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Important News Snippets

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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:

Airport fire deals major blow to export sectors

- The devastating fire at the cargo village of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA) has inflicted immediate losses of more than USD 8.0 Mn on Bangladesh's textile and readymade garment industry. The impact has rippled across other key export sectors, including pharmaceuticals.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/airport-fire-deals-major-blow-to-export-sectors-1761157602

ILO offers to work with BD jointly on export, investment

- New Country Director for the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Office in Bangladesh Max Tuñón made the overtures Wednesday as he assumed his responsibilities as the country chief of the UN agency.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/ilo-offers-to-work-with-bd-jointly-on-export-investment-1761157091

Sector & Industries:

BANK | Interbank dollar price crosses BDT 122 after 2.5 months

- The US dollar strengthened against the taka this week, crossing BDT 122 in interbank trade for the first time in two and a half months, driven by several factors including a slight uptick in import-related letter of credit (LC) openings.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/interbank-dollar-price-crosses-tk-122-after-25-months-4016736

BANK | Foreign banks top profits, trail in social spending

- Multinational banks operating in Bangladesh posted the highest profits in 2023 but spent the least from it for social responsibility purposes the following year, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data. In comparison, shariah-based banks led in corporate social responsibility (CSR) spending in 2024, directing funds to education, healthcare, the environment, disaster relief, women's empowerment and financial inclusion.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/foreign-banks-top-profits-trail-social-spending-4016726

NBFI | Govt moves to boost House Building Corporation's lending capacity

- The government is moving to strengthen the lending capacity of the Bangladesh House Building Finance Corporation (BHBFC), the country's sole state-run provider of long-term, low-interest housing loans, by amending the law that governs the institution.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-moves-boost-house-building-corporations-lending-capacity-4016746

CHEMICALS | Govt to blacklist fertiliser dealers involved in irregularities, finalising unified appointment policy

- According to official documents, 2,665 out of 10,814 dealers appointed by the Awami League government were found to have engaged in irregularities, accounting for about 24.66% of all fertiliser dealers in Bangladesh. New dealers will be appointed under a unified policy now being finalised.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/govt-blacklist-fertiliser-dealers-involved-irregularities-finalising-unified

FUEL & POWER | Chevron set to launch Jalalabad Gas Compression Project in ’26

- Chevron has submitted a budget of its works for the next year, where it included projected costs of the JBC for the first time. Sources said the JBC might take several years to complete, with costs estimated at around USD 75 Mn.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/chevron-set-to-launch-jalalabad-gas-compression-project-in-26-1761157412

FUEL & POWER | Govt nod for refined fuel import, direct e-passport material purchase

- The Advisers Council Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday recommended two major proposals for policy approval, including the import of refined fuel oil through a government-to-government (G2G) arrangement for 2026 and the direct procurement of e-passport materials.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/govt-nod-for-refined-fuel-import-direct-e-passport-material-purchase-1761155866

Stocks:

SQURPHARMA | Square Pharma posts record profit on higher sales, to pay highest-ever dividends

- Square Pharmaceuticals has posted a record annual profit of BDT 23.97 Bn in FY25, driven by higher sales and substantial earnings from subsidiaries. The country's largest drug manufacturer, and a flagship company of Square Group, registered a 14.5% year-on-year profit growth for the year, according to price-sensitive information published on Wednesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/square-pharma-posts-record-profit-on-higher-sales-to-pay-highest-ever-dividends-1761155688

PUBALIBANK | Dispute over Sonali Bank's holdings in Pubali Bank not resolved in 41 years

- The dispute over the Sonali Bank PLC's holdings in the Pubali Bank could not be resolved in the last 41 years and now the Financial Institutions Division (FID) has sought the Finance Division's intervention to find out an amicable solution, officials said.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dispute-over-sonali-banks-holdings-in-pubali-bank-not-resolved-in-41-years-1761157645

BSC | New bulk carrier ship joins BSC fleet today

- 'MB Banglar Pragati' is one of two new bulk carrier ships purchased by BSC to strengthen its fleet capacity. The second, 'Banglar Navjatra,' is expected to join the fleet in December. Purchased with BSC's own funds, the ship, which has a capacity to transport 65,000 tonnes of goods, will officially be handed over to BSC by China's Xingjiang Nanyang Shipbuilding Company Limited on Thursday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/new-bulk-carrier-ship-joins-bsc-fleet-today-1761156260

SAMORITA | Samorita Hospital’s FY25 profit rises 11%

- Samorita Hospital posted a profit of BDT 13.5 Mn for the year ended June 30, 2025, up 11% year-on-year, according to a disclosure on the Dhaka Stock Exchange website today. The company reported earnings per share (EPS) of Tk 0.62 for FY25, compared with Tk 0.56 in FY24. The board of directors of the hospital recommended a 5% cash dividend for FY25, unchanged from the previous year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/samorita-hospitals-fy25-profit-rises-11-4016301

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KBPPWBIL | Khan Brothers sees profit escalate 27-fold on strategic shift

- Khan Brothers PP Woven Bag Industries reported a more than 27-fold jump year-on-year in profit to BDT 27.48 Mn in FY25, a feat attained through what the company claims is a strategic shift in business policy. The woven bag manufacturer posted EPS of BDT 0.27 for FY25, up from BDT 0.01 in FY24, according to a stock exchange filing on Wednesday.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/khan-brothers-sees-profit-escalate-27-fold-on-strategic-shift-1761155720

PDL | Regulators discover Pacific Denims shut

- In a stock exchange filing, the premier bourse informed that a team had gone to Gazaria in Munshiganj, where the company's factory is located, to examine its current operational status, but the factory was closed.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulators-discover-pacific-denims-shut-1761155814

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Stock and Commodities*

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 60.19	(USD 11.24)	-15.74%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 64.33	(USD 10.06)	-13.52%
Gold Spot*	USD 4,091.51	USD 1,483.03	56.85%
DSEX	5,094.70	-121.75	-2.33%
S&P 500	6,699.40	792.46	13.42%
FTSE 100	9,515.00	1,393.99	17.17%
BSE SENSEX	84,426.34	6,226.41	7.96%
KSE-100	166,553.28	51,294.28	44.50%
CSEALL	22,791.08	6,846.47	42.94%

Exchange Rates

1 US Dollar = 122.13 BDT

1 GBP = 162.88 BDT

1 Euro = 141.63 BDT

1 INR = 1.39 BDT

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