

*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:****IMF board approves 3rd tranche loan; USD 1.1 Bn expected to be released in 2 days**

- Despite failing to meet the net international reserves ceiling and revenue target, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved releasing USD 1.15 Bn in the third tranche of a USD 4.7 Bn loan package for Bangladesh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-board-approves-3rd-tranche-loan-11b-expected-be-released-2-days-cenbank-883546>

**ADB to provide USD 800 Mn in loans as budget support in FY25**

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is expected to provide USD 800 Mn in loans to Bangladesh in the next fiscal year 2024-2025 as budget support to ensure the country's smooth graduation from least developed country (LDC) status, according to finance ministry officials.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adb-provide-800m-loans-budget-support-fy25-883701>

**S Korea to provide USD 100 Mn budget support to Bangladesh**

- South Korea will provide USD 100 Mn budget support to Bangladesh in the upcoming fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25). To this end, the Bangladesh government signed a loan agreement on "Second Strengthening Social Resilience Program, Subprogram-1" with Korea Eximbank on Monday (24 June),

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/s-korea-provide-100m-budget-support-bangladesh-883431>

**UAE emerges as top remittance source for Bangladesh**

- UAE-based remitters sent USD 3.65 Bn in July-April of 2023-24, which was 52% higher than the receipts of USD 2.41 Bn in the same period of the previous fiscal year. It was third-placed in July-April of 2022-23. The flow from the UAE constituted 19% of the USD 19.11 Bn migrant workers transferred during the period, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/uae-emerges-top-remittance-source-bangladesh-3640781>

**Remittance crosses USD 2 Bn in first 23 days of June**

- Inward remittances to Bangladesh surpassed USD 2 Bn in the first 23 days of June, as expats sent more money to their relatives on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. In May, remittances crossed USD 2 Bn as well, marking a 38% increase compared to the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/remittance-crosses-2b-first-23-days-june-883416>

**Tax holiday for private economic zones may continue**

- The authorities are reconsidering the decision to withdraw tax holiday facilities after the announcement in the proposed budget for the fiscal 2024-25 earlier this month caused frustration among investors, the officials say.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tax-holiday-private-economic-zones-may-continue-882931>

**Debt-GDP ratio on the rise, but still well below IMF threshold**

- Growing government borrowing, totalling BDT 16.59 Tn as of last December, took the debt-to-GDP ratio to 33.2%, according to official statistics. Though going up constantly, the ratio was significantly lower than the IMF threshold of 55%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/debt-gdp-ratio-on-the-rise-but-still-well-below-imf-threshold>

**External debt drops by USD 1.34 Bn in three months**

- The country's public-private foreign debt decreased by USD 1.34 Bn in the span of three months. According to a central bank report, as of the end of March this year, the total debt stood at USD 99.30 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/external-debt-drops-134b-three-months-883626>

**Bangladesh explores alternatives to settle USD 587 Mn overdue interest on Rooppur loan**

- The government has proposed to Russia that rather than collecting the dues, Russia could consider investing the due funds in new projects, investing in the stock market, or purchasing goods from Bangladesh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-explores-alternatives-settle-587m-overdue-interest-rooppur-loan-883676>

**Rising dollar inflow leads to highest LC openings in 23 months**

- Bangladesh Bank data shows in May, both the government and private commercial banks opened import LCs amounting to USD 6.83 Bn. The previous highest USD 7.02 Bn worth of LCs was opened in June 2022.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rising-dollar-inflow-leads-highest-lc-openings-23-months-882956>

**Sectors & Industries:****BANK | Govt organisations owe over BDT 5 Tn to different banks**

- A total of 56 government-owned organisations owed around BDT 513.91 Bn to different public and private banks as of March 31 this year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/govt-organisations-owe-over-tk-5t-to-different-banks>

**BANK | Loan disbursements thru agent banking fall by 18% in April**

- Loan disbursements through agent banking fell by 18.35%, according to a Bangladesh Bank report. In April, loan disbursements decreased by BDT 1.62 Bn, reaching a total of BDT 7.22 Bn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/loan-disbursements-thru-agent-banking-fall-18-april-883501>

**Stocks:****PDL | Pacific Denims resumes operation after two months**

- After a two-month closure due to a lack of gas supply, Pacific Denims, a 100% export-oriented apparel manufacturer, resumed its operation on 22 June, according to a public disclosure on Monday (24 June).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pacific-denims-resumes-operation-after-two-months-883656>

**EXCHANGE | 15% tax exemption proposed for good companies' listing on stock market**

- The Bangladesh Merchant Bankers Association (BMBA) has proposed a 15% waiver on tax and VAT for large multinational, local, and state-owned companies to encourage their listing on the capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/15-tax-exemption-proposed-good-companies-listing-stock-market-883596>

**EXCHANGE | BSEC suspends BO accounts of Race-managed funds**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has suspended all beneficiary owner (BO) accounts opened in the name of mutual funds managed by Bangladesh RACE Management PCL. This suspension follows a BSEC inquiry that revealed the fund manager's failure to "protect unit holders' interests."

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-suspends-bo-accounts-race-managed-funds-883446>

**World Stock and Commodities\***

Index Name	Close Value	Value Change YTD	% Change YTD
Crude Oil (WTI)*	USD 81.67	USD 10.02	13.98%
Crude Oil (Brent)*	USD 85.94	USD 8.90	11.55%
Gold Spot*	USD 2,326.01	USD 263.03	12.75%
DSEX	5,220.19	-1,026.30	-16.43%
S&P 500	5,447.87	678.04	14.22%
FTSE 100	8,281.55	548.31	7.09%
BSE SENSEX	77,341.08	5,100.82	7.06%
KSE-100	78,217.64	15,838.23	25.39%
CSEALL	12,249.06	1,594.90	14.97%

**Exchange Rates****1 US Dollar = 117.50 BDT****1 GBP = 149.07 BDT****1 Euro = 126.13 BDT****1 INR = 1.41 BDT**

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