

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,068.04
% change	0.65%
DS30 Index	1,908.62
% change	0.76%
DSES Index	1,100.96
% change	0.63%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,790.23
Turnover (USD mn)	56.02
% change	-1.68%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	44,371.51
% change	-0.63%
S&P 500	6,259.75
% change	-0.33%
Nikkei 225	39,569.68
% change	-0.19%
FTSE 100	8,941.12
% change	-0.38%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	120.30	121.20
EUR	140.62	141.69
GBP	162.39	163.64
INR	1.40	1.41

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
10-Jul-25	9.75 - 11.00	10.11
9-Jul-25	9.75 - 11.00	10.07

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	70.36	2.51%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,355.91	0.99%
Cotton, USD/lb.	67.42	-0.46%

Source: Bloomberg

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.65% on the last trading day, closing at 5,068.04 points.
- The daily turnover decreased by 0.63% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the global indices showed negative performance on the last trading day; the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 0.63%, the S&P 500 fell by 0.33%, and the FTSE 100 fell by 0.38%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, fell by 0.19% yesterday.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT appreciated against USD, INR, EUR and GBP.
- The average overnight rate was 10.11%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The oil futures increased by 2.51%, gold spot increased by 0.99% and cotton decreased by 0.46% on the last trading day.

Bangladesh Macro Update

In addition to 35% tariff, US demands 40% local value addition for 'Made in Bangladesh' goods

- ◆ In addition to imposing a 35% tariff on Bangladeshi exports, the United States wants a minimum 40% local value addition for ready-made garments to qualify for the "Made in Bangladesh" label, according to commerce ministry sources.
- ◆ RMG industry insiders fear that if the 40% threshold is not relaxed, Bangladesh's woven export sector could face significant setbacks in the US market.
- ◆ For India, the requirement is even higher, 60% value addition.
- ◆ In addition, the US has raised concerns over the rising volume of Chinese investment in Bangladesh and the increasing transfer of ownership of local companies to Chinese entities.
- ◆ Amid these challenges, a Bangladesh delegation led by Commerce Adviser Sk Bashir Uddin is currently in Washington, negotiating for tariff reduction through a trade agreement.
- ◆ The delegation is also pushing for a relaxation of the "Rules of Origin" requirement, aiming to lower the 40% local value addition threshold.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/addition-35-tariff-us-demands-40-local-value-addition-made-bangladesh-goods-1185991>

Sharp 35pc fall in greenfield FDI in 2024 puts Bangladesh at odds

- ◆ Greenfield foreign direct investment (FDI) into Bangladesh took a significant hit in 2024, with announced project values plummeting to USD 1.75 billion, according to the latest World Investment Report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- ◆ The 35% decline from USD 2.70 billion in 2023 stands in stark contrast to broader regional trends.
- ◆ While South Asia recorded a 5.8% growth in greenfield investments during the same period, Bangladesh lagged behind, raising concern among analysts and policymakers alike.
- ◆ Greenfield investment, where a foreign investor builds new facilities or operations from the ground up, is widely seen as a catalyst for sustainable economic growth.
- ◆ These projects typically create new production units, distribution centres, corporate offices, and staff accommodation, contributing to employment generation, industrial expansion, and technology transfer.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/sharp-35pc-fall-in-greenfield-fdi-in-2024-puts-bangladesh-at-odds-1752340131>

FDI hits 2-year high in Jan-Mar

- ◆ Foreign investors channelled more money into their Bangladesh operations during the January to March period this year, marking a sharp rebound in foreign direct investment after years of sluggish inflows amid political uncertainty and erratic energy supplies.

- ◆ Foreign direct investment (FDI) rose to USD 1.58 billion in the first quarter of 2025.
- ◆ Of this, USD 711 million was repatriated, while the remaining USD 865 million stayed in the country, according to the Bangladesh Bank.
- ◆ This net inflow was 114% higher than the USD 403 million recorded in the same period a year earlier.
- ◆ It was the highest quarterly net FDI since around mid-2022, and 76% above the USD 490 million received in the October-December quarter of 2024.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/fdi-hits-2-year-high-jan-mar-3938211>

Apparel exports to US rose 14% in FY25

- ◆ Bangladesh's garment exporters registered the highest growth in shipments to the United States (US) in the just-concluded 2024-25 fiscal year, thanks to the shifting of work orders from other countries, mainly China.
- ◆ Bangladesh shipped USD 7.54 billion worth of apparel to the US in the last fiscal year, posting a 14% year-on-year growth.
- ◆ With the spike, the share of exports to the US in overall garment shipments edged up nearly one percentage point to 19.18% year-on-year in FY25, according to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).
- ◆ Many American buyers increased sourcing from Bangladesh in the last fiscal year after shipments from Vietnam got stuck. US trade tensions with China also made some buyers source from us, according to Shams Mahmud, managing director of Shasha Denims Ltd, a leading apparel exporter.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/apparel-exports-us-rose-14-fy25-3938066>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

MFS growth slows amid data gaps, dip in remittances

- ◆ Mobile financial transactions in Bangladesh fell by 29.77% in April 2025, despite a rising number of users and continued strong demand for digital payment services.
- ◆ The decline was primarily driven by two factors: a temporary data reporting gap from Nagad, one of the largest Mobile Financial Services (MFS) providers, and a significant fall in remittances sent through mobile platforms.
- ◆ According to the latest figures from Bangladesh Bank, total MFS transactions stood at BDT 1.25 trillion in April, down from BDT 1.78 trillion in March.
- ◆ The volumes were BDT 1.59 trillion in February and BDT 1.71 trillion in January.
- ◆ By contrast, April 2024 recorded BDT 1.44 trillion in transactions, indicating a year-on-year dip despite the sector's overall expansion.

- ◆ Inward remittances via MFS also declined steeply in April, falling 35.24% to BDT 13.64 billion from Tk 21.07 billion in March. Remittance volumes were BDT 12.68 billion in February and BDT 12.39 billion in January.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/mfs-growth-slows-amid-data-gaps-dip-in-remittances-1752340358>

Dollar price plummets by Tk2.9 in a week as demand wanes

- ◆ The US dollar has experienced a significant depreciation against the taka over the past one week, with its price falling by approximately BDT 2.90.
- ◆ This notable decline is attributed to a decrease in dollar demand within the market, coupled with robust inflows from remittances and exports.
- ◆ Banks reported offering a rate of BDT 120 for remittance dollars on Thursday, although some claimed to have purchased at BDT 120.50.
- ◆ However, foreign exchange houses selling remittance dollars noted that while rates were 20-50 paisa higher at the start of Thursday, no bank was willing to offer more than BDT 120 by the day's end.
- ◆ Just at the beginning of last week, banks were offering BDT 122.80-122.90 for remittance dollars.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/dollar-price-plummets-tk29-week-demand-wanes-1186771>

Textile

Trump's tariff: 25-30% of exports to US could be jeopardised, BKMEA president warns

- ◆ Bangladesh could lose 25-30% of its exports to the market unless US significantly reduces proposed reciprocal tariffs, according to Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BKMEA) President Mohammad Hatem.
- ◆ Hatem said that he met with the Commerce Adviser Sheikh Bashir Uddin before and after the negotiations with US representatives last night.
- ◆ The adviser discussed BKMEA's concerns and is moderately optimistic that tariffs may be lowered from the current 35% proposal.
- ◆ However, Hatem noted that the final determination lies with the US administration, stating that the issue has now become fully political.
- ◆ Its outcome depends on the government's ability to reach a political consensus.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/trumps-tariff-25-30-exports-us-could-be-jeopardised-bkmea-president-warns-1186371>

Energy

How tender rules and a lone bidder stall a \$2.5b power plant

- ◆ Bangladesh's ambitious 1,320-megawatt Patuakhali ultra-supercritical coal-fired power plant stands fully equipped and ready to feed electricity into the national grid.
- ◆ However, months after its two units commenced test runs, this significant investment remains in limbo, plagued by a baffling inability to secure a long-term coal supplier.
- ◆ Despite three tender attempts since January last year, the project authority, RPCL-Norinco Int'l Power Limited (RNPL), has repeatedly failed to appoint a long-term provider.
- ◆ In each instance, only one company, Singapore-based Yongtai Energy Pte Ltd, emerged as a qualified bidder, consistently quoting prices deemed unacceptably high.
- ◆ Earlier, RNPL called for procuring 1 million tonnes of coal for the test run of this power plant, and that time too, Yongtai emerged as a qualified bidder and is currently supplying coal to this power plant from Indonesian Bukit Asam mine.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/how-tender-rules-and-lone-bidder-stall-25b-power-plant-1185566>

Capital Market

DSE market cap rises Tk 10,700cr last week

- ◆ The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) experienced a robust performance in the past week, with market capitalisation surging by BDT 10,740 crore, despite lingering concerns over a proposed 35% reciprocal tariff from the United States, set to take effect from 1 August.
- ◆ The benchmark index DSEX of the Dhaka bourse jumped by 173.97 points, or 3.55%, closing at 5,068.
- ◆ The blue-chip DS30 also saw significant gains, rising by 72.5 points, or 3.95%, to settle at 1,908.
- ◆ Out of the total traded stocks, 324 advanced, 35 declined, and 35 remained unchanged.
- ◆ Market activity, measured by turnover, witnessed a 31% increase, reaching BDT 636 crore, indicating heightened investor participation.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-market-cap-rises-tk10700cr-last-week-1186691>

Stabilisation Fund set for mandate overhaul for better investor protection

- ◆ Capital Market Stabilisation Fund (CMSF) is going to be transformed into a statutory fund to strengthen its legal status so that the main purpose of ensuring protection of investors' money is well served.
- ◆ It will not only get a different name but will also be given a different operating framework.
- ◆ For example, investments of unclaimed dividends into equities may no longer be allowed and listed companies' cash dividends may be distributed through the statutory fund so that issues surrounding tax collection from dividend income and tax waiver can be streamlined.

- ◆ The proposal came at a recent meeting at the Ministry of Finance when top bosses of the securities regulator and the Financial Institutions Division (FID) presented their arguments for strengthening the legal base of the CMSF before Finance Adviser Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed.
- ◆ The Fund's unnecessary management cost and an attempt to transfer investors' funds to the government's exchequer prompted the securities regulator to consider changing its legal status.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/stabilisation-fund-set-for-mandate-overhaul-for-better-investor-protection-1752333464>

Eastern Bank to issue Tk 800cr zero-coupon bond

- ◆ Eastern Bank, a private sector lender, has revised its earlier decision to raise BDT 800 crore by issuing a zero-coupon bond, instead of a floating-rate bond, for a tenure of seven years.
- ◆ The move aims to strengthen its capital base.
- ◆ The decision to issue the bond was approved by the board of directors at a board meeting held on 10 July, according to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- ◆ The issuance of the bond is subject to approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission and the Bangladesh Bank.
- ◆ Besides, the bank has also decided to establish a not-for-profit organisation under the name and style of "EBL Foundation", in accordance with the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-bank-issue-tk800cr-zero-coupon-bond-1186736>