

### Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,401.49
% change	0.96%
DS30 Index	2,095.95
% change	1.07%
DSES Index	1,172.58
% change	0.81%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,017.12
Turnover (USD mn)	65.98
% change	14.04%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

### International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	44,946.12
% change	0.08%
S&P 500	6,449.80
% change	-0.29%
Nikkei 225	43,458.50
% change	0.18%
FTSE 100	9,138.90
% change	-0.42%

Source: Bloomberg

### Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	121.50	121.50
EUR	142.12	142.14
GBP	164.64	164.68
INR	1.39	1.39

Source: BB

### Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
17-Aug-25	9.60 - 11.00	9.98
14-Aug-25	9.60 - 11.00	9.99

Source: BB

### Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	65.59	-0.39%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,327.14	-0.25%
Cotton, USD/lb.	67.54	-0.21%

Source: Bloomberg

## Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.96% on the last trading day, closing at 5,314.33 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 14.04% 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 rose by 0.08%, the S&P 500 fell by 0.29%, and the FTSE 100 fell by 0.42%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, rose by 0.18% on the last trading day.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT depreciated against the USD, EUR, GBP and INR.
- The average overnight rate was 9.98%, standing between 9.60% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures decreased by 0.39%, the price of gold spot decreased by 0.25% and the price of cotton decreased by 0.21% on the last trading day.

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## Bangladesh Macro Update

### Rising rice prices push food inflation higher in BD

- ◆ Rice prices in Bangladesh continue to exert significant pressure on food inflation as well as overall inflation, according to the latest economic update by the General Economics Division (GED) of the Planning Commission of the Planning Ministry, reports UNB.
- ◆ The contribution of rice to food inflation rose sharply from 40% in May to 51.55% in July. Medium and coarse rice accounted for the bulk of the increase, contributing 24% and 18.39% respectively, the GED report shows.
- ◆ All three categories of rice-fine, medium, and coarse-recorded inflation of around 15% in July.
- ◆ The report reveals that both medium and coarse rice have maintained double-digit inflation since December 2024, while fine rice has seen double-digit inflation for the last twelve months.
- ◆ Although the recent Boro harvest was expected to ease price pressure, production setbacks in other seasons have offset the gains.

**News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/rising-rice-prices-push-food-inflation-higher-in-bd-1755450823>

### Yields on T-bills fall further

- ◆ The yields on treasury bills (T-bills) fell further on 17<sup>th</sup> July as banks preferred to invest their excess liquidity in the risk-free securities.
- ◆ The cut-off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the 91-Day T-bills came down to 10.14% on the day from 10.20% of the previous level while the yield on 182-day T-bills fell to 10.35% on the day from 10.39% earlier.
- ◆ However, the yield on 364-Day T-bills came down to 10.43% on the day from 10.50% earlier, according to the auction results.
- ◆ The government borrowed BDT 55 billion on the day by issuing the three types of T-bills to meet its budget deficit partly.
- ◆ A section of banks is now showing interest in investing their excess funds in short-term securities, driven by a recent increase in liquidity inflows into the market, according to a senior official of the Bangladesh Bank (BB).

**News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/yields-on-t-bills-fall-further-1755449662>

### July development spending below 1%

- ◆ Development spending saw a sluggish start this fiscal year, as the expenditure stood below 1% total allocation at the end of July, a sign that irked Planning Adviser Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud.
- ◆ Project implementation was delayed due to various reasons last year, but this year, things should be moving fast, he said.

- ◆ He said the situation was particularly concerning because this year's Annual Development Programme (ADP) was deliberately set at a "realistic" level to ensure implementation.
- ◆ Mahmud acknowledged that many projects were faced with disruptions, as new contractors were yet to be appointed in several cases.

**News Source:**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/july-development-spending-below-1-39649510>

## Assets worth Tk 400b in laundered money unearthed abroad

- ◆ Revenue intelligence has tracked down nearly BDT 400 billion worth of assets amassed in different countries around the world through money laundering from Bangladesh.
- ◆ National Board of Revenue Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) Director-General Ahsan Habib apprised Chief Adviser of the interim government Prof Muhammad Yunus that investigations had been conducted in seven cities across five countries since January this year, leading to this discovery, said a spokesperson for the CA Office on Sunday.
- ◆ Chairman of the NBR Md. Abdur Rahman Khan was present when the CIC Director-General presented the findings to the head of post-uprising government at the State Guesthouse Jamuna in Dhaka on Sunday.
- ◆ Additionally, 352 passports have been identified in nine countries that were obtained by some Bangladeshis in exchange for money.
- ◆ The countries include Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, North Macedonia, Malta, Saint Lucia, and Turkey.

**News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/assets-worth-tk-400b-in-laundered-money-unearthed-abroad-1755453905>

## Sectoral Update

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

## Banks, NBFIs report sharp rise in green, sustainable finance

- ◆ Banks and non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) report a strong rebound in both green and sustainable finance during January-March 2025, reflecting renewed institutional focus on climate and sustainability-focused lending.
- ◆ The latest figures show year-on-year (YoY) growth across both green and sustainable finances provided by banks and NBFIs. According to Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, green finance disbursement rose to BDT 87.63 billion in January-March 2025, up from BDT 72.40 billion in the same period of 2024, a 21% year-on-year increase.
- ◆ Green finance also showed a modest quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) rise of BDT 1.18 billion (1.36%), highlighting a turnaround in lending momentum.
- ◆ Sustainable finance recorded an even sharper surge, total disbursement reached over BDT 1.49 trillion in January-March 2025, compared to BDT 886.97 billion in the same period of 2024, a staggering 68.9% year-on-year growth.

- ◆ Stakeholders say the year-on-year trend indicates financial institutions are scaling up their commitments to green and sustainable financing, likely in response to regulatory nudges, rising ESG compliance pressure, and growing private-sector demand for environmentally friendly credit.

**News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banks-nbfis-report-sharp-rise-in-green-sustainable-finance-1755454336>

## Ten non-banks lose Tk 1,079cr in H1

- ◆ Ten listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) sank into a combined loss of BDT 1,079 crore in the first half of this year, an increase of 17% from the same period a year earlier.
- ◆ The figure dwarfs the BDT 178 crore profit posted by six peers.
- ◆ It highlights the depth of crisis in the scam-hit sector that is grasping for air amid sweeping banking reforms.
- ◆ Bangladesh has 35 NBFIs, of which 23 are listed. 16 have published their half-yearly data so far, seven are yet to report, while another five remain irregular due to long-running financial troubles.
- ◆ Phoenix Finance and Investments Limited recorded the steepest loss at BDT 468 crore, followed by Peoples Leasing and Financial Services Limited with BDT 189 crore, and FAS Finance and Investment Limited at BDT 147 crore.

**News Source:**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ten-non-banks-lose-tk-1079cr-h1-3964961>

## BB asks finance cos to give accurate liquidity info

- ◆ Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked finance companies (formerly non-bank financial institutions or NBFIs) to submit their actual liquidity positions after detecting inconsistencies in earlier statements.
- ◆ The banks must provide the updated data using the new template issued with the circular.
- ◆ The circular reads that it is observed that there are some inconsistencies in the liquidity statements submitted by finance companies which do not reflect actual liquidity position of the concerned institutions.
- ◆ All finance companies are hereby directed to submit the Statement of Structural Liquidity Profile within the timeframe mentioned in DFIM Circular No 9 dated October 20, 2015, based on the amended input template uploaded in the Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) of Bangladesh Bank.

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<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-asks-finance-cos-to-give-accurate-liquidity-info-1755454031>

## Capital Market

### Stocks climb driven by textile, banking rally

- ◆ The DSEX advanced by 51 points to settle at 5,401 on 17 August, compared to 5,350 points in the previous trading session.

- ◆ Over the past seven sessions, the bourse's benchmark index shed 222 points as part of a market correction.
- ◆ On 13 August, it slipped by 1 point to settle at 5,314, but turnover increased by 5.7% to BDT 705 crore, compared to BDT 667 crore in the previous session.
- ◆ However, blue-chip stocks fared better, with the DS30 index rising 6 points to close at 2,057, and the Shariah index gaining 3 points to finish at 1,156.

**News Source:**

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-climb-driven-textile-banking-rally-1214371>

## **Mutual Fund investors face another dry year amid market slump**

- ◆ Mutual fund investors are in a tight spot yet again as most closed-end mutual funds failed to declare dividends for the financial year that ended in June 2025 due to depressed market conditions and higher provisioning against unrealised losses.
- ◆ Fund managers pointed to a number of adverse factors, including price erosion of well-performing stocks and their obligation to keep 100% provision, as key reasons behind the funds' poor performance.
- ◆ Of the 37 mutual funds listed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange, 18 disclosed their financial statements for FY25 while 16 declared no dividend due to their losses.
- ◆ Only two mutual funds, Capitec Grameen Bank Growth Fund and Grameen One: Scheme Two, declared 3.30% and 7.5% cash dividend respectively for FY25.

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- ◆ Of the 23 listed NBFIs out of the total 35, 16 have published their half-yearly data so far, seven are yet to report, while another five remain irregular due to long-running financial troubles.
- ◆ On the few non-banks that turned a profit, IDLC Finance led with BDT 111 crore, while DBH Finance contributed BDT 42 crore.

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