

# MORNING NEWS

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## Good Morning

### **Samorita Hospital's FY25 profit rises 11%**

The board of directors of the hospital recommended a 5 percent cash dividend for FY25, unchanged from the previous year.

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

### **Square Pharma unveils Tk650cr expansion plan, declares record 120% dividend**

Declared the highest dividend in its corporate history – a 120% cash payout for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

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

### **Peoples Leasing shares dip to Tk0.90, lowest ever on DSE**

Investors initially purchased PLFSL shares at a face value of Tk10, in many cases even paying additional premiums. Now, the same shares are trading below Tk1

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

### **Khan Brothers sees profit escalate 27-fold on strategic shift**

Khan Brothers PP Woven Bag Industries reported a more than 27-fold jump year-on-year in profit to Tk 27.48 million in FY25, a feat attained through what the company claims is a strategic shift in business policy.

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

### **India nears deal to slash US tariffs. How will it impact Bangladesh?**

India and the United States are close to finalising a trade agreement that would sharply reduce US tariffs on Indian imports – from the current 50% to around 15%-16% – lower than the 20% reciprocal tariff now applied to Bangladeshi products in the US market.

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

### **Walton smart inverter chillers installed at Singapore's Mount Elizabeth Hospital**

Global electronics giant and Bangladesh's Superbrand Walton has reached another major export milestone, as its air-cooled chiller ACs equipped with smart inverter technology are now being used in two of Singapore's leading hospitals — Mount Elizabeth Hospital and General Hospital.

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

### **\$5.5b loan: IMF wants to consult with elected govt before next tranche, says governor**

IMF wants commitment from next government to continue extensive reform initiatives

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

## **DSE finds Pacific Denims factory shut amid ongoing compliance issues**

With this inclusion, the number of listed non-performing companies now stands at 31

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

## **Dollar gains over Tk0.16 in six days**

The exchange rate of the US dollar has increased by more than Tk0.16 over the past six days, surpassing the Tk122 mark.

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

## **Foreign banks top profits, trail in social spending**

CSR spending by multinational lenders was just 0.56% last year, compared with 9% by Islamic banks

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

## **Auction full 'golden spectrum', lower price**

Global System for Mobile Communications Association (GSMA), the international mobile industry body, has called on the local telecom regulator (BTRC) to lower spectrum prices and auction the full 45 MHz in the 700 MHz band in the next auction.

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

## **Investor anxiety over margin rules drags DSE turnover to four-month low**

The sudden fall in trading volume followed Tuesday's confirmation that the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) had given final approval to the long-debated margin rules.

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

## **Govt moves to boost House Building Corporation's lending capacity**

The move comes as BHBFC struggles to meet demand due to fund shortages

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

## **Dhaka Customs House to remain open 24/7 over the next two days**

The step has been taken to keep trade activities running after the Dhaka airport fire

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

## **Bangladesh signs three key ILO conventions on workers' rights**

Bangladesh has become the only country in South Asia to ratify all 10 fundamental ILO conventions

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

## **Gold prices slashed by Tk 8,386 per bhorī after hitting historic high**

From tomorrow, each bhorī of 22-carat gold will cost Tk 208,995

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

## **New bulk carrier ship joins BSC fleet today**

CHATTOGRAM, Oct 22 (BSS): A new bulk carrier ship, 'MB Banglar Pragati,' will formally join the fleet of the state-owned Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) tomorrow.

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

## **Govt nod for refined fuel import, direct e-passport material purchase**

The proposals came from the Energy and Mineral Resources Division and the Ministry of Home Affairs, respectively.

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

### **Pacific Group to reopen 8 factories in CEPZ today**

CHATTOGRAM, Oct 22 (BSS): Pacific Group is set to reopen its eight garment factories in the Chattogram Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) today (Thursday) following an improvement in the situation after recent worker unrest.

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

### **BD a key partner in Bay of Bengal, wider Indo-Pacific: EU**

The European Union (EU) has said Bangladesh is a 'key partner' for the European Union in the Bay of Bengal and wider Indo-Pacific.

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

### **Yield on 10-year T-bonds rises**

According to auction results, the cut-off yield on the 10-Year Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) rose to 9.99 per cent from 9.89 per cent previously.

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

### **Only 11% of banks fully ready for AI-driven cybersecurity: Report**

Only 11% of banks in Bangladesh are fully prepared in terms of IT infrastructure to adopt AI-powered cybersecurity solutions.

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