Weekly Market Update

DSEX ended in Red (-2.25%) in the week

Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-2.25%) lost -130.40 points and closed the week at 5,655.68 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-1.28%) lost -27.64 points and stood at 2,134.88 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-2.04%) lost -23.58 points and stood at 1,132.54 points. The large cap index CDSET (-1.45%) lost -16.54 points and closed at 1,127.16 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +16.24%, +15.18%, +13.17%, +12.18%, respectively.

Total Turnover During The Week (DSE): BDT 22.9 billion (USD 186 million)
Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV): BDT 5.7 billion (∆% Week: -36.9%)
Market P/E: 13.4x

Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed four sessions this week. It started negatively on Sunday (-1.10%), and remained negative on Monday (-1.37%), and Tuesday (-0.06%). However, the week ended positively on Thursday (+0.28%).

Sectoral Peformance

All the financial sectors registered negative performance this week. General Insurance experienced the highest loss of -4.69% followed by Mutual Fund (-4.61%), NBFI (-3.91%), Life Insurance (-3.71%), and Bank (-1.66%).

All the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Fuel & Power experienced the highest loss of 2.72% followed by Food & Allied (-1.74%), Pharmaceutical (-1.46%), Engineering (-1.26%), and Telecommunication (-1.13%).

Macroeconomic Arena

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Stock Market Arena

REGENTTEX | Regent Textile directors face record fine as regulator tightens grip on IPO fund misuse. RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics MD plans to sell 0.885 Mn shares through Mohammed Trading. CITYBANK | City Bank drops board expansion, retains BDT 30 Bn capital plan. GBBPOWER | Dormant GBB Power turns to solar energy after 3-year shutdown. DGIC | Desh General Insurance profit soars 439% in H1. EXCHANGE | BSEC conditionally approves 30% stake sale in Dominage Steel. EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to overhaul merchant banking rules after 30 years. EXCHANGE | World Bank Group, BSEC discuss mortgage refinancing. RUNNERAUTO | Runner moves ahead with BYD tie-up, signs EV licensing deal. ACI | Operating profits buried under debt: Why ACI is pumping BDT 7 Bn into Shwapno. FUWANGFOOD | Fu-Wang Food shuts factory over gas crisis, high input costs

Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	∆(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	∆% Week	∆% YTD
DSEX	5,655.68	5,786.08	-130.40	4,865.34	-2.25%	16.24%
DS30	2,134.88	2,162.52	-27.64	1,853.54	-1.28%	15.18%
DSES	1,132.54	1,156.12	-23.58	1,000.72	-2.04%	13.17%
CDSET	1,127.16	1,143.70	-16.54	1,004.81	-1.45%	12.18%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,973,182	7,038,123	-0.92%
	Mn USD	56,606	57,133	
Turnover	Mn BDT	22,869	45,286	-49.50%
	Mn USD	186	368	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	5,717	9,057	-36.88%
	Mn USD	46	74	
Volume	Mn Shares	844	1,503	-43.81%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in Last Four Weeks

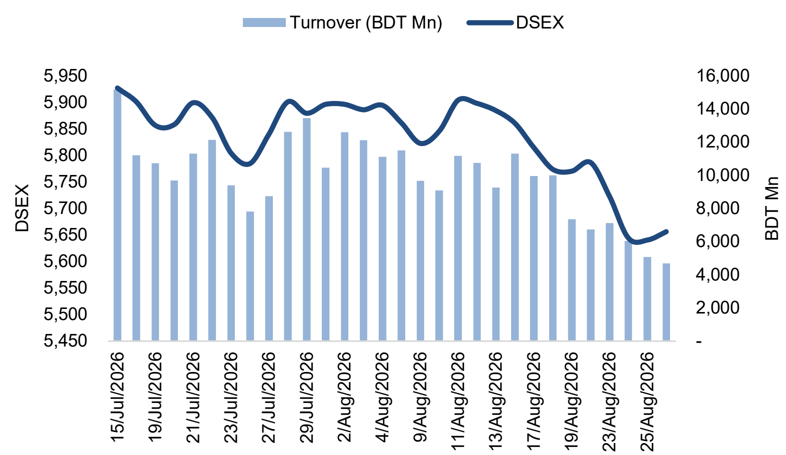

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Table 3: Top Ten Gainers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
MEGCONMILK	38.3	34.4	+11.3%	613	39.4	NM	NM
FINEFOODS	468.0	435.8	+7.4%	6,540	112.3	59.7x	22.1x
ESQUIRENIT	27.0	25.3	+6.7%	3,642	63.6	NM	0.4x
EMERALDOIL	29.7	28.0	+6.1%	2,711	53.7	NM	NM
SAIHAMTEX	33.0	31.3	+5.4%	2,989	762.8	53.2x	0.8x
GQBALLPEN	565.6	537.5	+5.2%	5,050	164.5	NM	4.0x
RELIANCE1	13.9	13.3	+4.5%	841	175.8	NM	1.2x
ALLTEX	25.1	24.1	+4.1%	1,405	47.6	NM	0.9x
ACFL	23.4	22.6	+3.5%	2,359	6.6	NM	0.7x
METROSPIN	10.6	10.3	+2.9%	654	7.9	NM	2.7x

Table 4: Top Ten Losers

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
SHARPIND	27.2	34.1	-20.2%	8,254	1,363.3	NM	3.4x
AAMRATECH	17.1	20.3	-15.8%	1,106	21.0	NM	0.9x
CAPITECGBF	8.8	10.4	-15.4%	1,370	84.3	NM	0.8x
TUNGHAI	4.7	5.5	-14.5%	501	21.6	NM	NM
SAMORITA	101.5	115.9	-12.4%	2,213	305.9	NM	2.1x
SUNLIFEINS	52.3	59.2	-11.7%	1,870	43.8	NM	NM
FUWANGFOOD	9.9	11.2	-11.6%	1,097	32.1	NM	4.3x
SILVAPHL	13.4	15.1	-11.3%	1,829	20.9	NM	0.9x
RINGSHINE	4.1	4.6	-10.9%	2,051	15.3	NM	NM
LOVELLO	57.2	63.8	-10.3%	5,616	382.2	18.7x	4.3x

Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
SHARPIND	27.2	34.1	-20.2%	8,254	1,363.3	NM	3.4x
SAIHAMTEX	33.0	31.3	+5.4%	2,989	762.8	53.2x	0.8x
RUNNERAUTO	47.7	52.2	-8.6%	5,416	571.6	35.6x	0.7x
FARCHEM	17.2	18.9	-9.0%	2,633	548.7	NM	0.6x
MLDYEING	13.1	14.4	-9.0%	3,045	503.6	NM	1.1x
BEXIMCO	23.6	24.9	-5.2%	22,260	449.6	NM	0.3x
BRACBANK	63.2	62.8	+0.6%	144,701	429.3	6.4x	1.3x
PTL	69.9	68.2	+2.5%	12,520	402.9	11.0x	1.5x
LOVELLO	57.2	63.8	-10.3%	5,616	382.2	18.7x	4.3x
SAPORTL	60.0	62.1	-3.4%	14,212	379.7	28.3x	1.7x

Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
IPDC	31.4	+74.4%	13,489	26.4x	1.8x
SHASHADNIM	26.4	+69.2%	3,723	40.0x	0.6x
BARKAPOWER	10.8	+61.2%	2,543	11.6x	0.5x
PIONEERINS	66.4	+47.4%	6,819	12.6x	1.4x
CITYBANK	30.3	+42.8%	53,007	3.5x	0.8x
BSRMSTEEL	89.9	+42.5%	33,798	5.6x	0.9x
BXPHARMA	145.0	+42.0%	64,686	7.5x	1.1x
POWERGRID	37.7	+41.2%	34,451	8.5x	0.3x
CROWNCEMNT	63.1	+37.2%	9,370	23.6x	1.0x
BSRMLTD	100.0	+33.2%	29,858	4.6x	0.6x

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Table 7: Sector Indices

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,571.1	1,597.5	1,367.20	-1.66%	+14.91%
NBFI	1,122.2	1,167.8	860.23	-3.91%	+30.45%
Mutual Fund	635.6	666.3	478.27	-4.61%	+32.89%
General Insurance	4,405.9	4,622.9	2,879.11	-4.69%	+53.03%
Life Insurance	1,771.1	1,839.3	1,691.42	-3.71%	+4.71%
Telecommunication	4,490.9	4,542.1	4,431.51	-1.13%	+1.34%
Pharmaceutical	3,127.2	3,173.6	2,764.29	-1.46%	+13.13%
Fuel & Power	1,117.2	1,148.4	996.11	-2.72%	+12.15%
Cement	2,025.6	2,088.7	1,739.18	-3.02%	+16.47%
Services & Real Estate	1,170.1	1,212.0	949.82	-3.46%	+23.19%
Engineering	2,669.3	2,703.4	2,290.78	-1.26%	+16.52%
Food & Allied	12,755.6	12,982.0	12,942.72	-1.74%	-1.45%
IT	2,474.0	2,577.4	1,703.25	-4.01%	+45.25%
Textile	1,407.9	1,484.5	1,060.76	-5.16%	+32.72%
Paper & Printing	4,612.0	4,745.9	4,485.61	-2.82%	+2.82%
Tannery	2,128.0	2,188.2	1,806.05	-2.75%	+17.82%
Jute	13,222.3	13,662.7	11,805.57	-3.22%	+12.00%
Ceramics	476.0	487.0	370.10	-2.27%	+28.61%
Miscellaneous	2,552.1	2,604.2	3,881.56	-2.00%	-34.25%

Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	493.6	618.8	-20.23%	+9.03%	7.4x	0.8x
NBFI	149.9	418.1	-64.14%	+2.74%	NM	1.1x
Mutual Fund	208.1	308.6	-32.58%	+3.81%	NM	0.6x
General Insurance	623.7	1,553.1	-59.84%	+11.41%	18.3x	1.7x
Life Insurance	88.7	193.5	-54.15%	+1.62%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	45.8	69.6	-34.21%	+0.84%	10.8x	3.7x
Pharmaceutical	599.5	808.7	-25.87%	+10.97%	10.8x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	196.1	309.0	-36.52%	+3.59%	9.5x	0.6x
Cement	74.5	81.6	-8.79%	+1.36%	22.1x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	230.1	387.9	-40.68%	+4.21%	25.9x	0.5x
Engineering	509.9	833.7	-38.85%	+9.33%	16.9x	0.9x
Food & Allied	254.5	283.9	-10.35%	+4.66%	34.1x	3.4x
IT	142.3	221.3	-35.72%	+2.60%	42.6x	2.0x
Textile	1,391.3	1,841.2	-24.44%	+25.45%	NM	1.0x
Paper & Printing	46.3	91.8	-49.55%	+0.85%	NM	1.4x
Tannery	38.6	68.7	-43.73%	+0.71%	NM	1.5x
Jute	19.2	35.3	-45.52%	+0.35%	NM	1.8x
Ceramics	72.0	57.8	+24.62%	+1.32%	NM	1.4x
Miscellaneous	282.3	485.1	-41.80%	+5.16%	39.7x	1.0x

Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ISLAMIBANK	27.5	-16.2%	44,275	NM	0.8x
SINGERBD	73.5	-13.0%	7,328	NM	NM
TRUSTBANK	14.9	-9.6%	15,552	4.9x	0.5x
LINDEBD	696.4	-7.2%	10,598	30.2x	3.3x
UNILEVERCL	2,013.1	-6.4%	38,801	63.4x	23.8x
BATBC	236.4	-4.9%	127,656	21.9x	2.2x
GP	245.5	-4.8%	331,499	9.4x	5.9x
RECKITTBEN	3,294.2	-3.8%	15,565	18.8x	41.7x
ACI	190.1	-2.3%	16,697	NM	2.2x
HEIDELBCEM	213.2	-1.3%	12,047	NM	3.0x

Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

Tax relief on cards for firms with turnover up to BDT 20 Mn

- The National Board of Revenue is set to exempt businesses and companies with annual turnover of up to BDT 20 Mn from minimum turnover tax, easing a tax burden that currently applies regardless of profitability.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/tax-relief-cards-firms-turnover-tk2cr-1525146

New import regime lays groundwork for free trade zones, central bonded warehouses

- The Import Policy Order 2026–2029 includes provisions for free trade zones and central bonded warehouses, with the government aiming to strengthen Bangladesh's potential as a regional hub for trade, logistics and re-export.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/new-import-regime-lays-groundwork-free-trade-zones-central-bonded-warehouses-1524466

Economy shows signs of stabilisation, but macroeconomic stress persists: MCCI

- Bangladesh's economy showed signs of stabilisation during April–June of FY26, but continued to face significant macroeconomic stress, according to the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/economy-shows-signs-stabilisation-macroeconomic-stress-persists-mcci-1524451

CPD regrets factual error in factory closure data

- The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) has acknowledged a factual error in data presented at a media dialogue on the first six months of the new government, saying the mistake occurred because its research team relied on a media report without verifying the original source.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/cpd-regrets-factual-error-factory-closure-data-4256906

BANK | 10 banks control 73% of govt bond trading

- Bangladesh Bank's latest data showed that total secondary trading reached BDT 5276.47 Bn during the quarter, and these ten banks alone handled BDT 3827.02 Bn of it.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/311230/10-banks-control-73pc-of-govt-bond-trading

BANK | Sammilito Islami Bank: Principal withdrawal from Sept 1

- Sammilito Islami Bank will allow individual depositors to withdraw their principal amounts from certain deposit accounts as needed from September 1, Bangladesh Bank Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman instructed the bank's top officials yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sammilito-islami-bank-principal-withdrawal-sept-1-4256916

BANK | June spread remains unchanged at 5.7%

- The spread between banks' weighted average lending and deposit rates remained unchanged at 5.70% in June 2026 from the previous month, according to the Bangladesh Bank data released on Tuesday.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/june-spread-remains-unchanged-at-57pc

RMG | RMG net earnings rebound 10% in April-June amid looming energy, cost pressures

- Bangladesh's net readymade garment (RMG) export earnings rebounded strongly in the fourth quarter of FY26, rising 10.38% quarter-on-quarter, driven by higher knitwear exports.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/rmg-net-earnings-rebound-10-april-june-amid-looming-energy-cost-pressures-1525126

TELECOMMUNICATION | 5G-ready handsets gain ground as users upgrade

- The share of 5G-enabled handsets on Bangladesh's three major mobile networks rose from 5.74 percent in August 2025 to 8.29 percent in July 2026, showing that consumers are steadily moving towards next-generation smartphones despite limited 5G availability.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/5g-ready-handsets-gain-ground-users-upgrade-4256911

ADP implementation remains unchanged at 0.69% in July

- Implementation of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) stood at 0.69% in the first month of the fiscal year, virtually unchanged from the same period a year earlier, according to the report of the Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/adp-implementation-remains-unchanged-at-069pc-in-july

Refinancing loans elude over 400 applicants

- Of them, Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has recommended 135 factories, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) 145 and Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) 100 for the survival succour.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/refinancing-loans-elude-over-400-applicants-1787594680

NBR plans data-driven system to track taxpayers' income, spending, assets

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) plans to introduce a data-driven system to identify discrepancies between taxpayers' declared income and their actual spending and assets, with the aim of detecting tax evasion and boosting revenue collection.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/nbr-plans-data-driven-system-track-taxpayers-income-spending-assets-1523031

Money changers cap cash dollar rate at BDT 126.50

- The Money Changers Association of Bangladesh (MCAB) has set new exchange rates for the kerb market to help stabilise and regulate cash dollar prices. Licensed money changers now can sell US dollars at a maximum of BDT 126.50 and buy at BDT 125.50.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dollar-buying-rate-now-tk12550-selling-tk12650-1523836

Bangladesh's economic recovery will be delayed: CPD

- At the review, held at the CPD's office in Dhanmondi, the think tank analysed 362 measures taken by the government over the past six months across nine key sectors. The programme highlighted which measures the CPD considered reassuring and which caused concern.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/economic-recovery-sluggish-due-lack-political-courage-capacity-cpd-1523286

RMG | Bangladesh, India discuss lifting yarn import curbs

- Bangladesh and India discussed lifting Dhaka’s restrictions on Indian yarn imports through land ports, alongside reopening closed border haats and bringing land ports into full operation as the two neighboring countries seek to strengthen bilateral trade. Commerce Minister said bilateral trade currently stands at around USD 13 Bn, but trade activities had slowed somewhat over the past one and a half years because of several obstacles.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-india-discuss-lifting-yarn-import-curbs-4256046

ENERGY | Sept LNG cargoes cost more than double pre-war rates

- Bangladesh has agreed to pay over USD 24 per Mn British thermal units (MMBtu) for two LNG cargoes to be delivered in September, as the country continues to scramble for supplies amid a global market squeeze triggered by the US-Israel war on Iran.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sept-lng-cargoes-cost-more-double-pre-war-rates-4256056

PAYMENT | PayPal in Bangladesh: How close is the long-awaited entry?

- Bangladesh Bank has stepped up efforts to bring international digital payment operators into the country, opening new avenues for freelancers and businesses to conduct legitimate cross-border foreign-currency transactions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/paypal-bangladesh-how-close-long-awaited-entry-1522191

NBFI | Unitholders in the dark as ICB blocks accounts of 6 RACE mutual funds

- The state-run Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) twice withheld approval of the accounts of six mutual funds (MFs) managed by RACE AMC due to operational anomalies and its managing director's absence from trustee committee meetings.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/unitholders-in-the-dark-as-icb-blocks-accounts-of-6-race-mutual-funds-1787591485

PAYMENT | Bangla QR transactions double after mandatory rollout

- Transactions through Bangla QR -- the country’s interoperable national payment standard -- have nearly doubled since the system became mandatory for merchants on July 1, Bangladesh Bank (BB) said. Daily transactions averaged BDT 0.178 Mn, worth about BDT 373.3 Mn, at the beginning of July.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangla-qr-transactions-double-after-mandatory-rollout-4255031

Govt prioritises creative economy to raise GDP contribution to 1.5%

- The government has given special priority to the creative economy, aiming to unlock its economic potential, bring the sector into the mainstream economy and raise its contribution to 1.5% of GDP while creating 500,000 new jobs.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-prioritises-creative-economy-to-raise-gdp-contribution-to-15pc

Invest Bangladesh authority born

- An integrated new apex investment-promotion agency styled 'Invest Bangladesh' sets sail with the heterogeneous regulators losing existence as the new government aspires to draw both local and foreign investments in simpler processes.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/invest-bangladesh-authority-born-1787509244

ENERGY | BERC panel proposes BDT 6.48 solar power tariff for MPPs

- The Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) of the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has proposed a tariff of BDT 6.48 per unit for electricity generated by renewable energy-based merchant power plants (MPPs).

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/berc-panel-proposes-tk-648-solar-power-tariff-for-mpps-1787509151

Remittance inflow reached USD 2.14 Bn in 22 days of August

- Expatriate Bangladeshis sent home USD 2.148 Bn in remittances during the first 22 days of August, marking a 25.6% year-on-year increase, according to the latest BB's data.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/remittance-inflow-reaches-214-billion-in-22-days-of-august

BANK | No-frill account deposits rise 24% in Apr-Jun

- Deposits in no-frill accounts (NFAs) increased 23.93% year-on-year to BDT 90.10 Bn at the end of the April-June quarter of 2026, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/no-frill-account-deposits-rise-24-apr-jun-4254911

Govt targets lofty 34.5% investment-GDP ratio for FY27

- Bangladesh wants to expand its investment-to-GDP ratio by 6.57% points within a year as it has set the aspiration in the newly approved five-year development strategy and framework, analysts say.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/govt-targets-lofty-345pc-investment-gdp-ratio-for-fy27-1

US overtakes India as Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner

- The US overtook India to become Bangladesh's second-largest trading partner in May, signifying the growing importance of the American market to the country's external sector, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) data.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/us-overtakes-india-as-bangladeshs-second-largest-trading-partner

USD 2 Bn Bangladesh-dedicated fund to be launched in Hong Kong: Finance Minister

- Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury today (Saturday) said a USD 2 Bn Bangladesh-dedicated fund will be launched in Hong Kong as equity investment, not a loan, as part of the government's efforts to develop alternative sources of financing, revive the capital market and reduce dependence on conventional borrowing.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/2b-bangladesh-dedicated-fund-to-be-launched-in-hong-kong-finance-minister

Collateral-free financing scheme rollout soon

- Bangladesh Bank's special loan scheme 'Udyog' to facilitate new-generation entrepreneurs with collateral-free financing is set to be rolled out within this month, opening up a new avenue of commercial lending.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/collateral-free-financing-scheme-rollout-soon

Inward remittances thru MFS fall nearly 21% to BDT 22.29 Bn in June

- Inward remittances through mobile financial services (MFS) declined by nearly 21% in June over the previous month, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/inward-remittances-thru-mfs-fall-nearly-21pc-to-tk-2229b-in-june

10 Mn jobs by FY31: Can services shoulder the weight?

- The BNP government plans to create 10 Mn jobs over the next five years, with a greater focus on the services and less pressure on the industrial sector. This means the services sector will have to provide nearly 60 percent of the target.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/1cr-jobs-fy31-can-services-shoulder-the-weight-4254221

PHARMACEUTICALS | IFC commits USD 30.7 Mn loan to Popular Pharmaceuticals

- To help safeguard the continuity of essential medicines and support job creation in Bangladesh, IFC, a member of the World Bank Group focused on the private sector, has committed a USD 30.7 Mn senior secured loan to Popular Pharmaceuticals PLC (Popular), a leading manufacturer of generic medicines.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/ifc-commits-307m-loan-to-popular-pharmaceuticals

BB signs agreements for BDT 410 Bn financing packages

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has signed agreements with seven banks for participating in BDT 410 Bn financing packages aimed at supporting productive and priority sectors of the economy.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/bb-signs-agreements-for-tk-410b-financing-packages

RMG | Gas crisis slashes knitwear output by 30-50%

- The prevailing gas shortage across major industrial hubs has severely hit Bangladesh's knitwear sector like many other industries, crippling core dyeing and finishing operations, as well as threatening timely export deliveries, industry people say.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/gas-crisis-slashes-knitwear-output-by-30-50pc

BANK | Central bank introduces ADR Mediator Policy for faster loan recovery

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has formulated a comprehensive policy titled "Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mediator Institution Enlistment Policy, 2026" aimed at expediting the recovery of defaulted loans and reducing the backlog of court cases in the country's financial sector.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/central-bank-introduces-adr-mediator-policy-for-faster-loan-recovery

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-introduces-adr-policy-speed-loan-recovery-ease-court-backlog-1520871

BANK | How banking sector stabilised

- The foreign exchange market has also remained broadly stable, with the dollar rate holding steady while foreign exchange reserves increased by over USD 2 Bn to more than USD 32 Bn in the last six months, according to International Monetary Fund calculations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/how-banking-sector-stabilised-1520961

CERAMIC | MGI enters sanitaryware market, invests BDT 3 Bn

- Meghna Group of Industries (MGI), one of the country’s largest industrial conglomerates, has entered the sanitaryware market, seeking to tap growing demand amid increased construction activity.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mgi-enters-sanitaryware-market-invests-tk-300cr-4254236

ENERGY | Energy crisis costs industry BDT 23.87 Bn daily

- Bangladesh’s energy crisis is costing the industrial sector up to BDT 23.87 Bn a day in lost economic output as factories continue to face supply disruptions, according to an estimate by the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI).

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/energy-crisis-costs-industry-tk-2387cr-daily-4252926

RMG | Apparel buyers stay with Bangladesh despite gas crunch – for now

- The gas crisis has disrupted production across major industrial belts, forcing some factories to suspend operations and others to rely on expensive alternative fuels

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/apparel-buyers-stay-bangladesh-despite-gas-crunch-now-1521446

PHARMACEUTICALS | Medicine pricing needs a rethink

- Bangladesh needs a medicine pricing system that keeps essential drugs affordable for patients while allowing local manufacturers to produce them profitably, experts and industry representatives said at a webinar yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/medicine-pricing-needs-rethink-4254246

Important News: Stocks

REGENTTEX | Regent Textile directors face record fine as regulator tightens grip on IPO fund misuse

- The securities regulator has stepped up enforcement against several listed firms over the misuse and diversion of funds raised through initial public offerings (IPOs), imposing hefty penalties on the issuers and their directors.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/regent-textile-directors-face-record-fine-as-regulator-tightens-grip-on-ipo-fund-misuse

RAKCERAMIC | RAK Ceramics MD plans to sell 0.885 Mn shares through Mohammed Trading

- SAK Ekramuzzaman, sponsor shareholder and managing director of RAK Ceramics (Bangladesh) Ltd, has announced his intention to sell 0.885 Mn shares of the company through his proprietary firm, Mohammed Trading.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rak-ceramics-md-plans-sell-885-lakh-shares-through-mohammed-trading-1525051

CITYBANK | City Bank drops board expansion, retains BDT 30 Bn capital plan

- City Bank PLC has withdrawn its proposal to increase the maximum number of non-independent directors from eight to 10, while retaining its plan to raise authorised capital to BDT 30 Bn.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-bank-drops-board-expansion-retains-tk3000cr-capital-plan-1525041

GBBPOWER | Dormant GBB Power turns to solar energy after 3-year shutdown

- GBB Power has stepped into the renewable energy business with a 25-year deal, under which it will develop a 5.005-megawatt ground-mounted solar plant at Cumilla Cantonment.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dormant-gbb-power-turns-to-solar-energy-after-3-year-shutdown-1787591553

DGIC | Desh General Insurance profit soars 439% in H1

- Desh General Insurance Limited has posted a 439% year-on-year growth in net profit after tax in the first half of 2026.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/desh-general-insurance-profit-soars-439-h1-1522081

EXCHANGE | BSEC conditionally approves 30% stake sale in Dominage Steel

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has conditionally approved a proposal by listed engineering company Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited to sell around 30% of its shares to new investors.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-conditionally-approves-30-stake-sale-dominage-steel-1522906

EXCHANGE | BSEC moves to overhaul merchant banking rules after 30 years

- The four-member committee has been given 30 working days to propose amendments covering licensing, financial capacity, risk management and merchant bankers' responsibilities to investors.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-overhaul-merchant-banking-rules-after-30-years-1522891

EXCHANGE | World Bank Group, BSEC discuss mortgage refinancing

- A delegation of the World Bank Group (WBG) on Thursday held a meeting with the securities regulator to discuss legal frameworks required to launch the proposed Mortgage Refinance Company (MRC) in Bangladesh.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/world-bank-group-bsec-discuss-mortgage-refinancing

RUNNERAUTO | Runner moves ahead with BYD tie-up, signs EV licensing deal

- Runner Automobiles PLC is moving ahead with its partnership with Chinese electric vehicle giant BYD Auto Industry Co, approving a series of measures to launch the import and distribution of BYD vehicles in Bangladesh.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/runner-moves-ahead-byd-tie-signs-ev-licensing-deal-1522116

ACI | Operating profits buried under debt: Why ACI is pumping BDT 7 Bn into Shwapno

- For years, Shwapno has been widely perceived as a loss-making concern. Its latest audited financial statements, however, show a more nuanced picture: the retailer is generating operating profit, but heavy financing costs are pushing it deep into the red

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/operating-profits-buried-under-debt-why-aci-pumping-tk700cr-shwapno-1521426

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