

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,956.25
% change	0.78%
DS30 Index	1,834.02
% change	0.61%
DSES Index	1,100.38
% change	0.57%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,993.36
Turnover (USD mn)	32.73
% change	22.26%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	41,317.43
% change	0.00%
S&P 500	5,686.67
% change	0.00%
Nikkei 225	36,830.69
% change	0.00%
FTSE 100	8,596.35
% change	0.00%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.00	122.00
EUR	137.80	137.82
GBP	161.91	161.94
INR	1.44	1.44

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
4-May-25	9.5 - 11.0	9.93
30-Apr-25	9.5 - 11.0	9.9

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	58.95	-3.82%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,248.12	0.22%
Cotton, USD/lb.	68.41	0.00%

Source: Bloomberg

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.78% on the last trading day, closing at 4956.25 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 22.26% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the global indices were closed on the last trading day.
- One of the key Asian indices, the Nikkei 225 was also closed.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of the BDT rose against the EUR, GBP, and INR, and remained stable against the USD.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.93%, standing between 9.50% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 3.82%, gold prices rise by 0.22%, and cotton market was closed yesterday.

Bangladesh Macro Update

ADB signals budget-support credit to BD

- ◆ A signal comes from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) about considering 'letter of comfort' from the IMF to extend budget-support finance to Bangladesh.
- ◆ ADB Vice President Yingming Yang gave the indication in a meeting with Finance Adviser of the interim government Dr Salehuddin Ahmed Sunday on the sidelines of the 58th ADB annual meeting in the Italian city.
- ◆ Talking to the FE writer on the meeting premises, Dr Salehuddin said signing agreement with the International Monetary Fund may not be so important if the ADB gets the green signal from the IMF on macroeconomic stability of Bangladesh.
- ◆ The Finance Adviser said as the IMF does due diligence on macroeconomic issues, so it's a positive signal that is important for budget support of ADB.
- ◆ Bangladesh has proposed to go for Ordinary Capital Resources (OCR), but the ADB found it has limited scope as other countries are also demanding the same, he added.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/adb-signals-budget-support-credit-to-bd-1746382860>

Yields on T-bills fall slightly

- ◆ Yields on treasury bills (T-bills) fell slightly Sunday as banks expressed willingness to invest their excess liquidity in short-term securities.
- ◆ The cut off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the 91-Day T-bills came down to 11.61% on the day from 11.64% of the previous level while the yield on 182-Day T-bills fell to 11.80% from 11.87% from earlier level.
- ◆ The yield on 364-Day T-bills came down to 11.81% on the day from 11.90% earlier, according to the auction results.
- ◆ Most banks are now interested in investing their excess funds in the government securities, as liquidity inflow is increasing in the market, according to a senior official of the Bangladesh Bank (BB).
- ◆ A higher inflow of inward remittances, along with the central bank's purchase of US dollars from the market, is contributing to increased liquidity in the market, the central banker explained.

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<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/yields-on-t-bills-fall-slightly-1746383406>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs and Insurance

April brings \$2.75b in remittances, second highest in a single month

- ◆ Bangladesh received USD 2.75 billion in remittances in April, marking a 34.6% year-on-year growth, according to data from the Bangladesh Bank.
- ◆ This was the second-highest remittance received in a single month after March saw the record-breaking inflow of USD 3.29 billion, before Eid-ul-Fitr.

- ◆ In April last year, the country fetched USD 2.04 billion in remittances.
- ◆ The consistent flow of remittances has played a pivotal role in stabilising the country's foreign exchange reserves, taking forex reserves to around USD 21.97 billion, according to the IMF's "BPM6" a manual considered to be impactful on nations' financial health.
- ◆ In the first 10 months of this fiscal, Bangladesh has received a total of USD 24.57 billion in remittances, up from the USD 19.12 billion remitted during the same period last fiscal, marking a 28.3% growth in FY25.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-inflow-hits-275-billion-april-marks-346-growth-1133346>

Life insurers fail to pay Tk4,374cr in claims in 2024

- ◆ Life insurance companies in the country failed to settle approximately 34% of claims in 2024, leaving outstanding payments of roughly BDT 4,374 crore, according to data from the Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA).
- ◆ The total value of unsettled claims at the end of 2024 reached BDT 13,014 crore.
- ◆ Of this, life insurers settled BDT 8,593 crore, representing a settlement rate of 66.03% and this marks a decline from 2023, when the settlement ratio was 72.43%, with BDT 8,728.90 crore settled out of a total outstanding amount of BDT 12,051 crore.
- ◆ The delays are causing trouble for many policyholders, some of whom have been waiting years for their rightful compensation after their policies matured.
- ◆ The IDRA's figures are based on unaudited data from 36 public and private life insurance companies for 2024.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/life-insurers-fail-pay-tk4374cr-claims-2024-1133621>

20 banks' capital shortfall jumps Tk1.18 lakh crore in Dec – in just three months

- ◆ Due to a sharp increase in non-performing loans in the banking sector, the capital shortfall of 20 banks rose to BDT 1,71,789 crore in December 2024, in just three months, according to a central bank report.
- ◆ Compared to the previous September quarter's BDT 53,253 crore shortfall, the overall shortfall increased by BDT 118,534 crore in the December quarter, during which four more banks fell into capital shortfall, the Capital Conservation Buffer of Banks under Basel III report said.
- ◆ At the end of December 2023, 10 private and public banks faced capital shortfall, amounting to BDT 39,655 crore.
- ◆ The Bangladesh Bank report states that the aggregate CRAR of the banking sector stood at 3.08% at the end of December, down from 6.86% at the end of September 2024.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/20-banks-capital-shortfall-jumps-tk118-lakh-crore-dec-just-three-months-1133701>

Textile

Two Gazipur garment factories shut down following worker unrest

- ◆ Two garment factories in Gazipur, MM Knitwear and Mamun Knitwear Limited have been declared closed indefinitely by their authorities following worker protests.
- ◆ MM Group, which owns three factories in the area, issued the closure notice citing unrest and work stoppages.
- ◆ Md Monowar Hossain, administrative officer of MM Knitwear, confirmed the indefinite closure, adding that it was in line with the labour law.
- ◆ He also dismissed allegations of assault on a laid-off worker as baseless rumours.
- ◆ They added that the reopening date would be announced later once a favourable environment is restored.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/two-gazipur-garment-factories-shut-down-following-worker-unrest-1129981>

Investment at stake as gas crisis chokes textile, RMG factories

- ◆ The country's flagship textiles and readymade garments (RMG) industries are reeling from a crippling gas crisis, threatening an estimated USD 70 billion in investments amid mounting global trade uncertainty over new US tariffs.
- ◆ Production in many textile mills has slumped to just 30 to 40% of capacity, as gas pressure plummets across key industrial zones, including Narayanganj, Gazipur, Bhulta, Maona, and Tongi, according to manufacturers.
- ◆ For textile units, consistent gas supply is a must for uninterrupted operations.
- ◆ These mills use gas for generating electricity, powering spinning machines and producing steam in boilers for fabric dyeing.
- ◆ Earlier, the authorities have increased the gas tariff recently, with promises of improved supply.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/investment-stake-gas-crisis-chokes-textile-rmg-factories-3886981>

Fuel and Power

Foreign banks easing credit lines, fuel suppliers lowering risk premiums

- ◆ Foreign banks begin easing line-of-credit backup to local banks and fuel suppliers lowering risk premiums as spinoffs from a steady rise in remittance into Bangladesh, according to sources.
- ◆ The country received USD 2.75 billion worth of remittances in the just- passed month of April, billed second-largest monthly receipt by the country after March 2025, according to official statistics.
- ◆ With the latest count, the USD 450-billion economy has received USD 24.54 billion in the first 10 months so far this fiscal (FY'25), also the second yearly largest volume after FY'21 when the amount was USD 24.78 billion.

- ◆ Such rising remittance inflow starts delivering benefits to heal the country's macroeconomic ills, giving a much-needed respite to the economy that has passed through multipronged strains in recent times.
- ◆ Hailing such upturn in remittance inflow, officials and monetary analysts say it is not only helping stabilise foreign-exchange market by way of bolstering the country's forex reserves but also enhancing the liquidity inflow in the money market.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/foreign-banks-easing-credit-lines-fuel-suppliers-lowering-risk-premiums-1746382778>

BPC eyes commissioning on May 13

- ◆ Bangladesh's maiden oil-carrying pipeline is all set to transport diesel from the port city of Chattogram to Narayanganj depots from next week as its pre-commissioning has already kicked off, according to officials.
- ◆ After completing the project work, we are now carrying out pre-commissioning of the pipeline, according to state-run Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Chairman Md Amin Ul Ahsan.
- ◆ Formal commissioning and commercial operation of the 246-kilometre, environment-friendly pipeline will be initiated within the next couple of weeks.
- ◆ We are eyeing for commissioning the pipeline on May 13, he added.
- ◆ He expects the power, energy and mineral resources adviser, Muhammad Fouzul Kabir Khan, will inaugurate the operations of the pipeline, which is a milestone for smooth transportation of the country's oil products

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bpc-eyes-commissioning-on-may-13-1746383142>

BERC slashes 12kg LPG cylinder price by Tk 19 at Tk 1,431 for May

- ◆ The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) on 4 May lowered the consumer end price of 12 kilograms of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) by BDT 19 for May.
- ◆ The price is set at BDT 1,431, down from BDT 1,450 last month.
- ◆ According to the BERC, the new price of LPG cylinder gas would come into effect from this evening.
- ◆ Autogas price was also reduced from BDT 66.57 to BDT 66.41 per unit.
- ◆ The price of 12kg LPG cylinder gas in March was BDT 1,450 and in February, BDT 1,478.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/berc-slashes-12kg-lpg-cylinder-price-tk19-tk1431-may-1133361>

India's Adani Power says hopeful Bangladesh will pay all outstanding dues

- ◆ Bangladesh has substantially reduced its outstanding dues to India's Adani Power related to a power-supply deal and the company is confident of recovering the roughly USD 900 million still remaining, according to its chief financial officer.
- ◆ Bangladesh has struggled to pay its dues per the deal, signed in 2017, as imports got costly since the Russia-Ukraine conflict in 2022 and amid the domestic political turmoil last August that led to the ouster of the country's prime minister.
- ◆ As a result, Adani had halved supply last year but CFO Dilip Jha said that the company has resumed full supply since as the country's monthly payments started covering some of the dues.
- ◆ We are supplying full power to Bangladesh and the payment we are receiving now is more than the monthly billing, according to Jha.
- ◆ We are hopeful that not only will we continue to receive payments equivalent to the current month's billing, but that the old outstanding dues will also be liquidated.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/indias-adani-power-says-hopeful-bangladesh-will-pay-all-outstanding-dues-1131951>

Capital Market

Stocks return to green on BSEC chairman's resignation rumour

- ◆ The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) saw a turnaround from the mid-session on 4 May as its benchmark DSEX index rose by 38 points to close at 4,956, ending a three-day losing streak.
- ◆ It was mainly driven by a rumour on the resignation of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Khondoker Rashed Maqsood, according to market analysts.
- ◆ Midway through the trading session, rumours began circulating in the market that the government is planning to replace the BSEC chairman.
- ◆ Speculation about potential successors also began to emerge.
- ◆ Many investors and stakeholders believe that under his leadership, revitalising the market is no longer feasible.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-return-green-bsec-chairmans-resignation-rumour-1133601>

ACI logs Tk 445cr loss in Shwapno, foods, plastics, healthcare

- ◆ ACI PLC's pre-tax loss rose by 20% year-on-year to BDT 445 crore in its retail chain Shwapno, as well as its foods, consumer plastics, and healthcare businesses during the July-March period of FY24-25.
- ◆ However, the conglomerate posted a pre-tax profit of BDT 487 crore from its pharmaceuticals, animal health, consumer brands, crop care and public health, motors, pure flour, salt, and flexible packaging segments, up from BDT 377 crore a year earlier.

- ◆ These businesses operate under 12 subsidiaries of Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI), in which the company holds majority stakes, according to its financial statement.
- ◆ Despite this, ACI incurred a net consolidated loss of BDT 80 crore in the first nine months of FY25, primarily driven by a 42% increase in interest payments due to rising policy rates.
- ◆ Its consolidated loss per share was reported at BDT 9.11.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aci-logs-tk445cr-loss-shwapno-foods-plastics-healthcare-1133656>