

MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

Gold set for seventh straight weekly rise

Gold prices rose on Friday, hovering near record highs and heading for a seventh consecutive weekly gain.

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

Taka firms in August as forex liquidity rises: report

The taka strengthened against the US dollar in August as foreign exchange liquidity improved and the American greenback weakened globally, but intervention by Bangladesh Bank (BB) kept the exchange rate broadly stable.

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

\$4.7 billion IMF loan: Govt meets most conditions for next tranche

Bangladesh has met key conditions to secure the next installment of the International Monetary Fund's loan programme.

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

ADB to cancel or redirect \$408m amid project delays

ADB will cancel or redirect around \$408 million from projects in Bangladesh this year due to prolonged implementation delays, even as several ADB-funded schemes made progress.

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

Loan recovery from top 20 defaulters stalls

Financial authorities are focusing on the country's top 20 loan defaulters, who account for more than half of the toxic assets in six state-owned banks, as recovery efforts slow and capital shortfalls deepen.

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

Bangladesh drew less than 5% of S Asia's logistics FDI: report

Bangladesh has attracted \$1.8 billion in greenfield foreign direct investment (FDI) in logistics between 2019 and 2024, accounting for 4.9 percent of South Asia's total, according to a report by GlobalData and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

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

City Bank gets \$75 million from AIIB, NDB

AIIB and the NDB, two global multilateral development banks, will provide City Bank PLC \$75 million in long-term financing.

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

ADB signs \$30m sustainability-linked loan with Envoy Textiles

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a \$30 million sustainability-linked loan facility with Envoy Textiles Limited, marking its first such financing in Bangladesh.

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

Construction slump pushes steel industry into deep crisis

Bangladesh's mild steel (MS) rod industry is experiencing its worst downturn in decades, hit by a collapse in public and private construction activity, weak demand, high interest rates, and rising operational costs.

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

Overdue farm loans rise sharply despite higher recovery

Overdue loans given by banks to the farm sector rose further in July according to a Bangladesh Bank (BB) report released this week.

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

Telcos allowed to use Voice over Wi-Fi to improve call quality

The telecom regulator in Bangladesh has approved pilot deployment of Voice over Wi-Fi (VoWiFi) services for mobile operators, aiming to improve indoor coverage and ensure uninterrupted connectivity for users.

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

Islami Bank hit by 'Tk10,000cr losses after years of irregular hiring'

Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC is facing a severe financial and managerial crisis due to years of irregular recruitment under S Alam Group, according to officials.

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

Cenbank's dollar purchase through auctions slows down interbank forex trading

The Bangladesh Bank's recent dollar purchases from commercial banks through auctions have reduced interbank foreign exchange transactions in August, according to the central bank's latest report.

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

Exporters to get faster payments as BB to allow global invoice discounting

Bangladeshi exporters will soon be able to avoid waiting three to four months for foreign buyers to settle invoices as the central bank prepares to allow them to use global trade finance discounting platforms for faster payments.

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

BB eases reporting rules for foreign investment account openings

Bangladesh Bank has relaxed the reporting requirements for non-resident taka accounts (NRTAs) and temporary foreign currency (FC) accounts used for foreign investments.

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

MJL Bangladesh, EC Holdings to invest Tk214cr in Gulshan property

MJL Bangladesh, a listed firm in the fuel and power sector, has decided to jointly make an investment of Tk214.20 crore in a commercial property located in Gulshan, Dhaka.

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

Banks, NBFIs must report investments in bonds, debentures, preference shares to CIB

The directive, issued in a circular on 29 September, aims to ensure that risks associated with such investments remain at an acceptable level by treating them as loans for reporting purposes.

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

Walton's revenue falls by 6% in FY25 amid weak demand, political turmoil

While the company managed to post modest growth in refrigerator sales and exports, its core domestic markets for air conditioners and televisions contracted sharply, reflecting the broader economic slowdown.

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

Banks, NBFIs dominate DSE's weekly gainer chart

After a steep decline, some banks and non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) listed on the country's prime bourse saw price appreciation in the outgoing week, dominating the gainer chart.

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

BSEC moves to expand debt securities rules, introduces new sustainable finance bonds

The draft guideline has already been published on the regulator's website for public consultation, which will remain open until 8 October. The proposed rules also set out reporting, monitoring, and disclosure requirements for bond issuers.

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

Three banks get green light to issue Tk2,300cr bonds to strengthen capital base

Of the total issuance, BRAC Bank will raise Tk1,000 crore, UCB Tk800 crore, and Trust Bank Tk500 crore. All three bonds will be listed on the alternative trading board of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

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

Vaccine plant cost rises Tk385cr before shifting from Gopalganj to Munshiganj

Amid the decision to shift the country's first vaccine plant from Gopalganj to Munshiganj, the project cost has risen by Tk385 crore (12.77%).

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

Govt releases Tk 10b in cash incentives for exporters

The government has released Tk 10 billion as the first instalment of cash incentives for the exporters in the current fiscal year (FY), sources said.

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