

Good Morning



Bank Asia moves to clean up bad loans through equity injection over arbitrary rescheduling

Bank Asia is moving to clean up its bad loans by insisting on equity injection from borrowers, attaching additional collateral and proper repayment plans, rather than allowing arbitrary rescheduling.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bank-asia-moves-clean-bad-loans-through-equity-injection-over-arbitrary-rescheduling>

Islamic banks' CSR continues to shrink amid liquidity stress

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure by Islamic banks in Bangladesh has witnessed a persistent downward trend, with spending in the third quarter of 2025 falling significantly from what it was a year ago.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/islamic-banks-csr-continues-to-shrink-amid-liquidity-stress>

Paid-up capital wiped out as BB finalises five Islamic banks merger, shareholders get nothing

Bangladesh Bank has completed the merger of five Shariah-based banks by reducing their paid-up capital to zero, a move that has effectively wiped out the entire shareholding of investors and left thousands of small shareholders with no compensation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paid-capital-wiped-out-bb-finalises-five-islamic-banks-merger-shareholders-get>

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Decades of foreign-funded local governance projects yield little while debt moun

Despite 25 years of foreign loans for local governance and capacity-building projects, Bangladesh has seen limited gains while debt burdens and dependence on external financing have increased manyfold, according to an assessment by the Economic Relations Division (ERD).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/decades-foreign-funded-local-governance-projects-yield-little-while-debt-moun-1320196>

Sammilito Islamic Bank to begin disbursing depositors' money from Monday

The newly formed Sammilito Islamic Bank PLC is preparing to start refunding depositors of five troubled Islamic banks undergoing merger from Monday, Bangladesh Bank officials said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islamic-bank-begin-disbursing-depositors-money-monday-1319056>

Non-life insurers barred from using agents as IDRA scraps commissions

According to a notification issued by the regulator, non-life insurance companies will no longer be allowed to conduct business through agents. Hence, agent commissions in the sector will cease entirely from January next year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/non-life-insurers-barred-from-using-agents-as-idra-scaps-commissions>

Negative equity: 60% of brokers and merchant banks yet to submit action plans

Although steps are underway to eliminate long-standing negative equity burdens, about 60% of brokerage firms and merchant banks have yet to submit action plans to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) for adjustment and provisioning.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/negative-equity-60-brokers-and-merchant-banks-yet-submit-action-plans-1319156>

Pubali Bank holds 1,500th board meeting

Pubali Bank PLC held its 1,500th meeting of the board of directors on December 24, marking a milestone in the bank's long-standing practice of corporate governance, regulatory compliance and strategic leadership.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/pubali-bank-holds-1500th-board-meeting-4067416>

BRAC Bank partners with Infrastructure Finance Fund for SME financing

BRAC Bank PLC has partnered with Bangladesh Infrastructure Finance Fund Limited (BIFFL) to expand access to affordable financing for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), with a focus on strengthening the food value chain.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/brac-bank-partners-infrastructure-finance-fund-sme-financing-4067426>

Prime Bank signs payroll agreement with Fame Group

Prime Bank PLC has recently entered into a payroll agreement with Fame Group to provide dedicated banking services and digital payroll solutions to the group's employees.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/prime-bank-signs-payroll-agreement-fame-group-4066176>

Banking crisis laid bare in 2025, lasting fixes hinge on next govt

When bankers entered the new year and opened their books for 2025, many quickly realised that the scale of long-buried damage was too large to hide any longer.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banking-crisis-laid-bare-2025-lasting-fixes-hinge-next-govt-4066211>

A turbulent year for the premier seaport

From the start to the end, Chattogram port remained in the national spotlight this year -- for protests, controversy, tariff hikes and other significant policy decisions like handing over operations of major terminals to foreign companies.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/turbulent-year-the-premier-seaport-4067436>

Weekly Market Review: Stocks gain amid major political developments

The benchmark equity index of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rebounded this week, driven by a wave of optimism among investors following growing political clarity surrounding the upcoming national elections.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/weekly-market-review-stocks-gain-amid-major-political-developments>

DSE seeks urgent data on broker investments in Beximco shares

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the country's premier bourse, has instructed all brokerage houses to urgently provide detailed information on investments in shares of Bangladesh Export Import Company, popularly known as Beximco Ltd.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-seeks-urgent-data-broker-investments-beximco-shares-1318396>

RFL approves 23% dividend

Rangpur Foundry Limited (RFL) has approved a 23 percent dividend for its shareholders for the financial year 2024-25 at the company's 45th annual general meeting (AGM), held on December 24 through a digital platform.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rfl-approves-23-dividend-4066166>

ACI director plans purchase of 1.6 lakh shares to raise stake

Shusmita Anis, a director of Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI) PLC, has expressed her intention to buy 1,60,000 shares of the company, according to a disclosure published with the stock exchanges today (24 December).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aci-director-plans-purchase-16-lakh-shares-raise-stake-1318426>