

# MORNING NEWS

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## Good Morning

### Govt tightens rules on foreign borrowing to boost project efficiency

The government has tightened its grip on foreign borrowing by introducing a set of preconditions that ministries and divisions must fulfil before signing loan agreements with development partners, an effort aimed at improving project efficiency and curbing chronic delays and cost overruns.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4r3t4c4u>

### BB eases rules for power import payments

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has relaxed regulations for power import payments, allowing authorised dealer banks to remit funds for power purchases under government-approved cross-border arrangements without prior approval from the central bank.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4r3t4c4u>

### Businesses urge review of labour law over investment and industry concerns

Leaders of trade bodies have urged the government to reconsider the recent amendment to the labour law, saying that the changes could impact domestic and foreign investment, as well as stability in the industrial sector, if implemented.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/mva8kcu9>

### Gold price may hit about \$5,000 over 12 months

The price of gold is expected to hit \$4,980 a troy ounce over the next 12 months, up some 27 percent from current levels, delegates to the London Bullion Market Association's (LBMA) annual gathering in Kyoto predicted on Tuesday.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/y2bbuswb>

### BTRC wants 5.5% of revenue from broadband operators

BTRC has proposed a new licensing framework that would require broadband operators and fixed-line telephone service providers to share 5.5 percent of their annual revenue with the regulator -- similar to the system already in place for mobile operators.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4fc8ynku>

### IMF to begin fifth review for \$5.5b loan

IMF is set to start its fifth review of the progress in implementing the conditions tied to the \$5.5 billion loan given to Bangladesh, starting today.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2beam8ta>

### **What currency swap facility is Bangladesh Bank set to introduce for exporters?**

The central bank is set to introduce a currency swap facility that will allow exporters to temporarily exchange foreign currency from their Exporters' Retention Quota (ERQ) accounts for local currency to meet urgent cash needs.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/mr38eye7>

### **Sustainable Finance lending drops by Tk8,694cr in June quarter amid political uncertainty**

At the end of June, total lending in this sector stood at Tk1.41 lakh crore, down from Tk1.49 lakh crore in the March quarter – a decline of 5.8%.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4fc8ynku>

### **Singapore-China JV to invest \$27.57m in Bepza EZ Star**

Journey Outdoors Bangladesh Co Ltd, a Singapore- and China-owned company, will invest \$27.57 million to set up a high-end garments and outdoor products manufacturing factory at the Bepza Economic Zone (Bepza EZ) in Mirsharai, Chattogram.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yyrbyc4f>

### **NBFI, engineering losses drag key stock index down**

Dhaka stocks closed lower for the third consecutive session today, weighed down by poor performance of non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) and the engineering sector.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/m6rmsjby>

### **Titas Gas bleeds Tk1,680cr over 3 years despite turnaround efforts**

The bank's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) reached Tk4.75 at the end of September this year.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4bhhvx4w>

### **Marico Bangladesh declares 500% interim cash dividend**

During the April-September period, the company posted Tk1,012 crore in revenue, marking a 20.33% rise compared to the same period a year earlier.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3yyze42n>

### **Bata declares 143% interim cash dividend**

Bata Shoe Company (Bangladesh) Limited has decided to pay 143% cash dividend as interim considering the financial statement for January-September period this year.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/uk5srm74>

### **Renata declares 55% cash dividend for FY25**

For the year ending on 30 June 2025, the company has reported a consolidated Earnings Per Share (EPS) of Tk19.36.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2u39ncu7>

### **Dutch-Bangla Bank's quarterly profit jumps 347%**

Dutch-Bangla Bank has reported that its net profit jumped by 347% in the July-September quarter of this year.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3rf6szyj>

### **City Bank profit jumps 60% to Tk720cr in Jan-Sep**

The bank's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) reached Tk4.75 at the end of September this year.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4ttj6vff>

### **MJL Bangladesh recommends 52% dividend**

MJL Bangladesh PLC has recommended a 52 percent cash dividend for the year ended June 30, 2025, unchanged from last year, even as profit rose.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/423uteww>

### **Olympic Industries triples dividend payout as profit hits four-year high**

Olympic Industries reported its strongest profit in four years and recommended a 30 percent cash dividend for fiscal 2024-25, tripling last year's payout as revenue and earnings continued to climb.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4sxnj7h>

### **DCCI, DSE join hands to strengthen capital market, empower SMEs**

In a move to deepen Bangladesh's capital market and enhance access to finance for small and medium enterprises, the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) and the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Tuesday inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote SME listings, attract investors and introduce innovative financial products.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2rpfr66w>

### **Govt tightens spending control, bars extra budget allocations**

The government has imposed a strict expenditure ceiling on all ministries and divisions as part of its ongoing austerity measures amid mounting fiscal pressures and slower revenue growth

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2rpfr66w>

### **A2i project faces massive cost surge**

The government's flagship Aspire-to-Innovate (a2i) project has run into major financial controversy after racking up deferred payments of Tk 3.0 billion in its data-preservation segment, twelve times the original allocation.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2rpfr66w>

### **Experts foresee 'huge' problem with merger of five Islamic banks**

Speakers at a roundtable discussion expressed the fear that the merged Sariah-based bank could become a huge burden for the government.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/2rpfr66w>