

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,910.61
% change	0.93%
DS30 Index	1,869.42
% change	0.86%
DSES Index	1,006.00
% change	0.53%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,681.60
Turnover (USD mn)	30.09
% change	3.99%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.03%
S&P 500	6,858.47
% change	-0.55%
Nikkei 225	50,339.48
% change	0.00%
FTSE 100	9,951.14
% change	0.10%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.35
EUR	143.64	143.71
GBP	164.77	164.89
INR	1.36	1.36

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
04-Jan-26	9.90-11.00	10.00
01-Jan-26	10.00-11.00	10.03

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	60.75	-1.89%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,330.50	-0.37%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.01	-0.48%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.93% on the last trading day, closing at 4,910.61 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 3.99% 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 0.00% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.00%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.89%, gold price fell by 0.37%, and cotton price fell by 0.48% last day.

Global Outlook

Tariffs, China, and the dollar: What Wall Street got wrong in 2025

- This was one of the most topsy-turvy years in living memory for financial markets, as US President Donald Trump tore up the economic playbook that has shaped the multilateral, globalized world for decades.
- The president's strategy may have been well telegraphed, but its impact on markets, growth, and policymaking turned out to be very different from what most Wall Street analysts had expected.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/tariffs-china-and-the-dollar-what-wall-street-got-wrong-in-2025-1767456855>

Economic Outlook

NBR surpasses VAT registration target in December

- NBR exceeded its December VAT registration target by bringing 131,000 previously unregistered businesses under the VAT net through a nationwide campaign conducted from December 10–31, surpassing the original goal.
- The drive expanded the country's VAT base, raising the total number of registered VAT entities to around 775,000, up from 516,000 before the interim government took office—a move seen as key to boosting domestic revenue mobilization.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbr-surpasses-vat-registration-target-december-4072096>

Remittances hit record high in 2025

- Overseas Bangladeshis sent home US \$32.82 billion, marking the highest annual remittance figure ever and providing significant support to the country's external sector by strengthening the current-account balance and foreign exchange reserves.
- The increase—over 8 % from 2024—was driven by improved labour market conditions abroad, cash incentives for remitters, and expanded digital banking channels that reduced reliance on informal transfer methods; remittances now surpass most other foreign currency sources except export earnings.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/remittances-hit-record-high-in-2025-1767290960>

Businesses underprepared as LDC graduation clock ticks

- Bangladesh's private sector says businesses are not ready for LDC graduation: With less than 11 months left before Bangladesh exits the least developed country (LDC) category, many companies, especially exporters, warn they lack adequate preparation, including necessary trade agreements and competitive capacity, putting up to \$8 billion in export earnings at risk once preferential market access ends.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/businesses-underprepared-ldc-graduation-clock-ticks-4072506>

Private sector credit growth remained slow at 6.58% in November

- Private sector credit growth in Bangladesh stayed weak in November 2025. Credit growth to businesses remained low at 6.58 %, below the target set by Bangladesh Bank and continuing a six-month trend of sub-7 % growth, reflecting limited borrowing by private companies.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-sector-credit-growth-remained-slow-658-november-1324511>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

IDRA overhauls CEO appointment rules to end leadership vacancies

- IDRA has amended CEO appointment regulations to fill leadership gaps. The regulator revised the Insurance Company (CEO Appointment and Removal) Regulations, 2012 to widen eligibility, simplify the process, and help insurance firms fill vacant top executive posts that previously remained open due to stringent criteria.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/idra-overhauls-ceo-appointment-rules-to-end-leadership-vacancies-1767287619>

Borrowers face jail even after losing assets as banks pursue dual legal action

- Banks in Bangladesh are using dual legal action against defaulting borrowers. Lenders are pursuing loan recovery through civil cases in Money Loan Courts while at the same time filing criminal cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act based on post-dated or blank cheques, meaning borrowers can lose assets and still face jail or heavy fines for the same debt.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/borrowers-face-jail-even-after-losing-assets-banks-pursue-dual-legal-action-1325641>

Fuel and Power

LNG imports from long-term suppliers to rise 54pc in 2026

- Bangladesh's liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports from long-term suppliers will surge to 86 cargoes, up by 53.57 per cent, in 2026 as three long-term sales and purchase agreements (SPAs) become effective from January, sources said.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/lng-imports-from-long-term-suppliers-to-rise-54pc-in-2026-1767460636>

Capital Market

BSEC gazette: IPO shares now at uniform price for investors

- Under the new Public Issue rules, general investors will no longer receive any discount when purchasing IPO shares through the book-building method. Now, general investors must buy shares at the cut-off price, which is determined based on the demand of eligible investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-gazette-ipo-shares-now-uniform-price-investors-1324396>

Stocks end in the green as Z-category shares lead weekly gainers

- Stocks ended the week in the green, buoyed by optimism over improved political clarity, as investors selectively turned to undervalued blue-chip scrips ahead of the national elections.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-end-green-z-category-shares-lead-weekly-gainers-1325566>

Aramit Ltd to pay 10% cash dividend to shareholders

- Aramit Ltd, a roofing material company listed on both stock exchanges, has recommended a 10% cash dividend for its shareholders for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aramit-ltd-pay-10-cash-dividend-shareholders-1325551>

Multinational companies' stocks struggle in 2025 as earnings slump and market gloom weigh on valuations

- Multinational companies (MNCs) listed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) endured a difficult year in 2025, as weak investor sentiment, falling earnings, and subdued trading activity combined to drag down their share prices despite their traditionally defensive appeal.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/multinational-companies-stocks-struggle-2025-earnings-slump-and-market-gloom-weigh>

BSEC cuts SME board entry threshold to Tk10 lakh to boost liquidity

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