

Bangladesh Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|-------------------|--------------|
| DSEX Index | 4,953.61 |
| % change | -0.06% |
| DS30 Index | 1,895.53 |
| % change | 0.26% |
| DSES Index | 1,005.47 |
| % change | -0.16% |
| Turnover (BDT mn) | 4,546.95 |
| Turnover (USD mn) | 37.18 |
| % change | -6.41% |

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 47,954.99 |
| % change | 0.99% |
| S&P 500 | 6,944.82 |
| % change | 0.62% |
| Nikkei 225 | 52,186.00 |
| % change | -0.63% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,122.73 |
| % change | 1.18% |

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

| Major Currencies | Low (BDT) | High (BDT) |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| USD | 122.29 | 122.30 |
| EUR | 143.32 | 143.37 |
| GBP | 165.58 | 165.61 |
| INR | 1.35 | 1.36 |

Source: BB

Money market

| Date | Call Money Rate Range (%) | Weighted Average |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 06-Jan-26 | 9.75-11.00 | 9.87 |
| 05-Jan-26 | 9.85-11.00 | 9.94 |

Source: BB

Commodities

| Major Commodities | Price | % Change |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl. | 60.70 | -1.45% |
| Gold Spot, USD/t oz. | 4,497.34 | 0.65% |
| Cotton, USD/lb. | 65.06 | 0.39% |

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.06% on the last trading day, closing at 4,953.61 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 6.41% 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 0.63% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT stayed stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.87%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.45%, gold price rose by 0.65%, and cotton price rose by 0.39% last day.

Economic Outlook

Policy rate likely to stay unchanged

- The Bangladesh Bank is expected to keep the policy (repo) rate unchanged at 10% in its upcoming half-yearly Monetary Policy Statement to continue its tight monetary stance aimed at controlling inflation, with no change likely before inflation falls to the target level.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/policy-rate-likely-to-stay-unchanged-1767719875>

Two-year treasury bond yields dip as BB buys \$223.5m more

- Yields on two-year Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds fell as Bangladesh Bank bought an additional US \$223.5 million from 14 banks to support exchange-rate stability, boosting market liquidity and leading banks to park excess funds in low-risk government securities.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/two-year-treasury-bond-yields-dip-as-bb-buys-2235m-more-1767717237>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

SBAC Bank Signs Agreement On Start-Up Refinancing Fund

- SBAC Bank PLC has signed an agreement with Bangladesh Bank to join the central bank's Tk 5 billion (Tk 500 crore) Start-up Refinancing Fund to support and promote new entrepreneurs, with the signing attended by senior officials including the Deputy Governor of Bangladesh Bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/sbac-bank-signs-agreement-on-start-up-refinancing-fund-1767717566>

Prime Bank Signs Payroll Agreement with National Life Insurance

- Prime Bank PLC has signed a payroll banking agreement with National Life Insurance PLC to provide its employees with comprehensive payroll banking services—including dual-currency debit cards, customized loans and credit cards, and other consumer banking products on preferential terms—along with access to the bank's digital payroll platform for seamless salary disbursement.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/prime-bank-signs-payroll-agreement-with-national-life-insurance-1767712622>

Microcredit bank plan stirs debate over profit vs social goals

- A proposed Microcredit Bank Ordinance 2025 in Bangladesh, which would allow microfinance institutions to convert into microcredit banks that can take shareholder investment and pay dividends, has sparked debate: supporters see it as a progressive step to expand financial inclusion, while critics warn it could shift focus from serving the poorest to seeking profits, create regulatory confusion, and dilute social-mission objectives.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/microcredit-bank-plan-stirs-debate-over-profit-vs-social-goals-4074936>

Investor losses in NBFi liquidation far greater than they appear

- Investors in eight listed non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) in Bangladesh face much larger losses than market prices indicate—as the central bank prepares to liquidate these firms, many shares have fallen well below past purchase prices and most have negative net asset values, meaning ordinary shareholders could ultimately lose nearly all their investment once creditors and depositors are paid first under liquidation rules.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/investor-losses-in-nbfi-liquidation-far-greater-than-they-appear-1767712541>

Fuel and Power

Gas crunch hits fertiliser output

- The state-run BCIC has sought an uninterrupted supply of at least 197 million cubic feet of gas per day (MMCFD) to keep four urea fertiliser factories operational for 11 consecutive months.
- The corporation has also requested the authorities to amend Clause 10.3 of BEREC (Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission) Order No. 2023/20 in order to raise the guaranteed daily gas supply to 197 MMCFD from 140 MMCFD for the sake of uninterrupted fertiliser production.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sammilito-islami-bank-gets-tk44cr-new-deposits-two-days-bb-governor-1326966>

Capital Market

BB signal to make 9 NBFIs non-viable triggers free fall, investors left stranded

- Shares of several troubled non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) plunged sharply on Tuesday (6 January) as panic selling swept through the market following the central bank's clear signal that a group of weak lenders would soon be declared non-viable.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bb-signal-make-9-nbfis-non-viable-triggers-free-fall-investors-left-stranded-1327901>

DSE now cancels Golden Harvest owners' share transfer to IPDC

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has cancelled its previously approved transfer of 1 crore shares belonging to two directors of Golden Harvest Agro Industries, a listed company, to the non-bank financial institution IPDC.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-now-cancels-golden-harvest-owners-share-transfer-ipdc-1327891>