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Banking

Deposits at bank sub-branches grow 5.7pc, loans drop 7.7pc in Q2

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- Deposits mobilised through banking sub-branches rose by 5.7pc to BDT 842.6mn (USD 6.9mn) at the end of June 2026, up from BDT 797.2mn (USD 6.53mn) in March 2026, according to the latest report of Bangladesh Bank.
- In contrast to deposit growth, outstanding loans and advances disbursed through sub-branches declined by 7.7pc to BDT 206.0mn (USD 1.69mn) at the end of June 2026, down from BDT 223.1mn (USD 1.83) in March 2026. This contraction occurred despite a 1.4pc growth in aggregate lending across the broader banking sector.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/deposits-at-bank-sub-branches-grow-57pc-loans-drop-77pc-in-q2

Ten banks account for 72pc of total bad loans

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- Ten banks accounted for more than 72pc of the banking sector's total non-performing loans, according to the central bank, showing that the country's 61 commercial lenders are not equally responsible for the sector's financial distress.
- As of June this year, bad loans in the banking sector stood at a whopping BDT 6.06tn (USD 49.7bn), according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank (BB). Of this, the 10 distressed lenders held BDT 4.40tn (USD 36.1bn) in NPLs.
- The lenders are Islami Bank Bangladesh, Janata Bank, Agrani Bank, IFIC Bank, National Bank, AB Bank, First Security Islami Bank, EXIM Bank, Social Islami Bank and Union Bank.

From: https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ten-banks-account-72-total-bad-loans-4269046

Govt injecting USD 81.68mn into Janata bank's overseas operation

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- A fresh USD 81.68mn capital is going to be funneled into Janata Bank's UAE operations to avert wind-down of its business following persistent capital-shortfall-triggered regulatory restrictions on its reserve accounts. The fund will be sourced from Janata Bank's head office in Dhaka and routed through its local office to the United Arab Emirates.
- In 2021, the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) raised the minimum capital requirement for foreign banks from AED 40mn to AED 400mn.
- Janata Bank's UAE unit had paid-up capital of only AED 100mn, plus AED 83mn in retained earnings, well short of the new threshold, even though it had repatriated no profits in the intervening time while trying to build up capital.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/govt-injecting-8168m-into-the-banks-overseas-operation

Capital Market

DBA seeks buyback, Merger and Acquisition provisions in proposed Company Act amendment

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- The DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) has recommended incorporating provisions for share buybacks and mergers and acquisitions (M) by listed companies into the proposed third amendment to the Companies Act, 1994, aiming to make the country's capital market more dynamic, efficient and investment-friendly.
- The association made the recommendation in a written proposal sent to Commerce Ministry Secretary Md Ataur Rahman Khan on Wednesday.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/dba-seeks-buyback-ma-provisions-in-proposed-company-act-amendment

Corporate

Trouser Line keen to buy 23.50 lakh Pubali Bank shares worth BDT 88.6mn (USD 0.73mn)

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- Garment manufacturer Trouser Line Limited has expressed its intention to purchase 2.35mn shares of Pubali Bank through the public market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), according to a disclosure published on Saturday.
- At the prevailing market price, the shares are worth around BDT 88.6mn (USD 0.73mn), with Pubali Bank's stock closing at BDT 37.70 (USD 0.31) on the DSE the same day.
- Rana Laila Hafiz, who serves as managing director of Trouser Line Limited also holds a directorship at Pubali Bank.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/trouser-line-keen-buy-2350-lakh-pubali-bank-shares-worth-tk886cr-1538466

Trade and Commerce

Govt signs investment promotion deal with Hong Kong

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- Bangladesh and Hong Kong yesterday signed an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (IPPA) with an aim to increase and safeguard bilateral investment.

- The agreement is expected to further strengthen the protection of mutual investments and capital of investors from Bangladesh and Hong Kong. At the same time, it is expected to create a more institutionalized investment environment between the two sides and open up new opportunities for economic cooperation.

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Auto dealers seek permission to import used EVs
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- Auto dealers have urged the government to allow the import of used and reconditioned electric vehicles (EVs), saying a ban on older EVs could limit access to affordable electric cars.
- Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicles Importers and Dealers Association (BARVIDA) leaders said such vehicles are imported under various conditions in countries including the UK, New Zealand, Kenya, Saudi Arabia, Ireland, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

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International

Oil prices fly blind as the Hormuz enigma deepens
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- Traders, energy executives and government officials are all trying to figure it out – how much oil is actually passing through Hormuz channel- but are reaching wildly different conclusions. It is, however, increasingly clear that this mystery has introduced a residual risk premium into crude prices that could remain deeply entrenched for months.
- Benchmark Brent crude futures breached USD 100 a barrel on Wednesday for the first time since July 24 as escalating attacks in the Middle East, including on tankers, stifled hopes of a normalization of oil shipping in the region.

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