

MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

Govt angling for free trade with EU

Bangladesh is seeking to sign free trade agreements with the European Union and other major trading partners to retain preferential access after graduating from the least-developed country category in November next year

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2w2act5w>

Treasury yields fall around policy rate

Yields on treasury bills and government bonds have been falling over the past three months, ending the upward trend that began two years ago.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3vc4my>

Banks' CSR spending drops as bad loans surge

CSR spending by Bangladesh's banks nearly halved in the first half of 2025 amid rising bad loans, according to Bangladesh Bank's (BB) half-yearly report on CSR activities of scheduled banks and non-bank financial institutions.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/m8ebextd>

Chip industry seeks Bida's backing to build \$1b export hub

Bangladesh's semiconductor industry, still in its infancy, has outlined an ambitious vision to emerge as a \$1 billion export hub for chips and embedded systems by 2030.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3v78djwk>

Banks, NBFIs drag Dhaka stocks down

Shares on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) fell today, with losses in non-bank financial institutions and banking shares wiping out gains from the past two sessions.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3vc4my>

Shares for free: ACME Pesticides faces ACC action

Several top officials of ACME Pesticides, along with individuals and firms, received company shares without payment during its initial public offering (IPO), depriving the firm of capital and misleading general investors, the stock market regulator said yesterday.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2ufvs9sd>

Bangladesh's forex reserves cross \$26b

Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves have once again crossed the \$26 billion mark, according to the Bangladesh Bank.

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

Nassa can reschedule default loans with 1% down payment; no decision yet on Beximco

The government has decided to allow Nassa Group to reschedule its Tk8,676 crore defaulted loans with a 1% down payment to restart its factories.

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

Shepherd Industries to sell land to repay loans

The land, measuring 10 kathas, 8 chhataks, and 46 square feet, had been purchased for Tk3.29 crore. The transaction is expected to generate a profit of Tk3.71 crore.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3vc4my>

BSEC summons six audit firms over financial reporting irregularities

The BSEC has decided to hold a hearing to ask the firms why they should not be banned from auditing for a period of five years.

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

BSEC fines Genex Infosys board Tk9.27cr over Sonali Paper share manipulation

BSEC has imposed Tk9.27 crore fines on the board of the listed company Genex Infosys Limited for their involvement in the share manipulation of Sonali Paper & Board Mills Ltd, another listed firm in the paper and printing sector.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/5n8z8jx8>

13 development projects get Ecnec nod

The Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec) on Wednesday approved 13 development projects involving an overall estimated cost of Tk 8,333.28 crore.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/muxru73m>

Stock scammers operate freely on social media despite warning

Online scammers are aggressively targeting victims on social media with ads promising unusually high and quick returns from stock investments, often appearing to be endorsed by well-known market analysts.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/muxru73m>

How India's invisible barrier is costing Bangladesh RMG exporters dearly

Bangladesh's garment exporters are stumbling over an invisible barrier in India that threatens to undercut a rare opportunity in the global trade arena.

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

28.5pc growth of remittance inflow till Sept 16

Inflow of remittances witnessed a year-on-year growth of 28.5 percent reaching \$1,673 million in the first 16 days of September, according to the latest data of Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued.

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

Govt to review slow start in ADP implementation for FY2025-26

Alarmed by a sluggish start in development expenditure, the government will hold an inter-ministerial meeting next week to review why implementation of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) in the first two months of FY2025-26 fell below last year's level.

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

VAT automation stuck in foreign grip as local expertise lags

The country's Value Added Tax (VAT) automation has remained monopolised by Vietnamese firm FPT, as the online platform was developed on software for which there is no local expertise.

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