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Good Morning



Stocks open positive despite fuel price hikes

Stocks opened higher on Sunday as bargain hunters showed buying interest on undervalued blue chips shares despite the government increased fuel prices.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/stocks-open-positive-despite-fuel-price-hikes>

BD Lamps sees strong Q3 as profit soars 142pc

Bangladesh Lamps, widely known as BD Lamps, reported a sharp 142 per cent year-on-year growth in profit to Tk 2.73 million for the January-March quarter of FY26, driven by higher sales and improved cost efficiency.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bd-lamps-sees-strong-q3-as-profit-soars-142pc>

Dollar falls to multi-week lows

The safe-haven US dollar dropped to multi-week lows on Friday as risk appetite soared after Iran said the Strait of Hormuz is open, boosting optimism that the Middle East conflict is winding down.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-falls-multi-week-lows-4155521>

Fuel price surge may hit some firms harder than others

A steep increase in fuel prices has sent fresh shockwaves across the country's corporate sector and capital market, raising concerns over profitability, inflation, and overall economic momentum.

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<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/fuel-price-surge-may-hit-some-firms-harder-than-others>

NSC sales stay in the red despite slowing outflows

Investment in National Savings Certificates (NSCs) continues to remain under pressure, with persistent net withdrawals reflecting weakening investor appetite despite brief signs of recovery.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/nsc-sales-stay-in-the-red-despite-slowing-outflows>

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Lease term, loan settlement emerge as challenges over Savar Tannery shift to Bepza

Lease term and settling loans have emerged as challenges centring the shifting the authority of Savar Tannery Industrial Estate to the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) from the Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (Bscic) over compliance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/lease-term-loan-settlement-emerge-challenges-over-savar-tannery-shift-bepza-1336881>

BB aims to decrease inflation rate to 5pc approx. in near future

The central bank aims to gradually decrease the inflation rate to approximately five per cent in the near future from its current level of over eight per cent, Bangladesh Bank (BB) Deputy Governor Dr Md Habibur Rahman said at the divisional-level monetary policy discussion meeting in the BB, Rangpur office recently.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bb-aims-to-decrease-inflation-rate-to-5pc-approx-in-near-future>

Pharma must sell 25% essential drugs for new medicine approval, govt mandates

Alongside expanding the essential medicines list, the government is set to introduce a new pricing policy mandating pharmaceutical companies to ensure at least 25% of their annual sales from these essential drugs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/pharma-must-sell-25-essential-drugs-new-medicine-approval-govt-mandates-1336141>

Regulatory reforms clear path for new listings: BSEC chairman

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Khondoker Rashed Maqsood on Sunday said recent regulatory reforms have significantly eased the entry of new companies into the capital market, particularly through initial public offerings (IPOs), marking a major step forward in market development.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/regulatory-reforms-clear-path-new-listings-bsec-chairman-1337801>

DSEX reaches 5,000-mark after two-month hiatus

The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange rebounded above the psychologically significant 5,000-point mark today (18 January) after nearly two months, as broad-based buying enthusiasm lifted the market sharply.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-reaches-5000-mark-after-two-month-hiatus-1337311>

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Lovello posts Tk20.93cr profit in half-year

Tawfika Foods and Lovello Ice Cream, a listed company on the stock exchanges, reported that its net profit grew to Tk20.93 crore in the first half of the current fiscal year, marking a 62% year-on-year growth.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/lovello-posts-tk2093cr-profit-half-year-1337681>

BSEC fines two credit rating companies for violating rules

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed fines on two credit rating companies – ARGUS Credit Rating Services Ltd and National Credit Ratings Limited – for violating regulatory provisions governing the credit rating process.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-two-credit-rating-companies-violating-rules-1337676>