

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,636.15
% change	0.39%
DS30 Index	2,188.10
% change	0.24%
DSES Index	1,229.44
% change	-0.05%
Turnover (BDT mn)	14,419.04
Turnover (USD mn)	118.35
% change	7.72%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	45,400.86
% change	-0.48%
S&P 500	6,481.50
% change	-0.32%
Nikkei 225	43,554.50
% change	1.25%
FTSE 100	9,208.21
% change	-0.09%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	121.68	121.83
EUR	142.57	142.80
GBP	164.34	164.63
INR	1.38	1.38

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
07-Sep-25	9.25 - 11.00	9.99
04-Sep-25	9.80 - 11.00	9.99

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	65.85	0.53%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,591.19	0.12%
Cotton, USD/lb.	66.03	-0.26%

Source: Bloomberg

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, was up by 0.39% on the last trading day, closing at 5,636.15 points.
- The daily turnover increased by 7.72% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- Most of the global indices showed mixed performance on the last trading day; the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 0.48%, the S&P 500 was down by 0.32%, and the FTSE 100 was down by 0.09%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, was up by 1.25% on the last trading day.

Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT depreciated against the USD, EUR, and GBP, and appreciated against INR.
- The average overnight rate was 9.99%, standing between 9.25% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures increased by 0.53%, the price of gold spot increased by 0.12% and the price of cotton decreased by 0.26% on the last trading day.

Global Macro Update

Gold nears record \$3,600 in global market

- ◆ Gold's powerful rally took on fresh legs on Friday, with prices just cents away from USD 3,600 per ounce, as weak US jobs data further raised expectations for bullion-supportive Federal Reserve rate cuts.
- ◆ Spot gold was up 1.4% at USD 3,596.55 per ounce, having hit a record USD 3,599.89 earlier.
- ◆ The metal is now on track for its strongest weekly gain in nearly four months.
- ◆ US gold futures for December delivery settled 1.3% higher at USD 3,653.30.
- ◆ Bullion has surged 37% so far this year after a 27% gain in 2024, driven by US dollar weakness, central bank buying, a softening monetary policy backdrop, and wider geopolitical and economic uncertainty.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/gold-nears-record-3600-global-market-3980476>

Bangladesh Macro Update

Forex reserves stand at \$30.3b after ACU payment

- ◆ Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 30.3 billion on 7 September after the payment of USD 1.5 billion in import bills of the last two months, July and August, through the Asian Clearing Union (ACU).
- ◆ In May-June 2025, the central bank paid USD 2.02 billion in ACU bills.
- ◆ After the ACU settlement, the central bank's gross foreign exchange reserves stood at USD 30.30 billion.
- ◆ In the account of the International Monetary Fund, the forex reserves stood at USD 25.39 billion, and the gross reserve at this time last year was USD 19.46 billion.
- ◆ ACU is an international transaction settlement system that settles transactions between Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/forex-reserves-stand-303b-after-acu-payment-1230806>

Inflation eases slightly to 8.29% in August

- ◆ Inflation in August eased slightly to 8.29%, down from 8.55% in July, according to the latest data from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- ◆ The decline was mainly driven by a notable fall in non-food inflation, even as food prices continued to rise.
- ◆ Food inflation, a persistent concern for low-income households, inched up to 7.60% in August from 7.56% in July.
- ◆ On the other hand, non-food inflation declined sharply, dropping to 8.90% in August from 9.38% a month earlier.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/inflation-eases-slightly-829-august-3980176>

Bangladesh's economy might have expanded in August: PMI

- ◆ Bangladesh's economy may have expanded in August, but at a slower pace, as the Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) slipped, reflecting weaker momentum across key sectors, with agriculture and construction declining while manufacturing and services recorded slower growth.
- ◆ The index stood at 58.3 in August, down 3.2 points from July, according to the latest report by the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dhaka (MCCI), and Policy Exchange Bangladesh (PEB).
- ◆ The latest PMI readings indicate that the overall Bangladesh economy continued to expand for 11 consecutive months, but at a slower rate, according to M Masrur Reaz, chairman and CEO of PEB.
- ◆ The agriculture sector contracted after 10 months of expansion, with new business, activity, and input costs slowing, while order backlogs and employment also declined.
- ◆ The manufacturing sector, meanwhile, registered its 12th consecutive month of expansion, though at a slower pace.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladeshs-economy-might-have-expanded-august-pmi-3980246>

Bangladesh Bank targets \$40b in reserves to stabilise taka

- ◆ The Bangladesh Bank is seeking to boost foreign exchange reserves to around USD 40 billion by June to help stabilize the local currency, Governor Ahsan H Mansur said.
- ◆ The market is essentially in equilibrium, and we are now building reserves from a position of strength, according to Mansur.
- ◆ The bank has already purchased more than \$1 billion in recent weeks without unsettling the taka, he added.
- ◆ Bangladesh held USD 31.4 billion in gross reserves as of 3 September, enough to cover about five months of imports under the central bank's measure, or four months under the IMF's stricter definition.
- ◆ Mansur said his goal was to reach six months' coverage, regardless of whether the IMF program continues, reports Bloomberg.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-bank-targets-40-bln-reserves-stabilise-taka-1230981>

Govt borrows Tk 65b thru' T-bill, yields fall slightly

- ◆ The yields on treasury bills (T-bills) fell slightly on Sunday 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 10.07% on the day from 10.12% of the previous level while the yield on 182-day T-bills fell to 10.13% on the day from 10.29% earlier.

- ◆ However, the yield on 364-Day T-bills came down to 10.14% on the day from 10.37% earlier, according to the auction results.
- ◆ The government's lower demand for funds, coupled with higher liquidity in some banks, has pushed down T-bill yields, according to a senior Bangladesh Bank (BB).
- ◆ The central banker also predicted that the existing trend of yields on the T-bills may continue in the coming weeks.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-borrows-tk-65b-thru-t-bill-yields-fall-slightly-1757264698>

Sectoral Update

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Bank Company Act: BAB for lifting family director cap, proposes 9-year tenure

- ◆ The Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has submitted its recommendations to the central bank on the proposed 2025 amendment to the Bank Company Act, urging reforms that would broaden shareholder participation and ease governance restrictions.
- ◆ In a letter sent to the central bank on 7 September, BAB Chairman Abdul Hai Sarkar called for the definition of "family" to be limited strictly to spouses and dependents.
- ◆ The association also proposed raising the maximum shareholding limit for a single family to 25% and relaxing restrictions on the number of directors from one family.
- ◆ The association recommended that Bangladesh Bank use CAMELS, sustainability, risk rating, and PCA frameworks to determine board structures for each bank.
- ◆ This would reward well-performing banks and compel weaker institutions to improve under strict supervision, the BAB said, arguing that such outcome-based regulation would create a realistic, balanced, and sustainable oversight system.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bank-company-act-bab-lifting-family-director-cap-proposes-9-year-tenure-1230946>

Banks may be allowed to reschedule unpaid loans up to Tk 3.0 billion

- ◆ Banks will be free to take decision on rescheduling of unpaid loans up to a maximum BDT 3.0 billion on bank-client understanding.
- ◆ The regulator plans ceding part of the onus amid appeal buildups from businesses.
- ◆ Officials say the Bangladesh Bank (BB) plans to relieve pressure in dealing with mounting applications from struggling businesses seeking the central bank's policy supports for a getaway.
- ◆ As part of the pressure-relaxing recipe on the special committee to settle policy-support-seeking matters, the banking regulator is about to transfer the decision-making responsibility to the banks in respect of

settling such appeals of the borrowers with outstanding loans of up to BDT 3.0 billion, sources at the BB said.

- ◆ Appeals may be for both classified and unclassified loans.
- ◆ But the decisions regarding the businesses which were badly affected by reasons beyond their control and heaving under unpaid loans over BDT 3.0 billion will be made by the BB-formed five-member committee, the sources said.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-may-be-allowed-to-reschedule-unpaid-loans-up-to-tk-30-billion-1757266317>

Textile

Solar import taxes dim Bangladesh apparel's green ambitions

- ◆ Bangladesh's apparel sector is keen to expand rooftop solar, but entrepreneurs say steep import taxes are inflating installation costs and slowing large-scale adoption which could save the government BDT 2,500 crore each year on primary fuel imports.
- ◆ But high taxes on imported equipment are driving up costs, setting those 30% to 50% higher than in India, some entrepreneurs have said.
- ◆ Installing solar panels, known as photovoltaic generator sets for industrial use requires 13 types of equipment.
- ◆ While panels and inverters are taxed at just 1%, some of the rest, representing about half of the total installation cost, face duties as high as 62% or 77%.
- ◆ Industry leaders say this raises installation costs by about one-third.
- ◆ Though the central bank has created a green fund to support renewable energy at low interest rates, investors complain of procedural hurdles and insufficient financing.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/solar-import-taxes-dim-bangladesh-apparels-green-ambitions-1230971>

Cotton-yarn import up despite land-port ban

- ◆ Bangladesh's clothing industries saw a surge in cotton-yarn import, even after the government imposed in April a ban on its shipment through land ports, as apparel makers eye oncoming export-demand rise.
- ◆ The restrictions were aimed at curbing revenue losses caused by alleged miss-declaration by importers.
- ◆ It could do little to stem the tide of cotton-made yarn from nearby amid the spree of preparation by factory owners to grab impending demand from western markets, sources said.
- ◆ According to the latest customs data, total yarn imports rose 18% to 207,955 tonnes during a three-month period between May and July, after the ban, compared to 176,925 tonnes in the same period of 2024.
- ◆ In terms of value, imports grew 16% to BDT 75.22 billion, up from BDT 64.85 billion in the same period a year before.

- ◆ The increase was almost entirely driven by cotton yarn, which saw strong growth in both volume and value.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/cotton-yarn-import-up-despite-land-port-ban-1757266832>

Capital Market

Dhaka stocks rebound

- ◆ The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) closed trading higher yesterday (September 07), rebounding from the previous day's losses, while turnover—the combined value of shares bought and sold—also rose.
- ◆ According to DSE data, the bourse's benchmark DSEX gained 21.87 points, or 0.38%, to finish at 5,636.15.
- ◆ The other indices had mixed performances, as the Shariah-based DSES decreased 0.04% to 1,229.44, while the blue-chip DS30 increased 0.24% to 2,188.10.
- ◆ Turnover stood at BDT 1,441.90 crore, up from BDT 1,338.53 crore in the previous session.
- ◆ Block trades—a high-volume transaction involving a large number of securities—accounted for a notable share, with transactions recorded across several scrips and overall trade amounting to BDT 31.17 crore.

News Source:

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/dhaka-stocks-rebound-3980266>

Confidence Cement to divest Dhaka plant stake to ease financial strain

- ◆ After failing to secure regulatory approval for issuing rights shares, Confidence Cement has decided to sell its entire stake in Confidence Cement Dhaka, an associate company, to meet its immediate financial obligations.
- ◆ The Chattogram-based listed cement manufacturer holds a 50% stake in Confidence Cement Dhaka, which it will sell to Confidence Power Holdings, another associate company under the Confidence Group, to repay expensive bank loans.
- ◆ The transaction involves 141 million ordinary shares of BDT10 each, amounting to BDT1.41 billion in total, according to a stock exchange filing.
- ◆ According to an official of Confidence Cement, the entire proceeds from the sale of the associate company will now be used for the repayment of existing high-cost bank loans of the listed company.
- ◆ As of March this year, Confidence Cement's short-term debts stood at BDT 5.66 billion, while long-term bank borrowings amounted to BDT 169 million.

News Source:

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/confidence-cement-to-divest-dhaka-plant-stake-to-ease-financial-strain-1757260038>

30% mandatory holding: BSEC gets tough on Olympic Accessories

- ◆ The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has taken a tough stance against Olympic Accessories, a listed firm on the capital market, for failing to maintain the mandatory 30% joint holding by its owners.
- ◆ According to the letter of the commission, the regulator has decided to enforce its 2019 directive on mandatory shareholding, as Olympic Accessories' owners currently hold only 25.81%
- ◆ The directive bars the owners from selling, transferring, or keeping shares as collateral, as well as from raising funds.
- ◆ In case of non-compliance by listed firms, the regulator also decided to transfer them to a separate trading platform, and any company that holds 2% shares of the company may be nominated as a director on the board, the disclosure read.
- ◆ In addition to the imposed conditions in 2019, the regulator warned that if Olympic Accessories' sponsor-directors' joint holding falls below 25.81%, the directors will be held responsible and face punishment.

News Source:

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/30-mandatory-holding-bsec-gets-tough-olympic-accessories-1230896>