

# MORNING NEWS

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## Good Morning

### Govt belt-tightening saved Tk 5,689cr in FY25

The government cut its expenditure by 25 percent, or Tk 5,689 crore, in the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 as part of a series of austerity measures.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/75bfr67s>

### Private sector urged to lobby for LDC graduation deferral

The interim government's chief adviser's Special Assistant Dr Anisuzzaman Chowdhury has said that the private sector should start lobbying through their international partners to defer Bangladesh's graduation from the least-developed country (LDC) status.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3ykmxzpp>

### Gold prices rise in global market

Gold prices rose on Friday, holding close to record highs hit earlier this week, as signs of a weakening US labor market reinforced expectations the Federal Reserve will deliver its first rate cut of the year next week.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/56heahf4>

### Dhaka stocks end three-week winning streak

Dhaka stocks snapped their three-week winning run last week as investors focused on profit-taking.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/c77ja37u>

### EPA with Japan may be signed in two months

Bangladesh and Japan may sign the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) within the next one to two months as the final negotiation is scheduled to end in Tokyo tomorrow.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/5fm6vh7r>

### US officials to arrive in Dhaka Sunday for tariff talks

A United States trade delegation will arrive in Bangladesh on Sunday for meetings with commerce ministry officials on bilateral trade, progress on trade agreements and the reciprocal tariff imposed by the White House.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/mpm2m4rj>

### **Four state banks in trouble as 90% of classified loans turn bad**

When the central bank and the finance ministry are busy stitching together a rescue plan for half a dozen weak private lenders, the state-owned ones are crumbling from within.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ma2yhj79>

### **City Bank to issue Tk1,200cr subordinated bond**

The initiative, which is subject to regulatory approval, is aimed at strengthening the bank's capital base under Basel III requirements and supporting its business growth.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6bzf8>

### **DSE plans to allow trading on record dates**

DSE, the country's premier bourse, plans to end the current suspension of stock trading on record dates to improve market efficiency, reduce disruptions, and align its operations and regulations with global standards.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/55j796nk>

### **Eastern Housing declares 25% cash dividend for FY25**

Eastern Housing Limited (EHL) has declared a 25% cash dividend for its shareholders for the financial year 2024-25, according to a price-sensitive statement filed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4me8bbu8>

### **Janata Bank seeks govt steps to recover its Tk 18.38b dues from BSFIC, sugar mills**

The state-owned Janata Bank has sought the government's necessary steps for recovering its Tk 18.38 billion worth of outstanding loans from the Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation (BSFIC) and some other sugar mills.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/kw5kspna>

### **CPA to build Bangladesh's first heavy-lift jetty at Laldia Char in Ctg**

CPA is constructing Bangladesh's first heavy-lift jetty at Laldia Char to meet a longstanding demand coming from the business community to handle specialised cargo.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yk7jmh4n>

### **Assured liquidity funding boon for PD banks, bane for non-PDs**

A liquidity-feeding instrument titled Assured Liquidity Support (ALS) becomes a boon for primary dealer (PD) banks as the instrument holds a hefty share of the central bank's special funding facilities, bankers say amid its liquidation suggestion.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2hkvnesn>

### **Islamic banks lag behind conventional peers in deposit growth**

Islamic banks in Bangladesh recorded sluggish deposit growth in June 2025, trailing well behind their conventional counterparts despite an overall uptick in the banking sector's performance.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/y8kmvtfm>

### **BD jobless rate hits 3-yr high at 3.66pc in 2024**

Bangladesh's unemployment rate remained the highest at 3.66 per cent in 2024 in the last three years, according to the latest Labour Force Survey (LFS) 2024 report.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4yypvfvh>

### **Bond rules overhaul planned to tap global trade shifts, meet ESG norms**

The securities regulator has moved to amend the Debt Securities Rules 2021 to make bond issuance easier, with a focus on social impact and environmental sustainability.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4yypvfvh>

### **Meghna enters heavy vehicle tyre production after Gazi falls**

Meghna Innova Rubber Company Ltd, a concern of Meghna Group, is producing truck, bus, and agricultural tyres at its expanded Mirzapur facility in Tangail, which is expected to fill the gap left by the now-closed Gazi Auto Tyres.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4yypvfvh>

### **Chinese firm to invest \$3 million in Chattogram EPZ**

Chinese-owned enterprise Direction Technology (Bangladesh) Co Limited will invest \$3 million to establish a manufacturing facility at the Chattogram Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) in South Halishahar of the port city.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3h7shdhc>

### **Govt to split NBR into two divisions by Dec**

The government is set to complete the split of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) into two separate divisions by December this year.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3h7shdhc>