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Good Morning



Govt debt jumps 28% to Tk 7.45 lakh crore in FY25

The outstanding balance of government debt through the issuance of different securities, mainly treasury bills and bonds, increased further in fiscal year 2024-25, as authorities borrowed more to cover budget deficits amid sluggish revenue collection.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/govt-debt-jumps-28-tk-745-lakh-crore-fy25-4089511>

Telcos get one week to submit plan on data price cut

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has asked all mobile network operators to submit reports within a week detailing the measures they are taking to reduce data package prices, amid growing public concern over rising mobile internet costs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/telcos-get-one-week-submit-plan-data-price-cut-4089521>

BB revises profit decision for Sammilito Islami Bank depositors, sets 4% return

Bangladesh Bank has revised its earlier decision on profit payments by Sammilito Islami Bank, allowing only individual depositors to receive a 4% return on their deposits for 2024 and 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-revises-profit-decision-sammilito-islami-bank-depositors-sets-4-return-1340511>

ICC chief slams 'spoon-feeding' of weak banks, demands end to bailout culture

Mahbubur Rahman, President of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Bangladesh, has strongly criticised the practice of providing artificial life support to failing banks, warning that such measures will not resolve the banking sector crisis.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/icc-chief-slams-spoon-feeding-of-weak-banks-demands-end-to-bailout-culture>

Textile mill shutdown threat raises alarm over RMG exports ahead of polls

As textile millers and garment exporters remain locked in a bitter dispute over duty-free yarn imports – and the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) has announced an indefinite shutdown of mills – the government is scrambling to avert a potential disruption to RMG exports, which account for about 85% of Bangladesh's total export earnings.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/textile-mill-shutdown-threat-raises-alarm-over-rmg-exports-ahead-polls-1341501>

Holding tax for Bscic factories may drop to 5% in cities, 2% elsewhere

According to sources, the holding tax for factories in Bscic industrial estates may now be capped at a maximum of 5% within city corporation areas and 2% at the municipal and union parishad levels – a significant relief for small industries

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/holding-tax-bscic-factories-may-drop-5-cities-2-elsewhere-1342111>

Indoor hilsa farming to debut in Bangladesh as PRAN-RFL plans Tk430cr JV

The initiative will use recirculating aquaculture system (RAS) technology and be implemented jointly with Denmark-based Assentoft Aqua Limited, with an investment of €30 million, or around Tk430 crore

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/indoor-hilsa-farming-debut-bangladesh-pran-rfl-plans-tk430cr-jv-1341391>

Islami Bank to form subsidiary for mobile financial services

The decision was taken at a meeting of the bank's board of directors today (22 January), held at its boardroom, subject to the completion of all regulatory formalities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/islami-bank-form-subsiary-mobile-financial-services-1341311>

Low claims settlement rate deepens confidence crisis in insurance sector

Bangladesh's insurance companies paid out less than half of the premiums collected in the first nine months of 2025, raising concerns over mounting unpaid claims and eroding public confidence.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/low-claims-settlement-rate-deepens-confidence-crisis-insurance-sector-1342736>

Stocks hit two-month high as national election approaches

The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rebounded strongly from the previous week's losses, hitting a two-month high, driven by renewed buying interest in undervalued blue-chip stocks ahead of national election.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/stocks-hit-two-month-high-as-national-election-approaches>

Brokers demand securities regrouping aligned with global standards

The DSE Brokers Association (DBA) has urged the securities regulator to reclassify securities listed on the prime bourse in line with global standards.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/brokers-demand-securities-regrouping-aligned-with-global-standards>