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MORNING NEWS

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Good Morning

EPA with Japan expected next month

Bangladesh expects to sign the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Japan by the end of next month, as negotiations between the two countries have already been completed,

Source: https://tinyurl.com/3sphxr74

Revenue goal hiked by Tk 24,000cr on strong Q1 performance

Going against the usual practice and history, the interim government has raised the revenue collection target for the current fiscal year (FY) by 5 percent, or Tk 24,000 crore.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/4r3t4c4u

New logistics policy positions Bangladesh as a 2050 trade hub

The interim government has unveiled the National Logistics Policy 2025, aiming to position Bangladesh as a leading regional trade and logistics hub by 2050.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/mva8kcu9

Governor urges banks to engage int'l law firms for stolen asset recovery

Bangladesh Bank Governor has urged banks to engage international law firms to recover assets laundered abroad by influential political figures and business groups, including S Alam, over the past 15 years.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/2beam8ta

New IPO rules may discourage investors

The new draft rules on initial public offerings (IPOs) are complex and discouraging for investors and entrepreneurs, according to stakeholders.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/4rztzd8j

BTRC inspection exposes gap between 4G promise and reality

A recent inspection by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has exposed deficiencies in mobile network services, highlighting a gap between operators' claims of nationwide 4G coverage and the reality on the ground.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/54ncd8fz

NBR logs 16% tax growth in Jul-Oct

Revenue collection rose nearly 16 percent year-on-year in the first four months of the current fiscal year, thanks to a turbulent base period last year and a more settled political and business climate now.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/46ezkbnz

Governance failure stalls financial sector progress: BB governor

Bangladesh's financial sector has fallen short of expectations due to prolonged governance failure, weak regulatory enforcement and delayed reforms, despite commendable growth in the broader economy.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/3xcmb8xu

Bangladesh, Bhutan discuss strengthening trade cooperation, signing FTA

Top leaders of Bangladesh and Bhutan at a bilateral meeting in Dhaka today (22 November) discussed strengthening trade and economic cooperation and a plan to formally launch discussions on a bilateral free trade agreement (FTA) between the two countries.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/mr38eye7

ADP spending inches up in Jul-Oct

The ministries and divisions of the government spent 8.33 percent of their total allocation in the first four months of the current fiscal year, thanks to a slight increase in expenditure during this period.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/46ezkbnz

Eastern Lubricants sees 74pc surge in profit

Eastern Lubricants Blenders saw its profit jump 74 per cent year-on-year to Tk 68.53 million for FY'25, driven by higher sales of base oil and a significant boost in non-operating income.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/ymxcd4a3

BGMEA urges immediate inspection of factories

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has advised its members to immediately inspect their factory buildings for any structural flaws following Friday's earthquake, warning of possible aftershocks and urging factories to strengthen safety systems.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/ytxnv4sf

ICB's turnaround gets tougher as govt refuses fresh loan-repayment funds

The finance ministry has decided that it will not provide any more funds to the state-run Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) for loan repayment purposes.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/37en5mvk

AB Bank's 'hidden' bad loans push NPLs to 84%

BB Bank's bad loans have ballooned to an unprecedented level, with nearly 84 percent of its total loans in default, a sign of severe financial distress caused by years of irregularities at the country's first private commercial lender.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/4fsdvc97

Islami Insurance Chairman Sayeed Khokon under BSEC scanner

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has launched an investigation into Islami Insurance Bangladesh Limited following allegations by six former sponsor directors against the company's current Chairman.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/mjbyazyv

Now IMED finds Savar leather park faultlines

A government watchdog has dug out an epitome of operational, environmental, and governance "failures" in a vital project that continue to undermine Bangladesh's leather sector and its global competitiveness, thereby causing the country to miss millions in foreign exchange.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/mjbyazyv

ICB in freefall: Tk5,000cr portfolio wiped out, loans choking the Institution

For decades, it was the one state financial institution that rarely stumbled - steady, profitable, almost boring in its reliability. But that old image of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) now stands shattered.

Source: https://tinyurl.com/mjbyazyv