

MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

One-quarter of households face moderate to severe food insecurity: BBS survey

A quarter of households in Bangladesh face moderate to severe food insecurity, according to a Report by Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) published today (3 November). Only about one-third of all households are food secure, with nearly half being marginally secure.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3sphxr74>

How real is 19% FDI growth in FY25 after Uprising?

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Bangladesh grew by 19.13% in the fiscal 2024-25 following the July 2024 mass uprising. However, the growth was not because of fresh external injection but a sharp rise in reinvested earnings and intra-company loans by existing players.

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

Private sector credit growth drops to four-year low at 6.29% in September

Private sector credit growth in Bangladesh fell to 6.29% in September, marking the lowest level in four years, according to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank. The slowdown has been consistent since 5 August 2024, as private sector lending continues to lose momentum.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4rztzd8j>

Know the 12 entities that have applied for digital bank licences

As many as 12 domestic and foreign entities have so far submitted applications to the Bangladesh Bank for digital bank licences, with the deadline ending yesterday (2 November). Arif Hossain Khan, executive director and spokesperson of the central bank, confirmed the development.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/54ncd8fz>

Ctg Port's Bay Terminal to begin operations by 2030: CPA chairman

The much-anticipated Bay Terminal project of Chattogram Port is expected to go into operation by 2030, said Rear Admiral SM Moniruzzaman, chairman of the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA).

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

Exports drop continues, down 7.43%; exporters fear further decline

Bangladesh's export earnings fell for the third consecutive month in October, dropping 7.43% year-on-year, raising concerns among exporters that shipments may continue to decline in the coming months due to political uncertainty, higher US tariffs, and ongoing banking troubles.

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

Switzerland's Sika begins production in Bangladesh

Switzerland-based construction chemical manufacturer Sika Bangladesh Limited has commenced production at its factory located in the Meghna Industrial Economic Zone in Narayanganj.

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

BB orders MFS providers to stop online gambling transactions

The Bangladesh Bank has directed all mobile financial service (MFS) providers to take urgent steps to prevent illegal online gambling transactions through their platforms. However, MFS operators argue that it is nearly impossible to identify the nature of transactions.

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

Offer foreign currency swap facility to ease exporters' urgent cash needs: BB directs banks

Bangladesh Bank has issued a directive instructing all commercial banks to introduce a foreign currency–Taka swap facility allowing 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/4fsdvc97>

Internet prices may rise under proposed guideline

The proposed regulatory and licensing guidelines for broadband service providers could increase internet costs for users by at least 20 percent due to new fees and charges.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ymxcd4a3>

DSEX extends losing streak for second straight day

The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), extended its losing streak for the second consecutive session on Monday (3 November), as turnover fell and investors remained wary amid election-related uncertainties and a gloomy economic outlook.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/ytxnv4sf>

Dhaka Stock Exchange recommends 1.7% cash dividend for FY25, lowest in nearly a decade

DSE, the country's premier bourse, has recommended a 1.70% cash dividend for the fiscal year 2024-25, marking the lowest payout in nearly a decade. The AGM to approve the dividend has been scheduled for 18 December, with the record date set for 10 November.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/yft6zw8b>

Four leasing firms' shares dip below Tk1, DSE reduces tick size to Tk0.01

Shares of four listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) are now trading below Tk1 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), reflecting deepening investor caution in the capital market.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/3xemb8xu>

SIBL incurs record Tk1,704cr loss as interest expenses and provisions soar

Social Islami Bank PLC has reported a record loss of Tk1,704 crore for the first nine months of 2025, the worst in its history, as soaring interest expenses and provisioning requirements severely eroded its profitability.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/46ezkbnz>

IMF sceptical about 35pc-higher revenue target, bank overhauls

International Monetary Fund creditworthiness-review mission appears unsatisfied with Bangladesh finance officials' explanation over ramped-up revenue target handed to the revenue board for the current fiscal year, and the means of mobilisation.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/46ezkbnz>