

Weekly Market Update

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-3.01%) lost -154.28 points and closed the week at 4,967.94 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-2.37%) lost -47.14 points and stood at 1,940.62 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-4.01%) lost -43.42 points and stood at 1,039.21 points. The large cap index CDSET (-1.81%) lost -19.03 points and closed at 1,030.96 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of -4.76%, +0.05%, -11.10%, -3.30%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 24.2 billion (USD 198 million)

Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 4.8 billion (Δ Week: +5.9%)

Market P/E: 15.0x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed five sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-0.12%) and remained negative throughout Monday (-1.07%), Tuesday (-0.83%), Wednesday (-0.64%), and Thursday (-0.38%).

Sectoral Performance

· All the financial sectors registered negative performance this week. Life Insurance experienced the highest loss of -8.00% followed by NBFi (-6.98%), General Insurance (-6.34%), Mutual Fund (-5.04%), and Bank (-2.15%).

· All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Fuel & Power experienced the highest loss of 3.23% followed by Engineering (-3.03%), Food & Allied (-2.93%), Pharmaceutical (-2.45%), and Telecommunication (-0.88%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank may withdraw from custodianship of 60 mutual funds. Here's why. APEXFOOT | Apex Footwear exports surge to BDT 6.63 Bn, but profit plunges to BDT 3.7 Mn. EXCHANGE | 2-yr T-bond yields surge. EXCHANGE | Dhaka Stock Exchange recommends 1.7% cash dividend for FY25, lowest in nearly a decade. BERGERPBL | Berger Paints raises investment plan for new Mirsarai factory. EXCHANGE | Rising costs, weak demand drag down SME earnings in FY25. BERGERPBL | Berger's profit edges up in April-September. CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemical posts 105% profit growth in Q1. EXCHANGE | Revised IPO rules carve out separate quotas for mutual funds, wealthy investors. CAPMBDBLMF | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund posts BDT 38.1 Mn profit in July-September. EXCHANGE | Govt to issue BDT 25 Bn Sukuk for rural development. KOHINOOR | Kohinoor Chemical profit up 33% in Jul-Sep. BATBC | BAT Bangladesh posts 23% drop in Q3 profit on sales slump.

DSEX ended in Red (-3.01%) in the week

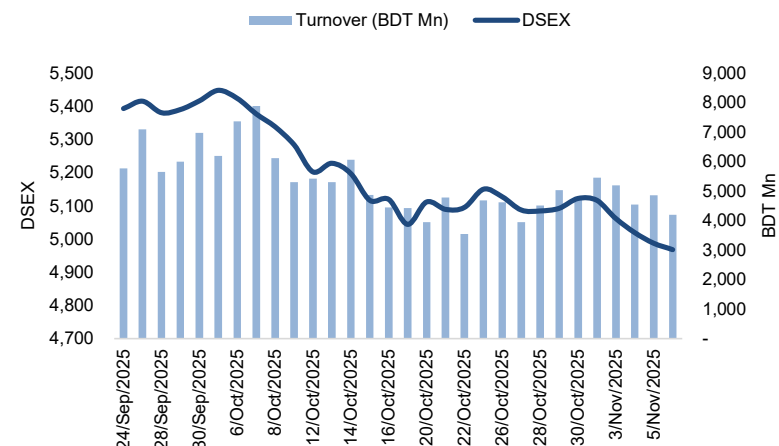
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2024	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	4,967.94	5,122.22	-154.28	5,216.44	-3.01%	-4.76%
DS30	1,940.62	1,987.76	-47.14	1,939.73	-2.37%	0.05%
DSES	1,039.21	1,082.63	-43.42	1,168.90	-4.01%	-11.10%
CDSET	1,030.96	1,049.99	-19.03	1,066.09	-1.81%	-3.30%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,909,159	6,995,471	-1.23%
	Mn USD	56,500	57,206	
Turnover	Mn BDT	24,222	22,869	5.92%
	Mn USD	198	187	
Average Daily	Mn BDT	4,844	4,574	5.92%
	Mn USD	40	37	
Volume	Mn Shares	698	709	-1.68%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in Last Four Weeks



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Table 3: Top Ten Gainers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
MONOSPOOL	131.0	101.4	+29.2%	4,468	943.0	34.8x	2.9x
VFSTDL	11.9	9.6	+24.0%	1,256	93.5	NM	0.6x
ANWARGALV	113.4	93.9	+20.8%	3,423	1,212.5	NM	26.7x
FIRSTFIN	2.5	2.2	+13.6%	296	1.0	NM	NM
MBL1STMF	4.0	3.6	+11.1%	400	5.0	NM	0.4x
SIMTEX	33.5	30.3	+10.6%	2,666	607.9	32.5x	1.5x
APEXFOODS	231.3	209.5	+10.4%	1,319	46.4	34.4x	1.5x
MONNOAGML	324.4	296.0	+9.6%	1,427	69.6	NM	2.9x
ASIATICLAB	61.8	56.8	+8.8%	7,564	571.0	29.6x	1.1x
PENINSULA	16.5	15.2	+8.6%	1,958	69.3	NM	0.6x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ORIONINFU	358.6	483.6	-25.8%	7,301	941.7	NM	22.8x
KBPPWBIL	72.1	93.1	-22.6%	7,072	718.2	NM	6.0x
DAFODILCOM	36.1	46.4	-22.2%	1,802	22.0	NM	2.8x
OIMEX	15.2	19.5	-22.1%	1,111	70.1	NM	4.6x
BIFC	2.5	3.2	-21.9%	252	0.4	NM	NM
PDL	3.7	4.7	-21.3%	679	5.0	NM	0.3x
FARCHEM	14.4	18.1	-20.4%	2,205	20.5	NM	0.4x
LRBDL	10.2	12.6	-19.0%	1,481	14.4	NM	0.3x
SHARPIND	11.4	13.8	-17.4%	3,459	4.2	NM	1.1x
FASFIN	0.9	1.1	-18.2%	134	1.0	NM	NM

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ANWARGALV	113.4	93.9	+20.8%	3,423	1,212.5	NM	26.7x
SAPORTL	47.4	44.5	+6.5%	11,228	1,180.8	17.6x	1.3x
MONOSPOOL	131.0	101.4	+29.2%	4,468	943.0	34.8x	2.9x
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SIMTEX	33.5	30.3	+10.6%	2,666	607.9	32.5x	1.5x
CVOPRL	176.6	180.2	-2.0%	4,904	586.9	36.9x	5.5x
ASIATICLAB	61.8	56.8	+8.8%	7,564	571.0	29.6x	1.1x
PRAGATILIF	225.9	259.0	-12.8%	7,352	435.7	NM	NM
SONALIPAPR	226.2	255.2	-11.4%	7,452	415.1	31.5x	1.3x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
BRACBANK	67.9	+55.9%	135,184	8.6x	1.3x
BXPHERMA	111.5	+36.6%	49,741	7.8x	1.0x
RUNNERAUTO	34.2	+31.0%	3,883	38.0x	0.5x
BSRMSTEEL	65.6	+29.1%	24,662	4.8x	0.8x
ACI	178.6	+28.2%	15,687	NM	1.9x
MARICO	2,766.0	+21.2%	87,129	14.1x	29.2x
CITYBANK	24.0	+21.0%	36,509	2.8x	0.6x
ENVOYTEX	47.6	+20.8%	7,984	5.7x	0.8x
CROWNCEMNT	50.9	+17.0%	7,559	11.3x	0.8x
IPDC	20.2	+15.9%	8,264	17.6x	1.2x

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Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,373.7	1,404.0	1,429.64	-2.15%	-3.91%
NBFI	918.5	987.4	1,188.21	-8.98%	-22.70%
Mutual Fund	506.8	533.7	603.30	-5.04%	-15.99%
General Insurance	2,800.0	2,989.6	2,772.79	-6.34%	+0.98%
Life Insurance	1,868.0	2,030.3	1,827.34	-8.00%	+2.22%
Telecommunication	4,757.5	4,799.7	5,185.99	-0.88%	-8.26%
Pharmaceutical	2,904.9	2,978.0	2,959.70	-2.45%	-1.85%
Fuel & Power	1,057.8	1,093.1	1,108.63	-3.23%	-4.59%
Cement	1,912.0	1,965.4	1,957.26	-2.72%	-2.31%
Services & Real Estate	991.1	1,021.4	1,013.65	-2.97%	-2.23%
Engineering	2,291.2	2,362.8	2,496.75	-3.03%	-8.23%
Food & Allied	13,229.2	13,629.1	17,177.59	-2.93%	-22.99%
IT	1,694.6	1,862.3	1,994.92	-9.00%	-15.05%
Textile	1,036.5	1,110.2	1,093.38	-6.64%	-5.21%
Paper & Printing	4,713.8	4,778.8	3,998.20	-1.36%	+17.90%
Tannery	1,894.8	1,950.6	2,020.25	-2.86%	-6.21%
Jute	13,370.1	12,657.0	14,455.60	+5.63%	-7.51%
Ceramics	373.6	391.8	359.12	-4.65%	+4.02%
Miscellaneous	3,975.0	4,031.4	4,252.62	-1.40%	-6.53%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	373.0	466.5	-20.03%	+8.04%	NM	0.7x
NBFI	91.9	130.1	-29.35%	+1.98%	NM	NM
Mutual Fund	93.7	101.8	-8.05%	+2.02%	NM	0.5x
General Insurance	257.8	402.0	-35.87%	+5.56%	13.2x	1.2x
Life Insurance	280.1	238.8	+17.29%	+6.04%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	67.0	127.7	-47.48%	+1.45%	13.8x	4.2x
Pharmaceutical	575.2	523.9	+9.80%	+12.40%	12.3x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	300.8	229.2	+31.26%	+6.48%	14.4x	0.6x
Cement	19.8	16.6	+19.02%	+0.43%	19.5x	2.0x
Services & Real Estate	331.1	214.7	+54.22%	+7.14%	19.3x	0.4x
Engineering	615.7	496.1	+24.11%	+13.27%	14.1x	0.8x
Food & Allied	248.9	247.1	+0.74%	+5.36%	19.3x	3.7x
IT	155.2	157.9	-1.72%	+3.35%	24.2x	1.4x
Textile	453.8	418.2	+8.53%	+9.78%	73.4x	0.7x
Paper & Printing	372.7	176.9	+110.66%	+8.03%	NM	1.1x
Tannery	34.4	40.3	-14.52%	+0.74%	NM	1.5x
Jute	54.5	24.2	+125.09%	+1.17%	NM	NM
Ceramics	41.2	23.1	+78.41%	+0.89%	NM	1.1x
Miscellaneous	272.6	300.3	-9.25%	+5.87%	98.5x	1.7x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
BARKAPOWER	5.8	-40.8%	1,366	16.1x	0.3x
POWERGRID	26.9	-35.6%	24,581	NM	0.2x
RENATA	419.9	-33.9%	48,161	20.3x	1.3x
BATBC	247.5	-32.7%	133,650	11.6x	2.4x
ADNTEL	59.9	-29.7%	3,873	24.9x	1.8x
LANKABAFIN	13.2	-29.0%	7,113	33.0x	0.7x
GPHISPAT	16.5	-25.3%	7,984	20.9x	0.3x
KPCL	9.9	-24.4%	3,934	34.1x	0.5x
ISLAMIBANK	37.0	-23.6%	59,570	NM	0.8x
LINDEBD	790.1	-22.5%	12,024	18.2x	3.8x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

October inflation edges down to 8.17%

- Inflation in Bangladesh edged down with October recording 8.17%, official data showed Wednesday, as food prices yielded some respite although nonfood necessities remained obdurate. Analysts say the inflation rate in the past month could have fallen further from previous month's count hadn't the higher prices of non-farm, industrial commodities heated up the indices.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/october-inflation-edges-down-to-817pc-1762366147>

NBR rules out mid-yr tax hike before polls

- The government has firmly told the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it will not impose any new tax or raise the rate of existing ones before the next national budget that will be prepared under a new government. Officials said the stance reflects both legal and political considerations as the interim administration seeks to maintain stability ahead of the polls.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbr-rules-out-mid-yr-tax-hike-before-polls-1762366297>

BB eases rules to promote small exporters

- The central bank has doubled the permissible export limit that can be made without a formal declaration, in a move aimed at supporting small and digital exporters. The Bangladesh Bank (BB) raised the declaration-free export ceiling to USD 1,000 or equivalent, up from the previous USD 500, to promote cross-border e-commerce and low-value export transactions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-eases-rules-to-promote-small-exporters-1762366543>

Next government to decide BRT project's fate

- The final decision on the fate of the troubled Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project is likely to be taken by the next government as closing it midway will create more complexities in the present context, sources say. Though the government has decided, in principle, not to continue the BDT 42.86 Bn project after already spending BDT 28.10 Bn, it has yet to overcome challenges like loan repayments, disputes with contractors, and the fate of the BRT company.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/next-government-to-decide-brt-projects-fate-1762366346>

Chinese drone maker plans USD 3.5 Mn factory at Bepza EZ

- AeroSynth Limited, a company based in China, has announced plans to invest USD 3.5 Mn to set up a drone manufacturing factory in Bepza Economic Zone at Mirsharai, Chattogram. The company plans to annually produce around 150,000 drones, including ones meant to be children's toys, for fishing and for lightweight product delivery. The project will create employment opportunities for 70 people, according to a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-drone-maker-plans-35-million-factory-bepza-ez-4027996>

BANK | Shareholders return empty-handed with NAV nullified

- Shareholders return empty-handed with net asset value (NAV) of their shares turning zero as the merger of five liquidity-crisis-ridden commercial banks into a big-dream Islamic bank begins. The central bank Wednesday officially started the merger process through dissolving boards of the banks and placing administrators as a stop-gap measure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/shareholders-return-empty-handed-with-nav-nullified-1762365828>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Mobile industry backs govt's NEIR rollout to end grey market

- The country's mobile phone industry owners have urged the government to ensure uninterrupted implementation of the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR) by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), set to launch on December 16 this year, to curb the widespread use of illegal and unregistered mobile phones.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/mobile-industry-backs-govts-neir-rollout-to-end-grey-market-1762360942>

BANK | Four merging banks owe BDT 40.10 Bn in bonds

- Four out of the five troubled Shariah-based banks set to be merged into one collectively owe institutional investors BDT 40.10 Bn in bonds, according to their latest financial statements. The banks are Exim Bank, Social Islami Bank, Union Bank and First Security Islami Bank. The fifth, Global Islami Bank, which was listed on the stock market in 2022 after raising BDT 4.25 Bn through an initial public offering (IPO), has not issued any bonds since its listing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/four-merging-banks-owe-tk4010cr-bonds-1278426>

BANK | LC openings drop 12% in Oct amid cautious imports, lower investment

- Import letters of credit (LCs) opened in October fell by more than 12% year-on-year, reflecting reduced demand for imports and sluggish new investment in the economy, according to central bank's latest data and banking sector insiders. LCs worth USD 5.64 Bn were opened in October 2025, down from USD 6.42 Bn in the same month last year – a decline of 12.15%. The figure was also lower than USD 6.31 Bn recorded in September this year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/lc-openings-drop-12-oct-amid-cautious-imports-lower-investment-1278416>

With import policy tweak, garment makers expect USD 5 Bn more in exports

- Bangladeshi apparel manufacturers expect to earn an additional 5 Bn high-end garment exports in the first year after the government scraps the 50% ceiling on free-of-charge (FoC) imports. Under this arrangement, the buyer supplies raw materials such as fabrics, accessories and other inputs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/import-policy-tweak-garment-makers-expect-5b-more-exports-4027256>

Hopes fade for legal hurdles, interagency conflicts

- A much-hyped drive by the post-uprising interim government to recover a cache of stolen assets may not see success during its term as intelligence-insiders find no hope yet for formidable hurdles. Even evaded tax-recovery steps have stagnated as legal barriers restrict the realisation of such taxes from the bank accounts frozen by courts in line with the Anti-Corruption Commission's (ACC) petitions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/hopes-fade-for-legal-hurdles-interagency-conflicts-1762281503>

MNCs' profit shifting costs Bangladesh USD 692 Mn in lost tax: report

- Bangladesh lost USD 692 Mn in tax revenue from 2016 to 2021 due to profit shifting by multinational companies, according to a new report by the Tax Justice Network (TJN) released yesterday. The report, The State of Tax Justice 2025, says global firms moved USD 2.45 Bn in profits out of Bangladesh to avoid paying local taxes.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mncs-profit-shifting-costs-bangladesh-692m-lost-tax-report-4027261>

BANK | Govt finalizes legal docs of five Islami banks' merger

- The government has finalized the memorandum and articles of association for the proposed "Sammilito Islami Bank" to be formed by merging five shariah-based commercial banks facing severe liquidity crises, officials said. Under the two foundational legal documents recently approved by the Finance Division of the Ministry of Finance, the shares of the proposed bank will initially be distributed among the subscribers of the memorandum and articles of association.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-finalises-legal-docs-of-five-islami-banks-merger-1762281437>

BANK | BB keeps policy rate unchanged as high inflation persists

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has kept its policy rate unchanged at 10% as inflation continues to hover well above the target set by the regulator. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of BB made the decision in its 10th meeting on Monday, reviewing current economic conditions, recent inflation data, and the near-term outlook, according to officials familiar with the matter.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-keeps-policy-rate-unchanged-high-inflation-persists-4027266>

BANK | Can legal reforms free BB from political control?

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has proposed a comprehensive legal overhaul to secure full institutional autonomy and reduce political interference. In a letter to the finance adviser, BB Governor Ahsan H Mansur presented nine draft amendments to the Bangladesh Bank Order 1972, aiming to align the central bank's governance with international standards.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/can-legal-reforms-free-bb-political-control-4027276>

RMG | US cotton exports can be redoubled with proportionate tariff reduction

- Bangladesh's apparel exporters want to work jointly with American cotton exporters to secure proportionate tariff reductions through increased use of US raw materials in garment industry. A recently announced US executive order allows proportionate tariff relief for apparel made with at least 20% American-origin raw materials apart from the reciprocal Trump tariff regime that eventually lowered the rate for Bangladesh to 20% in a tradeoff.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/us-cotton-exports-can-be-redoubled-with-proportionate-tariff-reduction-1762281557>

JUTE | Export cap fails to cool jute market as premium prices climb

- The government's move to impose export restrictions on raw jute, aiming to stabilise domestic prices, has failed to produce the desired effect even after two months. In fact, as traders had warned, it has had the opposite effect, with premium-grade raw jute prices climbing further.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/export-cap-fails-cool-jute-market-premium-prices-climb-4027106>

FOOD & ALLIED | Five local companies to import USD 1.25 Bn US soybean products

- Five leading soy value chain companies from Bangladesh — Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), City Group, Delta Agrofood Industries Ltd, Mahbub Group, and KGS Group — have signed deals to import USD 1.25 Bn worth of soy products from the USA over the next year, a move that will significantly reduce the trade gap between the two countries.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/five-local-companies-import-125-billion-us-soybean-products-4027386>

MFS, TELECOMMUNICATION | Government moves to intensify crackdown

- The government is mulling over intensifying its crackdown on the growing menace of online gambling in Bangladesh by introducing a coordinated monitoring system and other preventive measures. The measures include blocking relevant mobile financial service (MFS) accounts, and considering limiting internet speeds for users involved in betting.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/government-moves-to-intensify-crackdown-1762282071>

FUEL & POWER | Long-term planning, management major hurdles

- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) Chairman Jalal Ahmed says Bangladesh holds significant potential to expand renewable energy generation, particularly in the coastal region, but faces challenges in management and long-term planning. Addressing these issues, he said, was the key to ensuring a just and sustainable energy transition.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/long-term-planning-management-major-hurdles-1762279845>

BD logs 19.13% FDI growth in FY 2024-25

- Bangladesh has logged 19.13% growth in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) in the last fiscal year 2024-25. The country reported FDI worth USD 1686.24 Mn in the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25 which was USD 1415.46 Mn in the previous FY.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-logs-1913pc-fdi-growth-in-fy-2024-25-1762197595>

IMF skeptical about 35%-higher revenue target, bank overhauls

- Officials said the IMF team, which has been in Dhaka since October 29 reviewing progress on the terms binding the Fund's USD 5.5 Bn lending program--pending payout of next tranche--also wanted to know the rationale for the fixing of such a big revenue-earning target. "They also inquired whether the revenue board has the capacity to generate such a large sum of money as revenue," one of the sources said. They also pointed out that government's annual expenditure has been on the increase every year and so the earnings also need to be increased.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/imf-sceptical-about-35pc-higher-revenue-target-bank-overhauls-1762196886>

Future of megaprojects funded by JICA remains clouded

- Six major infrastructure projects involving an investment worth nearly BDT 1.94 Tn--- 76% of which is funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)--- are now encountering problems of varied nature. Behind the glossy images of progress surrounding these projects lie disputes, design flaws, cost overruns, and missed deadlines.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/future-of-megaprojects-funded-by-jica-remains-clouded-1762197499>

Exports fall for third consecutive month

- The country's merchandise shipments declined for a third month in a row in October, dropping 7.43% year-on-year to USD 3.82 Bn, according to official data. The slowdown comes as global economic headwinds and uncertainty over United States trade policy weigh on the country's crucial garment sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/exports-fall-third-consecutive-month-4026456>

Fast transition to elected govt will restore investor trust

- Experts have underscored more major reforms to remove the existing hurdles and enable Bangladesh to tap the emerging business opportunities, calling for faster democratic transition to accelerate the system-recast process. Speaking at a roundtable Monday in Dhaka, they also said reforms aligned with entrepreneurs' needs are to boost business confidence and ensure sustained private-sector growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fast-transition-to-elected-govt-will-restore-investor-trust-1762197187>

BB allows taka-foreign currency swap for exporters

- The Bangladesh Bank has allowed exporters to obtain Taka liquidity by swapping their foreign currency funds with commercial banks. In a circular issued on Monday, it allowed the authorised dealer (AD) banks to enter into Taka-foreign currency swap arrangements with exporters against balances held in their 30-day pools and Exporters' Retention Quota (ERQ) accounts.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-allows-taka-foreign-currency-swap-for-exporters-1762197540>

BANK | Dozen aspirants apply for digital bank

- Twelve aspirants have submitted applications to the central bank for licence to operate new-era digital banks in Bangladesh, officials said, apace with current global switch to cashless banking. The applicants include British Bangla Digital Bank PLC, Digital Banking of Bhutan-DK, Amar Digital Bank-22MFI, 36 Digital Bank PLC, Boost-ROBI, Amar Bank (proposed), App Bank-Farmers, Nova Digital Bank-Banglalink and Square, Moitri Digital Bank PLC, Upokari Digital Bank, Munafa Islami Digital Bank-AKIJ, and bKash Digital Bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dozen-aspirants-apply-for-digital-bank-1762197283>

Bangladesh to present 'Just Transition' agenda

- For the first time, Bangladesh will introduce the concept of a 'Just Transition', a framework that integrates climate-affected communities into decent employment, at the upcoming COP30 summit in Belém, Brazil, on November 10-21. The move signals a shift in Bangladesh's climate strategy towards a more socially inclusive and equitable transition to a low-carbon economy.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-to-present-just-transition-agenda-1762109957>

BANK | Vibrant capital, bond mkts vital to lessen pressure on banking sector

- Bangladesh urgently needs to frame a long-term financing policy guideline along with developing a vibrant bond market to lessen the mounting pressure on the country's reeling banking sector, speakers at a roundtable have said. To ensure a sustainable financial market, they also called upon the authorities concerned like Bangladesh Bank (BB), Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), National Board of Revenue (NBR) and Ministry of Finance (MoF) to sit together for devising a long-term lending and investment mechanism to avoid recurrence of capital erosions in banking industry.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/vibrant-capital-bond-mkts-vital-to-lessen-pressure-on-banking-sector-1762197644>

USD 2.56 Bn remitted home in October, up by 7.0%

- Bangladesh's remittances rose to USD2.56 Bn in October, recording a 7% year-on-year growth and giving a fresh boost to the economy, reports UNB. According to the latest data released by Bangladesh Bank, expatriates sent USD 2.56 Bn in remittances in October 2025, up from USD 2.39 Bn recorded in the corresponding month a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/256b-remitted-home-in-october-up-by-70pc-1762109536>

Bay terminal to go into operation by 2030: CPA chairman

- The much-anticipated Bay Terminal of the Chattogram port is expected to go into operation by 2030, said Rear Admiral SM Moniruzzaman, chairman of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA). Once operational, the terminal will usher in a new era for Bangladesh's economy, trade, and import-export sectors, he said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bay-terminal-go-operation-2030-cpa-chairman-4026086>

BANK | Pvt credit growth hits historic low of 6.29% in September

- Formal credit growth for the private sector fell to a historical low of 6.29% in September, signalling a deep slowdown in the country's business activities. The decline is attributed to banks becoming more cautious amid rising non-performing loans (NPLs) and private borrowers losing their credit appetite due to multiple anti-business factors, including the energy crisis, lawlessness, higher lending costs, exchange rate shocks, and potential political uncertainty ahead of next year's general election.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/pvt-credit-growth-hits-historic-low-of-629pc-in-september-1762109856>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Telcos can sell phones on instalments by locking all SIMs

- In a bid to make smartphones affordable to all, the authorities have approved a major policy shift allowing mobile operators such as Grameenphone, Robi, and Banglalink to sell regulator-approved smartphones on instalments with the option to keep all SIM/network slots locked until payments are completed. In a bid to make smartphones affordable to all, the authorities have approved a major policy shift allowing mobile operators such as Grameenphone, Robi, and Banglalink to sell regulator-approved smartphones on instalments with the option to keep all SIM/network slots locked until payments are completed.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/telcos-can-sell-phones-instalments-locking-all-sims-4025716>

TELECOMMUNICATION | Mobile, internet subscription fall continues in Sept

- Bangladesh saw a continued decline in both mobile and mobile internet subscribers in September 2025, according to the latest data released by the telecom regulator. The figures show a downward trend in subscriber numbers across major operators and internet service categories, extending a slowdown observed in recent months.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/mobile-internet-subscription-fall-continues-in-sept-1762110053>

BANK | IMF asks why loss-making banks still paying salaries and bonuses

- The issue came to light during a meeting held in Dhaka yesterday between an IMF delegation and Bangladesh Bank officials, chaired by Deputy Governor Zakir Hossain Chowdhury. IMF representatives asked why financially distressed banks with high NPLs and significant capital deficits were not being liquidated.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/imf-asks-why-loss-making-banks-still-paying-salaries-and-bonuses-1275651>

Remittance crosses USD 10 Bn in FY's first four months

- The remittance inflow to Bangladesh has surpassed USD 10 Bn in 4MFY26, with remittance inflow during first 29 days of October marking a 10.2% YoY increase.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/remittance-crosses-10b-in-fys-first-four-months-1761848245?date=31-10-2025>

FUEL & POWER | Probe finds glaring graft, bloated payouts to power plant owners

- Most private-sector power plants implemented during the previous Awami League government's tenure were steeped in blatant "corruption, fraud and irregularities" in the process of executing deals, investigators found. A national committee formed after the fall of the past government in a student-mass uprising last year to dig out suspected anomalies in power-plant deals revealed such findings in its report submitted Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/probe-finds-glaring-graft-bloated-payouts-to-power-plant-owners-1762109433>

ADB seeks govt nod to issue taka bond

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sought the government's permission to issue bonds through mobile money to mobilise investment for Bangladesh's development, officials said on Saturday. The Manila-based lender plans to introduce the bond in local currency in the domestic market first and, upon its success, offload it to overseas investors.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/adb-seeks-govt-nod-to-issue-taka-bond-1762016675>

Major dev partners follow 'wait and watch' policy amid political transition

- At least five key development partners of Bangladesh did not make any foreign-aid commitment in Q1FY26, as they seem waiting for the next elected government, insiders said Friday, as post-uprising transition is underway. In addition, World Bank has also confirmed a nominal dollop worth USD 12.44 Mn of aid during Q1FY26, Economic Relations Division (ERD) officials said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/major-dev-partners-follow-wait-and-watch-policy-amid-political-transition-1761934031>

Japanese cos bid for business in diverse BD sectors

- Japanese companies bid big to do business with Bangladesh in diverse sectors to seize emergent prospects, with many seeking information daily about the country's latest investment climate. Affordable labour, local and global marketing prospects amid rising domestic consumer clientele act as the beckon for investors, according to business leaders and Japan External Trade Organisation officials.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/japanese-cos-bid-for-business-in-diverse-bd-sectors-1762016276>

Political uncertainty drags down foreign cos' income in Jan-Sept

- Most multinational companies saw their profits plummet year-over-year during 9M'2025, largely due to high finance costs and macroeconomic challenges amid political uncertainty. Economic activities have remained sluggish following political changeover, squeezing demand and shrinking profitability, according to market analysts.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/political-uncertainty-drags-down-foreign-cos-income-in-jan-sept-1762010360>

Global firms see sales rise in Bangladesh but profits stay weak

- Things are improving for international companies running businesses in Bangladesh as consumer demand begins to recover. People are buying more products ranging from paints to tobacco and malted milk drinks. Even though sales have risen, profits have not grown much.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/global-firms-see-sales-rise-bangladesh-profits-stay-weak-4024816>

BANK | Banking sector feels the pinch as interest-rate spread shrinks

- The banking sector is feeling the strain as the gap between lending and deposit rates narrowed to a 17-month low in September. According to Bangladesh Bank data, the weighted average deposit rate in September 2025 stood at 6.42%, while the average lending rate was 12.16%, bringing the spread down to 5.7%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banking-sector-feels-the-pinch-as-interest-rate-spread-shrinks-1762016771>

BANK | Cross-platform MFS rollout misses deadline

- The eagerly anticipated interoperable digital transaction facility among mobile financial service (MFS) providers has not launched on schedule, as key MFS operators are not yet ready, while Nagad has not been permitted to participate. Both bKash and upay have sought more time to launch the service, while Rocket is still in the testing phase.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/cross-platform-mfs-rollout-misses-deadline-4024596>

NBFI | Weak NBFIs seek BDT 31 Bn to turn around

- A group of 15 struggling non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), including nine set for liquidation, has informed that they would collectively need about BDT 31 Bn in liquidity support to regain stability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/weak-nbfis-seek-tk-3100cr-turn-around-4024836>

BANK | E-commerce card transactions jump 28.8% YoY in Aug

- The use of cards in e-commerce transactions rose 28.8% YoY in Aug'25, reflecting growing consumer preference for online shopping. Transactions surged to BDT 21.93 Bn in August 2025 from BDT 17.02 Bn in Aug'24. Online payments via cards also increased 9.0% compared to July 2025, when such transactions stood at BDT 20.12 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/e-commerce-card-transactions-jump-288pc-yoy-in-aug-1762017004>

BANK | Top banks' inherent strengths drive profit growth in Jan-Sept

- Well-performing banks offset a year-on-year decline in net interest income in 9M'2025 with higher returns from investments in government securities. According to financial reports, BRAC Bank, Pubali Bank, City Bank, Prime Bank, Eastern Bank, Jamuna Bank, and Bank Asia earned healthy profits during 9M'25, supported by their relatively low volumes of bad loans and strong deposits stemming from operating efficiency, good governance, and public trust.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/top-banks-inherent-strengths-drive-profit-growth-in-jan-sept-1761843725?date=31-10-2025>

BANK | The great treasury shift: How banks migrated profitability to government bonds

- For some lenders, as much as BDT 6–8 out of every BDT 10 earned now comes from bonds. This marks a major transformation in their profit model, driven by the move to high-yield, risk-free government debt.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/great-treasury-shift-how-banks-migrated-profitability-government-bonds-1274161>

BANK | Green, sustainable financing down in Q2 of 2025

- Bangladesh's banks and finance companies (FCs) witnessed a notable slowdown in both green-and sustainable-finance disbursements during Q2'25, reflecting weaker momentum in environment-friendly and socially responsible lending. Total distribution in green finance by banks and FCs stood at BDT 78.49 Bn in this period, down from BDT 87.63 Bn in the January-March quarter, marking a decrease of 10.43%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/green-sustainable-financing-down-in-q2-of-2025-1761934470?date=01-11-2025>

Important News: Stocks

BRACBANK | BRAC Bank may withdraw from custodianship of 60 mutual funds. Here's why

- BRAC Bank is considering gradually withdrawing custodianship from 60 mutual funds (MFs) if it does not get its authority strengthened over the management of assets in the funds' portfolios. It has come to this position following bitter experiences regarding the alleged misappropriation of two pooled funds by their fund manager.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-may-withdraw-from-custodianship-of-60-mutual-funds-heres-why-1762360741>

APEXFOOT | Apex Footwear exports surge to BDT 6.63 Bn, but profit plunges to BDT 3.7 Mn

- The company spent BDT 133.7 Mn in income tax, which amounted to 97% of its pre-tax profit. Interest expenses on its bank borrowings rose by 14% year-on-year to BDT 396.4 Mn. Despite a sharp rise in export earnings, Apex Footwear Limited reported a meagre BDT 3.7 Mn profit from its export operations in the 2024-25 fiscal year, according to the company's audited financial statement.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-footwear-exports-surge-tk663cr-profit-plunges-tk37-lakh-1277416>

EXCHANGE | 2-yr T-bond yields surge

- Yields on two-year treasury bonds increased notably on Tuesday as banks showed reluctance to invest their surplus funds in government securities to manage their portfolios more efficiently. The cut-off yield, generally known as the interest rate, on Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) rose to 10.10% from 9.44% earlier, according to auction results.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/2-yr-t-bond-yields-surge-1762282190>

EXCHANGE | Dhaka Stock Exchange recommends 1.7% cash dividend for FY25, lowest in nearly a decade

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the country's premier bourse, has recommended a 1.70% cash dividend for the fiscal year 2024-25, marking the lowest payout in nearly a decade.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stock-exchange-recommends-17-cash-dividend-fy25-lowest-nearly-decade-1276576>

BERGERPBL | Berger Paints raises investment plan for new Mirsarai factory

- Berger Paints Bangladesh has increased its planned investment to BDT 9.80 Bn, up from the previously declared BDT 8.13 Bn, for a new factory at the National Special Economic Zone (NSEZ) in Mirsarai, Chattogram.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/berger-paints-raises-investment-plan-new-mirsarai-factory-4025276>

EXCHANGE | Rising costs, weak demand drag down SME earnings in FY25

- Most of the listed small and medium enterprises (SMEs) witnessed a year-on-year decline in profit in FY25, driven by higher business costs amid macroeconomic challenges. According to market analysts, overall economic activities remained subdued after the political shift last year that squeezed demand and impacted profitability of companies, including that of SMEs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rising-costs-weak-demand-drag-down-sme-earnings-in-fy25-1762279723>

EXCHANGE | Make stock market efficient to cut reliance on bank funds: experts

- The government must make the capital market more efficient and reduce regulatory burdens to draw new investors and encourage firms to go public, paving the way for a shift from bank-dependent financing to market-based funding, a group of experts ranging from brokers to regulatory officials and bankers said yesterday. Saiful Islam, president of the DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA), echoed his concern. "Policy inconsistency is a disaster for the market. It ultimately hurts investors," he said, calling for a clear debt-equity ratio to encourage corporates to tap the capital market for large funding requirements. He also called for balanced regulatory oversight.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/make-stock-market-efficient-cut-reliance-bank-funds-experts-4028046>

BERGERPBL | Berger's profit edges up in April-September

- Berger Paints reported a slight YoY decline in profit - by 2.70% - to BDT 1.49 Bn in H1FY26, as the cost of sales increased due to currency devaluation. The market leader managed to boost sales moderately by 3.56% YoY in April-September.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bergers-profit-edges-up-in-april-september-1761843767?date=31-10-2025>

CVOPRL | CVO Petrochemical posts 105% profit growth in Q1

- CVO Petrochemical Refinery, a listed fuel and power sector company, has reported a 105% growth in profit in the first quarter (July–September) of the 2025–26 fiscal year, following a 63% profit increase in FY25. The company posted a profit of BDT 52.3 Mn in Q1 FY26, up from BDT 25.5 Mn in the same period last year, according to its financial statements disclosed on the stock exchange's website today (5 November). Earnings per share (EPS) rose to BDT 1.88 from BDT 0.92.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cvo-petrochemical-posts-105-profit-growth-q1-1278371>

EXCHANGE | Revised IPO rules carve out separate quotas for mutual funds, wealthy investors

- The securities regulator has revised the IPO (initial public offering) quota, separating mutual funds from the category of eligible investors and high-net-worth individuals from that of general investors. As per the existing rules, eligible investors under the fixed price method are entitled to 25% of primary shares, including 5% for mutual funds. The remaining 75% allocation goes to the general public, including 5% for non-resident Bangladeshis (NRBs).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/revised-ipo-rules-carve-out-separate-quotas-for-mutual-funds-wealthy-investors-1762194923>

CAPMBDBLMF | CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund posts BDT 38.1 Mn profit in July–September

- CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund 01 reported a net profit of BDT 38.1 Mn for the first quarter of the 2025–26 fiscal year, maintaining steady performance despite a volatile stock market. According to an unaudited financial statement approved by the fund's trustee on 4 November, earnings per unit stood at BDT 0.76 for the July–September quarter.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-posts-tk381cr-profit-july-september-1277411>

EXCHANGE | Govt to issue BDT 25 Bn Sukuk for rural development

- The government is set to raise BDT 25 Bn through the issuance of its seventh Sukuk bond in early December 2025 to finance rural infrastructure projects in Bangladesh's southern districts. The decision was made at the first meeting of the Shariah Advisory Committee of the central bank, held at Bangladesh Bank (BB) headquarters in Dhaka on Monday, with BB Deputy Governor Dr Md Kabir Ahmed in the chair.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-to-issue-tk-25b-sukuk-for-rural-development-1762281944>

IFIC | IFIC Bank's ex-MD fined BDT 50 Mn for misleading bond promotion

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has slapped ex-managing director of IFIC Bank with a fine of BDT 50 Mn for deceptive promotion of a zero-coupon bond. According to a press release issued after the commission's meeting on Tuesday, the penalty was handed down for breach of securities laws in connection with "IFIC Guaranteed Sreepur Township Green Zero Coupon Bond," which carried a face value of BDT 15 Bn and an issue value of BDT 10 Bn.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ific-banks-ex-md-fined-tk-50m-for-misleading-bond-promotion-1762279952>

EXCHANGE | Net sales of savings tools plunge 95.5% in Sept

- Net sales of National Savings Certificates (NSCs) plunged by 95.5% year-on-year in September 2025, as tighter liquidity conditions and rising living costs continued to erode small investors' appetite for government savings instruments. According to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, NSC net sales dropped to BDT 3.73 Bn in September 2025, down sharply from BDT 83.33 Bn in the same month a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/net-sales-of-savings-tools-plunge-955pc-in-sept-1762282010>

SIBL | SIBL incurs record BDT 17.04 Bn loss as interest expenses and provisions soar

- Social Islami Bank PLC has reported a record loss of BDT 17.04 Bn for the first nine months of 2025, the worst in its history, as soaring interest expenses and provisioning requirements severely eroded its profitability. Since its listing in 2000, the Shariah-based private lender has never suffered such a massive loss, although it had posted a BDT 1.01 Bn loss in 2024.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sibl-incurs-record-tk1704cr-loss-interest-expenses-and-provisions-soar-1276486>

RUPALIBANK | Rupali Bank slips into deep loss as non-performing loans surge

- Rupali Bank has reported hefty losses for the third quarter through September this year due to rising non-performing loans. The lone listed state-run lender suffered a loss of BDT 1.68 Bn in the quarter to September this year, as against a profit of BDT 31 Mn in the same quarter a year ago.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rupali-bank-slips-into-deep-loss-as-non-performing-loans-surge-1762107491>

KOHINOOR | Kohinoor Chemical profit up 33% in Jul-Sep

- Kohinoor Chemical Company Bangladesh reported higher profit in the July-September quarter of 2025 as sales rose, according to its financial statements. Its net profit increased by 33% year-on-year to BDT 167 Mn in the quarter. Revenue from net sales climbed 11% to BDT 1.7655 Bn.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/kohinoor-chemical-profit-33-jul-sep-4025301>

EHL | Eastern Housing approves 25% cash dividend

- The shareholders approved the Accounts for the year ended on June 30, 2025, Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon. The shareholders also approved a 25% cash dividend. The company achieved net sales of BDT 3.03 Bn as against BDT 2.74 Bn in the previous year. Net profit after tax increased to BDT 770 Mn from BDT 563 Mn of previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-housing-approves-25pc-cash-dividend-1762107782>

BATBC | BAT Bangladesh posts 23% drop in Q3 profit on sales slump

- British American Tobacco (BAT) Bangladesh has posted a 23% YoY decline in profits for Q3'25, primarily driven by lower sales and increased operational costs. The multinational tobacco company reported a profit of BDT 3.05 Bn for the July-September period while its earnings per share (EPS) fell to BDT 5.65, down from BDT 7.35 a year earlier.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bat-bangladesh-posts-23pc-drop-in-q3-profit-on-sales-slump-1761927864?date=01-11-2025>

EXCHANGE | BSEC seeks to remove IPO discounts for retail investors, tighten valuation

- The revised public issue rules propose the removal of the provision that allows retail investors to purchase primary shares at a discount to the cut-off price determined by eligible investors (EIs) through institutional bidding. The market watchdog has sought public opinion on the drafted rules titled "Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Public Offer of Equity Securities) Rules, 2025," designed not only to attract new listings but also to protect investors from fraud and scams.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-seeks-to-remove-ipo-discounts-for-retail-investors-tighten-valuation-1762107460>

EXIMBANK | Exim Bank cuts quarterly loss by 41%, still faces cash crunch

- Export Import (Exim) Bank of Bangladesh PLC has reported a significant improvement in its financial performance, with consolidated losses narrowing by 41% year-on-year to BDT 3.33 Bn in the July-September quarter of 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/exim-bank-cuts-quarterly-loss-41-still-faces-cash-crunch-1275621>

EXCHANGE | 91-day T-bill yield jumps to 10.24%

- The yields on treasury bills (T-bills), particularly the short-term ones, rose sharply on Sunday as banks appeared reluctant to invest their excess liquidity in risk-free government securities ahead of the year-end closing. The cut-off yield, generally referred to as the interest rate, on the 91-day T-bills climbed to 10.24% from the previous 9.53%, while that on the 182-day instrument inched up to 9.99% from 9.98%.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/91-day-t-bill-yield-jumps-to-1024pc-1762110148>

IDLC | IDLC Finance secures Q3 profit growth on higher investment income

- IDLC Finance reported a 34.78% YoY rise in profit to BDT 0.68 Bn for Q3'25, driven by higher investment income. During Q3'25, the company experienced sluggishness in its core business, as net interest income declined YoY.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idlc-finance-secures-q3-profit-growth-on-higher-investment-income-1761843809?date=31-10-2025>

EBL | EBL's business acumen achieves one of lowest NPL ratios

- Eastern Bank's non-performing loans stood at just 3.07% at the end of Sep'25, far below the industry average of over 27% as of June. "Strong focus on asset quality has driven the bank to achieve low non-performing loans," the bank said in a statement on Thursday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ebis-business-acumen-achieves-one-of-lowest-npl-ratios-1761843834?date=31-10-2025>

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