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Good Morning

Local companies' outward investment hits $35m

Bangladeshi companies are investing more money abroad than before, even though they are sending out less brand-new capital, suggesting that local firms are becoming more confident about doing business beyond the border.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/3sphxr74

Businesses file Tk 600cr insurance claims over Dhaka airport fire

Businesses have so far submitted insurance claims worth more than Tk 600 crore after a fire tore through the import cargo complex of Dhaka airport last month. Insurers say the amount is about the initial claims that they received following the incident.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4r3t4c4u

Visa, Mastercard may need to register locally as companies

International payment card networks, including Visa, Mastercard, American Express and UnionPay, might soon be required to register as companies in Bangladesh to continue operating here under new regulations drafted by the central bank.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mva8kcu9

Danish AP Moller to invest $550m in Laldia Terminal, Swiss MEDLOG $40m in Pangaon

The interim government inked two agreements on 17 November, handing over two key container terminals – Laldia in Chattogram and Pangaon near Dhaka – to foreign operators, marking the first long-term lease of key port infrastructure to overseas companies in Bangladesh's history.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/2beam8ta

Tk8,300cr Ctg oil facility rusts away as latest bid to find operator fails

Inflow of remittances witnessed a year-on-year growth of 23.1 percent reaching US$1,523 million in the 15 days of November, according to the latest data of Bangladesh Bank (BB) issued. Last year, during the same period, the country's remittance inflow was $1,237 million.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4rztzd8j

Remittances from US, UAE fall sharply in last two quarters

Bangladesh's flagship crude-oil import facility off Maheshkhali — the Tk8,300-crore Single Point Mooring system — seems doomed to stay unused for some more time as the latest bid to find an operator also ended in futile.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/54ncd8fz

BB shutting down 5 services, including savings certificates and prize bonds, from 30 Nov

Bangladesh Bank has decided to shut down five government retail services offered to the public, including savings certificates and prize bonds. Multiple sources at the bank said the decision was taken to reduce security risks, modernise the building, and develop improved vault facilities.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/4fsdvc97

Digital payments lose ground to cash despite growth in volume: BB

While digital transactions — covering payments through mobile wallets, internet banking, and other electronic channels — grew in volume in Bangladesh in 2024, their share of total payments declined, according to the Bangladesh Payment Systems Report 2024 published by BB.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/3xcmb8xu

Investors return, DSEX climbs 43 points on recovery mood

Political tension surrounding the verdict on fugitive former prime minister Sheikh Hasina has eased slightly, improving sentiment.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mr38eye7

Aftab Automobiles returns to A category after 9-month with dividend payout

Aftab Automobiles, a listed engineering firm, has returned to the A category nine months after being downgraded to the Z category, following the payment of dividends to its shareholders for the 2023–24 fiscal year.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/mjbyazyv

State-owned firms jolt investors as quarterly losses deepen, exposing systemic weaknesses

Nine listed state-owned firms, including Power Grid Company of Bangladesh and Dhaka Electric Supply Company (Desco), are currently trading under the “Z” category.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/ymxcd4a3

Tosrifa Industries director to sell 10 lakh shares, MD to buy 9.32 lakh

Naim Hasan, a sponsor director of Tosrifa Industries — a publicly listed textile firm — has announced his decision to sell 10 lakh shares of the company. According to the disclosure, Naim Hasan currently holds 63.39 lakh shares, representing 9.32% of the company's total equity.
Source: https://tinyurl.com/ytxnv4sf

Two Magura Group concerns report mix Q1 performances

Two publicly listed companies under Magura Group—Magura Multiplex and Monospool Bangladesh—have reported contrasting financial performances for the first quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year, according to disclosures published on the stock exchanges on Monday (17 November).
Source: https://tinyurl.com/37en5mvk