

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,906.29
% change	0.69%
DS30 Index	1,892.95
% change	0.36%
DSES Index	1,027.53
% change	0.65%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,646.50
Turnover (USD mn)	29.82
% change	36.24%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.45%
S&P 500	6,846.51
% change	-0.35%
Nikkei 225	50,638.00
% change	-0.17%
FTSE 100	9,645.09
% change	-0.23%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.28	122.30
EUR	142.36	142.39
GBP	162.99	163.05
INR	1.36	1.36

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
07-Dec-24	9.75-11.00	9.98
04-Dec-24	9.75-11.00	9.97

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	62.49	-2.18%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,189.05	-0.29%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.68	-0.39%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.69% on the last trading day, closing at 4,906.29 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 36.24% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the leading global indices fell during the last trading day.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, posted a 0.17% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.98%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 2.18%, gold price fell by 0.29%, and cotton price fell by 0.39% yesterday.

Bangladesh Macro

No hope for interest cut as inflation stays intractable

- The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has ruled out any near-term reduction of its policy interest rate, because inflation remains “intractably high.” The rising burden of non-performing loans (NPLs), increased debt servicing, and falling revenue-to-GDP ratio are further weakening fiscal space and complicating hopes of easing monetary conditions.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/no-hope-for-interest-cut-as-inflation-stays-intractable-1765215524>

Bangladesh has slipped into a form of debt trap: NBR chief

- National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Md Abdur Rahman Khan has warned that Bangladesh has already “slipped into a debt trap,” citing that debt-servicing has become the second-largest budget expense.
- He pointed to a sharp drop in the country’s tax-to-GDP ratio, from above 10% a few years ago to around 7% now, arguing weak revenue mobilisation, tax leakages, and falling imports have deepened fiscal strain and increased Bangladesh’s dependence on borrowing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-already-debt-trap-nbr-chairman-1304806>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

IFRS 9 adoption key to restoring trust in banking sector: Experts

- Experts say adopting IFRS 9 will help restore trust in Bangladesh’s banking sector by bringing in a forward-looking “expected credit loss” (ECL) model. That would replace the current “incurred-loss” approach, meaning banks would have to provision for potential future loan losses, thereby improving transparency and risk assessment.
- However, successful implementation faces serious challenges: many banks lack sufficient data, strong risk-modelling capacity and technology infrastructure. Without addressing these gaps and improving governance, IFRS 9 risks becoming a technical formality rather than a real step toward stability.”

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ifrs-9-adoption-key-to-restoring-trust-in-banking-sector-experts-1765211235>

HC rejects writ against merger of five troubled Islamic banks

- The High Court of Bangladesh has rejected a writ petition that challenged the merger of five troubled private Islamic banks into a new entity, Sammilito Islami Bank. The Court accepted the government’s argument that the merger, executed under Bank Resolution Ordinance 2025, does not require provision of shares or compensation to existing shareholders; hence their claim for protection of shareholder interests lacked legal merit..

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/court/hc-rejects-writ-against-merger-five-troubled-islamic-banks-1304606>

BB orders banks to tighten loan-defaulter checks for election candidates

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has ordered all commercial banks to tighten and update loan-defaulter checks for candidates submitting nomination papers for the upcoming national election, ensuring complete and accurate loan-default and identity data in the Credit Information Bureau (CIB) database.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-orders-banks-tighten-loan-defaulter-checks-election-candidates-1304926>

Pharmaceuticals

Bangladesh's vaccine export dreams on hold over WHO certification

- Nearly a decade on, Bangladesh remains grounded in the global vaccine race as its Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) has yet to secure the World Health Organization's Maturity Level-3 (ML-3) certification – a key requirement for pre-qualification and large-scale export of locally produced vaccines.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-vaccine-export-dreams-hold-over-who-certification-1304981>

Fuel & Power

Power and energy sector leads ADP spending, but structural risks loom large: Planning Commission report

- Bangladesh's power and energy sector has emerged as a major performer in government expenditure, far outpacing most other ministries in implementing its development budget for the fiscal year (FY) 2024–25, according to the first-ever "State of the Economy" report released by the General Economics Division (GED) of the Planning Commission.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/power-and-energy-sector-leads-adp-spending-structural-risks-loom-large-1304296>

Capital Market

Stocks rebound as investors cheer anticipated poll dates

- Stocks on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) bounced back on Monday (8 December) after a recent downturn. According to market insiders, investors responded positively to expectations that the national election schedule will be announced between 8–15 December. However, overall trading activity remains below typical levels.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-rebound-investors-cheer-anticipated-poll-dates-1304891>

BSEC assures fair pricing under new IPO rules

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has assured that companies seeking to enter the capital market under the revised Initial Public Offering (IPO) rules will receive fair pricing and transparent valuation, as part of a broader effort to modernise the listing framework and strengthen regulatory oversight.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-assures-fair-pricing-under-new-ipo-rules-1304886>

Short-circuit at BBS Cables: Once a Tk100cr profit maker, now a Tk100cr loss burden

- BBS Cables PLC, once one of the most promising industrial names on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) capable of churning out over Tk100 crore in annual profits, has suffered a catastrophic financial meltdown.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/short-circuit-bbs-cables-once-tk100cr-profit-maker-now-tk100cr-loss-burden-1304921>

Two firms post losses, declare no dividend

- Two listed companies – The Dacca Dyeing & Manufacturing and Alltex Industries – have declared no dividend for their shareholders for the fiscal year 2024–25. The decisions were taken at separate board of directors' meetings held on Sunday.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/two-firms-post-losses-declare-no-dividend-1304901>

Bd Thai Aluminium posts 2.5 times higher Q1 loss

- Bd. Thai Aluminium posted a 2.5 times higher loss in the first quarter of FY26 compared to the same quarter of the previous year, amounting to Tk 89.44 million.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bd-thai-aluminium-posts-25-times-higher-q1-loss-1765211263>