MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

Govt amends three key tax laws to dissolve NBR

The government has amended three major tax laws as part of an overhaul that will dissolve the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and create two new bodies -- the Revenue Policy Division and the Revenue Management Division.

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

Draft rules published for digital payment operators

The draft Payment System Operator (PSO) Regulations—released this week by the central bank's Payment Systems Department—seek feedback from banks, fintech companies, and other industry players before being finalised.

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

Administrators assume office

Bangladesh Bank-appointed administrators yesterday took charge of five shariah-based banks slated for merger as part of a resolution process aimed at restoring governance and strengthening accountability in the troubled lenders.

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

Bepza EZ in Chattogram welcomes $111 million in investments

The firms are Tai Ma Shoes (BD) Co Ltd, Bangladesh Songshin Leather Co Ltd, Annray Holding (BD) Co Ltd and Wraptox Industries Ltd. The first three are fully foreign owned, while Wraptox Industries Ltd is a Bangladeshi company, Bepza said in a press release today.

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

Govt may consider compensating small shareholders: BB

There is no scope to protect the interests of general investors or shareholders in the merger of the five troubled banks under the Bank Resolution Ordinance, 2025. However, the government may consider compensating small investors and shareholders, the Bangladesh Bank said in a statement.

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

BGMEA, Bangladesh-Canada trade body team up for trade, investment

BGMEA and the Bangladesh Business Chamber of Canada (BBCC) today signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation in trade, investment, and knowledge exchange between the two organisations.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/mva8kcu9

Exchange rate adjustment pushes Rooppur plant cost up by Tk13,386cr

The depreciation of taka against the US dollar has pushed the Rooppur Nuclear Power Project's cost up by Tk13,386 crore, raising the total to Tk126,479 crore, the first revised proposal shows.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mr38eye7

Savar leather industrial park to come under Bepza control

A high-level committee is working on a roadmap to transfer the Savar Tannery Industrial Estate from the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC) to the control of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza).
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mjbyazyv

'An absolutely legal business in Bangladesh': Bida boss on approving nicotine pouch factory

Chowdhury Ashik Mahmud Bin Harun defended allowing Philip Morris to produce nicotine pouches locally, despite criticism from rights groups and anti-tobacco campaigners.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/ymxcd4a3

Malfunctioning insurance cos now up for merger or liquidation

Sources say the insurance regulator has finalised the Insurer Resolution Ordinance 2025, paving the way for sweeping insurance reforms the way the banking-sector problems are being fixed, starting the mergers of five hollowed Islamic banks into a big one.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4fsdvc97

AI holds huge promise, but BD must act fast

While concerns persist over automation and its impact on employment, they argue that the country's focus should now shift toward readiness: shaping policy, modernising education, and protecting local innovation from foreign dominance.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/ytxnv4sf

Internet banking transactions surge 47.5pc in Aug

Internet banking transactions in Bangladesh posted a robust growth of about 47.5 per cent year-on-year in August 2025, reaching Tk 1.12 trillion from Tk 759.39 billion in the same month of 2024, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank (BB).
Source: https://tinyurl.com/yft6zw8b

Forex buffer wanes amid earnings, spending mismatch

Bangladesh sees its foreign-currency buffers wane amid a rather abrupt earnings dip and external payments, stoking fears of pressure on the country's current-account balance too soon.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/3xcmb8xu

Stakeholders fear foreign dominance, rise in internet prices

Speakers at a discussion on Saturday warned that the proposed telecom licensing policy could undermine domestic entrepreneurs, restore foreign dominance, and sharply raise internet prices.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/3xcmb8xu

NBFI stocks tumble amid liquidation fears after boards of 5 banks dissolved

Shares of several non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) plunged sharply today, as panic gripped investors following the Bangladesh Bank's decision to dissolve the boards of five Islamic banks and appoint administrators to oversee their merger.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/46ezkbnz

Dhaka stocks extend losing streak for 2nd week amid political and economic gloom

The key indices of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) extended their losing streak for the second consecutive week, as cautious investors continued to sell off shares amid rising political uncertainty and a gloomy economic outlook.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/3zetykrk

New margin rules gazetted: Existing cases to follow old regulations

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has officially repealed the "Margin Rules, 1999" and replaced them with the newly issued "Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Margin Repeal) Rules, 2025."
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mwyxdsz3

Bourses suspend five banks' share trading

Both the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) suspended trading of their shares on Thursday (6 November).
Source: https://tinyurl.com/37en5mvk

Summit Alliance Port declares 18% cash dividend

Summit Alliance Port Limited (SAPL) has declared an 18% cash dividend for shareholders for the fiscal year 2024–25, compared to a 15% cash dividend in the previous year. The decision was approved at the company's board meeting held on Thursday.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/2uuncuts

National Tubes declares 1% cash dividend for FY25

National Tubes Limited, a state-owned listed company under the Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation (BSEC), has declared a 1% cash dividend for the fiscal year 2024-25, significantly lower than the 4% dividend distributed in the previous fiscal year.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/48sdftt7

Wata Chemicals trims dividend despite profit growth in FY25

Wata Chemicals Limited, a listed chemical manufacturer, has declared a 10% cash dividend for the 2024-25 fiscal year, trimming its payout from 12% in the previous year.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/bde4rvaj

Beximco Group faces auction of mortgaged assets over Tk409cr loan default

Exim Bank has announced the auction of mortgaged assets owned by Beximco Group affiliates, as part of its efforts to recover defaulted loans amounting to Tk409 crore.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/586brkfm

Padma Oil logs record profit, declares highest-ever dividend

Padma Oil has posted a record annual profit of Tk 5.63 billion for FY25, driven by higher sales and substantial non-operating income from bank deposits.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/586brkfm

Drugmakers seek incentives, stable policies to go public

Leaders of the rapidly-growing pharmaceutical sector have pressed for greater incentives and policy stability to encourage drug manufacturers to go public.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/586brkfm

BRAC Bank may withdraw from custodianship of 60 mutual funds. Here's why

BRAC Bank is considering gradually withdrawing custodianship from 60 mutual funds (MFs) if it does not get its authority strengthened over the management of assets in the funds' portfolios
Source: https://tinyurl.com/2v2jn4bd