

Bangladesh Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|-------------------|--------------|
| DSEX Index | 4,992.70 |
| % change | 0.79% |
| DS30 Index | 1,913.37 |
| % change | 0.94% |
| DSES Index | 1,009.38 |
| % change | 0.39% |
| Turnover (BDT mn) | 4,656.85 |
| Turnover (USD mn) | 38.07 |
| % change | 2.42% |

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 47,954.99 |
| % change | -0.94% |
| S&P 500 | 6,920.93 |
| % change | -0.34% |
| Nikkei 225 | 51,756.00 |
| % change | -0.82% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,048.21 |
| % change | -0.74% |

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

| Major Currencies | Low (BDT) | High (BDT) |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| USD | 122.30 | 122.32 |
| EUR | 142.93 | 142.99 |
| GBP | 165.11 | 165.16 |
| INR | 1.36 | 1.36 |

Source: BB

Money market

| Date | Call Money Rate Range (%) | Weighted Average |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 07-Jan-26 | 9.60-11.00 | 9.85 |
| 06-Jan-26 | 9.75-11.00 | 9.87 |

Source: BB

Commodities

| Major Commodities | Price | % Change |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl. | 59.96 | -1.22% |
| Gold Spot, USD/t oz. | 4,456.04 | -0.92% |
| Cotton, USD/lb. | 64.85 | -0.32% |

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.79% on the last trading day, closing at 4,992.70 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 2.42% 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 0.82% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT stayed stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.85%, standing between 9.60% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.22%, gold price fell by 0.92%, and cotton price fell by 0.32% last day.

Economic Outlook

Forex reserves to stay over \$32b even after ACU payments

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves will remain above \$32 billion even after making about \$1.5 billion ACU payments, indicating a stable external position. Strong remittance inflows, export earnings, and Bangladesh Bank's dollar purchases have helped maintain reserves, covering over five months of import needs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/forex-reserves-to-stay-over-32b-even-after-acu-payments-1767806467>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

NCC Bank signs deal to tap BB's Tk 500cr start-up fund

- NCC Bank signed an agreement with Bangladesh Bank to participate in the central bank's Tk 500 crore Start-up Refinance Fund, aimed at supporting technology-driven, innovative and scalable start-up ventures in Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/ncc-bank-signs-deal-tap-bbs-tk-500cr-start-fund-4075776>

IFIC BANK SIGNS MOU WITH SHOPPING BAG SUPERMARKET

- IFIC Bank PLC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Shopping Bag Supermarket, a major retail destination in Chattogram, to offer exclusive benefits to the bank's customers.
- Under the agreement, IFIC Bank customers will get perks like a 3% discount at the supermarket, 10% off at the Chefs Terminal Food Court, 30% off at Kidz Play Land entry, free home delivery, early promo access, and other privilege experiences.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ific-bank-signs-mou-with-shopping-bag-supermarket-1767801303>

Fuel and Power

LPG traders threaten nationwide supply halt from today

- Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) traders have warned of ceasing the supply and marketing of LPG across the country from today (Thursday) if the energy regulatory commission does not fix fresh prices and the administration does not stop "harassment".
- LP Gas Traders' Cooperative Society Ltd at a press conference on Wednesday demanded that the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) immediately readjust LPG prices, increase distributor commissions from Tk 50 to Tk 80, and raise retailers' commissions from Tk 45 to Tk 75.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/lpg-traders-threaten-nationwide-supply-halt-from-today-1767805312>

Capital Market

Banking stocks lead market recovery in broad-based DSE rally

- Stocks rebounded strongly today (7 January) as renewed buying in large-cap shares pushed the Dhaka Stock Exchange's benchmark index close to the 5,000-point threshold, offsetting lingering concerns over weak financial institutions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/banking-stocks-lead-market-recovery-broad-based-dse-rally-1328721>

BSEC calls for stronger merchant banker role to break IPO drought

- Amid a prolonged drought in initial public offerings (IPO), the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), the capital market regulator, has sought stronger participation from merchant bankers in accelerating new company listings on the stock market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-calls-stronger-merchant-banker-role-break-ipo-drought-1328761>

Bidisha International to offload 15 lakh more shares of RD Food

- Bidisha International Limited, a corporate director of Rangpur Dairy and Food Products Limited (RD Food), has announced plans to sell an additional 15 lakh shares at the prevailing market price through the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) within the next 30 working days.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bidisha-international-offload-15-lakh-more-shares-rd-food-1328706>

ICB initiates legal battle to recover Tk920cr stuck FDRs in Padma Bank, 10 NBFIs

- Facing bleak recovery prospects, the state-owned Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) has decided to initiate legal action against Padma Bank and 10 non-bank financial institutions to recover Tk920 crore locked in unpaid fixed deposit receipts (FDRs).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/icb-initiates-legal-battle-recover-tk920cr-stuck-fdrs-padma-bank-10-nbfis-1328016>

BSEC, BMBA to work together for capital market development

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and the newly elected executive committee of the Bangladesh Merchant Bankers Association (BMBA) have committed to developing the country's capital market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-bmba-to-work-together-for-capital-market-development-1767801327>

Revised rules put dividend-deficient mutual funds at liquidity risk

- Many pooled funds risk liquidation under the revised mutual fund rules if they fail to pay dividends for a third consecutive year.
- Under the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Mutual Fund Rules, 2025), trustees may convene a meeting of unitholders to decide whether they prefer liquidation of a listed or non-listed fund, or the conversion of a listed fund into an open-ended one, following non-payment of dividends for three consecutive years. Any such decision will be final if three-fourths of the unitholders give their consent.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/revised-rules-put-dividend-deficient-mutual-funds-at-liquidity-risk-1767801226>