

Good Morning



Junk stocks climb to 35pc of DSE listings

The number of junk stocks on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has surged to a record high of 125, accounting for 35 per cent of all listed companies, signalling mounting stress in the capital market and deepening investor concerns. The sharp rise follows the downgrade of 10 more banks to the Z category on Sunday after they failed to declare dividends for two consecutive years-2024 and 2025-amid rising non-performing loans (NPLs) and significant provisioning shortfalls.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/junk-stocks-climb-to-35pc-of-dse-listings>

2025 bank strength masks underlying vulnerabilities

Many banks appear to have performed better in 2025 than in the previous year, but underlying risks remain due to uncertainties surrounding the recovery of loans that were recently rescheduled under special consideration. In August last year, the central bank allowed the rescheduling of loans defaulted by 250 firms for up to 15 years.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/2025-bank-strength-masks-underlying-vulnerabilities>

Stocks open higher after recent fall

Stocks opened higher on Monday as bargain hunters showed buying interest in undervalued blue-chip shares after the recent correction. FE Analysts said the opportunistic investors engaged in bargain hunting while closely monitoring developments around the Middle East tensions, although persistent caution over the unresolved crisis.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/stocks-open-higher-after-recent-fall>

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UCB profit jumps on strong investment income despite margin pressure

United Commercial Bank (UCB) secured a whopping 198 per cent year-on-year increase in consolidated profit to Tk 238 million in 2025 as it reaped handsome returns from investment income. However, net interest income declined due to a sharp rise in interest expenses in a high-rate environment.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/ucb-profit-jumps-on-strong-investment-income-despite-margin-pressure>

Pharma firms resilient as profits grow strongly in July-March FY26

Most listed drug manufacturers in Bangladesh posted double-digit year-on-year profit growth in the first nine months through March, supported by rising demand, efficient cost management, and a stable forex market. FE Market analysts attributed the growth to higher sales volumes, improved operational efficiency, and sustained demand for medicines both domestically and in export markets. This resilience allows leading pharmaceutical companies to sustain strong revenue and profit growth, he added.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/pharma-firms-resilient-as-profits-grow-strongly-in-july-march-fy26>

Pioneer Insurance declares 30% dividend

Pioneer Insurance PLC has declared a 30 percent dividend, including 25 percent in cash, for the year that ended on December 31, 2025. The declaration came at the insurer's 30th annual general meeting (AGM), held virtually yesterday, according to a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/pioneer-insurance-declares-30-dividend-4167606>

Govt's debt burden crosses Tk 22 lakh crore

Bangladesh's total public debt burden has crossed Tk 22 lakh crore by December 2025 with a growing reliance on domestic sources as the government looks to "insulate the economy from foreign currency risks".

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-debt-burden-crosses-tk-22-lakh-crore-4167671>

Bangladesh Bank to investigate recruitment and layoffs at six Islamic banks

Bangladesh Bank has launched an investigation into controversial recruitments in past years and recent large-scale layoffs at six major Shariah-based Islamic banks in the country. To examine potential serious irregularities, the central bank has formed a high-level investigation committee.

<https://www.arthosuchak.com/archives/957659/%e0%a7%ac%e0%a6%87%e0%a6%b8%e0%a6%b2%e0%a6%be%e0%a6%ae%e0%a7%80%e0%a6%ac%e0%a7%8d%e0%a6%af%e0%a6%be%e0%a6%82%e0%a6%95%e0%a7%87%e0%a6%b0%e0%a6%a8%e0%a6%bf%e0%a6%af%e0%a6%bc%e0%a7%8b%e0%a6%97/>