

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,890.05
% change	-0.87%
DS30 Index	1,877.19
% change	-0.76%
DSES Index	1,016.35
% change	-1.13%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,131.19
Turnover (USD mn)	33.78
% change	-9.70%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.09%
S&P 500	6,816.51
% change	-0.16%
Nikkei 225	50,168.11
% change	0.22%
FTSE 100	9,751.31
% change	1.06%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.29	122.29
EUR	143.57	143.58
GBP	163.48	163.58
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
15-Dec-24	9.90-11.00	10.02
14-Dec-24	9.75-11.00	9.99

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	58.92	-2.71%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,303.80	0.03%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.10	-1.31%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.87% on the last trading day, closing at 4,890.05 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 9.70% 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 0.22% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.02%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 2.71%, gold price rose by 0.03%, and cotton price fell by 1.31% yesterday.

Economic Outlook

Central bank buys dollars to steady taka

- The Bangladesh Bank bought US\$141.5 million from 13 commercial banks through an auction (at about Tk 122.30 per dollar) as part of its ongoing efforts to keep the exchange rate of the US dollar against the taka stable and support export earnings and remittance inflows.
- Since July 13, 2025, the central bank has purchased about US \$2.80 billion under a free-floating exchange rate system, which also helps strengthen foreign exchange reserves (recently above US \$32 billion).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/central-bank-buys-dollars-to-steady-taka-1765822664>

Bangladesh to boost LNG imports on lower global prices

- Bangladesh is planning to increase its LNG imports because global spot prices have fallen and domestic gas production is insufficient to meet demand. Officials say prices are lower than earlier in the year and are likely to remain subdued, so the government may bring in more cargoes than originally planned for the 2025–26 fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-boost-lng-imports-lower-global-prices-4060136>

Bangladesh spent \$26b on debt servicing in FY24

- Bangladesh spent over \$26 billion on debt servicing in FY 2023–24, which consumed almost half of the national budget and limited government spending on development and social programs. Rising debt and interest payments are putting significant pressure on fiscal space, especially given weak domestic revenue mobilisation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-spent-26b-debt-servicing-fy24-4059411>

Trade deficit widens to \$7.5b in Jul-Oct as Ramadan imports rise

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened sharply to about \$7.5 billion in the first four months of the current fiscal year (July–October) as imports rose faster than exports, driven largely by higher purchases of fuel, fertiliser and essential goods ahead of Ramadan.
- Imports reached \$22.11 billion while exports were \$14.5 billion, and the current account also posted a deficit despite increased remittances, although the financial account showed a surplus due to higher trade credit and borrowing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/trade-deficit-widens-75b-jul-oct-ramadan-imports-rise-1311036>

Record-low ADP spending in first five months FY26

- Bangladesh's government spent only Tk 28,043.62 crore (about 11.75% of the total allocation) on the Annual Development Programme (ADP) in the first five months (July–November) of the 2025–26 fiscal year, marking the lowest early-year implementation in recent history.
- The sluggish execution, blamed on delays in approvals, contractor shortages and pre-election priorities, has stalled many development projects and could undermine economic growth and job creation if not improved.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adp-spending-record-low-tk28cr-first-5-months-current-fiscal-1310756>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Investment Corporation of Bangladesh holds 49th AGM

- ICB held its 49th AGM virtually, chaired by Prof. Abu Ahmed, where shareholders approved the annual report and audited accounts for FY 2024-25. No dividend was declared this year (down from a 2% dividend last year), and ICB reported Tk 3,574.34 crore invested in the capital market, with a 6.55% increase in total transaction volume compared to the previous year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/investment-corporation-bangladesh-holds-49th-agm-4059266>

Rupali Bank's risky lending to 32 large clients ends up in Tk14,156cr defaults

- Rupali Bank has Tk 14,156 crore in defaulted loans tied to 32 large borrowers, many of whom received loans beyond regulatory exposure limits, highlighting poor risk management and concentrated lending.
- The bank's management says lawsuits and rescheduling efforts are underway. Still, weak transparency and past regulatory forbearance have left Rupali with one of the highest default rates among state-owned banks, straining its financial position.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/rupali-banks-risky-lending-32-large-clients-ends-tk14156cr-defaults-1311861>

Capital Market

Renata's debt-reduction strategy may spur new entrants to secondary market

- Renata's listed preference shares, offering a 15 per cent return, may serve as an example for other companies seeking to reduce debt burdens while strengthening investor confidence.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/renatas-debt-reduction-strategy-may-spur-new-entrants-to-secondary-market-1765820078>

Square Pharma AGM approves 120pc cash dividends

- At its 59th AGM, Square Pharmaceuticals PLC approved a substantial 120 % cash dividend for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, following robust growth in both revenue and profits, rewarding shareholders generously.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/square-pharma-agm-approves-120pc-cash-dividends-1765820199>

Square Textiles declares 32pc cash dividends

- At its 30th AGM, Square Textiles PLC announced a generous 32 % cash dividend for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, following significant growth in both revenue and profitability, highlighting the company's strong financial performance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/square-textiles-declares-32pc-cash-dividends-1765820227>