

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,637.92
% change	0.49%
DS30 Index	1,729.63
% change	1.24%
DSES Index	1,011.36
% change	0.32%
Turnover (BDT mn)	2,474.24
Turnover (USD mn)	20.12
% change	-6.63%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.49% on the last trading day, closing at 4,637.92 points.
- The daily turnover decreased by 6.63% on the last trading day.

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	42,270.07
% change	0.00%
S&P 500	5,911.69
% change	0.00%
Nikkei 225	37,965.10
% change	0.00%
FTSE 100	8,772.38
% change	0.00%

Source: Bloomberg

Global Market

- The majority of the global indices were closed yesterday.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225 was also closed.

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.80	123.00
EUR	139.34	139.59
GBP	165.28	165.58
INR	1.44	1.44

Source: BB

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT remained stable against the USD, depreciated against EUR, and appreciated against GBP and INR.
- The average overnight rate was 10.11%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The oil futures, gold spot and cotton markets were closed yesterday.

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
29-May-25	9.85 - 11.00	10.11
28-May-25	9.75 - 11.00	10.06

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	62.78	0.00%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,289.40	0.00%
Cotton, USD/lb.	65.06	0.00%

Source: Bloomberg

Bangladesh Macro Update

Interim govt unveils first budget tomorrow

- ◆ Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed is set to unveil the first budget of the interim government on Monday, at a time when the country's economy is grappling with multiple challenges, including persistently high inflation and a slump in private investment.
- ◆ Dr. Ahmed will present the national budget for the fiscal year 2025-26 at 4:00 pm through a pre-recorded speech to be broadcast on BTV and Bangladesh Betar.
- ◆ The finance adviser is likely to propose the budget with a total outlay of BDT 7.9 trillion, featuring a deficit exceeding BDT 2.2 trillion, according to officials familiar with the matter.
- ◆ The gross domestic product or GDP is projected at 5.5%
- ◆ Economists believe the upcoming budget will have to navigate a difficult path amid overlapping macroeconomic pressures.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/interim-govt-unveils-first-budget-tomorrow-1748713563>

Jobs drying up as private sector struggles to survive

- ◆ As companies scale back and fight for survival, Bangladesh's private sector, the lifeline of its labour market, is slowly fading.
- ◆ Inflation, currency swings, energy shortages, and political tensions have battered businesses for the last three years.
- ◆ The result is job losses are piling up quietly in a sector that employs nearly 95% of the entire workforce.
- ◆ Everywhere we look, fresh hiring has almost come to a standstill, vacancies remain unfilled, and some factories are shutting down altogether, according to Farooq Ahmed, secretary general and CEO of the Bangladesh Employers' Federation (BEF).
- ◆ This is the third consecutive year that firms are cutting costs by trimming their workforce, often quietly, without any fanfare.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/jobs-drying-private-sector-struggles-survive-1156686>

China vows to boost Bangladesh's export capacity

- ◆ Chinese Commerce Minister Wang Wentao has said China is willing to help Bangladesh improve its export capacity, promote the integrated development of trade and investment, jointly maintain the multilateral trading system and inject more stability and certainty into the world economy.
- ◆ He said China is also willing to work with Bangladesh to implement the important economic and trade consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries.
- ◆ The Chinese minister laid emphasis on promoting the continuous development of the China-Bangladesh comprehensive strategic partnership, strengthen cooperation in trade, e-commerce, production and supply chains and investment.

- ◆ Minister Wang, who is visiting Bangladesh, said over the past 50 years since the establishment of diplomatic relations between Bangladesh and China, the two countries have always supported each other, treated each other as equals, and cooperated for mutual benefit.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/china-vows-boost-bangladeshs-export-capacity-1156661>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

75 lakh more small depositors to gain excise duty exemption next fiscal

- ◆ The National Board of Revenue (NBR) is set to ease excise duty for small and middle-income bank depositors by raising the tax-free threshold from BDT 1 lakh to BDT 3 lakh in the upcoming fiscal year, benefiting additional 75 lakh depositors.
- ◆ Analysis of central bank data shows the total tax burden for these depositors will decrease by BDT 112 crore.
- ◆ Officials at the National Board of Revenue (NBR) said the move aims to enhance banking services for low- and middle-income people and it should also encourage small depositors to save more despite rising inflation.
- ◆ They said many small and micro depositors currently prefer to keep their money in banks.
- ◆ The government wants to expand financial inclusion and bolster confidence in banks by raising the threshold.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/75-lakh-more-small-depositors-gain-excise-duty-exemption-next-fiscal-1156691>

Agricultural credit recovery increases by 8% in July-March

- ◆ The recovery of agricultural credits has increased by 8% during the first nine months of the current fiscal year 2024-2025 (FY25) compared to the same period of the previous fiscal.
- ◆ In July-March of FY25, the recovery of agricultural credit by all scheduled banks increased by 8% to BDT 27,443.31 crore compared to BDT 25,410.74 crore during the same period of the fiscal year 2023-24 (FY24), according to the Bangladesh Bank latest data.
- ◆ This overall increase was primarily driven by the 14.26% rise in recoveries from Private Commercial Banks (PCBs) and 8.92% rise in recoveries from State owned Specialized Banks (SOSBs).
- ◆ In contrast, State-Owned Commercial Banks (SOCBs) and Foreign Commercial Banks (FCBs) recorded a decline of 1.72% and 52.08% respectively in recovery.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/agricultural-credit-recovery-increases-8-july-march-1155511>

Textile

Mahmud-led Forum panel wins BGMEA election

- ◆ The Forum panel, led by Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu, managing director of Rising Fashions, has won the biennial election of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).
- ◆ Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu bagged 1,149 votes.
- ◆ His prime competitor, Sammilita Parishad panel leader Md Abul Kalam, managing director of Chaiti Group, got 664 votes.
- ◆ The Forum panel swept the election as most of the elected directors are from this panel.
- ◆ The elected directors will nominate the president, vice presidents, and other office bearers for the 2025-27 period.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/mahmud-hasan-khan-babu-elected-bgmea-president-1156636>

Fuel and Power

Govt slashes diesel, petrol, octane prices

- ◆ The government has adjusted fuel prices for the month of June in line with latest international market prices.
- ◆ Diesel price came down by BDT 2.0 per litre, petrol and octane by BDT 3.0 per litre for the month of June whereas Kerosene price surged by BDT 10 a litre.
- ◆ Under the new rates, diesel price has been re-fixed at BDT 102 per litre, petrol price at BDT 118 and octane at BDT 122 and kerosene at BDT 114 a litre.
- ◆ These new prices will come into effect today, according to a gazette notification issued by the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources.
- ◆ The price adjustments were made by an automatic system in consideration of the global fuel prices.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-slashes-diesel-petrol-octane-prices-1748713648>

Nuclear power project clinches highest chunk, over Tk 100b outlay

- ◆ Now nearing completing, the gargantuan Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project is set to receive BDT 100.12 billion, the highest single recipient, from the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for the upcoming fiscal year.
- ◆ This power-generation project under the Ministry of Science and Technology has also received the highest allocation in the ADP for several consecutive years.
- ◆ They inform that the 10 largest projects under the development budget have been allocated a total of BDT 413.82 billion, accounting for 19.20% of the overall BDT 2.16-trillion allocations for 1,173 projects under the ADP for 2025-26.
- ◆ The National Economic Council (NEC) recently approved an ADP worth BDT 2.30 trillion.

- ◆ Of this, 93.70% has been allocated for development projects, while the remainder earmarked as development assistance for various institutions and as block allocations.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nuclear-power-project-clinches-highest-chunk-over-tk-100b-outlay-1748714091>

Industries may get addl gas soon after weather improves

- ◆ The government expects to significantly augment natural gas supply to industries as soon as the ongoing rough weather, hampering the unloading and re-gasification of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for the past several days.
- ◆ We are expecting to ramp up natural gas supplies from today as one of the two stranded LNG vessels has already transferred LNG to the FSRU, and the other has berthed and begun unloading, according to Petrobangla Chairman Md Rezanur Rahman.
- ◆ The country's LNG re-gasification is set to exceed 1,000 million cubic feet per day (mmcf) and continue at that level until August.
- ◆ We have increased LNG purchases from the spot market to supply more gas to industries, he added.
- ◆ LNG re-gasification dropped to this year's low of around 651 mmcf on Friday, due to disruptions in unloading and re-gasification activities caused by rough weather

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<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/industries-may-get-addl-gas-soon-after-weather-improves-1748714177>

Capital Market

EBL secures AAA credit rating again

- ◆ Eastern Bank Plc. (EBL) has been awarded the highest AAA credit rating from Credit Rating Agency of Bangladesh Ltd. (CRAB), along with short-term rating of ST-1 and a stable outlook for three years in a row.
- ◆ Ali Reza Iftekhhar, Managing Director and CEO of EBL, said that this remarkable achievement reflects EBL's strong financial health and consistent performance, backed by prudent risk management and a well-managed asset portfolio.
- ◆ It demonstrates our continued commitment to maintaining strong credit discipline and creating long-term value for our shareholders.
- ◆ At Eastern Bank, we believe in building a future grounded in trust, resilience, and financial excellence, he added.
- ◆ The sound governance culture and consistent financial performance are key to the journey to excellence.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ebl-secures-aaa-credit-rating-again-1748710686>

Top listed firms see share prices plunge up to 47pc in ten months

- ◆ Top listed companies by market capitalisation, including telecom giant Grameenphone, have seen their share prices plunge by as much as 47% since the fall of the Awami League government, contributing to a sharp decline in the benchmark equity index of Dhaka Stock Exchange.
- ◆ During this 10-month period, the benchmark DSEX index dropped by 1,192 points, or 20%, closing at 4,637 on Thursday last.
- ◆ This marks one of the steepest declines in recent years and underscores the volatility plaguing the country's equity market.
- ◆ The downturn comes despite a brief period of optimism following the political transition in early August 2024.
- ◆ Investors had bet on a return to economic stability and improved governance, which initially drove a rally in large-cap stocks.

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<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/top-listed-firms-see-share-prices-plunge-up-to-47pc-in-ten-months-1748710005>

Budget may offer major tax breaks for capital market

- ◆ The upcoming national budget for FY2025–26 is expected to feature significant tax relief measures aimed at revitalising Bangladesh's capital market, which has been struggling amid weak investor confidence.
- ◆ Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed will present the interim government's budget proposal on Monday.
- ◆ Key proposals may include widening the corporate tax gap between listed and non-listed companies to 7.5% (from the current 5%), reducing advance income tax (AIT) on securities trading from 0.05% to 0.03%, and lowering the corporate tax rate for merchant banks by 10% to 27.5%.
- ◆ We sincerely appreciate the incentives outlined in the budget, according to Saiful Islam, president of the DSE brokers association (DBA).
- ◆ Reacting to the expected proposals, Minhaz Mannan Emon, a shareholder director of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), said that the implementation of these tax measures could restore investor confidence in the interim government, which was formed following student protests.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/budget-may-offer-major-tax-breaks-capital-market-1156641>