

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,091.68
% change	1.12%
DS30 Index	1,964.93
% change	1.33%
DSES Index	1,023.55
% change	1.40%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,934.04
Turnover (USD mn)	48.51
% change	25.17%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.17%
S&P 500	6,940.01
% change	-0.06%
Nikkei 225	53,936.17
% change	-0.32%
FTSE 100	10,235.29
% change	-0.04%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.33
EUR	142.42	142.48
GBP	164.18	164.31
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
19-Jan-26	9.90-11.00	10.26
18-Jan-26	9.85-11.00	10.11

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	63.77	-0.56%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,672.62	1.69%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.66	-0.08%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 1.12% on the last trading day, closing at 5091.68 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 25.17% 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 0.32% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.26%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 0.56%, gold price rose by 1.69%, and cotton price fell by 0.08% last day.

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Banks to chase borrowers as liquidity swells

- Bangladesh Bank Governor Ahsan H Mansur says that surplus liquidity is building up in the banking system due to strong deposit growth outpacing government borrowing, forcing commercial banks to actively seek more private-sector borrowers to invest excess funds and support economic activity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-to-chase-borrowers-as-liquidity-swells-1768846429>

Capital Market

Stocks rise for second day ahead of election

- Bangladesh's stock market rose for the second consecutive day ahead of the national election, with key indices (DSEX, DS30, DSES) gaining as investor confidence improved and trading activity increased. Investors are optimistic that the election will proceed smoothly and that political stability could boost the economy and corporate profits.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/stocks-rise-second-day-ahead-election-4085246>

BD Lamps posts Tk10 lakh profit in Q2, half-year losses decline significantly

- Bangladesh Lamps Ltd (BD Lamps) reported a small profit of Tk 10 lakh in the second quarter of FY26, and its half-year losses narrowed significantly compared with the same period last year thanks to higher revenue and improved cash flow. However, it still posted an overall loss for the first six months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bd-lamps-posts-tk10-lakh-profit-q2-half-year-losses-decline-significantly-1338641>

BSEC rejects Tk 2,100cr bank bonds cleared by BB

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected bank bond issuance proposals worth Tk 2,100 crore that had earlier been cleared by Bangladesh Bank (BB), saying the banks' financial performance, especially liquidity and profitability, is not satisfactory, despite BB's no-objection certificates.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bsec-rejects-tk-2100cr-bank-bonds-cleared-bb-4085256>

Future profitability to drive IPO share pricing under 2025 rules

- Under Bangladesh's new Public Offer of Equity Securities Rules, 2025, IPO share pricing will increasingly be driven by future profitability and growth prospects rather than being strictly tied to past book values as under the old framework, aiming to attract high-growth companies to the capital market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/future-profitability-to-drive-ipo-share-pricing-under-2025-rules-1768842755>