

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,620.92
% change	0.67%
DS30 Index	2,195.11
% change	0.29%
DSES Index	1,233.14
% change	0.66%
Turnover (BDT mn)	12,780.64
Turnover (USD mn)	105.02
% change	8.21%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	45,295.81
% change	-0.55%
S&P 500	6,415.54
% change	-0.69%
Nikkei 225	42,089.00
% change	-0.59%
FTSE 100	9,116.69
% change	-0.87%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	121.61	121.70
EUR	142.39	142.55
GBP	164.70	164.85
INR	1.38	1.38

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
02-Sep-25	9.70 - 11.00	9.95
01-Sep-25	9.50 - 11.00	9.98

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	69.14	1.45%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,529.95	1.53%
Cotton, USD/lb.	66.05	-0.74%

Source: Bloomberg

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, was up by 0.67% on the last trading day, closing at 5,620.92 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 8.21% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- Most of the global indices showed negative performance on the last trading day; the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 0.55%, the S&P 500 was down by 0.69%, and the FTSE 100 was down by 0.87%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, was down by 0.59% on the last trading day.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT depreciated against the EUR, GBP, and INR, and appreciated against USD.
- The average overnight rate was 9.95%, standing between 9.70% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures increased by 1.45%, the price of gold spot increased by 1.53% and the price of cotton decreased by 0.74% on the last trading day.

Global Macro Update

Gold races to all-time high above \$3,500

- ◆ Gold prices scaled the USD 3,500 per ounce level to hit a record high on 2 September, as mounting expectations for a U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate cut this month lifted demand for the precious metal.
- ◆ Spot gold was up 0.1% at USD 3,480.57 per ounce as of 1125 GMT, after hitting a record high of \$3,508.50 earlier in the session. Bullion has gained 32 percent so far this year.
- ◆ U.S. gold futures for December delivery gained 0.9 percent to USD 3,549.
- ◆ Gold's rally is set to be heavily influenced by how much the Fed's rate-cutting path adheres to market projections, according to Han Tan, chief market analyst at Nemo.money.
- ◆ He also added that it still enjoys enough fundamental tailwinds, from central bank purchases to safe-haven demand, especially if trade tariffs take a meaningful toll on global economic growth, going into next year.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/gold-races-all-time-high-above-3500-3977251>

Bangladesh Macro Update

Export earning dips 2.93% in August

- ◆ Bangladesh's export earnings fell 2.93% year-on-year in August 2025, standing at USD 3.92 billion compared to USD 4.03 billion in the same month last year, according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB).
- ◆ The decline comes despite a strong overall performance in the opening months of the fiscal year.
- ◆ Total export earnings in July-August of the current 2025-26 fiscal year reached USD 8.69 billion, up 10.61% from the same period of the previous fiscal year.
- ◆ The country saw record USD 4.77b exports in July, up nearly 25% YoY, hitting an all-time monthly high at USD 4.77 billion.
- ◆ Exporters and experts tell US buyers rushed July purchases fearing a tariff hike, boosting July exports but slowing August. Lower demand in key markets also contributed, though exports are expected to rise in the coming months.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/exports-earnings-rise-1061-869b-jul-aug-fy26-1226956>

BB's dollar purchase nears \$1b in one and half months as it buys \$47m more

- ◆ The Bangladesh Bank has purchased nearly USD 1 billion from banks over the past one and a half months, including USD 47.50 million on 2 September, in an effort to stabilise the exchange rate and support remittance and export flows.
- ◆ Bangladesh Bank Spokesperson Arief Hossain Khan told TBS that USD 950 million has been purchased so far since the central bank began buying dollars in an auction on 13 July.

- ◆ USD 47.50 million has been bought from 8 banks with exchange rates ranging between BDT 121.70–121.75 under the Multiple Price Auction method, and the cut-off was BDT 121.75.
- ◆ Earlier, on 28 August, Bangladesh Bank purchased USD 149.5 million from commercial banks through another auction.
- ◆ That day, the central bank initially targeted USD 30 million but ended up buying a much larger amount, with a cut-off rate of BDT 121.70.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bbs-dollar-purchase-nears-1b-one-and-half-months-it-buys-47m-more-1227271>

Exporters getting competitive with tax waivers, import-duty cuts

- ◆ Bangladesh moves forward with new policy measures as guardrails around its export sector as the country is destined to graduate from the least-developed country (LDC) category and thus forfeit marketing privileges.
- ◆ The swap comes amid a looming phase-out of cash subsidies for export products, which will no longer be permissible under World Trade Organization (WTO) rules once the graduation becomes effective, according to the finance ministry.
- ◆ Currently, several non-apparel sectors, leather and leather goods, pharmaceuticals, agro-processed products, light engineering, jute and jute goods, and IT/ITES, enjoy varying dollops of cash incentives handed out to support export competitiveness.
- ◆ But under the WTO Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (ASCM), such direct export-linked cash assistance must be withdrawn after graduation.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/exporters-getting-competitive-with-tax-waivers-import-duty-cuts-1756837352>

BB launches Tk500cr fund for start-ups

- ◆ The Bangladesh Bank has initiated a BDT 500 crore refinancing fund aimed at supporting start-up entrepreneurs.
- ◆ The programme allows eligible entrepreneurs to access loans at a maximum interest rate of 4%.
- ◆ The official launch took place on 2 September with a participation agreement signing ceremony at the Bangladesh Bank head office.
- ◆ Under the newly revised circular, start-ups can now secure both term and working capital loans ranging from BDT 2 crore to BDT 8 crore.
- ◆ The event also included discussions on a proposed equity investment company, which would be formed in collaboration with 52 partner banks.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-launches-tk500cr-fund-start-entrepreneurs-1227421>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Banks prefer to park excess liquidity in bonds as pvt credit demand lowers

- ◆ The yield on two-year Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) dropped further on 2 September as banks expressed willingness to invest their excess liquidity in the risk-free securities.
- ◆ The cut off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the BGTBs came down to 10.17% on the day from 10.24% earlier, according to auction results.
- ◆ However, the government borrowed BDT 25 billion through issuing the BGTBs on the day to meet its budget deficit partially.
- ◆ With liquidity inflows gradually increasing in the market, some banks have shown interest in investing their excess funds in government securities, according to a senior official of a leading private commercial bank (PCB).
- ◆ He also said the banks prefer to park their excess liquidity in the risk-free treasury bonds because of lower credit demand from the private sector ahead of the general election.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/banks-prefer-to-park-excess-liquidity-in-bonds-as-pvt-credit-demand-lowers-1756837911>

Textile

Import ban on Bangladeshi RMG triggers supply crunch in India

- ◆ Leading international clothing retailers in India, including Marks & Spencer, H&M, Zudio, and Lifestyle, are facing supply shortages amid a prolonged restriction on imports of readymade garments from Bangladesh through land ports.
- ◆ The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) of India issued a notification on May 17 banning garment imports from Bangladesh via land routes.
- ◆ Imports are now allowed only through the Kolkata and Nhava Sheva seaports, causing significant disruptions in the supply chain.
- ◆ The move has led to delays of two to three weeks in merchandise sourcing, especially in lower-price categories.
- ◆ As a result, several Indian retailers such as Lifestyle, Reliance, and Aditya Birla have started shifting part of their production domestically.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/import-ban-bangladeshi-rmg-triggers-supply-crunch-india-3976876>

Capital Market

Blue chips drive DSEX to a one-year high on falling T-bond yields

- ◆ The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) crossed the 5,600 mark on Tuesday for the first time in nearly a year, as a buying spree strengthened the equity market despite ongoing political concerns.
- ◆ Analysts said well-performing blue-chip stocks remained the focus of investors, driven by attractive valuations.
- ◆ Investor sentiment also stayed resilient, supported by positive macroeconomic developments and declining interest rates on government securities.
- ◆ Currently, the country's overall stock market price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is around 10, indicating that the market remains attractive for investment.
- ◆ Moreover, the yield rates on government securities continued to fall in the three months to August, signalling potential easing of interest rates in the money market.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/blue-chips-drive-dsex-to-one-year-high-on-falling-t-bond-yields-1756836018>

First Security Islami Bank backs BB's bridge bank plan

- ◆ First Security Islami Bank has announced its support for the formation of a "bridge bank" to be created through the merger of five struggling banks.
- ◆ The decision was confirmed by the bank's chairman, Mohammad Abdul Mannan, following a meeting with the Bangladesh Bank governor, Ahsan H Mansur.
- ◆ Speaking to journalists after the meeting, Mannan said that they agree with the decision taken by the Bangladesh Bank, and the central bank will look after the protection of depositors.
- ◆ A bridge bank is a temporary financial institution created by a central bank to take over and operate a failed bank or some failed banks.
- ◆ Mannan disclosed that three separate audits had confirmed that the S Alam Group secured BDT 38,000 crore in loans through anonymous accounts, as it was unable to borrow in its own name.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/first-security-islami-bank-backs-bbs-bridge-bank-plan-1227361>