

Imports register 9.0% growth in H1: Country's overall imports marked more than 9.0% growth or USD 2.07 billion rise in the first-half (H1) of the current fiscal year (FY 18). Officials apprised this to higher import of food grains and fuel oils. Actual import, they said, in terms of settlement of letters of credit (LCs) rose to USD 24.66 billion during the July-December period of FY 2017-18 up from USD 22.59 billion in the same period of the previous fiscal.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/imports-register-90pc-growth-in-h1-1518357198>

ADP witnesses 33.35% rise in FY18: The implementation rate of the Annual Development Programme (ADP) in first seven months of the current fiscal witnessed a 33.35% rise. As per latest Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) statistics, the ADP's expenditure also jumped to BDT 547.18 billion. The ADP implementation rate during the July-January period of FY17 was 32.41%.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/adp-witnesses-3335pc-rise-in-fy18-1518363715>

More export items to get cash incentive: The government has expanded the list of exporters eligible for cash incentive by granting the facility to some nontraditional goods in order to boost overseas shipments. The finance ministry awarded 15% cash incentive to accumulator battery, shoe, and goods made of coconut fibre, and 10% to ICT products. The central bank issued a notice to this effect on Thursday. The incentive will be retrospectively effective from July 2017 to June 2018, according to the notice.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/business/more-export-items-get-cash-incentive-1533385>

BSEC presses DSE to pick India's NSE-led group, not top bidder: The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has been putting huge pressure on the Dhaka Stock Exchange to sell its 25% stake to India's NSE-led consortium scrapping its (DSE) decision to approve a 'better' offer submitted by a Shanghai Stock Exchange-led consortium. The BSEC on Sunday summoned DSE chairman Abul Hashem and managing director KAM Majedur Rahman to convey the BSEC's 'displeasure' over the selection of the Chinese consortium of SSE and Shenzhen Stock Exchange by the DSE board of directors, sources in the BSEC said. The consortium of SZSE and SSE submitted tender offering BDT 22 a share for 25% or 45.09 crore shares (worth BDT 992 crore) of the DSE while the National Stock Exchange-led consortium quoted BDT 15 a share.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/34607/bsec-presses-dse-to-pick-indias-nse-led-group-not-top-bidder>

Govt considers partial lifting of embargo on raw jute exports: The government is considering allowing exports of 17,589.26 tonnes of uncut low-grade jute as the shipment procedures of which were completed before the ban. The state-run department of jute has sent a letter to the ministry of jute recently, saying the authorities can allow the shipment of this quantity of Bangla Tossa Rejection (BTR), for which letters of credit (LCs) were opened before January 18 when the ban was imposed. As per the Section 13 of Jute Law 2017, the ministry of textiles and jute banned exports of BTR and Bangla White Rejection (BWR) on January 18 last.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/govt-considers-partial-lifting-of-embargo-on-raw-jute-exports-1518367859>

জাতীয় গ্রিডে আরও ২৭৫ মেগাওয়াট বিদ্যুৎ: পার্বতীপুরের বড়পুকুরিয়া নবনির্মিত তৃতীয় ইউনিট থেকে জাতীয় গ্রিডে বিদ্যুৎ সরবরাহ শুরু। এতে উত্তরাঞ্চলে বিদ্যুতের চাহিদা মিটবে। দিনাজপুরের পার্বতীপুরের কয়লাভিত্তিক বড়পুকুরিয়া তাপবিদ্যুৎকেন্দ্রে নবনির্মিত ২৭৫ মেগাওয়াট উৎপাদনক্ষমতার তৃতীয় ইউনিট থেকে বিদ্যুতের বাণিজ্যিক উৎপাদন শুরু হয়েছে। প্রথম দিনে গতকাল রোববার দুপুর পর্যন্ত এই ইউনিট থেকে ২৭৫ মেগাওয়াট বিদ্যুৎ জাতীয় গ্রিডে সরবরাহ করা হয়।

<http://www.prothomalo.com/economy/article/1429446/>

Index Summary

	11/02/18	08/02/18	Point Change	% Change
DSEX	6,093.95	5,965.63	128.33	2.15%
DS30	2,255.83	2,225.48	30.34	1.36%
DSES	1,412.41	1,389.57	22.83	1.64%

Market Activities

	11/02/18	08/02/18	% Change
Mkt. Turnover (BDT mn)	4,554.5	3,006.4	51.49%
Mkt. Turnover (USD mn)	56.52	37.31	51.49%
Total No of Trade	113,364	73,056	55.17%
Trade Volume (mn)	130.24	74.43	74.98%

Market Valuation

	11/02/18	08/02/18	% Change
Mkt. Capitalization (BDT bn)	4,213.0	4,147.9	1.57%
Mkt. Capitalization (USD bn)	52.28	51.48	1.57%
Trailing Market P/E*	17.60	17.29	1.79%
Annualized Market P/E**	18.69	18.36	1.78%
Market P/BV	2.34	2.29	1.80%
Dividend Yield	3.24%	3.30%	-1.69%

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