7x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
IPDC	33.1	34.8	-4.9%	14,219	1,374.7	27.8x	1.9x
SAIHAMTEX	42.5	34.9	+21.8%	3,849	1,271.3	68.5x	1.0x
PTL	81.9	76.2	+7.5%	14,670	993.8	12.9x	1.7x
MALEKSPIN	50.0	48.0	+4.2%	9,680	924.5	8.8x	0.8x
APEXSPINN	370.7	346.8	+6.9%	3,114	774.7	NM	4.4x
SHARPIND	18.2	19.1	-4.7%	5,523	714.7	NM	2.3x
ENVOYTEX	72.8	73.8	-1.4%	12,211	700.7	8.8x	1.2x
BRACBANK	65.7	64.2	+2.3%	150,424	677.7	6.6x	1.3x
ORIONINFU	257.7	262.9	-2.0%	5,247	654.8	NM	15.9x
BXPHARMA	147.2	148.4	-0.8%	65,668	646.1	7.6x	1.1x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
IPDC	33.1	+83.9%	14,219	27.8x	1.9x
SHASHADNIM	27.6	+76.9%	3,893	41.8x	0.7x
PIONEERINS	67.8	+50.5%	6,962	12.9x	1.4x
ENVOYTEX	72.8	+50.1%	12,211	8.8x	1.2x
BARKAPOWER	9.8	+46.3%	2,308	10.6x	0.4x
BXPHARMA	147.2	+44.2%	65,668	7.6x	1.1x
CITYBANK	29.9	+40.9%	52,307	3.4x	0.8x
POWERGRID	37.6	+40.8%	34,359	8.5x	0.3x
BSRMSTEEL	82.9	+31.4%	31,166	5.1x	0.9x
CROWNCEMNT	58.2	+26.5%	8,643	21.8x	0.9x

Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,545.5	1,548.4	1,367.20	-0.19%	+13.04%
NBFI	1,063.4	1,093.1	860.23	-2.71%	+23.62%
Mutual Fund	678.6	694.3	478.27	-2.26%	+41.89%
General Insurance	4,547.5	4,549.7	2,879.11	-0.05%	+57.95%
Life Insurance	1,706.8	1,727.3	1,691.42	-1.18%	+0.91%
Telecommunication	4,398.1	4,426.2	4,431.51	-0.63%	-0.75%
Pharmaceutical	3,084.2	3,101.6	2,764.29	-0.56%	+11.57%
Fuel & Power	1,091.9	1,099.9	996.11	-0.73%	+9.61%
Cement	1,959.0	2,014.4	1,739.18	-2.75%	+12.64%
Services & Real Estate	1,132.6	1,167.2	949.82	-2.97%	+19.24%
Engineering	2,519.5	2,581.8	2,290.78	-2.41%	+9.99%
Food & Allied	12,136.8	12,316.6	12,942.72	-1.46%	-6.23%
IT	2,338.9	2,412.7	1,703.25	-3.06%	+37.32%
Textile	1,410.1	1,390.5	1,060.76	+1.41%	+32.93%
Paper & Printing	4,406.3	4,576.7	4,485.61	-3.72%	-1.77%
Tannery	2,069.2	2,095.1	1,806.05	-1.24%	+14.57%
Jute	13,417.5	13,241.4	11,805.57	+1.33%	+13.65%
Ceramics	440.7	454.7	370.10	-3.08%	+19.08%
Miscellaneous	2,452.4	2,485.8	3,881.56	-1.34%	-36.82%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	401.3	614.7	-34.72%	+6.11%	7.2x	0.7x
NBFI	316.6	250.9	+26.19%	+4.82%	NM	1.1x
Mutual Fund	526.0	662.0	-20.54%	+8.01%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	1,221.3	1,157.6	+5.50%	+18.60%	18.9x	1.8x
Life Insurance	166.9	124.0	+34.61%	+2.54%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	35.8	35.8	+0.00%	+0.55%	10.5x	3.6x
Pharmaceutical	717.5	985.5	-27.19%	+10.93%	10.6x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	129.6	151.0	-14.22%	+1.97%	9.3x	0.6x
Cement	71.1	64.5	+10.27%	+1.08%	21.4x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	149.6	194.8	-23.17%	+2.28%	25.1x	0.5x
Engineering	389.7	533.4	-26.94%	+5.94%	14.9x	0.8x
Food & Allied	168.9	307.0	-44.99%	+2.57%	32.4x	3.3x
IT	105.4	198.5	-46.88%	+1.61%	50.4x	1.9x
Textile	1,733.2	1,527.1	+13.49%	+26.40%	NM	1.0x
Paper & Printing	45.3	69.5	-34.83%	+0.69%	NM	1.4x
Tannery	55.5	39.8	+39.44%	+0.85%	NM	1.5x
Jute	44.8	27.3	+64.20%	+0.68%	NM	1.8x
Ceramics	59.9	88.4	-32.19%	+0.91%	NM	1.3x
Miscellaneous	227.3	417.7	-45.59%	+3.46%	37.6x	1.0x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ISLAMIBANK	26.7	-18.6%	42,987	NM	0.7x
TRUSTBANK	13.5	-18.1%	14,091	4.5x	0.4x
LINDEBD	662.7	-11.7%	10,085	28.7x	3.1x
BATBC	223.3	-10.2%	120,582	20.7x	2.1x
UNILEVERCL	1,974.3	-8.2%	38,053	62.2x	23.3x
GP	241.1	-6.5%	325,557	9.2x	5.8x
SINGERBD	79.6	-5.8%	7,936	NM	NM
ACI	185.0	-4.9%	16,249	NM	2.2x
RECKITBEN	3,261.5	-4.8%	15,411	18.6x	41.2x
HEIDELBCEM	208.0	-3.7%	11,753	NM	2.9x

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Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

BB holds policy rate on inflation risks, weak economy

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has kept its main interest rate unchanged at 9.5% for the October-December quarter, saying inflation risks ahead are still large and the economy is weak. The risks include higher global energy prices, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, the recent fuel price hike and partial implementation of the new pay scale for public employees.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-holds-policy-rate-inflation-risks-weak-economy-4287336>

85% of large taxpayers fail to meet targets

- Around 85% of large corporate taxpayers, including cigarette, cement, gas, and mobile-phone companies, failed to meet the government's ambitious VAT targets last year amid a sluggish business environment and lower-than-expected consumption.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/85pc-of-large-taxpayers-fail-to-meet-targets-1790792600>

Tax on microsavings interest worries MFIs

- A move by field offices of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to collect tax on interest earned from microsavings has raised concerns among microfinance institutions (MFIs), which say the measure could discourage poor people from saving.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tax-microsavings-interest-worries-mfis-4287326>

Govt seeks private investment to expand Pangaon terminal

- Amid increasing container flow at the Pangaon Inland Container Terminal (PICT) in Dhaka, the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has taken the initiative to expand facilities at the terminal, which has failed to attract exporters and importers for years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-seeks-private-investment-expand-pangaon-terminal-4287301>

Govt to launch Farmers Card pilot tomorrow

- The government will launch the pilot phase of the Farmers Card programme, distributing the much-talked-about cards to more than 100,000 landless, marginal and small farmers. Each Farmers Card carries benefits worth BDT 2,500 for agricultural inputs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-launch-farmers-card-pilot-tomorrow-4287211>

BANK | Bangla QR-based P2P transactions from Nov

- Bangla QR-based person-to-person transactions will be introduced from November, allowing customers to transfer funds interoperably by scanning another customer's Bangla QR code or uploading an image of the code through the relevant mobile app. Bangla QR payments has now risen to around 350,000 payments a day, with an average transaction value of approximately BDT 1.44 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangla-qr-based-person-person-transactions-start-nov-1558251>

BANK | City Group faces default risk as banks balk at BDT 60.0 Bn fresh funding

- City Group faces the risk of loan classification as its 36 lenders remain divided over the group's proposal to reschedule loans for 12 years while providing an additional BDT 60.0 Bn in working capital. If the extension is not granted, BDT 260.0 Bn loans could be classified from 1 October, triggering a massive provisioning requirement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/city-group-faces-default-risk-banks-balk-tk6000cr-fresh-funding-1558021>

RMG | Some major apparel brands shifting orders from BD

- Some major international fashion retailers are overhauling their global supply networks to buffer against operational, geopolitical, and energy vulnerabilities. The strategic pivot is causing a reallocation of garment orders away from Bangladesh, posing fresh challenges for the country's RMG industry.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/some-major-apparel-brands-shifting-orders-from-bd-1790791694>

PAYMENT | NAGAD, UCB JOIN HANDS TO EXPAND DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Under the partnership, Nagad will facilitate swift and seamless delivery of inward remittances routed through UCB to beneficiaries' mobile wallets across the country, particularly in rural and remote regions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/nagad-ucb-join-hands-to-expand-digital-financial-services-1790788776>

ENERGY | Petrobangla sees no LNG shortage as 19 cargoes due in Oct-Nov

- Petrobangla has secured 19 LNG cargoes for October and November, ensuring uninterrupted supply and ruling out any shortage during the two-month period. Of the total, 10 cargoes are scheduled to arrive in October and the remaining nine in November.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/petrobangla-sees-no-lng-shortage-as-19-cargoes-due-in-oct-nov-1790788793>

ENERGY | Furnace oil price raised by BDT 11.92 per litre

- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the price of furnace oil by BDT 11.92 per litre to BDT 108.78 with effect from Wednesday midnight. The new rate is 12.30% higher than the previous price of BDT 96.86, according to an order issued by the regulatory body.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/furnace-oil-price-raised-by-tk-1192-per-litre-1790791367>

BB to unveil first-ever quarterly monetary policy today

- For the first time, BB is set to announce its monetary policy on a quarterly basis today (Sep 30, 2026), replacing the existing six-month cycle. The central bank has decided to move to quarterly statements to make monetary policy more responsive to volatile domestic and global economic conditions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-unveil-first-ever-quarterly-monetary-policy-today-4286286>

IMF picks holes in NBR revenue reform plan

- The IMF has found flaws in the proposed revenue-sector reforms tagged to the next credit programme for Bangladesh. IMF officials found that the revenue board gave importance on this fiscal year's higher revenue-generation plan.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/imf-picks-holes-in-nbr-revenue-reform-plan-1790704177>

Govt borrowing from banks jumps fivefold in July-August

- Government borrowing from commercial banks rose more than fivefold in July-August of FY27, underscoring growing pressure on public finances and raising concerns about the availability of credit for the private sector.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/315918/govt-borrowing-from-banks-jumps-fivefold-in-july-august>

Bangladesh's export supply chain riddled with 66 info gaps

- Bangladesh faces 66 operational and policy gaps in ensuring supply-chain traceability in major export sectors, which poses compliance problems in major export destinations. A comprehensive diagnostic presented by the Ministry of Commerce (MoC) at a recent closed-door workshop has revealed these gaps. The diagnostic was conducted by BUILD with the support of GIZ.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladeshs-export-supply-chain-riddled-with-66-info-gaps-1790705642>

Private sector credit growth stays below 5% for six months

- Private sector credit growth has remained below 5% for six consecutive months, with growth standing at 4.75% at the end of August. Bankers and economists attributed the slowdown to weak business and investment demand, sluggish domestic consumption and economic activity, and an energy crisis that has increased operating costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-sector-credit-growth-stays-below-5-six-months-1557971>

ECNEC okays 13 dev projects with BDT 157.13 Bn

- The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council on Tuesday approved 13 development projects involving BDT 157.13 Bn. The government will provide BDT 101.18 Bn, external sources BDT 52.12 Bn and the implementing agencies BDT 3.82 Bn.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/315963/ecnec-okays-13-dev-projects-with-tk-1571263cr>

Rising costs, rates: Japanese loans raise concerns for govt

- Concerns were raised at the latest meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecneec) after the costs of two metro rail projects financed by Japan nearly doubled. The government has decided to scrutinise Japanese loan conditions more carefully before accepting future financing.

<https://tob.news/rising-costs-rates-japanese-loans-raise-concerns-for-govt/>

BBS plans advance calendar for data releases

- The Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) is set to introduce an annual advance calendar showing when it will publish major statistics, making government data more predictable and accessible to users.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bbs-plans-advance-calendar-data-releases-4286296>

ENERGY | BERC to scrutinise utilities' finances, enforce project approval rules

- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission will conduct a fresh review of the financial statements of power-and energy-sector companies and has moved to enforce mandatory project approvals as part of efforts to strengthen regulatory oversight.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/berc-to-scrutinise-utilities-finances-enforce-project-approval-rules-1790704512>

ENERGY | BPC moves to plug fuel losses with AI-based automation

- State-run Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) is planning to introduce artificial intelligence-based automation across the entire fuel import and marketing chain - from mother vessels at outer anchorage to consumers at petrol pumps - to curb pilferage, prevent contamination and reduce operating costs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bpc-moves-to-plug-fuel-losses-with-ai-based-automation-1790706020>

RMG | ADB to lend USD 50 Mn to MSL for polyester chip production

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) would provide a USD 50 Mn loan to Bangladeshi private sector company Modern Syntex Limited (MSL) to manufacture modern, energy-efficient polyester chips.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/adb-to-lend-50m-to-msl-for-polyester-chip-production-1790699710>

PHARMA | Local drugmakers see little gain from US tariff exemption

- Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry may see some opportunities from the latest US tariff adjustment, but the immediate benefits are likely to be limited because the country does not currently manufacture many of the highly specialised medicines covered by the measure, industry leaders said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/local-drugmakers-see-little-gain-us-tariff-exemption-4286326>

New export strategy targets 18 markets

- The government is formulating an integrated strategy to diversify Bangladesh's export products and markets, with a focus on reducing dependence on RMG and expanding exports of services and skill-based products.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/315779/new-export-strategy-targets-18-markets>

Bangladesh pitches competitive offshore terms to global oil, gas companies at World Energies Summit

- Bangladesh has invited global oil and gas companies to invest in 26 offshore blocks, highlighting competitive terms under its Offshore Model Production Sharing Contract (PSC) 2026 and the Bay of Bengal's largely unexplored hydrocarbon potential at the World Energies Summit in London.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/bangladesh-pitches-competitive-offshore-terms-global-oil-gas-companies-world-energies>

Brent rises to USD 105.47

- Oil prices rose for a second successive session on Tuesday as lingering concern over Middle East supply disruption brought about by the US-Israeli war on Iran outweighed signs of recovering crude exports.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/brent-rises-10547-4286211>

BANK | 5 banks to issue bonds to raise BDT 35 Bn

- The securities regulator has allowed five listed banks to raise a combined BDT 35 Bn through bonds. The issuers are One Bank, Southeast Bank, Al-Arafah Islami Bank, Bank Asia, and BRAC Bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/5-banks-to-issue-bonds-to-raise-tk-35b-1790700029>

BANK | Layoff fears grip 18,000 staff at Sammilito Islami Bank

- Uncertainty over jobs is deepening among nearly 18,000 employees of Sammilito Islami Bank as their formal transfer to the new entity and a unified pay and human resources structure remain unresolved.

<https://tob.news/layoff-fears-grip-18000-staff-at-sammilito-islami-bank/>

ENERGY | After 11yrs, BPC gets BDT 45.0 Bn loan to buy fuel

- After an 11-year gap, the government is set to provide Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) with a BDT 45.0 Bn interest-free loan to help ensure uninterrupted fuel supplies. The loan will have to be repaid in half-yearly installments over five years, including a six-month grace period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/after-11yrs-bpc-gets-tk-4500cr-loan-buy-fuel-4286591>

EU airs concern over treatment of European equipment

- The European Union (EU) has expressed concern over possible discrimination affecting European fire-safety-equipment suppliers in Bangladesh's RMG sector. In a letter, the EU Ambassador noted that fire detection and alarm systems compliant with European standards (EN 54 and VdS) faced delays and scrutiny, while systems under US frameworks (UL/NFPA 72) appeared to move faster through approvals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/eu-airs-concern-over-treatment-of-european-equipment-1790619723>

Chevron seeks further exemptions from labour law

- US energy company Chevron Bangladesh has sought further exemptions from provisions of the Bangladesh Labour Act 2006 on workers' basic rights, including working hours and leave, drawing criticism from labour rights experts who say the request should be rejected.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/315798/chevron-seeks-further-exemptions-from-labour-law>

BANK | Two more banks eye Standard Chartered Bangladesh's retail business

- Pubali Bank and MTB have begun preliminary talks with Standard Chartered Bangladesh (SCB) about taking over the foreign lender's retail business. BRAC Bank and City Bank had earlier confirmed their interest and held initial discussions with SCB.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/two-more-banks-eye-standard-chartered-bangladeshs-retail-business-4285311>

BANK | Trade, commerce occupy top slots in NPL buildups

- Bank loans between BDT 400 Mn and BDT 500 Mn recorded the highest classified-loan ratio among the specified loan-size categories, with trade and commerce bearing the largest default liabilities.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/trade-commerce-occupy-top-slots-in-npl-buildups-1790619207>

BANK | BB allows interest-free Islamic credit cards with strict fee limits

- The BB has allowed Islamic banks to offer charge-based, interest-free credit cards under a new framework that bans fees linked to a customer's outstanding balance, credit limit, payment delay or deferral period.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/315780/bb-allows-interest-free-islamic-credit-cards-with-strict-fee-limits>

Bangladesh steps up FTA push on multiple fronts

- Bangladesh is moving on several trade fronts as negotiations for a free trade agreement with the European Union might begin in October. Moreover, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership has formed a working group on Bangladesh's accession, and the first round of FTA talks with Malaysia is due in Dhaka next month.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/315781/bangladesh-steps-up-fta-push-on-multiple-fronts>

16 projects seek BDT 178.68 Bn ECNEC approval

- A total of 16 development projects, including nine new ones, are set to be placed before the executive committee of the National Economic Council. Of the proposed amount, BDT 118.42 Bn will come from the government, BDT 55.74 Bn from foreign loans and grants, and BDT 4.03 Bn from implementing agencies' own funds.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/315812/16-projects-seek-tk-17868cr-ecnec-approval>

Companies are dodging price shock by cutting costs

- Amid fuel and energy shocks that have raised overall business costs by around 30% in recent years, local conglomerates say they are absorbing the higher costs rather than raising product prices.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/companies-are-dodging-price-shock-cutting-costs-4285476>

Govt restores monthly VAT filing

- The government is restoring monthly VAT return filing, reversing the quarterly system introduced under the Finance Act 2026. Under the proposed amendment, businesses will again have to submit VAT returns within 15 days after the end of each tax period, instead of once every three tax periods.

<https://tob.news/govt-restores-monthly-vat-filing/>

Financial sector safeguard project up for govt approval

- A financial-sector project for promoting technology-enabled banking to check NPL buildup and fiscal scams is up for government seal of approval. Checking digital heist and cyberattack into financial institutions is one of core objectives of the comprehensive project.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/financial-sector-safeguard-project-up-for-govt-approval-1790619028>

ENERGY | No LPG shortage in Bangladesh, operators assure energy minister

- LPG operators assured Power, Energy, and Mineral Resources Minister that there is no shortage of LPG in the market. According to National Board of Revenue (NBR), Bangladesh imported 157,760 tonnes of LPG in August and 118,742 tonnes between 1 and 22 September.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/no-lpg-shortage-bangladesh-operators-assure-energy-minister-1556731>

ENERGY | Qatar extends force majeure notices on LNG supply to Edison, Asian clients including Bangladesh

- QatarEnergy has extended force majeure notices and will not be able to deliver LNG cargoes to Italian utility Edison or some Asian clients as the Strait of Hormuz remains closed. Clients in Asia, including in Bangladesh and Pakistan, were also informed that force majeure notices had been extended until November.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/worldbiz/asia/qatar-extends-force-majeure-notices-lng-supply-edison-asian-clients-including>

TOBACCO | Cigarettes get cheaper in real terms despite price hikes: PPRC

- Bangladesh's inflation-adjusted, or real, cigarette prices have declined across most price tiers despite nominal price hikes introduced in the FY2026-27 budget, according to an analysis presented by the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/cigarettes-get-cheaper-real-terms-despite-price-hikes-pprc-1556851>

Disbursement of foreign loans, grants drops 60%

- Disbursement of foreign loans and grants plunged by 60.73% year-on-year in 2MFY27, while debt servicing increased, resulting in a net outflow of external resources during the period. Development partners disbursed USD 294.56 Mn during July-August down from USD 750.07 Mn in 2MFY26.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/315609/disbursement-of-foreign-loans-grants-drops-60pc>

PAYMENT | BB offers incentives to boost Bangla QR transactions

- Acquiring institutions will receive an incentive at the rate of 0.10% while issuing institutions will get 0.20% for each Bangla QR-based transaction of up to BDT 2,000 conducted through the NPSB platform.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/428877>

BD proposes Ctg-Kunming road connectivity, Yunnan warehouse

- Bangladesh mooted a slew of proposals to deepen cooperation in trade, investment, agriculture, energy, and technology with Yunnan and stressed building road connectivity between the southwestern Chinese province and Chattagram. China has already proposed China-Myanmar-Bangladesh Economic Corridor (CMBEC) for accelerating communications and trade between the two countries.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-proposes-ctg-kunming-road-connectivity-yunnan-warehouse-1790533509>

Injection of high-powered money up amid rising inflationary pressure

- A downturn in the funneling of inflation-fueling high-powered money into the market reverses significantly and stokes fear of spikes in the inflationary pressure on living and economy. Under a tight monetary-policy regime pursued by the central bank until July last to tame obdurate inflation, the inflow of the reserve money dropped to a negative growth of 0.12% in June 2025.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/injection-of-high-powered-money-up-amid-rising-inflationary-pressure-1790532595>

PAYMENT | BB sets time frames for resolving Bangla QR payment disputes

- Bangladesh Bank has ordered banks and MFS providers to automatically refund customers within 30 minutes when a Bangla QR payment fails, removing the need for customers to first lodge a complaint to recover money deducted from their accounts.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/315607/bb-sets-time-frames-for-resolving-bangla-qr-payment-disputes>

ADB plans USD 100 Mn housing loan scheme for 60,000 households

- The Asian Development Bank has agreed in principle to provide a USD 100 Mn loan for low- and middle-income households in Bangladesh to build, expand or repair their homes.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/315499/adb-plans-100m-housing-loan-scheme-for-60000-households>

NBR moves to restore monthly VAT returns

- The National Board of Revenue is moving to restore the previous system of monthly VAT return submission as VAT collection declined drastically in the first two months, July and August, of the current financial year 2026-27.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/315497/nbr-moves-to-restore-monthly-vat-returns>

TELECOM | Banglalink, Robi split over E-GSM spectrum auction timeline

- Bangladesh's two private mobile operators, Robi Axiata and Banglalink, have taken opposing positions on the auction of E-GSM spectrum, the frequency range that can travel long distances and penetrate buildings effectively.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banglalink-robi-split-over-e-gsm-spectrum-auction-timeline-4284586>

INDUSTRIAL | Lubricant prices climb as Middle East crisis squeezes Bangladesh market

- Lubricant prices in Bangladesh have risen sharply this year, with some products becoming up to 70% more expensive as higher international raw material and freight costs squeeze the market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/lubricant-prices-climb-middle-east-crisis-squeezes-bangladesh-market-1555701>

ENERGY | LPG imports fall 25%, pushing cylinder prices above BDT 2,000

- A sharp decline in LPG imports in September has tightened supplies, pushing the retail price of the widely used 12-kg cylinder more than BDT 400-BDT 500 above the regulator-fixed rate.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/lpg-imports-fall-25-pushing-cylinder-prices-above-tk2000-1555581>

ENERGY | PKSF to provide BDT 72.45 Bn in financing for microenterprises, solar power

- Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF) has taken an initiative to provide a total of BDT 72.45 Bn in financing to promote renewable energy use and foster new entrepreneurship in the cottage and microenterprise sectors.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/pksf-to-provide-tk-7245-billion-in-financing-for-microenterprises-solar-power>

BANK | Term deposits jump BDT 378 Bn in Apr-Jun as savers chase higher returns

- Term deposits at banks recorded robust growth in Q2'26 as depositors increasingly opted for fixed-income savings instruments to secure higher returns amid elevated interest rates.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/term-deposits-jump-tk-378b-in-apr-jun-as-savers-chase-higher-returns-1790533306>

PORT | Ctg ICDs see drop in Aug cargo handling

- Import cargo handled by the depots fell by 20% YoY to 26,132 TEUs in August, while export cargo decreased 2.3% to 79,094 TEUs. Exporters have linked weaker export-related cargo flows to supply-side constraints.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/ctg-icds-see-drop-in-aug-cargo-handling-1790529296>

Bangladesh closer to joining world's largest free-trade bloc as RCEP working group approved

- Bangladesh has moved a step closer to joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), with trade ministers of the bloc approving the formation of an ad hoc working group to accelerate the accession process for Bangladesh and three other applicants.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-moves-closer-joining-worlds-largest-free-trade-bloc-rcep-working-group-approved>

Govt eyes up to USD 1.0 Bn from sovereign bond debut

- The government is considering issuing a sovereign bond of up to USD 1.0 Bn to the international capital market to diversify its funding sources. American investment bank JP Morgan and Hong Kong-based consultancy firm Bridgeworks International will be commissioned to facilitate the bond issue and provide technical support.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-eyes-1b-sovereign-bond-debut-4283851>

BANK | Five digital banks get initial nod from Bangladesh Bank

- BB today issued letters of intent (LoIs) to five proposed digital banks, allowing them to begin preparations for launching fully online banking operations. The five entities are DK Digital Bank Ltd, backed by Bhutan's DK Bank; bKash Digital Bank, promoted by the mobile financial service provider bKash; Nova Digital Bank, a venture of Banglalink; Boost Digital Bank, promoted by Robi Axiata and many more.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/five-digital-banks-get-initial-nod-bangladesh-bank-4282006>

BANK | Easing money market: Deposit rates fall faster than loan rates

- Banks are cutting deposit rates faster than lending rates as falling government securities yields and weak private-sector credit demand reshape Bangladesh's money market, squeezing returns for savers while borrowing costs remain relatively sticky.

<https://tob.news/easing-money-market-deposit-rates-fall-faster-than-loan-rates/>

BANK | VEON eyes USD 1 Bn Bangladesh investment through digital finance

- Global digital operator VEON has committed an initial USD 250 Mn anchor investment towards its ambition of mobilising USD 1 Bn in foreign direct investment for Bangladesh, with a joint venture with Square Group set to establish a digital bank as part of the broader investment plan.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/315488/veon-eyes-1b-bangladesh-investment-thru-digital-finance>

BANK | BB directs KPI framework for bank CEOs, spurs regulatory overreach concerns

- Under the new Key Performance Indicators (KPI) framework, Bangladesh Bank will assess the performance of MDs and CEOs every six months against targets covering solvency, asset quality, governance, customer conduct, and profitability.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-directs-kpi-framework-bank-ceos-spurs-regulatory-overreach-concerns-1553876>

BANK | Banks' suspended interest balance BDT 1.22 Tn

- Bangladesh's banking sector saw its interest suspense balance surge as a growing volume of loans turned non-performing, leaving banks unable to recognise accrued interest as income.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/315501/banks-suspended-interest-balance-tk-1.22-lakh-crore>

BANK | Banks born of political favour now drowning in bad debt

- Three of the nine banks that entered the market in 2013 after receiving licences from the then Awami League government are now weighed down by non-performing loans (NPLs), according to Bangladesh Bank data and audited financial statements.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-born-political-favour-now-drowning-bad-debt-4283581>

ENERGY | LNG subsidy hits BDT 103 Bn in first three months of FY27

- The government has released BDT 103 Bn in subsidies for LNG imports in 3MFY27, as Bangladesh has increasingly relied on costly spot-market cargoes after disruptions to long-term supplies amid the Iran-US war and its regional fallout. The amount is equivalent to 70.5% of the subsidy spent on LNG imports during FY26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/lng-subsidy-hits-tk10300cr-first-three-months-fy27-1554111>

NBFI | BB raises refund cap for depositors of 4 failing NBFIs to BDT 5.0 Mn from BDT 1.0 Mn

- The Bangladesh Bank has prepared a scheme to repay individual depositors of four NBFIs that are set to be liquidated. Under the scheme, individual depositors will initially receive up to BDT 5.0 Mn of their principal amount. To receive any amount above BDT 5.0 Mn, a prescribed portion of the additional amount will be withheld.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-raises-refund-cap-depositors-4-failing-nbfis-tk50-lakh-tk10-lakh-1553156>

TELECOM | Banglalink to connect users with Starlink on 4 October

- Banglalink has received approval from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) to introduce Starlink Direct-to-Cell connectivity, which will allow users to connect through satellites in areas beyond the reach of traditional mobile networks. Initially, Banglalink users will be able to access SMS, data messaging and WhatsApp calls through the satellite connection.

<https://tob.news/banglalink-to-connect-users-with-starlink-on-4-october/>

CONSUMER | Handset industry under pressure on multiple fronts

- Bangladesh's local mobile handset industry is under fresh pressure from rising prices of memory components, adding to longstanding problems such as grey-market competition, weak factory utilisation and uncertainty over regulatory enforcement.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/handset-industry-under-pressure-multiple-fronts-4283596>

ENERGY | Phulbari coalmining under profit sharing with landowners

- A comprehensive package deal is outlined for coal extraction from the long-stalled Phulbari coalmine in Dinajpur through open-pit mining method under a profit-sharing arrangement with the landowners.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/phulbari-coalmining-under-profit-sharing-with-landowners>

Important News: Stocks

EXCHANGE | CSE50 Index revised, new composition effective Oct 11

- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has revised its CSE50 Index based on the performance of CSE-listed companies, with the new composition set to take effect from October 11, 2026.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/430022>

REGULATOR | Phased implementation stressed for proposed BSEC governance framework

- Market experts, regulators, academics and corporate leaders have called for a phased and practical implementation of the proposed BSEC Corporate Governance Rules 2026, saying board oversight must remain realistic while strengthening investor confidence in Bangladesh's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/experts-call-practical-phased-rollout-bsec-governance-rules-1558731>

IBNSINA | IBN Sina Pharma earns record profit in FY26

- IBN Sina Pharmaceuticals posted a record annual profit of BDT 794 Mn in FY26, supported by higher sales and improved operational efficiency. The drug maker reported consolidated EPS of BDT 25.43 for the year, up from BDT 20.27 in the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ibn-sina-pharma-earns-record-profit-in-fy26-1790788053>

EBL | EBL arranges USD 10 Mn financing for Samuda Shipping

- Eastern Bank PLC (EBL) has arranged a USD 10 Mn Shariah-compliant term finance facility for Samuda Shipping Limited (SSL), a concern of T.K. Group of Industries. The financing will fund the acquisition of MT Samuda edible oil tanker to support crude palm oil imports from key regional markets, including Indonesia and Malaysia.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eb1-arranges-10m-financing-for-samuda-shipping-1790788119>

ONEBANKPLC | ONE Bank to issue subordinated bond worth BDT 4.0 Bn

- ONE Bank PLC has received approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission for issuance of BDT 4.0 Bn subordinated bond with a tenure of seven years.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/stocks/316052/one-bank-to-issue-subordinated-bond-worth-tk-400cr>

BXPHERMA | BSEC gives nod to Beximco Pharma's board overhaul proposal

- The securities regulator has decided to allow Beximco Pharmaceuticals to overhaul its board with nine members proposed by the company, subject to the withdrawal of cases filed challenging the appointment of independent directors across the listed companies of the conglomerate. The board will include three sponsor-directors: Ahmed Sohail Fasihur Rahman, Osman Kaiser Chowdhury, and Iqbal Ahmed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-gives-nod-to-beximco-pharmas-board-overhaul-proposal-1790699993>

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank's remittance inflows cross USD 2.5 Bn in nine months

- BRAC Bank has crossed USD 2.5 Bn in foreign remittance inflows during the first nine months of 2026, surpassing its previous full-year record of USD 2.2 Bn in 2025.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-banks-remittance-inflows-cross-25b-in-nine-months-1790700122>

ACI | ACI to invest anew in beverage business, form new venture with Japanese firm

- ACI has approved an additional equity investment of BDT 600 Mn in ACI CO-RO Bangladesh, its existing joint venture with Danish beverage maker CO-RO, to expand its presence in the beverage market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/aci-to-invest-anew-in-beverage-business-form-new-venture-with-japanese-firm-1790700077>

SOUTHEASTB | Southeast launches TeleCash

- A subsidiary of Southeast Bank PLC, TeleCash Limited received the final approval from Bangladesh Bank on September 24, to commence its commercial services.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/315912/southeast-launches-telecash>

EXCHANGE | BSEC orders digital overhaul to protect investors' funds

- The BSEC ordered the DSE to ensure unified back-office software so that real-time data of all brokerage houses can be tracked and they cannot embezzle funds of general investors.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bsec-orders-digital-overhaul-protect-investors-funds-4285221>

LHB | Lafarge Holcim outlines bio-drying project for Sylhet waste segregation

- Lafarge Holcim Bangladesh (LHB) has outlined a plan to launch a bio-drying project to reduce moisture in municipal solid waste to ensure effective plastic waste segregation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lafarge-holcim-outlines-bio-drying-project-for-sylhet-waste-segregation-1790614807>

PHOENIXFIN | Phoenix Finance to sell 2.0 Mn fund units after 263% price surge

- Phoenix Finance and Investments Ltd, sponsor of Phoenix Finance 1st Mutual Fund, plans to sell 2.0 Mn units of the closed-end fund after its unit price surged 263% in recent months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/phoenix-finance-sell-20-lakh-fund-units-after-263-price-surge-1556761>

NBL | Mohammad Abu Jafar new National Bank MD

- Mohammad Abu Jafar, a veteran banker with 36 years of professional experience in the banking industry, joined National Bank as its new managing director on Sunday. Abu Jafar served the Premier Bank as managing director & chief executive officer before taking over the responsibility of National Bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/mohammad-abu-jafar-new-national-bank-md-1790614876>

EXCHANGE | Bond market grows, but trust deficit holds it back

- Bangladesh's bond market remains far smaller than its potential, with concerns over weak accountability of bond issuers, auditors and credit rating agencies holding back growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bond-market-grows-trust-deficit-holds-it-back-4284606>

EXCHANGE | Foreign funds keep draining as Bangladesh faces fallout of global tensions

- Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) have continued to pull out funds from Bangladesh's equity market as they have been moving assets to developed markets amid persistent macroeconomic challenges stemming from geopolitical tensions. Net foreign portfolio investment in Bangladesh fell to a negative USD 223 Mn in FY26, compared with an outflow of USD 138 Mn a year earlier, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/foreign-funds-keep-draining-as-bangladesh-faces-fallout-of-global-tensions-1790435365>

EXCHANGE | BAPLC proposes 2026-30 roadmap to strengthen capital market

- Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies (BAPLC) has proposed a clear and measurable Capital Market Development Roadmap for 2026-30, with specific priorities, targets and timelines to ensure policy stability and regulatory predictability.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/baplc-proposes-2026-30-roadmap-strengthen-capital-market-1555561>

ENVOYTEX | Envoy Textiles recommends 32.5% cash dividend

- Envoy Textiles Limited has recommended a 32.50% cash dividend for FY26. The textile manufacturer reported EPS of BDT 8.24, compared with BDT 8.40 in FY25.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/envoy-textiles-recommends-325-cash-dividend-1555556>

APEXTANRY | Apex Tannery starts work on BDT 120 Mn effluent treatment plant

- Apex Tannery Limited has started work on a BDT 120 Mn in-house effluent treatment plant (ETP), beginning with soil excavation, according to a disclosure to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-tannery-starts-work-tk12cr-effluent-treatment-plant-1555576>

EXCHANGE | Foreign investors return to Dhaka stocks as reforms, MSCI move lift confidence

- Foreign investors are showing renewed interest in Bangladesh's stock market in September, with their purchases exceeding sales and signalling a tentative shift in sentiment after years of sustained withdrawals from the country's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-return-dhaka-stocks-reforms-msci-move-lift-confidence-1554566>

EXCHANGE | Rancon Motor Bikes takes first step towards stock-market listing

- Rancon Motor Bikes, the manufacturer and authorised distributor of Japanese brand Suzuki motorcycles in Bangladesh, has taken the first formal step towards a stock-market listing by appointing a corporate adviser and an issue manager.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/rancon-motor-bikes-takes-first-step-towards-stock-market-listing>

IPDC | IPDC adopts Islamic financing

- IPDC Finance PLC, a listed non-bank financial institution, is set to enter the Islamic Shariah-based financing business after receiving in-principle approval from Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/315604/ipdc-adopts-islamic-financing>

PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank secures EUR 20 Mn OeEB loan to expand MSME financing

- Prime Bank PLC has recently signed a EUR 20 Mn Term Loan Agreement with OeEB, the Development Bank of Austria, to expand access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Bangladesh. Under the agreement, the financing will be on-lent to eligible MSMEs to support their business growth, expansion, investment and working capital needs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/prime-bank-secures-20m-oeeb-loan-to-expand-msme-financing-1790440658>

APEXFOOT | Apex Footwear to raise BDT 5.0 Bn via preference shares to pay off loans, declares 30% dividend

- Apex Footwear has decided to raise up to BDT 5.0 Bn by issuing redeemable preference shares to refinance its existing loans and reduce debt burdens. The board recommended 15% cash and 15% stock dividend. EPS increased to BDT 7.91 for FY2025-26, up from BDT 6.90 in the previous financial year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-footwear-raise-tk500cr-preference-shares-pay-loans-declares-30-dividend-1554661>

BRACBANK | Dr Mohammad Abdur Razzaque joins BRAC Bank Board as Independent Director

- BRAC Bank Board has welcomed Dr Mohammad Abdur Razzaque as an Independent Director. Dr Razzaque currently serves as Chairman of Research and Policy Integration for Development (RAPID), a Dhaka-based think tank. He is also a Director at the Policy Research Institute of Bangladesh (PRI).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/dr-mohammad-abdur-razzaque-joins-brac-bank-board-as-independent-director>

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