

MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

BB keeps policy rate unchanged as high inflation persists

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of BB made the decision in its 10th meeting on Monday, reviewing current economic conditions, recent inflation data, and the near-term outlook, according to officials familiar with the matter.

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

Merging 5 lenders, new Islami bank launches this month

The development comes after the finance ministry and the BB put in all-out effort to establish the new lender for the interest of depositors of the five troubled banks: First Security Islami, Union, Global Islami, Social Islami and EXIM, The Daily Star has learnt from people involved.

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

IMF, WB recommend forming unified debt management office in Bangladesh

A joint mission of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank has recommended the creation of a unified Debt Management Office (DMO) to strengthen the country's public debt framework and reduce fiscal and operational risks.

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

Govt to raise Tk 2,500 crore through sukuk

The government is set to raise Tk 2,500 crore through the issuance of another shariah-based sukuk bond soon, for the development of rural roads in 20 upazilas across three south-eastern coastal districts, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) said in a press release today.

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

Pvt sector short-term foreign debt edges up slightly in Sep

The country's private sector short-term foreign borrowing increased marginally in September, rising by just \$68 million from the previous month, according to Bangladesh Bank data released today (4 November).

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

With import policy tweak, garment makers expect \$5b more in exports

Bangladeshi apparel manufacturers expect to earn an additional \$5 billion in high-end garment exports in the first year after the government scraps the 50 percent ceiling on free-of-charge (FoC) imports.

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

Bangladesh's export chain reels from airport cargo meltdown after fire

More than two weeks after a fire crippled the cargo complex at Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, international parcel deliveries remain severely disrupted.

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

MNCs' profit shifting costs Bangladesh \$692m in lost tax: report

Bangladesh lost \$692 million in tax revenue from 2016 to 2021 due to profit shifting by multinational companies, according to a new report by the Tax Justice Network (TJN) released yesterday.

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

Export cap fails to cool jute market as premium prices climb

The government's move to impose export restrictions on raw jute, aiming to stabilise domestic prices, has failed to produce the desired effect even after two months. In fact, as traders had warned, it has had the opposite effect, with premium-grade raw jute prices climbing further.

Source: <https://tinyurl.com/4fsdvc97>

Five local companies to import \$1.25 billion US soybean products

Five leading soy value chain companies from Bangladesh have signed deals to import \$1.25 billion worth of soy products from the USA over the next year.

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

Dhaka stocks extend bearish run amid rising political uncertainty

The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), continued its losing streak for the third consecutive session yesterday, with turnover also declining as investors remained cautious due to election-related uncertainties and a weakening economic outlook.

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

Two DSE board seats fall vacant, polls scheduled for 15 Dec

With two director posts on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) board set to fall vacant next month upon expiry of their tenures, the bourse has scheduled elections for 15 December to fill the vacancies.

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

Apex Footwear exports surge to Tk663cr, but profit plunges to Tk37 lakh

The company spent Tk13.37 crore in income tax, which amounted to 97% of its pre-tax profit. Interest expenses on its bank borrowings rose by 14% year-on-year to Tk39.64 crore.

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

CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund posts Tk3.81cr profit in July–September

At the end of the quarter, the NAV per unit was Tk11.08 at the cost price and Tk8.42 at the market price, compared to the Tk10 face value per unit

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

BNP nomination buzz lifts shares of candidate-owned firms

The announcement of BNP's candidate list for 237 constituencies in the upcoming national election has triggered a wave of excitement not just in the political arena but also in the country's stock market, as shares of companies owned by several nominated leaders surged following the declaration.

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

Former IFIC Bank MD fined Tk5 crore for misleading bond promotion

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed a Tk5 crore fine on Shah Alam Sarwar, former managing director of IFIC Bank PLC, for his involvement in irregularities related to the misleading promotion of a zero-coupon bond.

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