

### Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,473.15
% change	-1.18%
DS30 Index	2,129.90
% change	-1.06%
DSES Index	1,188.23
% change	-1.31%
Turnover (BDT mn)	9,499.68
Turnover (USD mn)	78.00
% change	-19.31%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

### International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	45,490.92
% change	-0.48%
S&P 500	6,532.04
% change	0.30%
Nikkei 225	43,942.00
% change	1.11%
FTSE 100	9,225.39
% change	-0.19%

Source: Bloomberg

### Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	121.75	121.75
EUR	142.36	142.41
GBP	164.72	164.75
INR	1.38	1.38

Source: BB

### Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
10-Sep-25	9.75 - 11.00	9.98
09-Sep-25	9.75 - 11.00	9.99

Source: BB

### Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	67.49	1.66%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,645.11	0.51%
Cotton, USD/lb.	66.67	0.32%

Source: Bloomberg

## Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, was down by 1.18% on the last trading day, closing at 5,473.15 points.
- The daily turnover decreased by 19.31% on the last trading day.

### Global Market

- Most of the global indices showed upward performance on the last trading day; the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 0.48%, the S&P 500 was up by 0.30%, and the FTSE 100 was down by 0.19%.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, was up by 1.11% on the last trading day.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The value of BDT was stable against USD, depreciated against the GBP, and appreciated against EUR and INR.
- The average overnight rate was 9.98%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures increased by 1.66%, the price of gold spot increased by 0.51% and the price of cotton increased by 0.32% on the last trading day.

## **Bangladesh Macro Update**

### **Spend 60% of the budget by Q3, or no money in next quarter**

- ◆ Ministries and divisions will get no money for the fourth quarter of this fiscal year if budget spending remains below 60% in the first three quarters, the Finance Division warned in a directive on 10<sup>th</sup> September.
- ◆ The strict measure has been adopted to prevent the last-minute rush in budget spending at the end of the fiscal year, which often leads to misuse of government funds, according to a circular issued by the Finance Division.
- ◆ If the agencies fail to meet the set quota by the third quarter, the release of the fourth instalment will be automatically withheld, the circular warned.
- ◆ The Finance Division stated that past experience shows budget implementation by ministries and divisions tends to be sluggish in the early part of the fiscal year, while spending surges in the final quarter.

**News Source:**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/spend-60-budget-q3-or-no-money-next-quarter-3983071>

### **Spl allowances for key professionals likely**

- ◆ Providing special allowances for some key professionals with intensive technical knowledge is under consideration of the National Pay Commission as the government plans stemming a tide of brain drain from Bangladesh.
- ◆ Doctors, engineers, researchers and scientists are among the must-haves whose services are considered indispensable for the country, sources said.
- ◆ The professionals, having such skills, may get the incentives if the proposal is made finally in commission report.
- ◆ Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) survey 2018 says 39% of Bangladeshi youth aged 15-29 were willing to migrate abroad for work.
- ◆ Fund for Peace data show the brain-drain index for Bangladesh was 7.6 in 2019, which was higher than the global average of 5.55 index points.

**News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/spl-allowances-for-key-professionals-likely-1757525102>

### **NBR to allow exporters to import duty-free raw materials: Chairman**

- ◆ The National Board of Revenue (NBR) has taken a move to introduce duty-free raw material import system for exporters who do not have any bond license.
- ◆ The meeting titled "Meet the Business" was arranged for the first time to get feedback from the business people regarding their problems at the field level.
- ◆ The NBR chairman said that the exporters who do not have the bond license can import their raw materials without giving any duty.

- ◆ The exporters will have to get a guarantee from any bank saying that the imported raw materials will be exported.
- ◆ The revenue boss said that the policy has already been sent to the legislative division for final approval.

**News Source:**

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/nbr-allow-exporters-import-duty-free-raw-materials-chairman-1233426>

## **Businesses censure NBR field officials for harassment, inefficiencies**

- ◆ Businesses on 10<sup>th</sup> September were highly critical of the field-level revenue officials for alleged harassments, irregularities and inefficiencies that ultimately do disservice to the economy of Bangladesh, prompting instant response on remedies.
- ◆ At a meeting with the National Board of Revenue (NBR) at its headquarters, business leaders and trade-body representatives also voiced concerns about the non-adjustment of advance tax (AT) and the existing high rate of turnover tax for small businesses.
- ◆ They, however, had a word of praise for the NBR for its recent reform initiatives aimed at improving the ease-of-doing-business ambiance.
- ◆ Chairman of the NBR Abdur Rahman Khan acknowledged the resentments of the businesses and laid importance on bringing about regulatory reforms.
- ◆ We must amend certain rules to make day-to-day business operations easier.

**News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/businesses-censure-nbr-field-officials-for-harassment-inefficiencies-1757524884>

## **Sectoral Update**

### **Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance**

## **Four state banks in trouble as 90% of classified loans turn bad**

- ◆ When the central bank and the finance ministry are busy stitching together a rescue plan for half a dozen weak private lenders, the state-owned ones are crumbling from within.
- ◆ The latest Bangladesh Bank data shows that the four state-owned commercial banks saw their classified loans swell by 10% in just six months, reaching a staggering BDT 146,362 crore in June this year.
- ◆ Of this mountain of defaulted credit, BDT 132,499 crore or over 90% has been categorised as bad or loss money with minimal chance of recovery.
- ◆ But bad loans are only part of the rot, and these banks are choking under severe capital shortfalls, meagre allocations against risk-weighted assets, provisioning gaps, and shrinking profits.
- ◆ The capital cushions that are supposed to absorb shocks are nearly threadbare.

**News Source:**

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/four-state-banks-trouble-90-classified-loans-turn-bad-1233716>

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## Bangladesh Bank plans merger of five banks linked to S Alam by November

- ◆ Bangladesh Bank has said the process of merging five debt-ridden banks linked to S Alam Group is moving fast and is expected to be completed by mid-November this year.
- ◆ Earlier this week, the Ministry of Finance approved a draft proposal to merge EXIM Bank, Social Islami Bank, First Security Islami Bank, Global Islami Bank and Union Bank into a single state-owned entity.
- ◆ Work on the consolidation has already started, according to central bank officials.
- ◆ The new entity will operate as a Shariah-based Islamic bank, with the government injecting BDT 20,000 crore as fresh capital from the national budget.
- ◆ The merged bank's total initial capital is projected at BDT 35,000 crore, a senior finance ministry official said, preferring anonymity.

**News Source:**

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bangladesh-bank-plans-five-bank-merger-november-1233296>

## Telecommunication

### Spectrum price cut may add \$45b to economy by 2035: study

- ◆ Adjusting spectrum prices could unlock up to USD 45 billion of economic growth for Bangladesh by 2035, according to a new GSMA study, which warns that the current pricing model risks holding back its digital ambitions.
- ◆ The report, The Impact of Spectrum Pricing in Bangladesh, links high spectrum and tax burdens to underinvestment in networks, slower internet speeds, and delayed 5G adoption.
- ◆ While Bangladesh has achieved near-universal 4G coverage and some of the lowest data prices in the Asia-Pacific region, only 46% of citizens are mobile internet users, according to the study released yesterday.
- ◆ It notes that the country's average monthly data usage, at 5 GB per connection, lags well behind regional peers.
- ◆ With demand for mobile connectivity rising as users switch to 4G and 5G smartphones, the GSMA states that spectrum pricing must be modernised to enable operators to keep pace.

**News Source:**

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/spectrum-price-cut-may-add-45b-economy-2035-study-3983076>

## **Capital Market**

### **DSEX sinks below 5,500 as losing streak extends to third day**

- ◆ The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) suffered another sharp decline on 10 September, dragging its benchmark index below the 5,500 marks for the first time in 10 days.
- ◆ The DSEX dropped 65 points, or 1.17%, to close at 5,473, marking its third straight session of losses.
- ◆ Over the past three trading days, the index has shed 163 points, reflecting intensified selling pressure across the bourse.
- ◆ The blue-chip DS30 also plunged, losing 22 points or 1.06% to settle at 2,129. Market breadth was overwhelmingly negative, with 313 issues declining against only 43 advancing, while 41 remained unchanged.
- ◆ Investor activity slowed, with turnover falling 19% from the previous day to BDT 949 crore, dipping below the BDT 1,000 crore mark for the first time in nine sessions.

#### **News Source:**

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-sinks-below-5500-losing-streak-extends-third-day-1233631>

### **CMSF set to manage dividends, streamline tax waiver process**

- ◆ The securities regulator has decided to engage the Capital Market Stabilisation Fund (CMSF) in distributing cash dividends to investors on behalf of listed companies, to ease the tax collection process and help investors secure tax waivers on dividend income.
- ◆ The CMSF, established in 2021 to settle claims of undistributed dividends, will launch a TDS (tax deduction at source) system to take on the new responsibility.
- ◆ The single platform will be used to deduct tax on the aggregate amount of dividends investors receive from one or more organisations. Investors will get a digital TDS certificate, and tax benefits-such as waivers on dividend income-will be adjusted automatically during the submission of tax returns.
- ◆ As part of the regulatory move, the Stabilisation Fund has already developed an online module, which will go live to provide relevant information to investors once it receives consent from the finance ministry.
- ◆ The cash dividend distribution system will come into effect through a gazette notification after the completion of necessary formalities.

#### **News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/cmsf-set-to-manage-dividends-streamline-tax-waiver-process-1757521135>

### **BSEC to forward findings to ACC against ICB officials**

- ◆ The securities regulator has decided to forward its investigation report on the involvement of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) officials in the manipulation of Fortune Shoes' stock price to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and the finance ministry for necessary actions.

- ◆ The decision was taken at a meeting of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) at its office on 10<sup>th</sup> September.
- ◆ A BSEC investigation committee, formed after the fall of the previous government, investigated the alleged manipulation that took place between July 2017 and September 2022.
- ◆ According to the BSEC, a group of manipulators led by controversial investor Md Abul Khayer was behind the abnormal price hike of Fortune Shoes during that period.
- ◆ The manipulators later offloaded their holdings at inflated prices, which were subsequently purchased by the state-run ICB.

**News Source:**

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-to-forward-findings-to-acc-against-icb-officials-1757521485>