

MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

Imports through Dhaka airport resume after 24 hours

Import activities at Dhaka Airport resumed this evening after remaining suspended for over 24 hours due to a devastating fire that turned goods and other items into ashes at the import cargo village, causing huge losses to businesses.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/aeurn99w>

ADP implementation rises in first quarter YoY, spending down by Tk1,057 crore

The implementation rate of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) in the first quarter (July–September) of the current fiscal year (2025–26) slightly increased compared to the same period last year. Spending during the same period, however, fell by Tk1,057 crore.

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

Competition Commission may get search and seizure powers

Similar to raids by tax officials, the Bangladesh Competition Commission (BCC) will be able to search offices and seize documents, computers and electronic data, according to proposed amendments to the Competition Act.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/chjje2xk>

Gross forex reserves cross \$32b after 32 months

The gross reserves crossed \$32 billion by the end of last week after a break of 32 months, thanks to higher remittance earnings and export growth.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yn6m647x>

US-China trade war risks long-term hit to global growth: WTO

WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala told Reuters in an interview the global trade body was extremely concerned about the latest spike in US-China trade tensions and had spoken with officials from both countries to encourage more dialogue.

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

Sakhawat, Chinese minister discuss Bangladesh-China shipping cooperation in Shanghai

The meeting discussed in detail the ongoing cooperation in the shipping sector, infrastructure development and future areas of cooperation between the two countries, said a Shipping Ministry press release here today (19 October).

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ysk7tmur>

Debt, disease and weak fry cripple export-oriented shrimp sector

Once Bangladesh's second-largest export earner, the shrimp industry now teeters on the brink. The industry was considered the cornerstone of the coastal economy, sustaining millions of livelihoods.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/bdf4tphh>

Overseas credit card spending jumps 19% Y-o-Y in August

Bangladeshis spent over Tk443 crore abroad using credit cards in August this year – up more than 19% compared to the same month a year earlier, according to the latest Bangladesh Bank data.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/chjje2xk>

Banks must notify clients 30 working days before loan write-off

From now on, banks will have to notify borrowers at least 30 working days before writing off any loan.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yc5a8yeu>

DSEX sinks to three-month low, drops 75 points as panic grips investors

Dhaka stocks suffered another major sell-off today (19 October) as investor confidence continued to crumble amid persistent political uncertainty, financial sector instability, and panic-driven rumors in the capital market.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/bdhkrhz3>

Profit plunges 43%, Monno Agro recommends 5% cash dividend

Monno Agro & General Machinery, a listed firm under the engineering sector, has reported that its net profit after tax plunged by 43% in the 2024-25 fiscal year.

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

National Housing Finance posts 24% profit growth in Jan-Sep

National Housing Finance PLC, a listed non-bank financial institution (NBFI), has reported a 24% growth in its profit in the first nine months of 2025.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3f7upurj>

Anlima Yarn declares no dividend for FY25 amid widening losses

Anlima Yarn Dyeing Limited has announced that it will not pay any dividend for the fiscal year ending 30 June 2025, as the company continues to struggle with mounting losses and liquidity challenges.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3futna9w>

Index Agro cuts dividend to 17% despite higher revenue

Board recommends 12% cash, 5% stock dividend

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3futna9w>

Bangladesh Autocars shuts down CNG conversion unit amid falling revenue

Bangladesh Autocars Limited has announced the closure of its CNG conversion business under Unit 3, citing a continuous decline in revenue and profitability.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3a5a8ubr>

Two BSRM firms pledge 0.25% of revenue on education, health

According to company statements, the boards of both BSRM Limited and BSRM Steel have approved enhanced CSR programmes designed to expand support across multiple critical sectors

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/hrsuz2hf>

BSRM to pump Tk400cr into fastener plant to make bolts, nuts

The new facility will be established under BSRM Wires Limited at Mirsharai upazila in Chattogram, where the company already operates a wire products factory employing around 500 workers.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/53fzc6ke>

Deep-discounted MFs face mandatory liquidation or conversion under draft rules

The securities regulator has proposed liquidating closed-end mutual funds or converting them into open-ended funds before maturity if their units trade at more than a 25 per cent discount to net asset value (NAV) on the bourses.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7xrtfh>