

Bangladesh Market	
Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,132.48
% change	0.30%
DS30 Index	1,936.66
% change	0.83%
DSES Index	1,119.80
% change	0.70%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,896.80
Turnover (USD mn)	65.10
% change	7.53%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.30% on the last trading day, closing at 5,132.48 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 7.53% on the last trading day.

International Market	
Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	44,342.19
% change	-0.32%
S&P 500	6,296.79
% change	-0.01%
Nikkei 225	39,819.11
% change	-0.21%
FTSE 100	8,992.12
% change	0.22%

Source: Bloomberg

Global Market

- The majority of the global indices showed mixed performance on the last trading day; the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell by 0.32%, the S&P 500 fell by 0.01%, and the FTSE 100 rose by 0.22%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, fell by 0.21% yesterday.

Exchange rate		
Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	121.20	121.30
EUR	141.00	141.14
GBP	162.66	162.83
INR	1.41	1.41

Source: BB

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT depreciated against USD, INR, EUR and GBP.
- The average overnight rate was 10.03%, standing between 9.50% and 11.00%.
- The oil futures decreased by 0.35%, gold spot increased by 0.34% and cotton decreased by 0.17% on the last trading day.

Money market		
Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
16-Jul-25	9.50 - 11.00	10.03
15-Jul-25	9.75 - 11.00	10.03

Source: BB

Commodities		
Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	69.28	-0.35%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,350.40	0.34%
Cotton, USD/lb.	68.68	-0.17%

Source: Bloomberg

Bangladesh Macro Update

Private firms' foreign loans rise again

- ◆ Private sector's foreign loans started rising again as firms are showing interest in borrowing from the international market to benefit from the falling interest rate.
- ◆ Data released by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) shows that the outstanding debt of the private sector rose to USD 19.87 billion at the end of March this year, registering a 2% spike in the previous three months owing to a rise in buyer's credit, a type of loan issued by an exporter to fund a purchase by an importer.
- ◆ Buyer's credit obtained by local firms from their suppliers abroad stood at USD 5.39 billion at the end of March this year, up 3% from USD 5.22 billion in December 2024.
- ◆ Ahmed Shaheen, additional managing director of Eastern Bank PLC, said Bangladesh's corporates had earlier been hesitant to take loans in foreign currencies amid rising interest rates globally.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/private-firms-foreign-loans-rise-again-3943471>

Startups struggle amid funding gaps, policy hurdles, lack of skilled talent: Experts

- ◆ Despite a rise in tech-driven startups across Bangladesh, the country's startup ecosystem continues to suffer from critical challenges, including limited access to funding, regulatory ambiguity, skill shortages, and a lack of coordination between public and private institutions.
- ◆ These issues were at the forefront of discussions at a national workshop titled "Youth Entrepreneurship: Investment, Policy and Ecosystem", jointly organised by the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (Bida) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Dhaka on 17 July.
- ◆ Asif Mahmud Shojib Bhuyain, adviser to the Ministries of Youth and Sports and Local Government, addressing the event as chief guest, said that we are still facing the same problem, unemployment, which triggered unrest last year.
- ◆ Although we are trying, we haven't yet achieved the scale required to bring real change, he also added.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/startups-struggle-amid-funding-gaps-policy-hurdles-lack-skilled-talent-experts-1190776>

Dollar rate falling fast – what it means for the economy

- ◆ Just a year after grappling with a severe US dollar shortage, Bangladesh's foreign exchange market is now awash with the greenback.
- ◆ This dramatic reversal has prompted the Bangladesh Bank to actively purchase dollars, a strategic move aimed at preventing a rapid appreciation of the taka and safeguarding the interests of exporters and remittance earners.
- ◆ The surge in US dollar supply is largely attributed to subdued demand from the private sector, reeling from a sluggish business climate.

- ◆ This, coupled with the absence of price controls following the shift to a flexible exchange rate regime on 14 May, has created an oversupply, according to market insiders.
- ◆ In a stark contrast to FY24, when the Bangladesh Bank net-sold USD 9.42 billion to combat a rapidly depreciating taka, it has now reversed course.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dollar-rate-falling-fast-what-it-means-economy-1191241>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Liquidation of troubled NBFIs may cost govt Tk12,000cr in taxpayer money

- ◆ The Bangladesh government is bracing for a substantial financial outlay, potentially needing to spend up to BDT 30,000 crore from public funds to address the widespread distress in the country's non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) and troubled Islamic banks.
- ◆ This significant expenditure will largely come from the government's budget, as confirmed by Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur.
- ◆ The central bank plans to liquidate between 15 and 20 distressed NBFIs, a move expected to cost the public purse at least BDT 10,000 crore to BDT 12,000 crore. Governor Mansur revealed that 20 NBFIs are currently on the "red list," with most of them no longer operational.
- ◆ The aim is to "clean up the industry" by dissolving these institutions.
- ◆ A critical challenge highlighted by Mansur is the lack of legal obligation for the government to compensate depositors of NBFIs under current law.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/liquidation-troubled-nbfis-may-cost-govt-tk12000cr-taxpayer-money-1191976>

Textile

BD RMG exports slip as China targets the EU market

- ◆ Bangladesh's ready-made garment (RMG) sector may face rising competition in the European Union (EU), its top export market, as exports declined in May and China redirects its focus to the region amid high US tariffs, according to industry insiders.
- ◆ They fear that US-imposed tariffs, including a proposed 35% tariff on Bangladeshi products, may prompt many local exporters, as well as competitors like China, Vietnam, Cambodia, India, and Pakistan, to shift their focus more heavily to the 27-nation EU bloc.
- ◆ This shift could intensify price competition, squeeze profit margins, and make it harder for Bangladeshi exporters to remain competitive.
- ◆ A recent report by QIMA, a global supply chain compliance service provider, shows that in Q2 2025, demand from European brands for product inspections in China grew by more than 5% year-on-year.

- ◆ Demand rose sharply in the Netherlands (27%), Austria (21%), Spain (6%), Poland (5%), and Germany (4%), whereas inspections and audits by US buyers in China dropped by 24%.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-rmq-exports-slip-as-china-targets-eu-market-1752950078>

Energy

Loan tenure for Rooppur plant extended

- ◆ Bangladesh has successfully got extended the Russian loan disbursement period for the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant until 2027.
- ◆ The crucial agreement, formalised as "Protocol-2," was signed on 14 July, addressing significant delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and Western sanctions on Russian banks.
- ◆ The revised terms, witnessed by Finance Adviser Salehuddin Ahmed, also defer the start of principal repayment by 18 months.
- ◆ The original intergovernmental agreement between Bangladesh and Russia stipulated a loan disbursement period from 2017 to 2024 (December), with loan repayment set to begin in March 2027 after a 10-year grace period.
- ◆ Under the new arrangement, repayments will now commence in September 2028.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/loan-tenure-rooppur-plant-extended-1190876>

Capital Market

DSE market cap rises Tk 10,750cr last week

- ◆ The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) experienced a robust performance in the past week, with market capitalisation surging by BDT 10,750 crore.
- ◆ The benchmark index DSEX of the Dhaka bourse jumped by 64 points, or 1.27%, closing at 5,132.
- ◆ The blue-chip DS30 also saw significant gains, rising by 28 points, or 1.47%, to settle at 1,936.
- ◆ Market activity, measured by turnover, witnessed a 7% increase, reaching BDT 681 crore, indicating heightened investor participation.
- ◆ Following the index's climb, the market capitalisation rose by 1.59% to reach BDT 6.87 lakh crore.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-market-cap-rises-tk10750cr-last-week-1191966>

Brokers seek to curtail the power of DSE's independent directors

- ◆ Stockbrokers have demanded a revision of the demutualisation scheme of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), starting with a reduction in the dominance of independent directors on the bourse's board.
- ◆ They want the size of the board to be downsized to 11 members from 13, eliminating two independent directorships.

- ◆ This may fuel the debate further about the effectiveness of the scheme aimed at improving transparency and accountability in the management of the bourses.
- ◆ As per the current provision, the DSE board comprises 13 members - seven independent directors, four shareholder directors, one strategic investor nominee, and the managing director (ex-officio).
- ◆ The board chair must be selected only from the pool of independent directors in the current provision.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brokers-seek-to-curtail-power-of-dses-independent-directors-1752947088>

Marine insurance rebounds as dollar crisis eases

- ◆ The marine insurance business of general insurance companies in Bangladesh has started to recover gradually, despite having gone through a major crisis in 2024.
- ◆ During that time, the country faced an acute dollar crisis, which severely impacted import-export trade.
- ◆ As a result, the opening of Letters of Credit (LCs) declined dramatically, causing the marine insurance business to fall by nearly half.
- ◆ However, industry insiders say the situation began to improve from the first quarter of 2025.
- ◆ With the revival of import-export activities, the number of LCs being opened has increased, which has directly boosted the marine insurance sector.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/marine-insurance-rebounds-dollar-crisis-eases-1190756>