

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,874.52
% change	1.00%
DS30 Index	1,871.34
% change	0.96%
DSES Index	1,006.80
% change	0.77%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,959.46
Turnover (USD mn)	32.37
% change	35.04%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.47%
S&P 500	6,878.49
% change	0.64%
Nikkei 225	50,442.00
% change	1.89%
FTSE 100	9,865.97
% change	-0.32%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.33
EUR	143.82	143.87
GBP	164.64	164.69
INR	1.36	1.37

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
22-Dec-24	9.80-11.00	10.03
21-Dec-24	9.80-11.00	10.02

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	60.84	0.61%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,355.47	0.39%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.61	-0.22%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 1.00% on the last trading day, closing at 4,874.52 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 35.04% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the leading global indices rose during the last trading day.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, posted a 1.89% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.03%, standing between 9.80% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.61%, gold price rose by 0.39%, and cotton price fell by 0.22% last day.

Economic Outlook

Inflation may fall below 7% by June: govt

- The government expects inflation in Bangladesh to fall below 7% by June 2026, supported by tight monetary policy, controlled public spending, and easing price pressures.
- Recent data already show improvement, with inflation declining below 9% alongside better agricultural output, stronger foreign exchange reserves, and stabilising macroeconomic conditions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/inflation-may-fall-below-7-june-govt-4064116>

LDC exit nears but trade deals stayed in waiting mode in 2025

- Bangladesh's LDC graduation is approaching (Nov 2026), but most major trade deals intended to retain duty-free access post-graduation are still in preliminary stages or not yet enforced, leaving exporters uncertain about future market access.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ldc-exit-nears-trade-deals-stayed-waiting-mode-2025-4064151>

Forex reserves cross \$28bn, rise \$1.5bn in 20 days

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves have exceeded \$28 billion, reaching about \$28.04 billion, rising by roughly \$1.5 billion in just 20 days according to Bangladesh Bank figures.
- The increase is mainly due to Bangladesh Bank buying dollars from commercial banks through auctions, supported by stronger remittance inflows, which have boosted the dollar supply and helped stabilise the exchange rate.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forex-reserves-cross-28bn-rise-15bn-20-days-1316656>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

NBFC lending drops 4.62pc in Q3'25

- NBFC lending declined in Q3 2025 (July–September), with total economic-purpose loan disbursements falling 4.62% from the previous quarter to about Tk 48.58 billion, continuing a slowdown after peaking earlier in the year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nbfc-lending-drops-462pc-in-q325-1766426250>

BRAC Bank launches SME innovation lab

- BRAC Bank has launched the country's first SME innovation lab called "Finnovision" to support small businesses (cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises) by developing and scaling innovative solutions to economic, social and environmental challenges they face.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/brac-bank-launches-sme-innovation-lab-4064096>

Textile

Excelerate Energy to start LNG supply from early January

- US-based Excelerate Energy is set to begin supplying liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Bangladesh from early January under a long-term contract, providing a fresh boost to the country's strained natural gas-supply system.
- "We will start purchasing LNG from the US company from January under a sales and purchase agreement (SPA) signed a couple of years ago," a senior Petrobangla official told The Financial Express on Monday.
- Under the SPA, signed in November 2023, Excelerate Energy will supply up to 1.0 million tonnes per year (MTPA) of LNG to state-run Petrobangla, the official said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/excelerate-energy-to-start-lng-supply-from-early-january-1766425973>

Capital Market

Dhaka stocks snap five-days losing streak amid buying appetite

- Dhaka stocks snapped a five-day losing streak today (22 December), returning to the green amid buying dominance, led mainly by large-cap and blue-chip stocks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-snap-five-days-losing-streak-amid-buying-appetite-1316706>

BSC approves 25pc cash dividend after record profit

- The state-run corporation reported its highest-ever net profit of Tk 3.06 billion for FY25, driven by strong operating income and controlled expenditure.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsc-approves-25pc-cash-dividend-after-record-profit-1766422870>

Hakkani Pulp AGM approves 5pc dividend

- The 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Hakkani Pulp & Paper Mills PLC was held on Saturday in hybrid mode, combining both physical and virtual participation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/hakkani-pulp-agm-approves-5pc-dividend-1766422957>

CROWN CEMENT DECLARES 21PC CASH DIVIDEND

- Shareholders of Crown Cement have approved 21 per cent cash dividends for the year ended June 30, as recommended by the company's board of directors. The approval was given during the 31st annual general meeting of the company, which was held on a digital platform on Monday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/crown-cement-declares-21pc-cash-dividend-1766423067>

BSEC approves stock dividends of some, rejects others despite audit opinions

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's (BSEC) recent decisions on stock dividend approvals have triggered fresh debate in the capital market, as several companies have secured regulatory clearance for bonus shares despite having qualified audit opinions in their financial statements, while others have faced outright rejection on similar grounds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-approves-stock-dividends-some-rejects-others-despite-audit-opinions-1316721>

Islamic Finance asset value nearly doubles to Tk58cr after revaluation

- The asset value of Islamic Finance and Investment Limited, a non-bank financial institution, almost doubled to Tk58.16 crore following a revaluation of its land and buildings, according to disclosures released yesterday.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islamic-finance-asset-value-nearly-doubles-tk58cr-after-revaluation-1316686>

Intraco Refueling sees 19% profit declines in Q1

- Intraco Refueling Stations, a CNG refueling stations operator, has reported year-on-year 19% declines in its consolidated profit in the first quarter of the current fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/intraco-refueling-sees-19-profit-declines-q1-1316671>

Jamuna Oil, Meghna Petroleum see billions stuck in cash-strapped banks

- State-run Jamuna oil and Meghna Petroleum are at 'high credit risk' as their investments in fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) equivalent to Tk 16.95 billion are stuck with banks facing acute liquidity crises.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/jamuna-oil-meghna-petroleum-see-billions-stuck-in-cash-strapped-banks-1766422755>