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Good Morning

Policy interest rate reduced to 9.5pc

Bangladesh Bank has reduced the policy rate by 50 basis points to 9.50 per cent just a month after announcing a cautious and contractionary monetary policy aimed at inflation combat. Amid cries from business circles, the central bank makes the downward adjustment in its benchmark rate in 22 months notwithstanding inflation remaining elevated.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/policy-interest-rate-reduced-to-95pc

Listed MNCs post resilient Q2 despite inflation, energy crisis

Listed multinational companies (MNCs) in Bangladesh delivered a resilient performance in the April-June quarter of 2026, with most reporting higher revenue and profit despite persistent inflation and the ongoing energy crisis.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-mncs-post-resilient-q2-despite-inflation-energy-crisis-1504041

Listed banks' H1 performance: Treasury gains fuel profit for some, while NPLs bleed others

The listed banking sector posted a sharply divided performance in the first half (January-June) of 2026, as robust treasury returns buoyed strong performers while mounting non-performing loans and high deposit costs pushed several major lenders into deep losses.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-banks-h1-performance-treasury-gains-fuel-profit-some-while-npls-bleed-others

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Mercantile Bank incurs loss in Q2 as interest income plummets

Mercantile Bank PLC, a listed private commercial lender, has reported a consolidated net loss for the second quarter of 2026, driven by a dramatic collapse in its net interest income and deteriorating cash flows.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mercantile-bank-incurs-loss-q2-interest-income-plummets-1504031

Islami Bank deep in the red as income bleeds across all segments

Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, once the country's most profitable Shariah-based lender, has plunged deeper into distress as its retained earnings flipped into negative territory following a massive fall in income across all major business segments.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-deep-red-income-bleeds-across-all-segments-1504001