

Bangladesh Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|-------------------|--------------|
| DSEX Index | 5,352.20 |
| % change | 1.01% |
| DS30 Index | 2,065.36 |
| % change | 1.04% |
| DSES Index | 1,154.40 |
| % change | 0.62% |
| Turnover (BDT mn) | 7,431.61 |
| Turnover (USD mn) | 60.47 |
| % change | 3.60% |

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 44,461.28 |
| % change | -0.38% |
| S&P 500 | 6,362.90 |
| % change | -0.12% |
| Nikkei 225 | 40,750.00 |
| % change | -0.01% |
| FTSE 100 | 9,136.94 |
| % change | 0.01% |

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

| Major Currencies | Low (BDT) | High (BDT) |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| USD | 122.33 | 122.90 |
| EUR | 139.51 | 140.19 |
| GBP | 161.90 | 162.73 |
| INR | 1.39 | 1.40 |

Source: BB

Money market

| Date | Call Money Rate Range (%) | Weighted Average |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 30-Jul-25 | 9.70 - 11.00 | 9.99 |
| 29-Jul-25 | 9.70 - 11.00 | 9.98 |

Source: BB

Commodities

| Major Commodities | Price | % Change |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl. | 72.47 | 1.10% |
| Gold Spot, USD/t oz. | 3,285.40 | -1.27% |
| Cotton, USD/lb. | 67.50 | -0.25% |

Source: Bloomberg

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 1.01% on the last trading day, closing at 5,352.20 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 3.60% 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 0.38%, the S&P 500 fell by 0.12%, and the FTSE 100 rose by 0.01%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, fell by 0.01% on the last trading day.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT appreciated against USD, EUR, GBP and INR.
- The average overnight rate was 9.99%, standing between 9.70% and 11.00%.
- The oil futures increased by 1.10%, gold spot decreased by 1.27% and cotton decreased by 0.25% on the last trading day.

Bangladesh Macro Update

ESG failure may cost Bangladesh 30% of EU exports: Sanem

- ◆ If European countries make ESG standards mandatory and Bangladesh fails to comply, exports to the bloc may immediately drop by around 30%, according to the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (Sanem).
- ◆ ESG, short for Environmental, Social and Governance, is a set of standards measuring a business's impact on society, the environment, and how transparent and accountable it is.
- ◆ We estimate that exports to the EU would fall by 30% due to the economy-wide effects of non-compliance by exporters with EU sustainability measures, according to Sanem Programme Director Zubayer Hossen.
- ◆ In other words, overall exports will fall by around 10% to 12%.
- ◆ The EU has enforced strict ESG and sustainability reporting standards through regulations.
- ◆ Germany's supply chain act mandates that companies ensure human rights and environmental due diligence across their entire supply chain, he added.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/esg-failure-may-cost-bangladesh-30-eu-exports-sanem-3951941>

Japan seeks better logistics to boost investment in Bangladesh

- ◆ Japan has reiterated its companies keen interest in investing in Bangladesh but stressed the need for improvements in business-friendly infrastructure, particularly in logistics and port management.
- ◆ Kataoka, country representative of the Japan External Trade Organization (Jetro), said that Japan is one of Bangladesh's major investment partners, and many Japanese companies are keen to expand their businesses here.
- ◆ But for that to happen, better port operations, logistics development, and enhanced connectivity with neighbouring countries are essential."
- ◆ In the discussion, BGMEA President Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu raised the ongoing negotiations over the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between Bangladesh and Japan.
- ◆ He emphasised the importance of including Single Stage Rules of Origin in the agreement to simplify the export process of Bangladeshi garments to Japan.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/japan-seeks-better-logistics-boost-investment-bangladesh-1200781>

NBR's FY'25 tax-to-GDP ratio falls

- ◆ Bangladesh's tax (NBR part)-to-GDP ratio declined by 0.665 in the 2024-25 financial year, raising concern over waning domestic revenue in comparison with the nominal GDP.
- ◆ The ratio fell to 6.56% in FY25 from 7.2% in FY 24, available data showed.
- ◆ Economists said the government's dependence on borrowing from external and internal sources might increase due to lower revenue mobilisation in the last fiscal.

- ◆ Though tax-to-GDP ratio is usually calculated on revenue collection from both NBR and non-NBR segments, the FE report mentions the NBR tax-to-GDP ratio due to unavailability of data from non-NBR revenue.
- ◆ According to the provisional data, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) had collected BDT 3.70 trillion worth of revenue last fiscal, about 20% down from the revised target of BDT 4.63 trillion.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbrs-fy25-tax-to-gdp-ratio-falls-1753896041>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB set to slash credit target, keep policy rate unchanged in new monetary policy

- ◆ The Bangladesh Bank is set to unveil its Monetary Policy Statement (MPS) on 31st July for the first half of the fiscal 2025-26, significantly lowering the private sector credit growth target to 7.2% from 9.8% in the preceding half.
- ◆ Concurrently, the central bank has decided to keep its key policy rate unchanged at 10%, aiming to further bring down the inflation rate.
- ◆ The revised target received approval during a central bank board meeting held on 30th July, a board member told TBS yesterday.
- ◆ This adjusted projection comes as private sector credit growth recorded a mere 6.40% in June this year, a level not observed in recent times, having consistently hovered below 7% for several months.
- ◆ The central bank anticipates that overall private sector credit growth will reach 8% by the end of the full FY26, he said.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-set-slash-credit-target-keep-policy-rate-unchanged-new-monetary-policy-1200881>

BB issues 17-point cybersecurity directive amid rising threats

- ◆ In an attempt to counter growing cyber threats targeting the financial sector, Bangladesh Bank has issued a sweeping 17 point cybersecurity directive for all banks, non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), and mobile financial service (MFS) providers.
- ◆ The directive, issued on 29th July via a circular from the central bank's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Department, underscores the heightened risk of sophisticated cyberattacks, both locally and globally, on financial entities.
- ◆ The BB urged all regulated institutions to urgently bolster their cybersecurity infrastructure and implement globally recognised best practices.
- ◆ The comprehensive directive aims to minimise risks and enhance the resilience of the country's financial institutions.

- ◆ It outlines both technical and procedural safeguards that must be implemented across all banks, NBFIs, and MFS providers.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/bb-issues-17-point-cybersecurity-directive-amid-rising-threats-3951996>

Telecommunication

Mobile, internet subscriptions see rebound in June

- ◆ Bangladesh's mobile and internet subscriptions registered slight growth in June 2025 after several months of decline, according to the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).
- ◆ The number of internet subscribers rose to 133.61 million in June, reflecting a 1.22% increase from 132 million in May.
- ◆ This growth was driven mainly by mobile internet users, whose numbers increased to 119.29 million from 117.68 million, a rise of 1.37%.
- ◆ However, fixed internet connections through Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) lines remained unchanged at 14.32 million for the third consecutive month.
- ◆ Despite the monthly gain, the total number of internet subscribers remained lower than the recent peak of 141.05 million recorded in July 2024.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/mobile-internet-subscriptions-see-rebound-in-june-1753887934>

Energy

Karnaphuli Gas to supply 55m cubic feet of gas to Kafco under a new agreement

- ◆ The Karnaphuli Gas Distribution Company Limited will supply 55 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company Limited (Kafco) under a newly signed sales agreement.
- ◆ The contract was signed on 30 July at the Petrobangla headquarters in Dhaka, aiming to ensure an uninterrupted gas supply to Kafco, which plays a key role in the country's fertiliser production.
- ◆ As part of the signing, Kafco handed over two cheques to KGDCL Chairman S M Moin Uddin Ahmed: one worth BDT 923.81 crore for outstanding gas bills and another BDT 34.37 crore as demand charges.
- ◆ Officials noted that the daily supply will boost Kafco's fertiliser production capacity, supporting national food security and reducing dependence on imported fertiliser.
- ◆ The signing ceremony was chaired by Energy and Mineral Resources Division Secretary Md Saiful Islam, and attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Industries, Petrobangla, BCIC, Kafco, and KGDCL.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/kgdcl-kafco-sign-gas-sales-agreement-1200606>

Capital Market

DSE indices return to green after three-day correction

- ◆ DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), returned to the green on Wednesday after a decline over three consecutive trading days, supported by ongoing positive momentum in the capital market as cautious investors showed renewed buying appetite on the trading floor.
- ◆ Over the past three sessions, the DSEX had shed 94 points as part of a natural correction.
- ◆ But on Wednesday, the index rebounded by 54 points to settle at 5,352.
- ◆ Blue-chip stocks drove the uptrend, with the DS30 index gaining 21 points to close at 2,065, while the Shariah index, DSES, added 7 points to finish at 1,154.
- ◆ Turnover also rose by 3.63% to BDT 743 crore, up from BDT 717 crore in the previous session.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-indices-return-green-after-three-day-correction-1200806>

MNCs feel the bite of rising costs in Q2

- ◆ The country's listed multinational companies (MNCs) struggled to post strong profit growth in the second quarter (April-June) of 2025 as persistent inflationary pressure and an ongoing energy crisis continue to drive up the cost of doing business.
- ◆ Of the 13 listed MNCs, seven companies reported a decline in revenue, while the remaining six managed to post growth.
- ◆ In terms of profitability, six companies saw earnings increase, four recorded declines, and three reported losses during the period.
- ◆ Only two of these firms declared interim cash dividends for their shareholders.
- ◆ Market analysts say that while most MNCs failed to meet expectations, the second-quarter results show slight improvement compared to the first quarter, suggesting that they are gradually recovering from the economic challenges.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mncs-feel-bite-rising-costs-q2-1200801>

Eastern Bank wins award for digital innovation

- ◆ Eastern Bank (EBL) has been honoured with the 'Most Innovative Digital Bank - Bangladesh' award at the International Finance Banking Awards 2025.
- ◆ The accolade was presented by the London-based International Finance magazine, which is globally recognised for its insightful coverage of the financial services industry.
- ◆ EBL was recognised for strategic strides in transforming the banking experience through seamless digital platforms, intuitive mobile banking services, and customer-focused technological enhancements that set new industry benchmarks.
- ◆ With a steadfast focus on simplifying transactions and enriching user experiences, EBL continued to redefine how banking serves modern consumers.

- ◆ This recognition reflects our unwavering dedication to delivering progressive, secure, and intuitive digital services that meet the evolving needs of our customers, according to Ali Reza Iftekhar, managing director of EBL.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-bank-wins-award-for-digital-innovation-1753892998>