

MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

Crown Cement profit plunges 33% on soaring costs

To reward shareholders, the company's board has recommended a 21% cash dividend for FY25, maintaining the same payout as the previous year

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

DBH Finance profit dips 3% in Jul-Sep

DBH Finance PLC, a leading housing finance company, has reported a 3% year-on-year decline in profit for the July-September quarter of 2025, as higher funding costs and increased provisions weighed on its earnings.

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

Dhaka airport's fire-hit cargo village had insurance of only Tk20 lakh

The cargo village at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, gutted in the recent devastating fire, had insurance coverage of only Tk20 lakh, according to officials.

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

Exporters fear Tk12,000cr loss from Dhaka airport fire, place six-point demand

It is still difficult to accurately determine the total loss suffered by exporters, says EAB President Mohammad Hatem

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

Airport fire may delay RMG, pharma production by at least two months

Manufacturers estimate losses could far exceed the value of destroyed raw materials

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

BSRM posts record profit in FY25 on higher sales, lower input costs

It earned a consolidated profit of Tk 6.14 billion in the year, a 42 per cent year-on-year increase from the year before, according to a stock exchange filing on Sunday.

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

Trump vows 'massive' tariffs until India halts Russian oil buys

US President Donald Trump reiterated on Sunday that Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi told him India will stop buying Russian oil, while warning that New Delhi would continue paying "massive" tariffs if it did not do so.

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

Yields on T-bills fall as banks park idle funds

The cut-off yield, commonly known as the interest rate, on the 91-day T-bills fell to 9.44 per cent, down from 9.51 per cent in the previous auction.

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

Linde Bangladesh profit plunges 98% in July-Sept

Its net profit for the July-September period dropped 98 percent year-on-year to Tk 9.85 crore, according to its financial statements

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

Korea eyes trade pact with Bangladesh amid investment hurdles

Envoy urges reforms in customs, visa and dollar payment systems to unlock potential

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

DSE turnover dips to four-month low, but most stocks surge

Stocks on Monday surged mostly in the late hours amid buying pressure, but turnover at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) fell to a four-month low as investor sentiment remained sluggish due to fears of amendments to the margin rules.

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

BD's LNG import financing set to get an impetus from next month

Country's liquefied natural gas (LNG) import financing is set to get an impetus from next month (November) with the availability of fiscal support from World Bank (WB).

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

Indian firm halts bandwidth imports from Bangladesh

Sources in the BSCPLC said BSNL's latest decision to stop availing the service was also prompted by financial constraints of BSNL.

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

Rumours spread over margin rules, BSEC urges investors not to panic

Even after the rules are approved, stakeholders will be given sufficient time to adjust with various legal requirements, says BSEC Spokesperson Abul Kalam

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

EDOTCO installs country's first fibre-reinforced polymer telecom tower

EDOTCO Bangladesh, the country's leading digital infrastructure company, has deployed Bangladesh's first next-generation fibre-reinforced polymer (FRP) tower in Gopalganj, marking a significant advancement in the nation's telecom infrastructure.

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

After transport strike, work abstention by customs agents threatens to slow Ctg Port operations

Chattogram port operations, which were recently affected by a 40-hour transport strike, now face fresh uncertainty as customs agents are observing a four-hour work abstention, protesting a 41% tariff hike.

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

Asian markets bounce back as China-US trade fears ease

HONG KONG, Oct 20 (AFP): Asian markets rose Monday after conciliatory comments from Donald Trump at the weekend ease worries about China-US trade tensions, while Tokyo stocks surged to a record on news of a deal to end political turmoil in Japan.

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

Janata Bank loan scam: ACC approves charges against Atiur, Barakat and 24 others

According to ACC, the accused approved loans to 22 companies under Anontex Group by relaxing conditions and based on falsified documents, despite the borrowers' lack of eligibility.

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

North Bangladesh could face power crisis as Barapukuria plant shuts down completely

National grid deprived of about 200 MW electricity

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

Bangladesh seeks to expand halal trade with Malaysia: Envoy

"Bangladesh looks forward to enhancing halal trade with Malaysia and expanding the market for Bangladeshi products in the ASEAN region," the envoy said.

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

Why fresh funds are so urgent

The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) is hopeful of returning to profit if it gets immediate liquidity support to overcome its liabilities.

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

Court orders freezing of S Alam's shares worth Tk8,000cr

Dhaka Metropolitan Senior Special Judge Sabbir Faiz issued the order today

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

Trump, Australia's Albanese sign critical minerals agreement to counter China

China loomed large at the first White House summit between Trump and Albanese, with the US president also backing a strategic nuclear-powered submarine deal with Australia to bolster security in the Indo-Pacific

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

Target \$2.5b export to SADC bloc

Bangladesh moves to discover trade treasure troves across Africa with an imminent exploration mission and trade summit under a comprehensive plan for export-market diversification into potential destinations yet untapped.

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