

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,981.64
% change	0.11%
DS30 Index	1,875.39
% change	0.13%
DSES Index	1,083.76
% change	0.24%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,017.53
Turnover (USD mn)	49.20
% change	4.93%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	44,240.76
% change	-0.37%
S&P 500	6,225.52
% change	-0.07%
Nikkei 225	39,940.00
% change	0.89%
FTSE 100	8,854.18
% change	0.54%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	121.85	122.30
EUR	142.86	143.42
GBP	165.53	166.25
INR	1.42	1.43

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
8-Jul-25	9.85 - 11.00	10.07
7-Jul-25	9.90 - 11.50	10.14

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	70.15	0.79%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,302.35	-0.97%
Cotton, USD/lb.	67.38	-0.66%

Source: Bloomberg

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.11% on the last trading day, closing at 4,981.64 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 4.93% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the global indices showed mixed performance on the last trading day; the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 0.37%, the S&P 500 fell by 0.07%, and the FTSE 100 rose by 0.54%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, rose by 0.89% yesterday.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT appreciated against USD, INR, EUR and GBP.
- The average overnight rate was 10.07%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The oil futures increased by 0.79%, gold spot decreased by 0.97% and cotton decreased by 0.66% on the last trading day.

Bangladesh Macro Update

Forex reserves dip below \$30b after ACU payment

- ◆ The country's gross foreign- exchange (forex) reserves have fallen below the USD 30-billion mark following the payment of USD 2.02 billion in import bills through the Asian Clearing Union (ACU), according to Bangladesh Bank (BB).
- ◆ After this significant settlement, Bangladesh's gross forex reserves stood at USD 29.53 billion based on BB's calculation and USD 24.45 billion as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF) methodology, as of 7 July 2025.
- ◆ The current members of the ACU include Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Maldives. However, Sri Lanka withdrew from the union in October 2022 due to its own reserve crisis.
- ◆ Under the ACU mechanism, member countries settle their import-export payment obligations every two months.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-reserves-dip-below-30b-after-acu-payment-1751997782>

Yield on 2-yr BGTBs falls

- ◆ The yield on two-year Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) dropped significantly on 8th July as banks showed increased willingness to invest their excess liquidity in risk-free securities.
- ◆ The cut-off yield, generally known as the interest rate, on the BGTBs declined to 11.60% on the day, down from 12.29% previously, according to auction results.
- ◆ Despite setting a pre-auction target of BDT 35 billion, the government ultimately borrowed BDT 41.40 billion through the issuance of BGTBs to partially finance its budget deficit.
- ◆ Some banks have shown interest in investing their excess funds in government securities as liquidity inflows rise in the market, according to a senior official at a leading private commercial bank.
- ◆ The treasury official also predicted that the current trend in BGTB yields may persist in the coming weeks.

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<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/yield-on-2-yr-bgtbs-falls-1751997653>

Bangladesh's economic expansion slows in June as growth weakens in key sector: PMI

- ◆ Bangladesh's economy expanded at a slower pace last month, as the June reading of the Bangladesh Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) declined by 5.8 points from the previous month, recording a slower expansion rate of 53.1.
- ◆ This latest PMI reading was attributed to a first-time contraction in the construction sector, while slower expansion rates were posted for the remaining key sectors of agriculture, manufacturing, and services, according to a press release.

- ◆ The monthly PMI, jointly published by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka, and Policy Exchange Bangladesh, is based on sectoral indicators of business activity, new orders, employment, costs, and backlogs.
- ◆ A score above 50 indicates expansion, while a score below 50 signals contraction.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-economic-expansion-slows-june-growth-weakens-key-sector-pmi-1183736>

Bangladesh-US second round tariff talks to begin today

- ◆ The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has invited Bangladesh today to the second round of negotiations on reciprocal tariffs, according to a statement from the Chief Adviser's Office.
- ◆ The talks will continue until July 11.
- ◆ Bangladesh is among the first countries to resume discussions following US President Donald Trump's letter to the leaders of 14 countries on July 7, the statement said.
- ◆ The US has announced plans to impose a 35% tariff on Bangladeshi goods, slightly lower than the initially proposed 37%, as the extended deadline of August 1 approaches.
- ◆ While the revised rate offers limited relief, it falls short of the 20% tariff that officials in Dhaka had anticipated.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-us-second-round-tariff-talks-begin-today-3935521>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB governor asks banks to create forced loans

- ◆ Governor of the Bangladesh Bank (BB) Dr Ahsan H Mansur has asked commercial banks to create forced loans against importers who have failed to make letter of credit (LC) payment on maturity dates.
- ◆ He gave the instruction at the bankers' meeting held on 8th July in light of reports that some banks are not complying with the directive to create forced loans to cover LC payments, which may cause the country to lose its reputation overseas, according to meeting insiders.
- ◆ The central bank high-ups also asked the top executives of commercial lenders to be careful so that no exporter can get the opportunity of money laundering through under-invoicing.
- ◆ Seeking anonymity, a central bank official who attended the meeting said a circular issued earlier instructed banks to craft forced loans against importers for failing to fulfil LC payment obligations.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-governor-asks-banks-to-create-forced-loans-1751997280>

Textile

Bangladesh faces economic impact as US introduces 35% tariff on exports

- ◆ The recent decision by the US administration to impose a 35% tariff on Bangladesh's exports has sparked concerns regarding its potential effects on the nation's economy.
- ◆ The ready-made garment (RMG) sector, a cornerstone of Bangladesh's economic growth, could face significant challenges as a result of this tariff.
- ◆ The United States is one of Bangladesh's largest export markets, with approximately 20% of the country's garment exports being shipped there.
- ◆ The new tariff may make Bangladeshi products less competitive, possibly reducing export volumes.
- ◆ This change could affect many factories, particularly those that focus on US customers.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/bangladesh-faces-economic-impact-us-introduces-35-tariff-exports-1183196>

Fuel and Power

Almost all overdue payments to IPPs cleared

- ◆ The interim government has cleared almost all the overdue payments to privately-owned power plants to ensure increased electricity supply from such plants in the future.
- ◆ The payment backlog to privately owned power plants now stands only at around BDT 35 billion, only around 14% of the all-time high overdue payments worth BDT 250 billion a couple of years back.
- ◆ Currently, the bill is outstanding for 70 days, which once rose as high as 270 days, according to President of the Bangladesh Independent Power Producers Association (BIPPA) David Hasanat.
- ◆ The entire overdue payments will come down to within the stipulated 45 day payment timeline as per the power purchase agreements (PPAs) of the BPDB with the power plant owners, he added.
- ◆ With the outstanding bill cleared, the BPDB will have an edge of having electricity from the privately owned power plants whenever needed.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/almost-all-overdue-payments-to-ipps-cleared-1751997610>

Purchase body approves import of LNG cargo, urea

- ◆ The government on Tuesday approved several procurement proposals, including one for importing a cargo of LNG and another for procuring 30,000 tonnes of urea fertiliser.
- ◆ The approvals came from a meeting of Advisers' Council Committee on Government Purchase (ACCGP) held at the Bangladesh Secretariat, with Finance Adviser Dr Salehuddin Ahmed in the chair.
- ◆ As per a proposal from the Energy and Mineral Resources Division, Petrobangla will import one cargo of LNG from the spot market through the international quotation method.

- ◆ The LNG will be supplied by Vitol Asia Pte Ltd, Singapore, at a total cost of approximately BDT 5.31 billion with per MMBtu priced at USD 12.62.
- ◆ Besides, responding to a proposal from the Ministry of Industries, the Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC) will procure 30,000 metric tonnes of bagged granular urea fertiliser under the 18th lot from KAFCO, Bangladesh.

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Capital Market

DSEX stays resilient despite Trump's tariff blow on Bangladesh

- ◆ The benchmark index, DSEX, of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) remained resilient despite US President Donald Trump's imposition of a 35% reciprocal tariff on Bangladeshi products, which will be effective from 1 August.
- ◆ The index rose by 5.47 points to close at 4,981, extending its gaining streak to the fourth consecutive session.
- ◆ Meanwhile, the blue-chip DS30 index added 2.38 points, settling at 1,875.
- ◆ Turnover, a key indicator of market activity, climbed to BDT 601 crore, marking the highest in over four months, as investor participation increased.
- ◆ The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) also ended on the green terrain as its all-share price index CASPI rose by 17 points and the general index CSCX gained 16 points.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-stays-resilient-despite-trumps-tariff-blow-bangladesh-1183841>

Cost-incentive mismatch explains companies' reluctance to list

- ◆ A mismatch between the expenses of listing and incentives offered by the government is the reason why companies are reluctant to enter the secondary market.
- ◆ No one comes to the capital market out of their corporate social responsibility and businesses come to the market for raising funds when risk-return tradeoff looks promising, according to Syed Nasim Manzur, managing director of Apex Footwear Limited.
- ◆ Speaking as a special guest at the seminar organised by the Merchant Bankers Association titled "Expansion of the capital market: A framework for sustainable economic growth", he elaborated on the main barriers to the growth of the market.
- ◆ If the tax gap between listed and non-listed companies is 20%, it is worth listing.

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