

# Good Morning



## **Bangladesh stock market opens 2026 on positive note**

After a challenging year, the stock market entered the New Year on high hopes, as bargain hunters placed fresh bets on lucrative stocks on Thursday amid renewed optimism.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/bangladesh-stock-market-opens-2026-on-positive-note-1767287690>

## **Govt lowers interest rates on savings certificates**

The government has reduced interest rates on all major national savings certificates (NSCs) for the next six months, aligning them with prevailing market interest rates.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-lowers-interest-rates-savings-certificates-4071261>

## **Sammilito Islami Bank starts restoring customer access**

Banking operations returned to normal on Thursday as five troubled Islamic banks in Bangladesh officially merged under a single entity, Sammilito Islami Bank, allowing depositors to access their funds after months of uncertainty, reports UNB.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/trade-market/sammilito-islami-bank-starts-restoring-customer-access-1767287284>

### **Paramount Textile-led JV plans \$268m investment in 295MW solar projects**

Paramount Textile and Paramount Holdings, both part of the Paramount Group, plan to invest \$268 million, equivalent to around Tk3,275 crore, in four solar power plants with a combined capacity of 295 megawatts through a joint venture.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paramount-textile-led-jv-plans-268m-investment-295mw-solar-projects-1324421>

### **Biman Bangladesh Airlines posts Tk785.21 crore net profit in FY25**

Biman Bangladesh Airlines recorded a net profit of Tk785.21 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal year, marking a 178% increase compared to the previous year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/aviation/biman-bangladesh-airlines-posts-tk78521-crore-net-profit-fy25-1324206>

### **GTCL deposits Tk925.73cr to govt exchequer in FY25**

The 32nd Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Gas Transmission Company Limited (GTCL) was held on Monday, 29 December 2025 at 7:00pm in the boardroom of the company's head office in the Sher-e-Bangla Nagar administrative area of Dhaka.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/gtcl-deposits-tk92573cr-govt-exchequer-fy25-1324296>

### **Remittances hit record \$32b in 2025, shoring up reserves**

Bangladeshis abroad sent home a record \$32.8 billion in 2025, according to central bank data, as economists say more expatriates are now using formal banking channels, with informal routes siphoning off less since the August political changeover.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/remittances-hit-record-32b-2025-shoring-reserves-4071131>

### **Ctg Port posts record Tk5,460cr revenue in 2025 as all key indicators hit historic highs**

Chittogram Port Authority (CPA) closed the 2025 calendar year with its strongest-ever financial and operational performance, reporting record revenue alongside historic highs in container, cargo and vessel handling.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-port-posts-record-tk5460cr-revenue-2025-all-key-indicators-hit-historic-highs-1324301>

### **Consumers' association condemns sudden sugar, LPG price hikes**

The CAB condemned sudden sugar and liquefied petroleum gas price hikes, blaming artificial shortages and market syndicates for the surge.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/consumers-association-condemns-sudden-sugar-lpg-price-hikes-4072261>

Sunday, January 4, 2026

### **Govt lowers mobile handset duties from 25pc to 10pc, enforces NEIR**

The government has slashed customs duty on mobile phone imports from 25 per cent to 10 per cent, marking a nearly 60 per cent reduction, as the National Equipment Identity Register (NEIR) officially came into operation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/trade-market/govt-lowers-mobile-handset-duties-from-25pc-to-10pc-enforces-neir-1767287165>

### **Businesses underprepared as LDC graduation clock ticks**

With less than eleven months left before Bangladesh exits the least developed country club, businesses say they are still not adequately prepared to face the harsher realities of a post LDC world.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/businesses-underprepared-ldc-graduation-clock-ticks-4072506>

### **Jute sector losing edge due to high costs, old technology**

Bangladesh's jute industry is losing global competitiveness as outdated machinery, low productivity and high energy costs keep production expensive, while rival countries have modernised and achieved better cost efficiency, said Bangladesh Jute Spinners Association (BJS) Chairman Tapash Pramanik.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/jute-sector-losing-edge-due-high-costs-old-technology-4072421>

### **Bangladesh gets cautious as global rice price spikes**

Global rice-price spike in recent months has nudged major rice-consuming countries like Bangladesh into bracing with preparation to fend off any external shocks to food security.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-gets-cautious-as-global-rice-price-spikes-1767460241>