

MORNING NEWS

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Good Morning

Miracle Industries' shares surge on BCIC 50% procurement deal

In December last year, the industries ministry approved the procurement of 20% of BCIC's total bag requirement from Miracle Industries

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4ezzu346>

Rehana Kashem to offload 16 lakh shares of Southeast Bank

Shares are valued at Tk1.52cr

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/5b2xmeac>

BSEC to investigate S Alam-owned Aviva equity's loans and financial transactions

The investigation will review the total loans provided by Aviva Finance to Aviva Equity, the outstanding dues with interest as of August 2025, and the progress of repayment

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/msdemey6>

BB orders probe into Standard Chartered credit card scam

A fraud group reportedly stole around Tk27 lakh from 54 SCB customers in the last week of August

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2kmdttm2>

NBFI default loans rise to Tk27,541cr in June, now 36% of total lending

At the end of December 2024, the total loan portfolio of NBFIs was Tk75,450 crore, of which Tk25,089 crore or 33.25% was classified as non-performing.

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

Govt to take \$1.47b in non-concessional loans for 7 projects

The government is taking non-concessional loans worth \$1.47 billion for seven projects. This was approved in a meeting of the Standing Committee on Non-Concessional Loan today, held at the ERD conference room in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, chaired by the Finance Adviser.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3whjatx7>

Bangladesh to sign FTA with EU by 2029

Bangladesh has begun the process of signing a free trade agreement (FTA) with the European Union (EU) by 2029 to remain competitive in global trade, said Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2ah4n2r6>

Higher pay for mega project directors planned to boost efficiency, implementation

To boost efficiency in the implementation of Annual Development Projects (ADP), the government is considering offering higher salaries and special incentives to project directors (PDs) of mega projects, bringing their pay closer to that of foreign-funded project directors.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4xmnjs9c>

Why BB retains high exchange rate by buying dollars despite high inflation

Fed rate cut is expected to create more space for BB to buy dollars for reserve building without impacting inflation

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yeff6vsv>

Forex reserves hit \$26.39b

Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves hit \$26.39 billion as of yesterday, according to calculations based on the International Monetary Fund's Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM6) method.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/54tdxtar>

Export diversification project gets delayed again, cost rises 34%

The long-awaited Export Competitiveness for Jobs (EC4J) project, designed to diversify the country's export basket, has been delayed for a second time, with its deadline now pushed to June next year and costs revised upward.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/mrxr5pem>

New telecom policy trims licensing categories to four

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has started preparing new guidelines under the Telecommunications Network and Licensing Policy, which came into effect last week with the gazette publication.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/9bdjvedf>

EPA talks with EU may conclude by 2028

Bangladesh wants to finalise negotiations on an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with the European Union by 2028, aiming to secure duty-free access to its largest export destination in the post-LDC period, Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman said yesterday.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2ecf7nhp>

Karmasangsthan Bank seeks five-year extension of state guarantee for Tk 7.0b loan

Karmasangsthan Bank has urged the government to extend the tenure of the state guarantee for a Tk 7.0 billion loan taken from Bangladesh Bank (BB) by five more years, in a bid to continue supporting youths through its loan programme, sources said.

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

Numerous global energy majors vying for deal

Half a dozen international firms are vying for contract to construct a new floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) at Moheshkhali island as Bangladesh opts for enhancing LNG-handling capacity amid falling domestic gas reserves against rising demand.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2j7cbk5h>

Credit flow to businesses at historic low

Pvt-sector credit growth plummets to 6.49pc as of June: GED

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/m2cv9fa>

Interest rate spread falls to 25-month low amid profitability concerns

The interest-rate spread between banks' weighted average lending and deposit rates narrowed to a 25-month low of 5.75 per cent in July, raising concerns over profitability in the country's financial sector.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ttdfw29k>

Prioritising generation of solar energy

There is a race among many countries, barring those which have huge fossil fuel reserves, for transition to renewable energy.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3rs4rawu>

Nassa Group to shut 16 RMG units amid financial crisis

Nassa Group, one of Bangladesh's leading garment manufacturers, is set to permanently close 16 of its factories after failing to sustain operations due to severe financial and other crises.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yv89yexr>