

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,998.55
% change	0.12%
DS30 Index	1,914.94
% change	0.08%
DSES Index	1,010.80
% change	0.14%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,291.16
Turnover (USD mn)	35.09
% change	-7.85%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.55%
S&P 500	6,921.46
% change	0.01%
Nikkei 225	51,117.26
% change	-1.23%
FTSE 100	10,044.69
% change	-0.04%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.30
EUR	142.32	142.35
GBP	163.87	163.97
INR	1.35	1.36

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
08-Jan-26	9.50-11.00	9.82
07-Jan-26	9.60-11.00	9.85

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	61.99	3.39%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,476.73	0.46%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.46	-0.60%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.12% on the last trading day, closing at 4,998.55 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 7.85% 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 1.23% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.82%, standing between 9.50% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 3.39%, gold price rose by 0.46%, and cotton price fell by 0.60% last day.

Economic Outlook

BD may get further tariff cuts, reciprocal free market access

- Bangladesh and the United States are negotiating further reductions in reciprocal tariffs on Bangladeshi exports, with a proposal that could significantly cut current rates and offer tariff-free access to the U.S. market for textiles and apparel if Bangladesh increases imports of U.S. cotton and man-made fiber inputs, strengthening bilateral trade ties.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-may-get-further-tariff-cuts-reciprocal-free-market-access-1768066301>

Bangladesh economy to grow 4.6%, inflation to ease to 7.1% in FY26: UN report

- Bangladesh's economy is forecast to grow 4.6% in FY26 with inflation easing to 7.1%, though both figures remain below pre-pandemic levels and inflation has stayed above 8% in recent months, according to a United Nations report on the World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-economy-grow-46-inflation-ease-71-fy26-un-report-1330271>

BB moves to speed up settlement of Tk 750.52 billion audit backlogs

- Bangladesh Bank has launched a high-level initiative to fast-track the resolution of over Tk 750.52 billion in long-pending audit objections, with a meeting scheduled on January 11 to prioritise clearing legacy issues, assign responsibility and set timelines to strengthen governance, compliance and institutional accountability.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/bb-moves-to-speed-up-settlement-of-tk-75052-billion-audit-backlogs-1767892940>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Industrial term loan disbursement grows 11.86pc in Q1 FY26

- Bangladesh Bank data show that industrial term loan disbursement in the July–September quarter of FY26 rose by 11.86% year-on-year to Tk 247.71 billion, with modest quarter-on-quarter growth and stronger loan recoveries also reported, indicating cautious but improving industrial credit flow amid economic adjustments.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/industrial-term-loan-disbursement-grows-1186pc-in-q1-fy26-1768065154>

Islami Bank deposits hit Tk 1.83t

- Islami Bank's total deposits rose to Tk 1.83 trillion as of December 31, 2025, up by over Tk 220 billion year-on-year, with growth in agent banking deposits and continued leadership in remittance collection and trade financing, reflecting expanding customer trust and business activity.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/islami-bank-deposits-hit-tk-183t-1768062492>

Microcredit Bank to operate as non-profit social business under BB oversight: CDF

- The proposed Microcredit Bank in Bangladesh will be structured as a non-profit "social business" regulated by Bangladesh Bank, where 60 % ownership is held by poor members, no personal profit can be taken beyond invested capital, and all surplus is used for member benefit, aiming to expand credit, insurance, remittances and support micro-enterprises while addressing poverty and employment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/trade-market/microcredit-bank-to-operate-as-non-profit-social-business-under-bb-oversight-cdf-1767974359>

EASTERN BANK LAUNCHES VISA SME CREDIT CARD

- Eastern Bank's EBL Visa SME Credit Card, a dual-currency, EMV chip-secured card for sole proprietorship business loan customers, was launched to support business payments with fee waivers, up to USD 3,000 annual international spend, lounge access and flexible EMI options through EBL ZIP.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/eastern-bank-launches-visa-sme-credit-card-1768061745>

NRBC Bank chairman gets Excellence in Corporate Governance Award

- Md Ali Hossain Prodhania, chairman of NRBC Bank PLC, received the "Excellence in Corporate Governance Award" for his leadership in promoting transparency, accountability and strong governance at the NRB Global Convention in Dhaka, underscoring the bank's commitment to good corporate practices.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/nrbc-bank-chairman-gets-excellence-corporate-governance-award-4078056>

RMG

Garment export to US records double-digit growth

- Bangladesh's apparel export to the United States, its single-largest market, has been on the ascent with a double-digit growth of 15.14 per cent recorded during the first ten months of 2025.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/garment-export-to-us-records-double-digit-growth-1768066792>

Trump tariffs trigger 11% drop in Bangladesh's RMG exports to US in October

- Bangladesh's ready-made garment exports to the United States fell by nearly 11% year-on-year in October as higher tariffs imposed by the Trump administration reduced consumer demand and disrupted buying patterns in the world's largest apparel market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/trump-tariffs-trigger-11-drop-bangladeshs-rmg-exports-us-october-1331051>

RMG exporters worry over possible order shift

- Apparel exporters have raised concerns that the government's proposed 20 per cent safeguard duty on yarn imports, aimed at protecting local spinning mills, could push buyers to shift orders to other countries.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rmg-exporters-worry-over-possible-order-shift-1767978743?date=10-01-2026>

Fuel and Power

Autogas stations shut nationwide amid shortage

- An acute shortage of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) has forced nearly all autogas stations across the country to shut down operations, said Serajul Mawla, president of the Bangladesh CNG Filling Station and Conversion Workshop Owners Association, yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/autogas-stations-shut-nationwide-amid-shortage-4078011>

Capital Market

Blue-chip shares drive weekly turnover

- With optimism surrounding the upcoming election next month, capital market investors are reshuffling their portfolios toward blue-chip and fundamentally strong stocks, as increased buying appetite pushed these shares to the top of the turnover chart last week.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/blue-chip-shares-drive-weekly-turnover-1331041>

Auditor unable to trace Tk76cr cash at Fortune Shoes

- Auditors have found major documentation gaps over about Tk76 crore in cash withdrawn by listed Fortune Shoes Limited during the 2024-25 financial year, leaving the funds untraceable.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/auditor-unable-trace-tk76cr-cash-fortune-shoes-1329676>

Foreign portfolio shrinks Tk120cr as overseas investors cut blue-chip stakes

- Foreign investors pared their exposure to Bangladesh's capital market in December, pulling out a net Tk119–120 crore, with the bulk of the sell-off concentrated in a handful of large-cap and fundamentally strong stocks such as Summit Alliance Port, Grameenphone, City Bank and Square Pharmaceuticals.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-portfolio-shrinks-tk120cr-overseas-investors-cut-blue-chip-stakes-1329666>