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Good Morning



US optimistic of deal with Iran as it increases economic pressure

President Donald Trump has said he believes the war he launched with Israel in late February is nearly over, even as a shipping blockade he announced came into effect and traffic through the Strait of Hormuz remained well below normal levels.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/us-shuts-down-irans-maritime-trade-despite-optimism-more-talks-2026-04-15/>

Govt drafts 5-year strategic plan

The government has drafted a five-year strategic framework proposing to designate ICT as a special priority sector and send 20 lakh workers abroad annually.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-drafts-5-year-strategic-plan-4152386>

EBL profit jumps 20pc in 2025

Eastern Bank Ltd. (EBL) experienced 20 per cent growth in profit to Tk 9.01 billion in 2025, riding on a resilient business model amid a challenging operating environment, according to a press release.

Excise shock, factory shift drags BATBC profit down 67pc

British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company (BATBC) posted a steep 67 per cent year-on-year decline in profit after tax in 2025, hit by a mid-year excise duty hike and a forced factory relocation that drove up one-off costs.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/excise-shock-factory-shift-drag-batbc-profit-down-67pc>

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Merchant banks risk losing licenses over IPO shortfall

Merchant banks will face penalties-including license cancellation-for having failed to bring at least one IPO proposal every two years, as required by the relevant rules. They were notified of the regulatory position at a meeting held on Wednesday at the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC)

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/merchant-banks-risk-losing-licences-over-ipo-shortfall>

NBFI depositors cry for payback

Some investors of six liquidating non-banks have already died, while others struggle with medical bills, as families face uncertain future Over the years, several non-bank institutions collapsed amid widespread mismanagement, weak governance, and heavy exposure to non-performing loans. Poor regulatory oversight and delayed action by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) deepened the crisis and ultimately led to liquidation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nbfi-depositors-cry-payback-4152396>

Release of \$1.3b from IMF credit not before June

Bangladesh is unlikely to get US\$1.3 billion, due in two tranches, within this fiscal year from the \$5.5-billion credit programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), finance officials say.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/>

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Gold prices rise by Tk 2,216 per Bhuri

Gold prices have increased by Tk 2,216 per bhori again in the country's market. With this latest hike, the price of gold has once again crossed Tk 250,000 per bhori. The price of 22-carat gold, considered good quality, has increased by Tk 2,216 per bhori.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/business/local/pizdn93tx3>