

Good Morning



Foreign investment falls by 33pc in Bangladesh: UNCTAD report

Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into Bangladesh have been declining for more than six years. In 2019, the year before the COVID-19 pandemic, the country received around US\$1.8 billion in FDI. By 2024, this had fallen to approximately US\$1.2 billion, marking a decline of nearly one-third, or around 33 per cent, in five years.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/business/local/8ataqwuxid>

Govt borrowing from banks exceeds Tk 1 trillion within 9 months

If loans are financed through money creation, inflation may rise. When purchasing power does not increase accordingly, people are forced to pay higher prices for goods and services, raising the cost of living.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/business/local/p2k0raz1pp>

FBCCI calls for tax reforms to reduce business costs

Businesses yesterday called for structural reforms in the tax system to reduce the cost of doing business, ease compliance burdens, and improve investment competitiveness. The FBCCI proposed zero minimum tax for businesses operating at a loss with zero or negative taxable income based on audited accounts, newly established firms for the first three years, and businesses affected by natural disasters, epidemics, or government-declared economic crises.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/fbccci-calls-tax-reforms-reduce-business-costs-4164176>

Customers encash savings certificates more than purchasing

People's capacity to invest in savings certificates has declined. Many who previously invested are now encashing their certificates and withdrawing funds. The total value

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of certificates being encashed now exceeds the value of new purchases. This trend has persisted for several years.

<https://en.prothomalo.com/business/local/54gtwac9rh>

Policy uncertainty, weak trust weigh on investment

Bangladesh's business climate is being held back by regulatory bottlenecks, inconsistent policies, weak trust, and institutional inefficiencies, which are reducing investment potential and weakening long-term investor confidence, experts said at a dialogue yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/listed-mncs-struggle-inflation-weak-demand-hit-profits-4164196>

Listed MNCs struggle as inflation, weak demand hit profits

Listed multinational companies (MNCs) in Bangladesh had another difficult year in 2025, with most failing to claw back profits eroded by inflation and shrinking consumer demand.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/policy-uncertainty-weak-trust-weighinvestment-4164191>

Lending rates to be brought down to tolerable level: commerce minister

Double-digit bank lending rates will be brought down to a tolerable level to make them more investment-friendly, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktedir said yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/lending-rates-be-brought-down-tolerable-level-commerce-minister-4164161>

Gold loses lustre on Middle East war

Gold is seen as a safe haven asset in times of volatility but investment volumes fell in the first quarter, industry data showed Wednesday, as the Middle East war forced some investors to liquidate holdings to raise cash.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gold-loses-lustre-middle-east-war-4164136>