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Good Morning



Foreign investors pull out Tk124cr in April as risk aversion intensifies

The Dhaka Stock Exchange saw a sharp retreat by international investors in April, as escalating global geopolitical tensions—particularly from the Middle East conflict—and persistent domestic structural hurdles triggered a wave of capital outflows worth Tk 124 crore. The pullout reflects deepening risk aversion among foreign portfolio investors amid sustained uncertainty over oil prices and the Strait of Hormuz disruption.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-pull-out-tk124cr-april-risk-aversion-intensifies-1440996>

Techno Drugs to issue Tk50cr bond to restructure high-cost debt

Pharmaceutical company Techno Drugs Ltd has announced plans to issue a Tk 50 crore bond aimed at refinancing its existing high-cost bank borrowings. The move is intended to lower the company's overall cost of debt and improve its financial flexibility following its listing on the Dhaka Stock Exchange in 2024.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/techno-drugs-issue-tk50cr-bond-restructure-high-cost-debt-1440986>

British American Tobacco Bangladesh: cigarette sales fall 14%, profit drops 34% in Q1

BAT Bangladesh reported a 34 percent year-on-year fall in net profit in the first quarter of 2026, driven by a 14 percent decline in domestic cigarette revenue. The results extend a run of deteriorating earnings for the tobacco giant, which had already reported a loss in Q4 2025 amid higher excise duties, declining sales volumes, and costs linked to relocating its Mohakhali factory.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/british-american-tobacco-bangladesh-cigarette-sales-fall-14-q1-profit-drops-34>

BSEC drafts stricter corporate governance framework for listed firms

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has published a draft of sweeping new corporate governance rules for listed companies, introducing tighter board composition requirements, expanded director independence standards, and stricter eligibility criteria for key executives. The proposed framework also restricts cross-directorships between listed companies and major market infrastructure institutions such as exchanges, depositories, and brokers, replacing the existing 2018 code.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/securities-and-exchange-commission-drafts-stricter-corporate-governance-framework>

Capital shortfall of 20 banks stood at Tk2.78 lakh crore in December quarter

The combined capital shortfall of 20 banks in Bangladesh reached Tk 2.78 lakh crore in the December 2025 quarter, reflecting continued deterioration driven by surging non-performing loans and inadequate provisioning. The sector's capital adequacy ratio has turned negative for the first time in the country's history, leaving most affected banks constrained on new lending and dividend payments.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/capital-shortfall-20-banks-stood-tk278-lakh-crore-december-quarter-1441076>

Govt releases Tk 15b cash incentives for exporters

The government has disbursed Tk 15 billion as the fourth tranche of export cash incentives for FY2025-26, with the Ministry of Finance issuing the release order and Bangladesh Bank channelling the funds to eligible banks. The incentives cover key export sectors including ready-made garments, frozen fish, leather goods, and jute products, with rates ranging from 0.30 percent to 10 percent.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/govt-releases-tk-15b-cash-incentives-for-exporters>

Allowing undisclosed money in real estate envisaged

The upcoming national budget for FY2026-27 is expected to include a provision permitting investment of undisclosed income in the real estate sector at applicable tax rates, according to sources. The measure, a recurring but controversial feature of Bangladesh's budget, is aimed at drawing informal capital into the formal economy, though critics and anti-corruption watchdogs have consistently opposed such schemes as facilitating money laundering.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/allowing-undisclosed-money-in-real-estate-envisaged>