

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Good Morning



Stocks back in red amid selling pressure

The benchmark equity index ended the week in negative territory, snapping a three-week winning streak as market sentiment turned cautious amid mounting concerns over the ongoing domestic gas crisis and escalating geopolitical tensions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/stocks-back-in-red-amid-selling-pressure-1768585865>

Weak markets to worsen job losses after merger, liquidation

The merger and liquidation of financial institutions are set to cost hundreds of jobs, while weakened money and capital markets leave little scope for new employment to replace those lost.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/weak-markets-to-worsen-job-losses-after-merger-liquidation-1768667396>

Govt seeks fast-track ADB budget support of \$500 million

The government is seeking to fast-track the release of US\$500 million in budgetary support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to help finance a widening fiscal deficit in the current financial year (FY 2025-26), officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-seeks-fast-track-adb-budget-support-of-500-million-1768670189>

Sunday, January 18, 2026

RMG exports to EU grew 7% in Jan-Nov

The country's ready-made garment (RMG) exports to the European Union (EU) grew 7.65 percent to €18.05 billion (around \$20 billion) during the January-November period of last year, compared with the same period in 2024, according to Eurostat, the EU's official statistical office.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/rmg-exports-eu-grew-7-jan-nov-4083726>

Govt tightens oversight of public assets to curb fiscal risks

The government has introduced a new "Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) and Lease Manual" to strengthen asset governance and mitigate long-term liabilities.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/govt-tightens-oversight-public-assets-curb-fiscal-risks-4083706>

Listed BEXIMCO firms halt board meetings as legal stalemate drags on

All three listed companies of the BEXIMCO Group have not held board meetings since March last year, as a writ petition over the appointment of independent directors remains pending.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/listed-beximco-firms-halt-board-meetings-as-legal-stalemate-drags-on-1768496445>

Islami Bank sub-branch deposits reach Tk12,000 crore

Deposits of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC's sub-branches have reached Tk12,000 crore, marking an increase of Tk3,700 crore within a year, the bank said at a conference in Dhaka.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/islami-bank-sub-branch-deposits-reach-tk12000-crore-1336781>

ACI expands into semiconductor and property sectors to bolster portfolio

Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI) PLC, one of the largest conglomerates in Bangladesh, is set to expand its business footprint into the semiconductor and property sectors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aci-expands-semiconductor-and-property-sectors-bolster-portfolio-1336826>

Square Pharma director Ratna Patra to buy 10 lakh shares

Ratna Patra, one of the directors of Square Pharmaceuticals PLC, has announced her intention to purchase 10 lakh shares of the company at the prevailing market price through both the public and block markets of the Dhaka Stock Exchange.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/square-pharma-director-ratna-patra-buy-10-lakh-shares-1335546>