

# MORNING NEWS

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## Good Morning

### Listed mutual funds fail to lure investors despite NAV gains

The heavily discounted prices are not luring investments into MFs. Instead, the pooled funds have experienced sustained erosion -- between 9 per cent and 23 per cent on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) during the period of August 3-September 25.

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

### Apex Footwear recommends 50% dividend as profit falls 23% in FY25

The dividend comprises 25% cash and 25% stock

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

### Envoy Textiles reports strong profit growth, recommends 30% cash dividend

The company's board of directors has recommended a 30% recorded cash dividend for shareholders for FY 2024-25, up from 20% in the previous year.

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

### 6 state banks under scrutiny over Tk1.49 lakh crore in default loans

According to the report, the six banks are weighed down by an alarming Tk1.49 lakh crore in default loans, amounting to around 44% of their total disbursed credit.

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

### BB governor-led committee formed to choose next BFIU head

The government has formed a five-member selection committee, headed by the central bank governor, to recommend the appointment of the chief of the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU).

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

### Bangladesh Bank lifts 10% retention of advance remittances received against exports

Bangladesh Bank eased the advance payment for trade facilitation, aiming to help exporters, said a senior executive of the central bank

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

### Taka getting increasingly overvalued amid subdued dollar demand

The trend is reflected in the central bank's latest reading of the real effective exchange rate (REER) index, which rose to 103.84 in August from 101.23 a month before.

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

### **New condition for \$5.5B loan: IMF limits Bangladesh's foreign loan intake**

Under the terms, Bangladesh will be allowed to borrow a maximum of \$8.44 billion during the ongoing 2025-26 fiscal year, with a cap of \$1.91 billion in the first quarter and \$3.34 billion in the first half.

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

### **Costs of trade with India rise 20% amid non-tariff measures**

Businessmen say costs have soared by as much as 20 percent, mainly because goods are now being rerouted through Chattogram port, as non-tariff restrictions have choked movement through nearly a dozen land ports.

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

### **Flawed NBR split risks severe fallout**

The ordinance abolishing the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and splitting it into two entities—Revenue Policy and Revenue Management—does not adequately reflect the recommendations of the advisory committee, according to one of its members.

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

### **Eastern Bank to issue Tk 800cr bond**

The approval came at a board meeting on September 24, EBL said in a disclosure published on the Dhaka Stock Exchange website yesterday.

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

### **Monno Ceramic's profit drops 43%**

The company reported a 43 percent year-on-year decline in profit for the financial year that ended on June 30, 2025.

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

### **Transport loans fall 5.5pc YoY in Q2'25**

According to the latest central bank data, the outstanding transport loans stood at Tk 108.83 billion in April-June 2025, down from Tk 115.23 billion in April-June 2024, marking a year-on-year decline of 5.55 per cent.

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

### **Bhutan proposes signing FTA with Bangladesh**

The Prime Minister of Bhutan, Tshering Tobgay, has expressed strong interest in signing a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Bangladesh and linking the two countries' economic zones to boost trade and investment.

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

### **Bangladesh seeking to join RCEP trade bloc**

Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka and Chile are seeking to join the China-backed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, the world's largest trade bloc, Southeast Asian officials said on Thursday, reports Reuters.

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

## **BTCL to introduce triple-play, quad-play services in Bangladesh, says Taiyeb**

The services aim to remove device limitations while offering unlimited voice, data, and video to citizen

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

## **Gold price drops in Bangladesh after consecutive hikes**

In a press release issued on Saturday night, BAJUS announced that the price of 22-carat gold has been cut by Tk 1,890 per bhoori (11.664 grams), fixing it at Tk 192,969.

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

## **Policy twist to state-guaranteed SDF reviving call-money market**

Cash transactions on the call money-market rise in a rebound of the moribund interbank platform as the central bank's policy revision, cutting 50 basis points in the state-guaranteed standing deposit facility (SDF), helps change the equations, sources say.

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

## **US buyers push Bangladeshi exporters to partly absorb tariff costs**

Since August, when the US imposed a 20% reciprocal tariff on Bangladeshi apparel, some buyers have sought to transfer between 5% and 7% of the added cost onto suppliers, while others want them to carry the full burden

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

## **Apex stumbles, Bata buckles: Footwear giants see profits shrink amid inflation, turmoil**

While Apex posted a 23% drop in profit, Bata reported an even steeper 41.26% fall, reflecting both operational hurdles and extraordinary disruptions in the marketplace.

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

## **Beximco projects Tk380cr profit by Dec 2026 amid revival plan**

In a letter to the DSE dated 22 September, the conglomerate confirmed that recent media reports of foreign investments to relaunch 15 of its factories was authentic.

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

## **Phoenix Insurance plans building sale to meet dues, diversify investment**

In August, Phoenix Finance and Investments, a non-bank financial institution, announced its stake selling plan in a bid to ease its prolonged financial crisis and repay part of its depositors' funds.

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

## **Banks struggle to recover Tk86,000cr as buyers shy away from mortgage auctions**

As of August, banks and financial institutions have filed around 9,400 applications with Artha Rin Adalats (Money Loan Courts) nationwide, seeking possession certificates for mortgaged properties tied to nearly Tk86,000 crore in defaulted loans, after repeated auctions failed to draw bidders, Supreme Court data shows.

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