

Following is a summary of important business news published in the leading daily newspapers of Bangladesh. For the complete news, please follow the online link given below each news. Please note that the news summary doesn't reflect the opinion of BRAC EPL Stock Brokerage Limited.

Macro:**NBR sees growing use of e-returns by expatriate Bangladeshis**

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has reported an encouraging response to its online income tax return (e-return) system in the 2025–26 tax year, with a marked rise in participation from expatriate Bangladeshis despite the service not being mandatory for them.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/nbr-sees-growing-use-e-returns-expatriate-bangladeshis-1332771>

ACC sues 17 for BDT 590 Mn embezzlement

- The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has filed two separate cases against 17 people - including the former chairman, managing director, and directors of FAS Finance and Investment Limited - over allegations of embezzling nearly BDT 590 Mn by showing loans in the names of various companies.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/acc-sues-17-for-tk-590m-embezzlement-1768238518>

No extensive external debt for social sectors

- Planning Adviser Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud on Monday said the government would not take foreign loans extensively for the social sectors. External borrowing, he said, should instead prioritise infrastructure that would attract investment, boost exports, and generate sustainable returns.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/no-extensive-external-debt-for-social-sectors-1768238116>

Health and education allocations face staggering cut

- Health and education sectors have taken the major brunt of a sizeable cut in the current development budget halfway through the fiscal year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/health-education-allocations-face-staggering-cut-1768237461>

Sector & Industries:**BANK | NPLs ease to 30.34% after policy-backed rescheduling: Bankers**

- The non-performing loan (NPL) ratio in the banking sector fell to 30.34% at the end of December last year from nearly 36% in September, following large-scale loan rescheduling and write-offs under existing policy measures.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/npls-ease-3034-after-policy-backed-rescheduling-bankers-1332026>

BANK | Sonali Bank urges repayment of BDT 70Bn in loans from state-run sugar mills

- With around BDT 70 Bn in loans remaining unpaid by state-run sugar mills for years, Sonali Bank has urged the government either to repay the money immediately or issue bonds or provide state-guarantees to ease the bank's classified-loan burden and capital shortage.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/sonali-bank-urges-repayment-of-tk-70b-in-loans-from-state-run-sugar-mills-1768238349>

BANK | BB tipped as regulator for microcredit banks

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has been recommended as the licensing authority for microcredit banks by the technical committee working on the draft ordinance containing regulations for these institutions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bb-tipped-regulator-microcredit-banks-4079586>

BANK | Central bank buys dollars to steady taka

- The central bank purchased an additional USD 81 Mn through an auction from 10 banks in the interbank spot market on Monday, aiming to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the taka stable.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/central-bank-buys-dollars-to-steady-taka-1768238446>

BANK | BB aims to cut bad loans to 25% by March

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has set a target to reduce non-performing loans (NPLs) to 25% from the current 36% by March, according to senior bankers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bb-aims-cut-bad-loans-25-march-4078956>

Stocks:**PREMIERBAN | From 10%, Premier Bank's default loans jump to 42% in a year**

- Since its inception in 1999, Premier Bank has managed to project a glossy business image. But that perception has begun to crumble as the bank's bad loans surged nearly fivefold within just a year, hollowing out the balance sheet to a degree that is no longer easy to conceal.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/10-premier-banks-default-loans-jump-42-year-4079616>

MIRACLEIND | Miracle Industries incurs BDT 48.6 Mn in half-year

- Bearing the brunt of reduced business and mounting losses, Miracle Industries, a listed company in the miscellaneous sector, has failed to make a turnaround in operations and profitability in the first half of the current fiscal year. It said a further fall in selling prices, coupled with higher interest expenses, kept the company in a loss-making position.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/miracle-industries-incurs-tk486cr-half-year-1332766>

UCB | ACC sues 93 over BDT 467.4 Mn embezzlement from UCB by posing as businessmen

- The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has filed seven separate cases against 93 people over the alleged embezzlement of BDT 467.4 Mn from United Commercial Bank (UCB) PLC by falsely presenting farmers, day labourers, tailors and salesmen as business owners.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/acc-sues-93-over-tk4674-crore-embezzlement-ucb-posing-businessmen-1332491>

EXCHANGE | BB eases rules for LPG imports as gas crisis deepens

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has allowed the import of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) under suppliers' or buyers' credit, in a move aimed at easing financing pressure on local importers amid a deepening LPG supply crisis.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bb-eases-rules-lpg-imports-gas-crisis-deepens-4079066>

EXCHANGE | Bangladesh Bank doubles licence renewal fee for money changers to BDT 10,000

- The Bangladesh Bank has doubled the licence renewal fee for money changers to BDT10,000 from the existing BDT5,000.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bank-doubles-licence-renewal-fee-money-changers-tk10000-1332541>

EXCHANGE | BSEC urges caution as DSE pushes for share netting

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has recently proposed introducing share netting to boost liquidity in the secondary market, but the market watchdog wants risk-minimizing infrastructure to be in place before approving it.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-urges-caution-as-dse-pushes-for-share-netting-1768234883>

EXCHANGE | DSEX reshuffle lays bare market irrationality

- Unilever Consumer Care, a listed multinational company formerly known as GlaxoSmithKline, has been removed from the Dhaka Stock Exchange's (DSE) main index, the DSEX, after failing to meet eligibility criteria.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/dsex-reshuffle-lays-bare-market-irrationality-4079601>

Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 59.66	USD 2.23	3.88%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.03	USD 3.18	5.23%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,594.65	USD 253.65	5.84%
DSEX	4,942.06	76.72	1.58%
S&P 500	6,977.27	78.45	1.14%
FTSE 100	10,140.70	209.32	2.11%
BSE SENSEX	83,878.17	-915.41	-1.08%
KSE-100	182,384.16	8,329.86	4.79%
CSEALL	23,608.51	984.20	4.35%

Exchange Rates
1 US Dollar = 122.32 BDT
1 GBP = 164.80 BDT
1 Euro = 142.61 BDT
1 INR = 1.36 BDT

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