

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,965.24
% change	1.11%
DS30 Index	1,887.85
% change	0.99%
DSES Index	1,006.61
% change	0.06%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,374.12
Turnover (USD mn)	43.94
% change	45.97%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.66%
S&P 500	6,858.47
% change	0.19%
Nikkei 225	51,190.00
% change	1.69%
FTSE 100	9,951.14
% change	0.20%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.29	122.30
EUR	143.31	143.35
GBP	164.55	164.66
INR	1.36	1.36

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
05-Jan-26	9.85-11.00	9.94
04-Jan-26	9.90-11.00	10.00

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	60.83	0.13%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,372.50	0.97%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.01	0.00%

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.

Economic Outlook

Risk-free appeal lifts T-bond trading in secondary market

- Significant growth in secondary market trading. Trading of Treasury bonds on the secondary market increased sharply – up 53% year-on-year to Tk 1.95 billion in 2025 – as investors, especially banks and institutions, shifted funds into risk-free government bonds due to falling yields and poor returns in the stock market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/risk-free-appeal-lifts-t-bond-trading-in-secondary-market-1767541896>

Exports fell nearly 5% in 2025

- Bangladesh's merchandise exports dropped by about 5 % in calendar year 2025, falling to around \$47.74 billion compared with the previous year, mainly due to weak global demand for ready-made garments and other goods. December saw a particularly sharp decline with exports down over 14 % year-on-year – the fifth consecutive monthly drop – as overseas buyers slowed orders amid excess inventories.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/exports-fell-nearly-5-2025-4073381>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Prime Bank secures \$20m term loan from German investor

- Prime Bank PLC signed a \$20 million term loan agreement with Invest In Visions Microfinance Fund, a Germany-based impact investor, at a ceremony held in Frankfurt, Germany.
- Purpose and focus of funding: The loan will be used for on-lending to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across Bangladesh to promote financial inclusion and economic growth, supporting the MSME sector, which is seen as a backbone of the country's economy.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/prime-bank-secures-20m-term-loan-german-investor-4073346>

MFIs concerned over proposed microcredit bank law

- Prominent microfinance institutions (MFIs), including BRAC and ASA, have warned that the draft Microcredit Bank Ordinance 2025, intended to establish a new microcredit bank under a social business model, could harm the microfinance sector. They argue it lacks clarity on how existing MFIs can convert into microcredit banks and allows individuals and corporate investors to obtain licenses, risking profit-seeking practices and weak governance that conflict with community-oriented, development values.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/mfis-concerned-over-proposed-microcredit-bank-law-4073371>

Islami Bank MD receives 'Lifetime Excellence in Islamic Banking Leadership Award'

- Md. Omar Faruk Khan, Managing Director of Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC, was honoured with the "Lifetime Excellence in Islamic Banking Leadership Award" at the Global NRB Awards-2025 in recognition of his outstanding contributions and dynamic leadership in the Islamic banking sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/islami-bank-md-receives-lifetime-excellence-in-islamic-banking-leadership-award-1767542496>

Fuel and Power

BERC raises 12-kg LPG price by Tk 53 amid unusual price hike

- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) on Sunday adjusted upward the price of a standard 12 kilogram (kg) LPG cylinder to Tk 1,306 from Tk 1,253 in the backdrop of an unusual hike in the energy prices at the consumers' levels.
- The 4.23 per cent or Tk 53 increase in the LPG prices reflected changes in international contract prices set by Saudi Aramco.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/berc-raises-12-kg-lpg-price-by-tk-53-amid-unusual-price-hike-1767547368>

Capital Market

Banking stocks propel DSE higher, turnover crosses Tk500cr after three weeks

- Renewed buying interest in heavyweight bank stocks helped sustain the market's upward momentum, even as several other sectors showed mixed performance, according to the market insiders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/banking-stocks-propel-dse-higher-turnover-crosses-tk500cr-after-three-weeks-1326471>

Dhaka Stock Exchange's SME board jumps 5% after easing minimum investment rule

- Brokers said the rally was largely sentiment-driven, as investors welcomed the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's (BSEC) decision to reduce the minimum investment requirement for trading on the SME board. Under the revised rule, investors with at least Tk10 lakh in the secondary market are now eligible to buy and sell SME shares, down from the previous Tk30 lakh threshold, which had long been criticised for restricting participation and limiting trading activity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stock-exchanges-sme-board-jumps-5-after-easing-minimum-investment-rule-1326466>

Paramount Textile to add solar power as new revenue stream

- Paramount Textile is going to diversify into solar power generation, expecting nearly Tk 3.07 billion in revenue from solar plants over 20 years from FY28.
- The fabric producer, one of the most profitable textile companies among those listed, made the disclosure on Sunday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/paramount-textile-to-add-solar-power-as-new-revenue-stream-1767541973>

IPO funds can't be used to repay rescheduled loans

- Under the new regulations, up to 30% of IPO proceeds can be used for debt repayment or investment, subject to certain conditions. In the case of debt repayment, the loan must be used for a company's project, business, machinery, renovation, or expansion, and an auditor's report must confirm the proper use of funds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ipo-funds-cant-be-used-repay-rescheduled-loans-1326511>

Z-category relegation triggers mass sell-off in 9 stocks

- Shares of nine listed companies suffered sharp price corrections today (4 January) after the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) downgraded them to the Z category, reflecting renewed investor concern over corporate governance and compliance failures.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/z-category-relegation-triggers-mass-sell-9-stocks-1326476>

