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Exports robust despite dismal global trade Exports registered 7.11 percent growth in 2016 to \$34.93 billion on the back of higher shipments of garment items. The amount would have been more if the country's major export destinations had not gone through an uncertain political time in 2016, according to exporters. Garment shipments, which typically account for 80 percent of the export earnings, brought home \$28.61 billion last year, up 7.89 percent year-on-year, according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau. "Our exports grew even amid the volatile condition around the world, so we are hopeful that it will perform even better in 2017," said Faruque Hassan, vice-president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/business/export/exports-robust-despite-dismal-global-trade-1340413>

Current account deficit widens on sliding remittance Current account deficit widened further in the first five months of the fiscal year on the back of the sliding remittance inflow. Between the months of July and November last year, the current account deficit stood at \$726 million in contrast to \$1,336 million in the surplus a year earlier, according to the central bank's balance of payments data. The current account balance set foot into the negative territory for the first time in four years in the first quarter of fiscal 2016-17: the deficit was \$504 million. The last time the current account was in the deficit -- of \$447 million -- was way back in fiscal 2011-12. Since then there has been no deficit in the current account balance at any point in time.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/business/current-account-deficit-widens-sliding-remittance-1340395>

Summit signs deal to build \$500m LNG terminal Summit Group has signed an initial contract with Petrobangla to set up a liquefied natural gas terminal on Moheshkhali Island in Cox's Bazar at a cost of about \$500 million. Summit LNG Terminal Company, a unit of Summit Group, will develop the floating facilities in 18 months after signing the final contract, the company said in a statement yesterday.

<http://www.thedailystar.net/business/summit-signs-deal-build-500m-lng-terminal-1340404>

BEPZA to set up Economic Zone in Mirsarai of Chittagong Bangladesh EPZ Authority is going to set up an economic zone on an 1150-acre land at Mirsarai upazila under Chittagong district. The decision to setup of the economic zone comes after the approval of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The economic zone activities will start soon after signing the Memorandum of Understanding between Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) and Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA). Presently, investors from 38 countries have invested US\$4,138.87 million in the eight EPZs of BEPZA.

<http://www.dhakatribune.com/business/economy/2017/01/05/bepza-set-economic-zone-mirsarai-chittagong/>

মূল্যসংবেদনশীল তথ্য নেই জিপিএইচ ইম্পাতের ঢাকা স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জে (ডিএসই) দুই মাসের ব্যবধানে জিপিএইচ ইম্পাত লিমিটেডের শেয়ারদর বেড়েছে ৩৬ দশমিক শূন্য ৭ শতাংশ। স্টক এক্সচেঞ্জ কর্তৃপক্ষের চিঠির জবাবে কোম্পানিটি জানিয়েছে, এর নেপথ্যে কোনো অপ্রকাশিত মূল্যসংবেদনশীল তথ্য নেই। বাজার পর্যবেক্ষণে দেখা যায়, ডিএসইতে ২০১৬ সালের ২৭ নভেম্বর জিপিএইচ ইম্পাতের শেয়ারদর ছিল ২৮ টাকা। ২০১৭ সালের ৪ জানুয়ারি তা ৩৮ টাকা ১০ পয়সায় উন্নীত হয়।

<http://bonikbarta.com/news/2017-01-05/101672/>

কেডিএস অ্যাকসেসরিজের বিক্রি বাড়বে ২৫ কোটি টাকার পণ্যের ক্রমবর্ধমান চাহিদার পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে উত্পাদন সক্ষমতা বাড়ানোর সিদ্ধান্ত নিয়েছে কেডিএস অ্যাকসেসরিজ লিমিটেডের পরিচালনা পর্ষদ। গতকাল কোম্পানির পরিচালনা পর্ষদের সভায় ৬ কোটি ১৪ লাখ ৫০ হাজার টাকার সম্প্রসারণ প্রকল্প অনুমোদন হয়, যা কোম্পানির বার্ষিক বিক্রি প্রায় ২৫ কোটি টাকা বাড়াবে বলে আশা করা হচ্ছে।

<http://bonikbarta.com/news/2017-01-05/101613/>

Index Summary

Symbol	01/04/17	01/03/17	Point Change	% Change
DSEX	5,156.60	5,137.7	18.87	0.37%
DS30	1,855.93	1,853	3.28	0.18%
DSES	1,218.47	1,213	5.24	0.43%

Market Activities

	01/04/17	01/03/17	% Change
Mkt. Turnover (BDT mn)	12,091.1	13,911.0	-13.08%
Mkt. Turnover (USD mn)	154.11	177.30	-13.08%
Total No of Trade	206,131	225,207	-8.47%
Trade Volume (mn)	389.34	411.29	-5.34%

Market Valuation

	01/04/17	01/03/17	% Change
Mkt. Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,485.7	3,478.8	0.20%
Mkt. Capitalization (USD bn)	44.43	44.34	0.20%
Trailing Market P/E*	15.78	15.73	0.29%
Annualized Market P/E**	16.63	16.58	0.29%
Market P/BV	2.05	2.05	0.29%
Dividend Yield	2.95%	2.96%	-0.25%

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