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Good Morning

Remittance rises 7% in October

Expatriates sent home $2.56 billion during the month, up from $2.39 billion in the same period a year earlier, according to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank. Bangladesh has been witnessing a growing trend in remittance inflows since December of last year due to multiple factors.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4r3t4c4u

BTRC to seek clarification on Starlink's bandwidth export bid

The internet regulator has decided to seek further clarification on Starlink Services Bangladesh Ltd's bid to export unfiltered bandwidth from Bangladesh through local internet service providers before taking a decision on granting permission to the company.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4rztzd8j

Current uncertainties diverting Bangladesh’s RMG orders: exporters

A portion of new apparel work orders is shifting from Bangladesh to other countries because of political uncertainty and the ongoing gas and electricity crises, said a group of trade body leaders and exporters today.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/2beam8ta

Nine institutions process Tk940 on first day of interoperable system

On the first day of Bangladesh's interoperable payment system, nine financial institutions – including four mobile financial service (MFS) providers, four banks, and one payment service provider (PSP) – processed transactions worth a total of Tk940 today (2 November).
Source: https://tinyurl.com/3sphxr74

As global borrowing peaks, Bangladesh faces its own fiscal reckoning

The IMF and World Bank offer benchmarks to assess debt health for low-income countries—classifying them as weak, medium, or strong depending on whether external debt ranges between 35% and 75% of GDP.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/54ncd8fz

IMF asks why loss-making banks still paying salaries and bonuses

IMF has raised serious concerns over Bangladesh's "failure to take decisive action" against nearly two dozen banks suffering from severe capital shortfalls, questioning why these banks continue to pay salaries and bonuses to staff despite mounting losses and rising non-performing loans (NPLs).
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mva8kcu9

BB governor says exchange market is free floating despite IMF concerns

Ahsan H Mansur on 2 November insisted that the country's foreign exchange market is operating in a completely free-floating state, responding to concerns raised by the visiting IMF team.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mr38eye7

Probe finds glaring graft, bloated payouts to power plant owners

Most private-sector power plants implemented during the previous Awami League government's tenure were steeped in blatant "corruption, fraud and irregularities" in the process of executing deals, investigators found.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mjbyazyv

Foreign loan pledges, disbursements see strong growth in Q1 FY26

Foreign loan commitments and disbursements saw a significant rise in the first quarter of the current fiscal year 2025-26, with commitments skyrocketing 3,222% and disbursements rising 35.7%, according to data released on 30 October by the Economic Relations Division (ERD).
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4fsdvc97

Bangladesh works to establish ‘Defence Economic Zone’ to export weapons

Bangladesh is looking for a suitable land area for setting up a ‘Specialized Defence Economic Zone’ to manufacture weapons and ammunition.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/ymxcd4a3

BSEC rejects Standard Bank’s plan to raise funds thru’ bond

The private lender announced its plan in late July to float a floating-rate, non-convertible subordinated bond aimed at strengthening its Tier-2 capital base to meet Basel-III requirements. The bond's issuance was subject to approval from both the BSEC and the Bangladesh Bank.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/ytxnv4sf

Pharma sector struggles, top firms hold ground

Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry has experienced a mixed performance in the fiscal year 2024-25, as most listed companies reported a year-on-year decline in profits despite seeing improved revenues.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/yft6zw8b

Monospool Bangladesh shares jump 31% after dividend declaration

However, the circuit breaker does not apply on the day of an annual corporate declaration, such as dividend announcements.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/3xcmb8xu

Exim Bank cuts quarterly loss by 41%, still faces cash crunch

Despite the improvement, the shariah-based private lender continues to face a severe liquidity strain and rising provisioning pressures.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4vfk269s

Rupali Bank plunges into Tk168cr quarterly loss as bad loans bite

State-owned Rupali Bank PLC has sunk into a loss of Tk168 crore in the July-September quarter of 2025, a sharp reversal from the Tk6 crore profit recorded in the same period a year earlier. The steep fall in earnings reflects the state-run bank's deepening financial distress.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/46ezkbnz

Kohinoor Chemical profit up 33% in Jul-Sep

Kohinoor Chemical Company Bangladesh reported higher profit in the July-September quarter of 2025 as sales rose, according to its financial statements.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mwyxdsz3