Economy

Bangladesh pays over USD 2 for every USD 1 foreign loan received in Q1

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- The country repaid USD 1.35bn in principal and interest on foreign loans in the July-September period against USD 662.31mn foreign loans disbursed, according to provisional data from the Economic Relations Division (ERD).
- This means Bangladesh paid USD 2.04 in foreign debt servicing for every dollar it received in loans from external sources during the quarter.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-pays-over-2-every-1-foreign-loan-received-q1-1583946

Dollar edges up as oil, gas import payments mount

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- The US dollar rose slightly against the taka yesterday as banks faced mounting pressure to settle letters of credit (LCs) for oil and gas imports.
- In the interbank market, the weighted average dollar rate rose to BDT 123.75 yesterday from BDT 123.73 a day earlier and BDT 123.45 a week ago, according to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data. Bankers attributed the increase mainly to higher payment pressure for oil and gas imports.

From: https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-edges-oil-gas-import-payments-mount-4308146

Capital Market

JMI Syringes posts BDT 60mn (USD 0.49mn) loss in FY26, recommends 10pc cash dividend

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- According to the company's price-sensitive information disclosed on 26 October, the board recommended the 10pc dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.
- Audited financial statements show that the company's net profit of BDT 44.9mn (USD 0.37mn) in FY25 turned into a loss of BDT 60.2mn (USD 0.49mn) in FY26.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/jmi-syringes-posts-tk6-crore-loss-fy26-recommends-10-cash-dividend-1583936

Doreen Power exits DSE risk list as earnings rise 58pc, dividend to 15pc

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- The development comes as the listed power producer reported a 57.6pc year-on-year increase in earnings per share (EPS) to BDT 5.03 (USD 0.04) in FY26, from BDT 3.19 (USD 0.03) in FY25. Its board has also recommended a 15pc cash dividend, up from 10pc a year earlier.
- The company's shares closed at BDT 30.60 (USD 0.25) on the DSE on 26 October.

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Singer declares Q3, 2026 results and capital injection plan

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- Singer Bangladesh Limited, a subsidiary of Beko, the flagship of Türkiye's Koç Holding, reported its third-quarter 2026 financial results, posting revenue of BDT 4.4bn, up 6.54pc from BDT 4.1bn in the same period last year.
- Despite this, the company faced a gap between expectations and actual sales due to a stagnant consumer electronics market. Gross profit margins improved marginally, but increased cost of sales could not be fully passed on to consumers due to intense market price sensitivity.

From: https://observerbd.com/news/601963

GP posts BDT 21.7bn (USD 177.9mn) profit in first nine months of 2026

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- Grameenphone Ltd (GP) reported a net profit of BDT 21.7bn (USD 177.9mn) in the first nine months of 2026, down from BDT 22.6bn (USD 185.2mn) in the same period last year, as revenue also declined.
- In the third quarter (July-September), GP posted revenue of BDT 40.2bn (USD 329.5mn) and net profit of BDT 7.5bn (USD 61.5mn).

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/gp-posts-tk2171cr-profit-first-nine-months-2026-1583751

Trade and Commerce

Bangladesh, Malaysia set to begin FTA talks today

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- The talks will launch at 10am at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka, with Commerce Secretary Sharf Uddin Ahmed Choudhury inaugurating the event.
- The two countries have already exchanged preliminary draft agreements which will be discussed following the opening session, officials of the commerce ministry said.

From: https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-malaysia-set-begin-fta-talks-today-1583916

Energy and Power

Invest Bangladesh advances 15 solar projects through PPPs
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- Invest Bangladesh is advancing 15 industrial-scale solar power projects through public-private partnerships (PPPs), aiming to attract private investment in renewable energy and support the country's growing demand for clean electricity.
- The projects, planned on under-utilised government land, are in the pipeline for advancement through PPPs in the coming months, Invest Bangladesh Chairman Ashik Chowdhury said at the World Investment Forum 2026 in Doha, according to a press release.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/invest-bangladesh-advances-15-solar-projects-through-ppps

Over double the annual subsidy allocation gobbled up already
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- Finance ministry had to arrange huge extra funds as Petrobangla spent over double the annual budgetary subsidy allocation within only three and a half months of the current fiscal year to import expensive liquefied natural gas (LNG).
- The state-run corporation had to spend BDT 163bn (USD 1.34bn) as LNG-import subsidy until October 15, while the entire financial year's subsidy amount earmarked in the 2026-27 budget is only BDT 65bn (USD 0.53bn). The subsidy spending during the period accounts for 250pc of the annual total allocation for subsidizing the fuel.

From: https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/lng-import-over-double-the-annual-subsidy-allocation-gobbled-up-already

Corporate

Eight banks to lend City Group BDT 17bn (USD 139.34mn)
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- Eight private commercial banks are set to receive regulatory concessions to provide BDT 17bn (USD 139.34mn) in fresh loans to City Group and open letters of credit (LCs) for the conglomerate.
- The central bank will also allow the banks to treat the group's overdue loans as unclassified rather than non-performing for a specified period under the concessions.
- The move aims to keep City Group's operations running, ensure uninterrupted supplies of essential commodities ahead of Ramadan, and help banks recover their outstanding loans.

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