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Good Morning

Margin rule fog deepens sell-off, stocks slide for 4th day

Dhaka stocks extended their losing streak to a fourth consecutive session today (17 August), as lingering uncertainty over the final shape of margin lending rules triggered fresh selling pressure. Concerns over corporate earnings amid weak domestic economic conditions added to the downbeat sentiment.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/margin-rule-fog-deepens-sell-stocks-slide-4th-day-1517886

BSEC extends Reckitt's foreign shareholders dividend payout

Amid delays in tax clearance, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has extended the deadline until September for Reckitt Benckiser (Bangladesh) to disburse dividends to its foreign shareholders.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-extends-reckitts-foreign-shareholders-dividend-payout-1517871

Shariah-based institutions will get 50% of any sukuk: BB

From now on, the Bangladesh Bank (BB) will allocate half of any sukuk issue to Shariah-based banks, financial institutions and insurance companies. A separate 30 percent will be allocated to Islamic branches and windows of conventional banks, the central bank said in a circular overhauling the subscription allocation for Shariah-compliant sukuk bonds.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/shariah-based-institutions-will-get-50-any-sukuk-bb-4250226

Excess liquidity in banks pushes treasury bill yields below 9%

Interest rates on treasury bills have declined by 21-25 basis points as banks are flush with excess liquidity while demand for private-sector credit remains weak.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/excess-liquidity-banks-pushes-treasury-bill-yields-below-9-1516916

Why ICB Asset funds skip dividends despite earnings rebound in FY26

ICB Asset Management Company, a subsidiary of the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), has skipped dividend payouts for seven of its managed mutual funds for the third consecutive year despite a significant earnings rebound in FY26.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/why-icb-asset-funds-skip-dividends-despite-earnings-rebound-fy26-1517891

Cenbank orders finance firms to withhold policy support, incentives from litigant borrowers

Bangladesh Bank has ordered finance companies to withhold policy support and incentive packages from borrowers who have pending writ petitions or other cases against the government, the central bank, or the concerned finance company.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-orders-finance-firms-withhold-policy-support-incentives-litigant-borrowers

BB raises farm loan target by 54%, widens collateral-free loan coverage

The Bangladesh Bank has raised the agricultural and rural credit disbursement target by 53.8% to Tk60,000 crore for fiscal year 2026-27, while expanding collateral-free lending to fisheries and livestock and widening access for women and marginal farmers.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-sets-tk60000cr-farm-loan-target-fy27-1517171

Tk12,000cr stuck in interbank legal battles over LC guarantees

Already struggling under a huge non-performing loan crisis and a severe demand slump, Bangladesh's banking sector faces another challenge: escalating legal battles between banks.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/tk12000cr-stuck-interbank-legal-battles-over-lc-guarantees-1516971

Haji Ahmad Brothers Securities penalised over client fund shortfall

The securities regulator has fined Haji Ahmad Brothers Securities Tk 1 million for breaching securities rules by creating deficits in the clients' funds. The penalty was imposed after completion of hearings in May this year, based on investigation reports submitted by the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), according to an order issued by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on August 10.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/haji-ahmad-brothers-securities-penalised-over-client-fund-shortfall

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NBR removes tax ambiguity for commercial solar importers

Commercial importers of solar equipment will now be entitled to concessional tax treatment similar to that available to manufacturers, following a clarification issued by the National Board of Revenue (NBR).

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/nbr-removes-tax-ambiguity-for-commercial-solar-importers