

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,443.42
% change	1.70%
DS30 Index	2,114.35
% change	2.37%
DSES Index	1,170.61
% change	1.40%
Turnover (BDT mn)	10,633.94
Turnover (USD mn)	86.53
% change	43.09%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	43,588.58
% change	-1.23%
S&P 500	6,238.01
% change	-1.60%
Nikkei 225	40,799.60
% change	-0.66%
FTSE 100	9,068.58
% change	-0.70%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.00	122.89
EUR	141.32	142.39
GBP	161.99	163.21
INR	1.45	1.41

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
3-Aug-25	9.75 - 11.00	10.00
30-Jul-25	9.70 - 11.00	9.99

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	69.67	-3.94%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,362.88	2.21%
Cotton, USD/lb.	66.36	-1.32%

Source: Bloomberg

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 1.70% on the last trading day, closing at 5,443.42 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 43.09% 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 1.23%, the S&P 500 fell by 1.60%, and the FTSE 100 fell by 0.70%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, fell by 0.66% on the last trading day.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT appreciated against USD and depreciated against EUR, GBP and INR.
- The average overnight rate was 10.00%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The oil futures decreased by 3.94%, gold spot increased by 2.21% and cotton decreased by 1.32% on the last trading day.

Bangladesh Macro Update

US reduces reciprocal tariff on Bangladesh to 20% from 35%

- ◆ The United States has decided to reduce the reciprocal tariff rate on products imported from Bangladesh to 20% from the previously declared 35%, after a series of talks over the past month.
- ◆ The announcement was made by the White House on 31 July.
- ◆ After the final round of the talks took place between a Bangladesh delegation and US officials in the US capital.
- ◆ Earlier, Washington had informed Dhaka through an official letter that the counter-tariff would be 35%, meaning the newly declared rate has been reduced by 15%.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tariff-bangladesh-was-reduced-20-earlier-declared-35-1201796>

As Trump tariff tempest calms, US buyers begin activating trade

- ◆ Apparel exporters and their US buyers are gathering wits for full-steam resumption of trade as the Trump tariff tempest calms with the United States deciding to settle on a pared-down 20% reciprocal tariff on Bangladeshi exports.
- ◆ Some of the buyers are already asking their suppliers to resume production and shipment which previously had made a pause amid uncertainty over the threatened 35% reciprocal tariff and breathtaking negotiations to scale the barrier, according to the industry-insiders.
- ◆ Talking to The Financial Express, Shovon Islam, Managing Director of Sparrow Group, said the tariff concerns had halted approximately USD 5 million worth of orders, equivalent to 300,000 pieces of garments.
- ◆ He also added that after the tariff was reduced to 20%, our buyers got back in touch and gave us the go-ahead.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/as-trump-tariff-tempest-calms-us-buyers-begin-activating-trade-1754154771>

High duties, subdued demand drive down car imports, denting govt revenue

- ◆ The country's reconditioned car market is facing significant challenges as imports declined amid a sluggish economy, resulting in a drop in government revenue during the 2024–25 fiscal year.
- ◆ The downturn is attributed to a combination of factors, including higher duties, subdued consumer demand, a prolonged dollar crisis, and import restrictions.
- ◆ According to the Bangladesh Reconditioned Vehicles Importers and Dealers Association (Barvida), 21,337 reconditioned cars were imported in FY25, a slight decrease from the 21,519 imported in the previous year.
- ◆ However, the revenue generated from these imports saw a more substantial drop of over 6%, falling to BDT 3,864 crore, a reduction of BDT 453 crore compared to FY22.

- ◆ Industry insiders note that these challenges have had a direct impact on sales.
- ◆ The government's decision to impose restrictions on the import of luxury goods, including cars, since early 2022 to stabilise foreign currency reserves has been a major contributing factor.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/high-duties-subdued-demand-drive-down-car-imports-denting-govt-revenue-1203211>

External balance swings to surplus after 3yrs

- ◆ The country's balance of payments returned to a surplus in the fiscal year (FY) 2024-25, ending a three-year spell of deficits.
- ◆ The turnaround has been attributed to stronger remittance inflows, foreign aid, a flexible exchange rate, and tighter fiscal measures.
- ◆ According to the Bangladesh Bank data, the overall balance of payments posted a surplus of USD 3.3 billion at the end of FY25, bouncing back from a USD 4.3 billion deficit the previous year.
- ◆ The country recorded deficits of USD 8.22 billion in FY23 and USD 5.38 billion in FY22.
- ◆ The last time the external balance was in surplus was in FY21, when it stood at USD 9.27 billion.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/external-balance-swings-surplus-after-3yrs-3954056>

Revenue collection plummets in June amid NBR officials' strike

- ◆ The country's revenue collection suffered a major setback in June as strikes by officials of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) brought tax collection activities to a near standstill, resulting in a record shortfall for the month.
- ◆ According to NBR data, revenue collection in June 2025 fell by nearly BDT 10,000 crore, marking a 19% year-on-year decline.
- ◆ The collections in June stood at BDT 43,092 crore, down from BDT 53,046 crore a year earlier, and against the monthly target, the shortfall was nearly one-third.
- ◆ Revenue collection typically peaks in the final two months of the fiscal year, but the NBR's activities were severely hampered for nearly a third of June, with a complete shutdown in the final days of the month.
- ◆ NBR Chairman Abdur Rahman Khan believes this was the primary reason for the sharp decline in revenue.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/revenue-collection-plummets-june-amid-nbr-officials-strike-1203186>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB continues tight monetary policy for H1 of FY26, keeping policy rate unchanged

- ◆ Apparel exporters and their US buyers are gathering wits for full-steam resumption of trade as the Trump tariff tempest calms with the United States deciding to settle on a pared-down 20% reciprocal tariff on Bangladeshi exports.
- ◆ Bangladesh Bank has unveiled its Monetary Policy Statement (MPS) for the first half (July-December) of FY2025-26, keeping the policy rate unchanged at 10% with the aim to continue a tight policy stance to contain inflation.
- ◆ The bank also announced that the intervening forex market will continue to curb the volatility of the exchange rate and rebuild reserves.
- ◆ It also aims to maintain a tight monetary policy until inflation comes below 7%.
- ◆ The governor said they aim to bring down inflation between 3% and 5% but it will take some time.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-continues-tight-monetary-policy-h1-fy26-keeping-policy-rate-unchanged-1201221>

Remittance inflow rises by 32% in 30 days of July

- ◆ The inflow of remittances witnessed a remarkable year-on-year growth of 32%, reaching USD 2,368 million in the 30 days of July, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bank, issued on July 31.
- ◆ During the same period last year, the country's remittance inflow was USD 1,794 million.
- ◆ Expatriate Bangladeshis sent a record USD 30.33 billion in remittances in the fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25), marking the highest amount ever received in a single fiscal year in the country's history.
- ◆ This figure reflects a 26.80% increase compared to the USD 23.91 billion received in the previous fiscal year (FY24).

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-inflow-rises-32-30-days-july-1201281>

Cenbank to inject taka via dollar purchases: Governor

- ◆ The Bangladesh Bank will inject liquidity into the money market by buying US dollars instead of printing money, according to Governor Ahsan H Mansur.
- ◆ No more printing money to increase liquidity and we will inject taka in a systemic way by purchasing dollars, the Governor added.
- ◆ The central bank will maintain its tight monetary stance for the period, keeping the policy rate unchanged at 10%, aiming to bring inflation down to 3%-5%.
- ◆ Describing it as a "contractionary policy stance", the governor said the central bank would keep monetary conditions tight until inflation fell to the targeted level and the real interest rate turned positive.

- ◆ He expects rates to drop below 10% by December if price stability continues.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-inject-taka-dollar-purchases-governor-1201651>

Engineering

Rod prices hit 3-year low as demand dries up

- ◆ Steel rod prices have fallen below BDT 90,000 per tonne for the first time in more than three years, as construction demand continues to fall amid reduced government spending and economic uncertainty.
- ◆ The retail price of 60-grade mild steel (MS) rod, widely used by construction sites and infrastructure projects, dropped 12% year-on-year last week to between BDT 85,000 and BDT 89,000 per tonne, down from BDT 97,500 to BDT 99,500 a year ago, according to Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB).
- ◆ Prices are now lower than they were on March 23, 2022, when a tonne sold for BDT 91,500.
- ◆ At its peak in mid-2024, the price neared BDT 1 lakh.
- ◆ Bangladesh Steel Manufacturers Association (BSMA) said that public construction and large-scale government projects, which usually account for nearly two-thirds of domestic steel consumption, have been in consistent decline since July last year.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rod-prices-hit-3-year-low-demand-dries-3953936>

Textile

BD RMG to face 36.5pc tariff in US market: BGMEA

- ◆ Bangladeshi-made readymade garment exports to the USA will face tariff at a rate of 36.5% which includes a 20% reciprocal and an existing 16.5% tariff.
- ◆ The local RMG exports to its largest destination would get conditional duty exemption if the apparel is produced using at least 20% American raw materials.
- ◆ Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) President Mahmud Hasan Khan also urged the interim government to continue its negotiations with the United States.
- ◆ Some countries were still in talks with the Trump administration on trade or security deals that may result in even lower reciprocal tariffs for them.
- ◆ Praising the leadership of the interim government, especially the commerce and security advisers, the BGMEA chief said that the team efforts helped Bangladesh steer away from a possible crisis.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-rmg-to-face-365pc-tariff-in-us-market-bgmea-1754154848>

Sigh of relief for RMG exporters as held-up orders start coming back after US tariff cut

- ◆ Bangladeshi exporters and their buyers in the United States are expressing a sense of relief after the US lowered its reciprocal tariff rate on Bangladeshi products, with a new rate that is now more competitive than those for key rivals like China and India.
- ◆ This development is already leading to renewed discussions and the revival of previously held-up orders.
- ◆ Many exporters have informed us that buyers' representatives have started making contact and held-up orders are beginning to return, according to Mahmud Hasan Khan Babu, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA).
- ◆ The US on 31 July announced that it was reducing the reciprocal tariff rate on Bangladeshi goods from 35% to 20% and the new rate is lower than the rates for China (30%) and India (25%).
- ◆ The rate is on par with the rate for Vietnam (20%) and slightly higher than the rates for Pakistan (19%).

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/sigh-relief-rmg-exporters-held-orders-start-coming-back-after-us-tariff-cut-1203166>

Energy

Govt provides sovereign guarantee to WB for LNG import financing

- ◆ The government has extended a sovereign and indemnity guarantee to the World Bank (WB) to support Petrobangla's costly liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports, ensuring payment if the state-run company fails to repay its loans on time.
- ◆ The Ministry of Finance (MoF) provided the counter-guarantee or indemnity to the multilateral donor agency to reimburse funds, if needed.
- ◆ The World Bank's repayment guarantee is thus backed firmly by the Ministry of Finance's sovereign guarantee.
- ◆ Petrobangla has already selected eight local and foreign commercial banks to facilitate LNG imports, secured by a repayment guarantee from the World Bank.
- ◆ This step aims to safeguard Bangladesh's future energy supplies and ease pressure on foreign exchange reserves.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-provides-sovereign-guarantee-to-wb-for-lng-import-financing-1754155112>

Capital Market

DSEX rallies on textile, banking stock gains

- ◆ The benchmark index DSEX of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) posted a notable gain last week, buoyed by strong performance in textile and banking stocks.
- ◆ During the week, the DSEX advanced by 51 points or 0.95% to close at 5,443, while the blue-chip index DS30 rose by 24 points or 1.18%, settling at 2,114.
- ◆ Although the market saw positive momentum, investor participation dipped slightly, with the average daily turnover falling by 2.4% to BDT 838 crore.
- ◆ However, the week concluded on a high note, recording the highest single-day turnover of the year in the final session.
- ◆ Among the sectors, textile was the biggest gainer as investors got a return of 4.1%, followed by bank, general insurance and cement.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-rallies-textile-banking-stock-gains-1203111>

Govt plans equal 5% stake offload by itself and partners in foreign ventures

- ◆ After two and a half months of announcing its plan to offload state-owned stakes in foreign ventures, the government held a joint meeting involving the Ministry of Industries, Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), and Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), marking the ice-breaking discussion with the firms.
- ◆ Of the 13 listed MNCs, seven companies reported a decline in revenue, while the remaining six managed to post growth.
- ◆ The meeting informed multinational companies (MNCs) of the government's decision to offload at least 5% of its own shares and 5% of foreign partners' shares in all such ventures operating in the country.
- ◆ Some companies were willing, while others expressed concerns.
- ◆ Some cash-rich MNCs questioned the need to raise additional funds at this time and asked why they should list on the capital market.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/govt-plans-equal-5-stake-offload-itself-and-partners-foreign-ventures-1203106>

CSE eyes DSE listing, pins valuation hopes on upcoming commodity exchange

- ◆ The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) has proposed listing on the Dhaka bourse to complete the demutualisation process in the absence of self-listing regulations.
- ◆ If the securities regulator accepts the proposal, the CSE will offload 35% of its shares under the book-building method more than a decade after the demutualisation.

- ◆ As per the demutualisation act, stock exchanges must be listed on their board or the board of the other.
- ◆ The exchanges' boards may take such a decision when they deem appropriate, but they will have to get approval from the market watchdog.
- ◆ The CSE wants the share value to be decided taking into account the maiden commodity exchange (CX) that is likely to see a test run next December before becoming fully operational.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cse-eyes-dse-listing-pins-valuation-hopes-on-upcoming-commodity-exchange-1754147975>