

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,861.56
% change	-0.15%
DS30 Index	1,857.50
% change	-0.52%
DSES Index	999.98
% change	-0.29%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,099.67
Turnover (USD mn)	25.34
% change	-19.51%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.51%
S&P 500	6,905.74
% change	-0.35%
Nikkei 225	50,279.00
% change	-0.93%
FTSE 100	9,866.53
% change	-0.04%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.32
EUR	143.96	144.02
GBP	165.06	165.23
INR	1.36	1.36

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
29-Dec-25	9.80-11.00	10.00
28-Dec-25	9.80-11.00	10.03

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	61.49	1.22%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,332.08	-4.31%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.35	-0.22%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.15% on the last trading day, closing at 4,861.56 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 19.51% 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 0.04% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated 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 1.22%, gold price fell by 4.31%, and cotton price fell by 0.22% last day.

Economic Outlook

2025 brings calm to external balance sheet, not to businesses

- In 2025 Bangladesh's external sector strengthened – with record remittance inflows, a more stable foreign exchange market, higher dollar reserves, and a return to a balance of payments surplus. These developments eased pressure on the external balance sheet and boosted macroeconomic stability.
- Despite these external gains, domestic businesses struggled due to political uncertainty, weak law and order, high interest rates, low investment, and sluggish credit growth, keeping overall business sentiment and economic activity subdued..

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/2025-brings-calm-external-balance-sheet-not-businesses-4068916>

14.3% growth of remittance inflow till 27 Dec

- Bangladesh's remittance inflow grew 14.3% year-on-year for the period up to December 27, 2025, reaching about \$2,752 million compared to \$2,408 million in the same period last year.
- From July 1 to December 27, 2025 (the current fiscal year), remittances sent by expatriates totaled approximately \$15,791 million, up from \$13,545 million in the same period of the previous fiscal year, reflecting continued strong inflows..

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/143-growth-remittance-inflow-till-27-dec-1321406>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Janata Bank's top 33 clients default on Tk56,131cr

- The top 33 clients of state-owned Janata Bank have defaulted on loans totaling Tk 56,131 crore, with many of these loans exceeding regulatory single-borrower limits due to special approvals. Political influence, weak oversight, and lax regulation contributed to excessive risk concentration in a small group of borrowers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/janata-banks-top-33-clients-default-tk56131cr-1321381>

Textile

RMG exporters to shoulder EU tariffs in post duty-free era

- Bangladeshi apparel exporters are likely to absorb much of the future EU tariffs by cutting their own prices once duty-free access ends, according to a new study that warns of pressure on profits and long-term competitiveness.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/rmg/news/rmg-exporters-shoulder-eu-tariffs-post-duty-free-era-4068881>

Telecom

Telecom giants leave a heavier carbon footprint in Bangladesh

- In 2024, Norwegian telecom group Telenor, the parent company of leading local operator Grameenphone, recorded its highest greenhouse gas emissions in Bangladesh among all its global operations, according to Telenor's annual report.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/telecom-giants-leave-heavier-carbon-footprint-bangladesh-4068941>

2025 telecom reset: Policy rewritten, but fault lines remain

- As 2025 draws to a close, Bangladesh's telecommunications sector stands at a pivotal juncture, reshaped by a wave of policy interventions that have altered how connectivity is regulated, owned and governed.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/telecom-giants-leave-heavier-carbon-footprint-bangladesh-4068941>

Capital Market

Stocks slip for two straight days

- Stocks on the Dhaka bourse extended their losing streak for a second consecutive session today (29 December), as cautious investors largely stayed on the sidelines, leading to a sharp fall in turnover and muted trading activity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-slip-two-straight-days-1322156>

ICB hit by Tk140cr loss as five banks merge

- Amid mounting financial strain due to a volatile capital market and poor investment choices, the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), a state-owned investment bank, has taken another hit, with investments worth around Tk140 crore in five banks wiped out following their merger.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/icb-hit-tk140cr-loss-five-banks-merge-1322141>

How Al-Haj Textile posts record profit in FY24

- The company's audited financial statements show that the profit surge was driven primarily by a one-off accounting recognition linked to the resolution of a long-running legal dispute with Agrani Bank, rather than a strong operational recovery.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/how-al-haj-textile-posts-record-profit-fy24-1322136>