

MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

Weekly Market Review: Stocks extend losses as investors await earnings

The benchmark equity index closed lower for a second consecutive week, as trading activity remained subdued with thin investor participation, reflecting growing caution ahead of the upcoming earnings season.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4w84keyk>

Portfolio manager's alleged misconduct puts City Bank under regulator's lens

The stock market regulator has uncovered that a portfolio manager at one of the country's largest private commercial banks - City Bank -- misappropriated shares and profited at the expense of his own institution.

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

How BB plans to pay back depositors of five merging banks

Of the Tk1.52 lakh crore in total deposits across five banks, Tk46,000 crore came from individual depositors

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yc8f2w9f>

Southeast Bank to auction New Line Clothings' assets over Tk424cr default loan

Southeast Bank PLC has initiated measures to recoup more than Tk424 crore in defaulted loans from New Line Clothings Ltd, a listed apparel manufacturer that has ceased operations in recent years.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3nzre77k>

Crown Cement approves Tk13.77cr land purchase for expansion

The latest acquisition reflects Crown Cement's steady push to expand its production facilities in Mukterpur, where the company has already established one of the largest cement manufacturing complexes in Bangladesh.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4venru5x>

Trustee to hold unitholders' meeting on SEML Lecture Equity Fund maturity

Fund's current tenure to mature on 25 Dec

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3x8kea8p>

Bank deposit growth edges up in July as confidence returns

In June, deposit growth had slowed to 7.77%. By the end of July, however, it rose to 8.42%

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yms2myfz>

RMG exports from Saidpur drop 50%

Local economy and employment under threat as businesses face setbacks due to India's land port ban

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ykmv7nc2>

BRAC bank wins asia's sustainable sme financier award 2025

BRAC Bank won the 2025 Asia Sustainable SME Financier award at the Global SME Finance Awards.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2bebps3y>

Bank Asia appoints new DMD and CHRO

Akhteruddin Mahmood has joined Bank Asia PLC as Deputy Managing Director and Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO), effective September 14, 2025.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3r3pj5dr>

NBR's capital gains data request spooks high-net-worth investors

Experts expect that the capital market regulator is implementing several positive reforms, some of which are already showing results

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

US issues 8 recommendations for improving financial transparency in Bangladesh

The United States has issued eight key recommendations to improve transparency in Bangladesh's financial sector, as highlighted in its 2025 Fiscal Transparency Report released by the US State Department on Friday.

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

BD becoming priority country to France in financing

Bangladesh gradually becomes a priority country to France under Indo- Pacific development policy but its assistance, as of other countries, may pass through challenges ahead due to US global pullback trends.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3vsa4dvz>

Renata ships anticoagulant Rivaroxaban to Australia

A widely used anticoagulant drug, Rivaroxaban, has been shipped to Australia by Renata PLC.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/pr56uy6z>

Regulator targets errant auditors over links to financial statement frauds

A BSEC investigation also revealed their role in producing window-dressed statements published by scam-hit companies, including Ring Shine Textiles. The firms that may face an embargo are: A Hoque & Co., Ahmad & Akhtar Co., Mahfel Huq & Co., Ata Khan & Co., Shiraz Khan & Basak & Co., and Islam Quazi Shafique & Co.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/hsec2z99>

Private external debt dips 4.0pc YoY to \$19.8b

Bangladesh's private sector outstanding external debt fell 4.0 per cent year on year (Y-O-Y) to US\$19.78 billion at the end of June, as subdued investment and slow credit demand weighed on fresh inflows.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2z2xxdc6>

BPC posts consistent monthly profits under new fuel pricing formula

Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) has reported consistent monthly profits since the introduction of the automatic fuel pricing formula in March 2024, driven by regular price adjustments and margins on petrol, octane, and diesel sales.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4auxw792>

Ctg port's higher tariffs put on hold for a month

The government has deferred the rollout of Chattogram port's new tariff structure by one month after business leaders pressed for a year-long postponement and a phased increase.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4upjfvn6>

Tariff hurdles stall Bangladesh's export growth in Malaysia

Despite strong diplomatic and economic ties, Bangladeshi exporters continue to face steep tariff and non-tariff barriers in the Malaysian market.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/37c6khup>

NBFI crisis locks up depositors' savings

With high blood pressure and diabetes, Khalil Ahmed Khan needs regular medical visits and drugs. A Tk 23 lakh fixed deposit receipt was meant to cover those costs. Instead, the 64-year-old now faces despair.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/bw6tsd52>

Shipping Corp to acquire two vessels for \$77m

State-owned Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) has finalised a deal to buy two new ships from US-based Hellenic Dry Bulk Ventures LLC for \$76.69 million.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/bdda3tcm>

Imports hit three-year high in July

The country's imports hit a three-year high in July this year, as the economy continued to recover from the dollar crisis that had forced authorities to scale back purchases from abroad.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ydf68ejp>

Interest on 10-yr Treasury bonds falls below 10% as lending from banks wanes

The central bank has been keeping its key policy rate unchanged at 10%, aiming to contain the inflation rate

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4ndckn4c>