

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,668.41
% change	0.66%
DS30 Index	1,747.58
% change	1.04%
DSES Index	1,017.78
% change	0.63%
Turnover (BDT mn)	2,351.89
Turnover (USD mn)	19.12
% change	-4.94%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.66% on the last trading day, closing at 4,668.41 points.
- The daily turnover decreased by 4.94% 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	37,617.50
% change	-0.92%
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 dropped 0.92% yesterday.

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.95	123.00
EUR	139.51	139.59
GBP	165.48	165.58
INR	1.44	1.44

Source: BB

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT depreciated against USD, EUR, GBP and INR.
- The average overnight rate was 10.29%, standing between 9.90% and 11.20%.
- The oil futures increased by 1.83%, gold spot increased by 0.64%. Cotton market was closed yesterday.

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
1-Jun-25	9.90 - 11.20	10.29
29-May-25	9.85 - 11.00	10.11

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	63.93	1.83%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,310.29	0.64%
Cotton, USD/lb.	65.06	0.00%

Source: Bloomberg

Bangladesh Macro Update

Bangladesh can be a first choice for our investment: Chinese business leaders

- ◆ Chinese business leaders, participating in the China-Bangladesh Conference on Investment and Trade in Dhaka, said Bangladesh could be the top choice for their investment, describing it as a key South Asian country with a steadily improving investment environment.
- ◆ Ge Zhenyu (Mike), president of the Chinese Enterprises Association in Bangladesh Textile and Garment Branch, said Bangladesh could be the first choice for Chinese investors.
- ◆ Having lived in Bangladesh since 1990 and owning a medium-sized textile company, he praised the country's policy stability, infrastructure improvements, and global diplomatic acceptance.
- ◆ Zhang Xi'an, vice chairman of the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Textile and Apparel, also expressed a strong commitment to boosting Chinese investments in Bangladesh.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-can-be-first-choice-our-investment-chinese-business-leaders-1157461>

Advance tax on bus, truck, taxi to rise by up to 88%

- ◆ Advance tax on commercial vehicles such as buses and trucks is set to rise by as much as 88%, which could lead to higher transportation costs, according to industry insiders.
- ◆ Currently, advance tax on 13 types of commercially operated motor vehicles ranges from BDT 4,000 to BDT 37,500.
- ◆ According to sources in the finance ministry, the new rates could range from BDT 7,000 to BDT 50,000.
- ◆ An official from the National Board of Revenue (NBR), speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed this information to The Business Standard.
- ◆ These advance taxes are paid annually at the Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA).

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/advance-tax-bus-truck-taxi-rise-88-1157491>

Govt spending in Bangladesh lowest among LDC graduating peers

- ◆ Bangladesh's public spending as a share of gross domestic product (GDP) is the lowest among nations on course to graduate from the least developed country (LDC) club.
- ◆ Economists say that this low level of expenditure, both operational costs and development outlays, could weaken the foundations of the country's transition and leave the economy vulnerable on several fronts once it loses LDC status.
- ◆ Following graduation, Bangladesh will no longer enjoy preferential trade access in many global markets and will face tighter terms when seeking foreign loans.
- ◆ To minimise these shocks, analysts say the government must strengthen the economy through higher investment in key sectors.

- ◆ They say Bangladesh must ramp up spending on education, healthcare, infrastructure, and social protection to create the conditions typical of a developing economy.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-spending-bangladesh-lowest-among-ldc-graduating-peers-3909076>

T-bills witness sharp rise in yields ahead of Eid-ul-Azha

- ◆ The yields on treasury bills (T-bills) increased significantly on Sunday as banks expressed unwillingness to invest their excess liquidity in the securities ahead of the upcoming Eid-ul-Azha.
- ◆ The cut-off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the 91-day T-bills rose to 12.02% from 11.69% of the previous level while the yield on 182-day T-bills rose to 12.11% from 11.85%.
- ◆ However, the yield on 364-day T-bills reached 12.00% on the day from 11.75% earlier, according to the auction results.
- ◆ Most banks have shown reluctance to invest their excess funds in the government-approved risk-free securities ahead of the Eid, a senior official of the Bangladesh Bank (BB) told The Financial Express (FE).
- ◆ He also said the banks want to manage their funds efficiently ahead of the holy occasion.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bills-witness-sharp-rise-in-yields-ahead-of-eid-ul-azha-1748802364>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Remittance hits second-highest monthly record of \$2.97b in May ahead of Eid

- ◆ Bangladesh has received USD 2.97 billion in remittances in the recently concluded month of May, marking the second-highest monthly inflow in the country's history.
- ◆ The surge is attributed to the stability of the US dollar exchange rate and the upcoming Eid-ul-Adha, prompting expatriates to send more money home ahead of the festival.
- ◆ The record-breaking inflow follows the all-time highest monthly remittance of USD 3.29 billion in March this year, which too was primarily driven by Eid-ul-Fitr celebrations.
- ◆ Bankers said the rise in May's remittance was driven by expatriates sending more money to their families ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, with reduced reliance on informal channels like hundi also playing a role.
- ◆ According to Bangladesh Bank data, May 2024 saw remittances worth USD 2.25 billion, meaning inflows rose 31.7% year-on-year in May this year.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-receives-297-billion-remittances-may-1157191>

Textile

4,242 factories clear festival allowances

- ◆ So far, a total of 4,242 factory units of various industrial hubs and export processing zones have paid their festival allowances as of Sunday ahead of Eid-ul-Azha, one of the biggest festivals for the Muslims, according to the Industrial Police data.
- ◆ The IP data also stated that about 43.81% factories have already cleared festival allowances to the workers so far, where 5,441 factories of total 9,683 units yet to pay festival allowances.
- ◆ Meanwhile, according to the Bangladesh Labour Act, wages must be paid within 7 working days after the end of the wage period.
- ◆ As the Eid-ul-Azha is scheduled to be celebrated on June 7, maximum industrial would be closed around June 3-5.
- ◆ Earlier, on May 19, Home Affairs Adviser Lt General (Retd) Jahangir Alam instructed the manufacturers to clear the workers' May wages and festival allowances ahead of Eid-ul-Azha between June 1 and 3.

News Source:

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/266457/4242-factories-clear-festival-allowances>

Fuel and Power

Bapex finds gas presence at Jamalganj well

- ◆ Fresh natural gas has been found in a well at Jamalganj of Madarganj Upazilla in Jamalpur district, according to an official of Bapex.
- ◆ Bapex (Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company) discovered the presence of gas at Madarganj, Jamalpur during preliminary tests, according to Mohammad Mozammel Hoque, Drilling Superintendent and project director of Jamalpur-1 exploration well project.
- ◆ He said that the gas was found Saturday night after drilling 2,600 metres, now the Drill Stem Testing (DST) is underway and the amount of gas will be known after various tests.
- ◆ The gas is currently being released at a pressure of 7.2 million Pascal.
- ◆ However, the exact reserve of gas will be known after monitoring and testing over the next 15 days.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bapex-finds-gas-presence-at-jamalganj-well-1748802168>

Capital Market

Budgetary hopes drive DSEX higher

- ◆ The benchmark equity index extended its gains for a second straight session on Sunday, as investors showed renewed interest in selective stocks, buoyed by optimism over potential incentives in the national budget for fiscal year 2025-26.
- ◆ Market analysts said that investors were encouraged by expectations that the interim government is set to unveil policy supports aimed at revitalising the struggling capital market.

- ◆ Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed will present the national budget today (Monday), which may include market-supportive measures such as widening the tax rate gap between listed and non-listed companies, a long-standing demand of the market stakeholders.
- ◆ Due to the budgetary expectations, the market remained largely upbeat throughout the session as the buyers dominated the market, pushing prices higher and supporting a broader recovery across several sectors.
- ◆ Finally, the benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) ended the session 30 points or 0.65% higher at 4,668, and thus the DSEX recovered more than 52 points in the past two consecutive sessions.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/budgetary-hopes-drive-dsex-higher-1748804480>