

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,853.91
% change	-0.74%
DS30 Index	1,869.21
% change	-0.42%
DSES Index	1,008.81
% change	-0.74%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,757.85
Turnover (USD mn)	30.72
% change	-9.04%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.62%
S&P 500	6,800.26
% change	-0.24%
Nikkei 225	49,383.29
% change	-1.56%
FTSE 100	9,684.79
% change	-0.68%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.31
EUR	143.57	143.62
GBP	163.58	163.63
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
17-Dec-24	9.80-11.00	10.00
15-Dec-24	9.90-11.00	10.02

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	59.68	1.29%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,341.08	0.87%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.43	0.52%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.74% on the last trading day, closing at 4,853.91 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 9.04% 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 1.56% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.00%, standing between 9.80% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 1.29%, gold price rose by 0.87%, and cotton price rose by 0.52% yesterday.

Economic Outlook

Bangladesh Bank buys another \$67m from 7 banks

- Bangladesh Bank bought another \$67 million from seven commercial banks at an exchange rate of Tk 122.30 per US dollar as part of its continued interventions to support the foreign exchange market. With this purchase, total dollar acquisitions reached \$691.5 million in December 2025 and about \$2.87 billion so far in the current fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-buys-another-67m-7-banks-4060741>

Govt unveils new 5-year plan to bolster fiscal governance

- Bangladesh government launches a new five-year Public Financial Management (PFM) Reform Strategy (2025–2030) aimed at strengthening fiscal governance by shifting from system-based reforms to outcome-focused accountability, transparency, and improved service delivery across sectors like health, education, and social protection. The plan includes 15 reform pillars covering fiscal sustainability, debt management, procurement, oversight, and digital transformation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-unveils-new-5-year-plan-bolster-fiscal-governance-4060841>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

New microcredit bank in the offing, to operate on social business model

- Bangladesh is planning a new microcredit bank based on a “social business” model championed by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, with a draft ordinance proposing that borrowers will own at least 60% of the shares and the institution will be regulated by the Microcredit Regulatory Authority instead of the central bank. The model aims to cap profits at initial investment and reinvest surplus funds to support small enterprises, venture capital, savings, and advisory services.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/new-microcredit-bank-offing-operate-social-business-model-1312801>

Mainul Kabir appointed MD of SBAC Bank

- SM Mainul Kabir has been appointed Managing Director (MD) and CEO of SBAC Bank PLC, bringing over 30 years of extensive banking experience, most recently serving as Deputy Managing Director at United Commercial Bank PLC.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/mainul-kabir-appointed-md-sbac-bank-4060811>

Textile

Garment exports to EU might lose duty-free access after graduation

- Bangladeshi-made readymade garments might not get duty-free market access to the European Union (EU) under GSP-plus facility after its graduation and related transition period up to 2029, sources say.
- After the year 2029, Bangladesh will lose its duty-free market access to the EU under the current EBA or everything-but-arms facility and will be eligible to apply for GSP-plus package deal, they say, but locally made garment exports might not get the duty-free benefit under the EU's new GSP scheme.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/garment-exports-to-eu-might-lose-duty-free-access-after-graduation-1765994645>

Capital Market

BSEC approves 10% stock dividend for Quasem Industries

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved a 10% stock dividend proposed by Quasem Industries Limited for the year ended 30 June 2025, allowing the company to move ahead with its plan to strengthen paid-up capital through bonus shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-approves-10-stock-dividend-quasem-industries-1312766>

Second generation takes the helm at Crown Cement

- Crown Cement PLC, one of Bangladesh's leading cement manufacturers, is ushering in a new phase of leadership as members of the second generation from its sponsor families step into board-level roles, marking a significant transition in the company's long-term governance and succession planning.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/second-generation-takes-helm-crown-cement-1312746>

Genex Infosys posts 17% profit growth in Jul-Sep quarter

- Genex Infosys PLC, a listed information technology solutions provider, reported a 17% year-on-year growth in consolidated net profit for the July–September quarter of the current fiscal year, supported by higher operating efficiency and improved cash flows.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/genex-infosys-posts-17-profit-growth-jul-sep-quarter-1312736>

Stocks nosedive for three straight sessions

- Stocks at the Dhaka bourse extended their losing streak for a third consecutive session today (17 December), as investor participation remained shaky ahead of the national election scheduled for February next year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-nosedive-three-straight-sessions-1312706>

Delay in revised IPO rules puts a brake on listings

- The year 2025 is nearing its end without a single company being listed, a rare event in the history of the country's capital market.
- The current commission of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), formed after the political changeover in August last year, has yet to finalise revised public issue rules, which market analysts say is a major reason companies have shown little interest in entering the secondary market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/delay-in-revised-ipo-rules-puts-a-brake-on-listings-1765990498>

Global Heavy in deep crisis as liabilities exceed assets by 8 times

- The statutory auditors of Global Heavy Chemicals Limited have raised serious concerns regarding the company's financial sustainability, as its liabilities exceed its assets by over eight times, and its ability to continue as a going concern.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/global-heavy-deep-crisis-liabilities-exceed-assets-8-times-1312681>