

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,932.97
% change	-0.62%
DS30 Index	1,891.49
% change	-0.62%
DSES Index	1,028.01
% change	-0.62%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,574.95
Turnover (USD mn)	37.41
% change	-1.35%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.51%
S&P 500	6,827.41
% change	-1.07%
Nikkei 225	50,056.00
% change	-0.19%
FTSE 100	9,649.03
% change	-0.56%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.25	122.29
EUR	143.52	143.58
GBP	163.42	163.58
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
14-Dec-24	9.75-11.00	9.99
11-Dec-24	9.90-11.00	10.00

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	61.28	0.26%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,302.50	0.45%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.83	-0.22%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.62% on the last trading day, closing at 4,932.97 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 1.35% 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 0.19% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.99%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.26%, gold price rose by 0.45%, and cotton price fell by 0.22% yesterday.

Economic Outlook

BD to buy second spot LNG cargo for Jan 2026

- Bangladesh to purchase second spot LNG cargo for January 2026: Bangladesh's state-run Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) is seeking price quotations to buy a second liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargo on the spot market for delivery around January 9-10, 2026 (about 3.36 million MMBtu) to be unloaded at Moheshkhali Island's FSRU facilities.
- The most recent spot LNG tender was awarded to TotalEnergies for delivery in early January at about \$10.37 per MMBtu.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bd-to-buy-second-spot-lng-cargo-for-jan-2026-1765736373>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

One-third of local private banks keep NPLs below 10%

- Seventeen local private banks have maintained non-performing loans (NPLs) below 10%, showing stronger asset quality compared to most peers amid rising bad loans in the banking sector.
- These banks achieved lower NPLs through disciplined lending, risk monitoring, diversified portfolios, and stronger governance, while the industry average NPL remains high.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/one-third-local-private-banks-keep-npls-below-10-4058581>

Tk 50b digital loans disbursed from City Bank via bKash app

- City Bank has disbursed over Tk 50 billion in collateral-free digital loans through the bKash app within three years of launching the service, with more than 1.9 million customers using it across all 64 districts and about 25% of borrowers being women.
- The instant loans, ranging from Tk 500 to Tk 50,000 without paperwork or collateral, are aimed at expanding financial inclusion, helping users cover expenses like medical costs, education, business capital, travel, and emergencies.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/tk-50b-digital-loans-disbursed-from-city-bank-via-bkash-app-1765736400>

88% of bank prepaid cards issued in September were virtual

- Virtual cards made up 88 % of all prepaid cards issued by banks in September, with 85.2 lakh of the 97.2 lakh prepaid cards being virtual, highlighting strong growth in digital payment adoption. Virtual and internet banking transactions also rose, and new digital payment tools like the Taka Pay debit card gained momentum, according to Bangladesh Bank's e-Banking and e-Commerce report.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/88-bank-prepaid-cards-issued-september-were-virtual-4058201>

Monzur Mofiz new Managing Director (CC) of Premier Bank

- Monzur Mofiz has been appointed the new Managing Director and CEO of Premier Bank, succeeding the previous leadership as the bank looks to build on its strategic goals. His appointment is expected to strengthen Premier Bank's operational and growth focus in the competitive banking sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/monzur-mofiz-new-managing-director-cc-of-premier-bank-1765738422>

First Security Islami Bank reveals true financial health

- First Security Islami Bank revealed a massive loss of about Tk 57,576 crore for January–September 2025 after Bangladesh Bank withdrew a deferral on provisioning requirements, showing far worse financial health than previously reported.
- This disclosure comes as the bank is being merged with other struggling Shariah-based lenders under regulatory restructuring efforts due to widespread distress in the sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/first-security-islami-bank-reveals-true-financial-health-1765738324>

Travel and Leisure

Tourism picks up as hotels, resorts report 60% occupancy

- Hotels and resorts in major tourist destinations across Bangladesh are reporting 60 percent to 80 percent occupancy this December, showing strong demand and a busy holiday season.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tourism-picks-hotels-resorts-report-60-occupancy-4058576>

Textile

Garment exports to alternative markets fall over 3% in FY26

- Bangladesh's garment exports to non-traditional markets such as Australia, India, South Korea and Russia have declined sharply, with overall shipments to these destinations falling by more than 3% in the first five months of the current fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/garment-exports-alternative-markets-fall-over-3-fy26-1309956>

Capital Market

Tk10,000cr equity fund, tax breaks proposed for capital market boost

- A finance ministry-formed committee has recommended creating a Tk10,000 crore fund to boost liquidity in the capital market, alongside a Tk3,000 crore fund offering loans to small investors at a 4% interest rate.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/tk10000cr-equity-fund-tax-breaks-proposed-capital-market-boost-1310056>

DSE to launch trading of preference shares for the first time tomorrow

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is set to make history as it launches secondary market trading of preference shares tomorrow (15 December) for the first time, marking a significant step in diversifying instruments available in Bangladesh's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-launch-trading-preference-shares-first-time-tomorrow-1310021>

Global Heavy Chemicals incurs Tk6cr loss in Q1 of FY26

- Global Heavy Chemicals Limited has incurred a loss of Tk6.10 crore in the first quarter of the current fiscal year due to a sharp decline in sales and increasing fixed and financial expenses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/global-heavy-chemicals-incurs-tk6cr-loss-q1-fy26-1309966>

Large-caps drive volatility in struggling stock market

- A combination of factors, including a decline in foreign portfolio investments, concerns over the viability of several financial institutions, and fresh political unrest, has led to increased caution among investors.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/large-caps-drive-volatility-in-struggling-stock-market-1765738366>