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Good Morning



Subscription of country's first Orange Bond begins

The electronic subscription of "SAJIDA Orange Zero Coupon Bond," the first of its kind in Bangladesh, started on Monday to raise Tk 1.58 billion from eligible investors through the Electronic Subscription System (ESS) platform. The subscription process began on 18 May and will continue until 23 May, allowing eligible investors to participate through the DSE platform.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/subscription-of-countrys-first-orange-bond-begins>

Listed foreign firms' Q1 earnings slump amid stubborn inflation, energy disruptions

This year has so far brought no relief to listed multinational companies (MNCs), with earnings declining in the first quarter compared to the same period last year as inflation has not let up. Persistently high inflation, squeezing consumer demand, and rising operating costs due to increases in the costs of raw materials and energy have complicated the business environment for foreign firms operating in Bangladesh.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/listed-foreign-firms-q1-earnings-slump-amid-stubborn-inflation-energy-disruptions>

Rupali Bank slips into loss in Q1 as earnings plunge

Rupali Bank PLC reported a sharp decline in earnings in the first quarter of 2026, slipping into a significant loss due to lower operating income amid ongoing pressure in the banking sector. According to its unaudited financial statements published on Monday, the state-owned commercial bank posted a consolidated loss per share of Tk 8.12 for the January-March quarter of 2026, compared to earnings per share of Tk 0.13 in the same period last year.

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BB now appoints 3 independent directors at ICB Islami Bank

A month after appointing an administrator, Bangladesh Bank (BB) has reconstituted the board of ICB Islamic Bank PLC by appointing three independent directors in a move aimed at strengthening governance and oversight at the troubled private commercial bank. These regulatory measures are part of the central bank's ongoing efforts to ensure good governance, strengthen oversight, and stabilise the management of problem-ridden and financially weak banks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-now-appoints-3-independent-directors-icb-islami-bank-1442901>

BB buys another \$100m through dollar auction

Bangladesh Bank today (18 May) purchased \$100 million from six commercial banks through auctions. The dollars were purchased at Tk122.75 per dollar, Bangladesh Bank Executive Director and Spokesperson Arief Hossain Khan confirmed. With this latest purchase, the central bank has bought a total of \$5.98 billion in the current fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-buys-another-100m-through-dollar-auction-1442876>

DSE to remain closed from 25-31 May for Eid holidays

It will continue its regular office and trading activities on Saturday, 23 May and Sunday, 24 May following normal trading hours. The Dhaka Stock Exchange has announced an updated schedule for its office and trading operations in line with the government-declared Eid-ul-Adha holiday period. According to the announcement, the DSE will continue its regular office and trading activities on Saturday, 23 May and Sunday, 24 May following normal trading hours.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-remain-closed-25-31-may-eid-holidays-1442776>