

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,939.59
% change	-1.18%
DS30 Index	1,896.20
% change	-0.98%
DSES Index	998.89
% change	-1.18%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,122.84
Turnover (USD mn)	33.71
% change	-3.92%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.48%
S&P 500	6,966.28
% change	0.65%
Nikkei 225	51,939.89
% change	1.61%
FTSE 100	10,124.60
% change	0.80%

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
11-Jan-26	9.50-11.00	9.83
08-Jan-26	9.50-11.00	9.82

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	63.34	2.18%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,510.45	0.75%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.41	-0.08%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 1.18% on the last trading day, closing at 4,9939.59 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 3.92% 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 1.61% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.83%, standing between 9.50% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 2.18%, gold price rose by 0.75%, and cotton price fell by 0.08% last day.

Economic Outlook

Net FDI surge signals investor confidence

- Bangladesh saw a strong increase in net foreign direct investment (FDI) in the July–September 2025 quarter, with inflows rising over 200% year-on-year to \$315.09 million, and cumulative FDI for January–September up 80% to \$1.41 billion, signaling improved investor confidence despite global uncertainties.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/net-fdi-surge-signals-investor-confidence-1768151512>

Yields on treasury bills decline further

- Yields (interest rates) on Bangladesh’s treasury bills declined again at the latest auction as banks, flush with excess liquidity, preferred safe government securities amid weak private-sector credit demand ahead of the upcoming national election, with rates on 91-, 182- and 364-day T-bills all falling compared with the previous round.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/yields-on-treasury-bills-decline-further-1768151710>

Govt to slash ADP allocation drastically

- The Bangladesh government plans to cut Annual Development Programme (ADP) spending by about 12.5 percent in the 2025-26 fiscal year—from Tk 2,38,695 crore to around Tk 2,08,935 crore—because ministries have spent only a tiny fraction of their original allocations so far, leading to reduced funding for sectors like health, agriculture, education, and power, though some transport projects may still get more funds.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/govt-slash-adp-allocation-dramatically-4078951>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BRAC Bank extends digital SME lending programme to Medbox

- BRAC Bank has partnered with Medbox Solution Limited to extend its digital SME lending programme “Shafollo” to Medbox’s affiliated pharmacies, giving them fast, paperless access to working capital through the bank’s Shubidha app to support inventory management and business growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/brac-bank-extends-digital-sme-lending-programme-to-medbox-1768146832>

Islami Bank launches rebranding of 'mCash'

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has launched a rebranding drive for its mobile financial service “mCash,” inaugurated by the Bangladesh Bank governor in Dhaka, with the aim of strengthening its digital payments offering and expanding usage among its more than 30 million customers.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/islami-bank-launches-rebranding-of-mcash-1768146751>

BB appoints observer at Standard Bank

- Bangladesh Bank has appointed an observer, Md Sharafat Ullah Khan, to Standard Bank to monitor its operations closely amid reported internal board disputes and concerns over weakened financial performance, including a sharp rise in defaulted loans.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bb-appoints-observer-standard-bank-4078271>

Cement

How big cement, steel makers survive lean demand by investing in tech, ships

- Bangladesh's steel and cement industries have spent much of the past two years in survival mode, battered by weak demand, high financing costs and a prolonged squeeze on margins.
- Yet, even in this prolonged downturn, a group of large millers have managed to hold its ground, not because of any market recovery, but due to structural advantages built over time.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/how-big-cement-steel-makers-survive-lean-demand-investing-tech-ships-1331981>

Fuel and Power

Power Division seeks Tk 24.48b in urgent subsidy

- The Power Division has urgently sought Tk 24.48 billion in subsidies against tariff deficit as letter of credit (LC) complexities are disrupting coal and fuel imports, say sources.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/power-division-seeks-tk-2448b-in-urgent-subsidy-1768151233>

Capital Market

Banking sector pulls DSEX down at week's start

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) suffered a sharp setback on Sunday as heavy selling in banking stocks dragged the key index lower, reversing recent gains and dampening investor sentiment at the start of the trading week.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/banking-sector-pulls-dsex-down-weeks-start-1331876>

Dhaka stocks slide as blue chips face selling pressure

- The Dhaka bourse on Sunday experienced a moderate loss in the broad index as the majority of blue-chip stocks declined amid day-long selling pressure.
- Of the 30 blue-chip stocks, 28 declined, while the remaining two companies-Beacon Pharmaceuticals and Heidelberg Materials Bangladesh-advanced marginally on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-stocks-slide-as-blue-chips-face-selling-pressure-1768146308>

Kay & Que inks A2P aggregator deal with GP to expand digital services footprint

- Under the agreement, signed within the licensing framework of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), Kay & Que will act as an aggregator for the country's largest mobile operator, enabling enterprises and service providers to send bulk and transactional SMS to Grameenphone subscribers through its platform.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/kay-que-inks-a2p-aggregator-deal-gp-expand-digital-services-footprint-1331911>

Altex Industries unable to arrange funds to repay loans: Auditors

- Auditors have expressed serious concern over the financial position of Altex Industries Limited, a company listed on the stock exchange, for the fiscal year 2024-25, citing massive debt discrepancies and an inability to meet loan obligations.
- As of 30 June 2025, the company's retained earnings were negative, amounting to Tk86.24 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/altex-industries-unable-arrange-funds-repay-loans-auditors-1331881>

BSEC launches "special investigation" into Haji Ahmed Brothers Securities

- The securities regulator has ordered a "special investigation" into Haji Ahmed Brothers Securities Ltd, citing the need to protect the interests of the capital market and general investors.
- Md Abul Kalam, spokesperson of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), told The FE that the regulator has already detected irregularities at the brokerage house, but said a further probe is required before any licence cancellation.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-launches-special-investigation-into-haji-ahmed-brothers-securities-1768146185>