

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,776.83
% change	0.78%
DS30 Index	1,787.45
% change	0.97%
DSES Index	1,042.64
% change	0.85%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,278.31
Turnover (USD mn)	26.67
% change	4.53%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	42,171.66
% change	-0.10%
S&P 500	5,980.87
% change	-0.03%
Nikkei 225	38,852.50
% change	0.82%
FTSE 100	8,843.47
% change	0.11%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.50	122.90
EUR	140.62	141.13
GBP	164.37	164.99
INR	1.42	1.42

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
18-Jun-25	9.90 - 11.00	10.28
17-Jun-25	9.90 - 11.00	10.22

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	76.7	0.33%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,375.16	-0.36%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.84	-0.32%

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 4,776.83 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 4.53% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the global indices showed mixed performance yesterday; the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 0.10%, the S&P 500 fell by 0.03%, and the FTSE 100 rose by 0.11%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225 rose by 0.82% yesterday.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT appreciated against USD, EUR, INR and GBP.
- The average overnight rate was 10.28%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The oil futures increased by 0.33%, gold spot decreased by 0.36% and cotton decreased by 0.32% yesterday.

Bangladesh Macro Update

Iran-Israel conflict may hit fuel supply

- ◆ Bangladesh may face disruptions to its fuel imports if the conflict between Iran and Israel escalates further, according to industry experts and officials.
- ◆ The country depends heavily on shipments that pass through the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow maritime gateway into the Persian Gulf, and about a fifth of the world's oil exports move through this passage.
- ◆ Like many Asian nations, Bangladesh depends on fuel from the Middle East.
- ◆ Energy-rich countries such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, the UAE, Iraq and Oman all transport oil and gas through the strait.
- ◆ Industry experts said the route could be at risk if tensions worsen. Iran has already threatened to close the waterway unless Israel halts its attacks.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/iran-israel-conflict-may-hit-fuel-supply-3920611>

Pvt sector's foreign loan rises by \$454m on stable exchange rate, reserve in three months

- ◆ Short-term foreign debt in the country's private sector increased by USD 454 million in the three months from February to April this year.
- ◆ It was driven by a confluence of factors including the advantage of lower interest rates on dollar-denominated loans compared to taka, stable foreign exchange reserves, and reduced exchange rate volatility.
- ◆ According to central bank data, the outstanding short-term foreign debt of the private sector stood at USD 9.8 billion at the end of January this year, marking its lowest point in the past four years.
- ◆ However, the trend reversed from February, with the outstanding debt reaching USD 10.25 billion by the end of April, and this represents a 4.59% increase compared to January.
- ◆ Mohammad Ali, managing director and CEO of Pubali Bank, explained the surge to TBS, stating that there is a growing tendency among clients to open UPAS LCs (Usance Payable At Sight Letter of Credit) for raw material imports and to opt for Buyer's Credit.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/pvt-sectors-foreign-loan-rises-454m-stable-exchange-rate-reserve-three-months-1168476>

Bangladesh pivots to domestic finance to cut costly foreign funds

- ◆ Bangladesh plans gradually reducing reliance on external borrowing to finance budget deficits as rising cost of foreign loans makes the government inward-bound for pooling higher domestic funds.
 - ◆ The pivot towards ramped-up domestic borrowing, particularly from the banking system, is distinct in new budgetary plans.
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- ◆ The budget documents for financial year 2025-26 draws an outlook of higher internal-resource mobilisation through FY2028.
- ◆ As outlined in the strategic pivot in deficit financing, the exchequer will be drawing in higher volumes from bank borrowing, nonbank instruments, and the introduction of short-term Islamic bond called Sukuk.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-pivots-to-domestic-finance-to-cut-costly-foreign-funds-1750270236>

Govt mulls over issuing 'Sukuk' bond in favour of BSL

- ◆ The government is considering issuing Shariah-based Sukuk bond in favour of the state-owned Bangladesh Services Limited (BSL) for helping settle its existing debt liability.
- ◆ The BSL, which is a public limited company and engaged in hospitality business, is liable to pay a huge amount of debts, according to officials.
- ◆ To this effect, the Finance Division is set to send a proposal to the central bank for conducting a feasibility study on issuance of such bond.
- ◆ The decision was taken at a meeting of the Ministry of Finance on May, according to the official sources.
- ◆ The meeting observed that the BSL is now on the verge of bankruptcy as commercial activities have been hampered severely for want of funds.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-mulls-over-issuing-sukuk-bond-in-favour-of-bsl-1750269940>

Sectoral Update

Fuel and Power

Low bids persist in second phase of solar tender

- ◆ The Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) is struggling to attract bidders for its 55 grid-tied solar power plants with a total capacity of 5,238 megawatts, as the second tender package also failed to draw sufficient interest following a weak response to the first.
- ◆ For the second phase, BPDB received only 21 bids for 10 proposed solar plants, after selling 46 bid documents.
- ◆ Under the second package, BPDB aims to construct 10 grid-tied solar power plants, each with a capacity of 50 megawatts, totalling 500 MW scattered across different parts of the country.
- ◆ Facing a lukewarm response from potential bidders, BPDB has extended the tender submission and opening dates five times.
- ◆ Bid documents reveal that out of the 10 proposed plants, three received only a single bid each, while one plant attracted two bids.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/low-bids-persist-second-phase-solar-tender-1168441>

Capital Market

Stocks rise amid Middle East tensions

- ◆ The indices of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) gained positive momentum on 18 June, entering a recovery phase despite ongoing local and global crises, particularly the Iran-Israel conflict.
- ◆ Market insiders says that investor confidence is improving as political uncertainty over the national election eases, partly offsetting worries about the Iran-Israel conflict.
- ◆ The benchmark index, DSEX, advanced by 37 points to close at 4,777, the DSE Shariah Index (DSES) climbed 9 points to 1,043, while the blue-chip index DS30 rose by 17 points to settle at 1,787.
- ◆ Turnover on the DSE increased by 4.46% to BDT 328 crore, compared to BDT 314 crore in the previous session.
- ◆ Meanwhile, the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) also closed in the green.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-rise-amid-middle-east-tensions-1168451>

Most listed firms saw profits fall in Jan-Mar

- ◆ Most listed companies saw their profits shrink in the January-March period of the current year as stubbornly high inflation pushed up business costs while weak consumer demand held back sales growth.
- ◆ So far, 309 listed firms, including banks, have published their financial reports for the quarter.
- ◆ Of them, 177 reported lower profits compared to the same period last year.
- ◆ Together, their earnings fell by 25%, showing a turbulent business climate during the time.
- ◆ Throughout 2024, the central bank raised its policy rate several times to contain rising prices and it pushed the repo rate, the interest rate at which the central bank lends to commercial banks, to 10%.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/most-listed-firms-saw-profits-fall-jan-mar-3920621>