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Good Morning



BSEC lifts floor price on Beximco and Islami Bank shares

BSEC has withdrawn floor price restrictions on shares of Beximco Limited and Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC — the last two stocks still under the regime — effective June 9, restoring free market-based price discovery. The floor price for Beximco stood at Tk 110.10 per share and Islami Bank at Tk 32.60 per share. The decision was made at a special commission meeting on June 8 and follows BSEC's phased removal of floor prices that began in January 2024. Market observers expect significant price volatility in both stocks on the opening session as years of suppressed price discovery unwind.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bsec-lifts-beximco-islami-bank-floor-price>

Naser Ezaz Bijoy steps down as StanChart Bangladesh CEO

Naser Ezaz Bijoy has stepped down as CEO of Standard Chartered Bangladesh after nearly nine years in the role, citing personal reasons. He has notified Bangladesh Bank and will remain an employee of the bank until his next role is announced. Chief Risk Officer Md Enamul Huque will serve as interim CEO, subject to BB approval. Under Naser's leadership, StanChart Bangladesh posted a record net profit of Tk 3,300 crore in 2024 — the highest ever annual profit in Bangladesh's banking sector history.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/naser-ezaz-bijoy-steps-down-stanchart-bangladesh-ceo-4193721>

Doreen Power consolidates subsidiaries in major structural overhaul

Doreen Power Generations and Systems is undertaking a major structural reorganisation, consolidating its subsidiary operations — Dhaka Northern Power Generation and Dhaka Southern Power Generation — under a unified holding structure. The move comes as the listed power producer transitions away from its

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original gas-based plants, all of which have had their PPAs expire, and increasingly relies on its 225 MW subsidiary capacity for consolidated revenue.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/doreen-power-consolidates-subsidiaries-major-structural-overhaul-1457616>

BD Thai Food inks deal with Sajeeb Group and Evergreen Beverage to produce soft drinks

Listed beverage company BD Thai Food and Beverage has signed a manufacturing and distribution agreement with Sajeeb Group and Evergreen Beverage to produce and market a new range of carbonated soft drinks. The partnership leverages BD Thai Food's production capacity and Sajeeb Group's established distribution network across Bangladesh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bd-thai-food-inks-deal-sajeeb-group-evergreen-beverage-produce-soft-drinks-1457586>

Bank Resolution Act: provision for ownership return not maintainable

The government has signalled it will repeal the controversial Section 18(A) of the Bank Resolution Act 2026, which allowed former owners of five merged Islamic banks — primarily S Alam Group and Nassa Group — to reclaim control by paying just 7.5% upfront of government-injected capital. The reversal follows pressure from Bangladesh Bank, the World Bank, TIB, and opposition parties. The provision had been widely condemned as undermining the merger and reform of First Security Islami Bank, Social Islami Bank, Union Bank, Global Islami Bank, and Exim Bank into the state-managed Sommilito Islami Bank.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bank-resolution-act-provision-for-ownership-return-not-maintainable>

Tk 4,189cr infrastructure plan advances for Chinese Economic Zone in Anwara

A Tk 4,189 crore infrastructure project for the long-delayed Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone in Anwara, Chattogram is advancing through the Planning Commission, with BEZA expecting ECNEC approval shortly. The 783-acre G2G zone, initiated in 2016 during Chinese President Xi Jinping's Dhaka visit, will include a 1,235-metre jetty link road, multipurpose jetty, central effluent treatment plant, and boundary infrastructure, funded through government funds and a Chinese concessional loan. The zone is expected to attract over \$1 billion in investment and create thousands of jobs, targeting textiles, pharmaceuticals, and light engineering.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/tk4189cr-infrastructure-plan-advances-chinese-economic-zone-anwara-1457681>

BB launches Tk 1,000 crore refinance fund for green industries and factory buildings

Bangladesh Bank has launched a Tk 1,000 crore revolving refinance fund for green industrial investment, targeting environmentally sustainable factory construction,

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energy-efficient equipment, and green building upgrades for export-oriented and productive sector enterprises. Banks will receive refinance at 4% and may on-lend at up to 9%, with the scheme valid for three years. The fund is part of a broader Tk 16,000 crore triple-refinance package announced by BB on June 8.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-launches-tk-1000-crore-refinance-fund-green-industries-factory-buildings-4193791>

BB launches Tk 5,000 crore revolving refinance fund for CMSMEs

Bangladesh Bank has launched a Tk 5,000 crore revolving refinance fund to ease working capital shortages for cottage, micro, small, and medium enterprises. Banks can access BB refinance at 4% and lend to end borrowers at a maximum of 9%. The scheme runs for three years, with repayments recycled back into new disbursements. Borrowers classified as CIB defaulters are excluded. A Tk 10,000 crore parallel agriculture and rural employment scheme was also launched on the same day.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bb-launches-tk-50b-revolving-refinance-fund-for-cmsmes>

Bangladesh PMI rises to 62.8 in May, signalling faster economic expansion

Bangladesh's Purchasing Managers' Index rose 8.2 points to 62.8 in May 2026, up from 54.6 in April, signalling the fastest pace of economic expansion in several months across manufacturing, services, and construction. The report, released jointly by MCCI and Policy Exchange Bangladesh, noted construction returned to expansion and services strengthened. Respondents flagged ongoing concerns about Middle East geopolitical tensions, higher fuel prices, supply chain disruptions, and elevated bank lending rates.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-pmi-rises-to-628-in-may-signalling-faster-economic-expansion>

Current account deficit narrows despite wider trade gap as remittance inflows remain strong

Bangladesh's current account deficit narrowed in the July–January period of FY2026 to \$381 million despite the merchandise trade deficit widening 17.4% year-on-year, as strong remittance inflows provided a significant offset. Import bills rose 4.6% to \$39.88 billion while export earnings slipped 1.1% to \$26.09 billion. Economists warned that the BoP position remains fragile if exports fail to recover and oil prices stay elevated.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/current-account-deficit-narrows-despite-wider-trade-gap-remittance-inflows-remain-strong>

Bangladesh's trade deficit rose by \$8bn over five years: Commerce Minister

Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir told parliament that Bangladesh's trade deficit rose by nearly \$8 billion over five fiscal years, reaching \$24.16 billion in FY2025 from \$16.24 billion in FY2021, attributed to flawed policies of the previous

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government, the global energy crisis, the Russia-Ukraine war, and the dollar crunch. The deficit with India alone stood at \$7.86 billion in FY25. The minister said Singapore FTA negotiations are scheduled for a third round in Dhaka in August 2026.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bangladeshs-trade-deficit-rose-by-80b-in-5-years-minister>

Exports worth \$17.5bn may be at risk after LDC graduation: Commerce Minister

Commerce Minister Muktadir warned that exports worth up to \$17.5 billion may be at risk following Bangladesh's scheduled LDC graduation in November 2026, citing UNCTAD projections of a 32% decline in total exports as preferential tariff access — particularly under the EU's Everything but Arms initiative — lapses. The EU accounts for nearly 47% of Bangladesh's exports. The BNP government has sought a three-year deferral of graduation to November 2029. FTA negotiations with Malaysia, Turkey, New Zealand, and Singapore are ongoing.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/exports-worth-175b-may-be-at-risk-after-ldc-graduation-commerce-minister>

US envoy calls for deeper trade ties with Bangladesh

US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen met with ICC Bangladesh and reaffirmed Washington's commitment to deepening economic and commercial ties under the recently signed Agreement on Reciprocal Trade (ART). The envoy stressed the need to address non-tariff barriers, improve the regulatory environment, and called for continued dialogue between governments and the private sector. He highlighted the \$6 billion bilateral trade gap skewed toward Bangladesh and noted the ART's commitments on agricultural procurement and energy imports as foundations for a more balanced partnership.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/us-envoy-deeper-trade-ties-bangladesh-4193936>