

Trade and Commerce

More goods could push UK exports to USD 10b

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- Bangladesh could more than double its export earnings from the UK to USD 10bn a year if businesses look beyond readymade garments to products such as pharmaceuticals, food, shrimp, agricultural goods, bicycles, light engineering goods and plastics, stakeholders said.
- The country shipped goods worth USD 4.67bn to the UK in fiscal year 2025-26, mostly apparel, according to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/more-goods-could-push-uk-exports-10b-4298881>

Capital Market

9 firms to face punitive action for failing to pay approved cash dividends

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- The securities regulator has decided to punish nine listed companies for failing to complete the distribution of cash dividends for FY25.
- Of the companies, five are listed on the main board of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). They are Aftab Automobiles, Navana CNG, Fortune Shoes, Intraco Refuelling Station and Advent Pharma.
- The remaining four companies, which are listed on the SME board, are Master Feed Agrotec, Krishibid Seed, BD Paints and Krishibid Feed.

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DBH Finance reports 9pc net profit growth

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- DBH Finance PLC, one of the country's leading financial institutions with a prime focus on housing finance, has reported its financial results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2026.
- The company recorded a net profit after tax of BDT 807.68mn, representing a 9pc increase over BDT 743.81mn in the corresponding period of the previous year, according to a press release.

From: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/dbh-finance-reports-9pc-net-profit-growth>

BSRM Group posts record BDT 239.43bn (USD 1.96bn) revenue, BDT 14.18bn (USD 116.23mn) profit in FY26

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- Two listed companies of BSRM Group, Bangladesh Steel Re-Rolling Mills Limited and BSRM Steels Limited, jointly posted record revenue of BDT 239.43bn (USD 1.96bn) in the fiscal year ended 30 June 2026, up 20pc from the previous fiscal year.
- The two steelmakers also reported a combined net profit of BDT 14.18bn (USD 116.23mn) in FY26, a 25pc increase from BDT 11.32bn (USD 92.8mn) in FY25, driven by strong market demand and higher sales volumes. Company officials said both revenue and net profit reached all-time highs in the group's corporate history during the year.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/two-bsrm-listed-firms-post-record-tk23943cr-revenue-fy26-1573006>

Far East Knitting improves to BDT 146.2mn (USD 1.19mn) Loss, halves dividend in FY26

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- Far East Knitting and Dyeing Industries PLC incurred a net loss in the fiscal year ended 30 June 2026, prompting its board to halve the proposed cash dividend to 6pc from 12pc in the previous fiscal year.
- According to a price-sensitive disclosure approved at a board meeting on 14 October, the textile manufacturer posted a net loss of BDT 146.2mn (USD 1.19mn) in FY26, against a net profit of BDT 374.6mn (USD 3.07mn) in FY25.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/far-east-knitting-swings-tk1462cr-loss-halves-dividend-fy26-1573286>

BSEC seeks bank investment scheme extension, unveils major IPO overhauls

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- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has formally urged Bangladesh Bank to extend the duration and expand the size of the special capital market investment fund scheme for commercial banks, proposing to elevate the individual allocation ceiling from BDT 2.0bn (USD 16.4mn) to BDT 3.0bn (USD 24.5mn) per bank to inject sustained liquidity and stabilize market volatility.
- The commissioner, Masud Khan said the scheme is set to end on 30 November, and it is a serious issue for the capital market, as we heard that some banks are feeling concerned about the extension. If the scheme tenure is not extended, then the market will suffer.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-seeks-bank-investment-scheme-extension-unveils-major-ipo-overhauls-1570826>

Corporate

Foreign banks' net profit falls 38pc in H1

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- Foreign commercial banks operating in Bangladesh saw their combined net profit fall 38% to BDT 23.2bn (USD 190.25mn) in the first half of 2026 as weaker trade activity and limited income-generating opportunities weighed on earnings.
- Their net profit declined by BDT 14.17bn (USD 116.15mn) from BDT 37.38bn (USD 306.39mn) in July-December 2025, according to a Bangladesh Bank report. Year on year, net profit fell by BDT 49.4mn (USD 0.40mn) from BDT 28.15bn (USD 230.73mn) in January-June 2025.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/foreign-banks-net-profit-falls-38-h1-1573306>

Sonali Bank lends National Bank BDT 70bn (USD 573.8mn) amid rush of withdrawal requests

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- State-owned Sonali Bank has lent BDT 70bn (USD 573.8mn) to financially distressed private lender National Bank at an interest rate of 10pc for three months, backed by a 100pc guarantee from Bangladesh Bank.
- Meanwhile, National Bank received around 7,500 withdrawal requests over the past three days, although the total amount sought was significantly lower than the bank's estimates, said its Chairman. The bank has been accepting withdrawal requests from customers with deposits exceeding BDT 100,000 (USD 819.67) since 11 October to assess their demand for funds.

From: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sonali-bank-lends-national-bank-tk7000cr-withdrawal-requests-hit-similar-amount-3>

International

Oil falls as Russia diesel supply prospects counter Gulf supply risks

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- Oil prices fell on Tuesday and were on track for their first decline in nearly a week, as traders assessed supply risks from attacks on Saudi Arabia while weighing the prospect of additional diesel supplies from Russia.
- Brent crude futures fell USD 1.30, or 1.2pc, to USD 105.35 a barrel by 0329 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate crude futures were down USD 1.25, or 1.3pc, at USD 92.49 a barrel.

From: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/oil-falls-russia-diesel-supply-prospects-counter-gulf-supply-risks-4297596>

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