

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,958.99
% change	-0.15%
DS30 Index	1,912.72
% change	0.24%
DSES Index	995.93
% change	-0.20%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,798.02
Turnover (USD mn)	31.04
% change	2.74%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.60%
S&P 500	6,944.47
% change	0.26%
Nikkei 225	54,110.50
% change	0.27%
FTSE 100	10,238.94
% change	0.54%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.33	122.35
EUR	141.87	141.94
GBP	163.69	163.75
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
15-Jan-26	9.75-11.00	10.01
14-Jan-26	9.60-11.00	9.90

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	63.76	-4.15%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,614.91	-0.13%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.71	-0.43%

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 4,958.99 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 2.74% 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 0.54% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.01%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 4.15%, gold price fell by 0.13%, and cotton price fell by 0.43% last day.

Global

Retail investors steer record amount of cash into silver, creating crowded trade

- Retail investors have poured a record amount of money—about \$921.8 million over the past 30 days—into silver-linked exchange-traded funds, making silver the most crowded commodity trade and driving prices sharply higher, with some analysts calling the rally structural rather than just speculative.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/trade-market/retail-investors-steer-record-amount-of-cash-into-silver-creating-crowded-trade-1768586368>

Global equity funds post strongest weekly inflows in 15 weeks

- Global equity funds recorded their largest weekly net inflows in 15 weeks, with about \$45.6 billion of new investments in the week to January 14, as easing U.S. inflation and rising expectations of interest rate cuts boosted global stock markets and pushed the MSCI World Index toward record highs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/global-equity-funds-post-strongest-weekly-inflows-in-15-weeks-1768585877>

Economic Outlook

Govt seeks fast-track ADB budget support of \$500 million

- The Bangladesh government is pushing the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to fast-track the release of US \$500 million in budget support under a policy-based reform programme to help finance a widening fiscal deficit in FY 2025-26 and to support key economic reforms, with funds expected to be disbursed quickly once evaluation is completed.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-seeks-fast-track-adb-budget-support-of-500-million-1768670189>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Amendment to massively change bank board formation

- The proposed amendment to the Bank Company Act in Bangladesh would significantly change how bank boards are formed—reducing the number of directors, limiting family members on boards, and requiring half of directors to be independent (selected from a Bangladesh Bank-approved panel)—as part of efforts to strengthen governance in the banking sector, with government approval expected soon.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/amendment-to-massively-change-bank-board-formation-1768499403>

BRAC Bank, BRAC EPL close Centre for Development Innovation and Practices' first zero-coupon bond

- BRAC Bank and BRAC EPL Investments successfully closed the first-ever zero-coupon bond issued by the Centre for Development Innovation and Practices (CDIP) with a face value of Tk 171 crore, marking a milestone in Bangladesh's debt market by diversifying funding sources for a development-focused non-profit and boosting investor interest in non-bank financial instruments.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/brac-bank-brac-epl-close-centre-for-development-innovation-and-practices-first-zero-coupon-bond-1768496739>

The dangerous illusion of bank bonds

- Bank-issued subordinated bonds are creating a false sense of stronger capital, as banks largely buy each other's bonds to meet regulatory requirements, recycling risk within the system rather than bringing in fresh capital and increasing overall financial vulnerability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/the-dangerous-illusion-bank-bonds-4083721>

Pharmaceuticals

Pharma must sell 25% essential drugs for new medicine approval, govt mandates

- The government has mandated that pharmaceutical companies must ensure at least 25 % of their annual sales come from essential medicines (of an expanded list of 295 drugs) to qualify for approval of any new products; firms that fail to meet this requirement will be barred from getting new drug approvals—a move intended to improve access and affordability but criticised by industry as unrealistic and potentially harmful to production and supply.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/pharma-must-sell-25-essential-drugs-new-medicine-approval-govt-mandates-1336141>

Capital Market

Stocks back in red amid selling pressure

- The stock market slipped into the red last week as broad selling pressure—driven by investor concern over a domestic gas crisis, geopolitical tensions, weak participation and rumours of stock downgrades—weighed on sentiment, leading major indices and turnover to fall after a prior winning streak.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/stocks-back-in-red-amid-selling-pressure-1768585865>

Listed BEXIMCO firms halt board meetings as legal stalemate drags on

- Three major listed BEXIMCO companies have stopped holding board meetings since March last year because of an ongoing legal dispute over appointed independent directors, delaying approvals of financial statements and other regulatory duties, though the securities regulator has now ordered the firms to hold meetings within a set deadline.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/listed-beximco-firms-halt-board-meetings-as-legal-stalemate-drags-on-1768496445>