

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,946.67
% change	0.09%
DS30 Index	1,899.13
% change	0.07%
DSES Index	995.70
% change	-0.22%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,863.44
Turnover (USD mn)	31.59
% change	9.60%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.80%
S&P 500	6,963.74
% change	-0.19%
Nikkei 225	53,992.00
% change	0.19%
FTSE 100	10,137.35
% change	-0.03%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.30
EUR	142.69	142.70
GBP	164.60	164.68
INR	1.36	1.36

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
13-Jan-26	9.50-11.00	9.81
12-Jan-26	9.50-11.00	9.81

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	65.47	2.60%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,588.00	1.06%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.88	-0.05%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.09% on the last trading day, closing at 4,946.67 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 9.60% 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 0.19% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.81%, standing between 9.50% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 2.60%, gold price rose by 1.06%, and cotton price fell by 0.05% last day.

Global Outlook

Stocks fall ahead of US inflation data; geopolitics, Fed in focus

- Global shares dipped on Tuesday and the dollar recovered some lost ground ahead of US inflation data and major bank earnings, while oil prices gained as unrest in Iran fanned fears for supplies.
- US President Donald Trump's pledge on Monday to impose a 25 per cent tariff rate on any country that does business with Iran, along with his attacks on Federal Reserve independence, added to market uncertainty, keeping investors cautious.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/asian-equities-precious-metals-surge-as-us-justice-dept-targets-fed-1768235277>

Economic Outlook

FY26 Jul-Nov current account deficit widens

- Bangladesh's current-account deficit widened to \$696 million in July–November of FY26 from \$568 million a year earlier due to weak export growth and higher imports, although the overall balance of payments remained in surplus thanks to strong financial account inflows.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fy26-jul-nov-current-account-deficit-widens-1768327874>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Pubali Bank breaks record with over Tk 30b operating profit

- Pubali Bank reported a record operating profit of over Tk 30 billion in 2025, a 27% year-on-year increase, driven by strong deposit growth, higher advances, expanded trade financing, and effective risk management.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/pubali-bank-breaks-record-with-over-tk-30b-operating-profit-1768323533>

Sonali Bank posts record Tk8,017cr operating profit in 2025

- State-owned Sonali Bank reported a record Tk 8,017 crore operating profit in 2025 – up by about Tk 2,323 crore from the previous year – as it overcame a long-standing capital deficit and strengthened its financial position, with net profit expected to exceed Tk 1,500 crore after provisioning.
- Sonali Bank turned a Tk 5,949 crore capital deficit into a Tk 83 crore surplus in 2025 by strengthening loan recovery, tightening lending standards and reducing non-performing loans, marking a significant financial turnaround for the state-owned lender.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sonali-posts-record-tk8017cr-operating-profit-2025-1333626>

Sonali Bank seeks Tk 6,600cr bond against unpaid loans to sugar corporation

- State-owned Sonali Bank has asked the government to issue about Tk 6,600 crore in bonds (or otherwise settle nearly Tk 70 billion in long-unpaid loans owed by the Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation and several state-run sugar mills) to ease the burden of provisioning against these dues and support the bank's capital and financial stability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/sonali-bank-seeks-tk-6600cr-bond-against-unpaid-loans-sugar-corporation-4080441>

Fuel and Power

Process ongoing for LNG deal with truant firm Socar

- Preparation is on stream to award a liquefied natural gas (LNG)-supply contract to a truant foreign firm that had previously left Bangladesh without completing a contracted drilling job, sources say, stoking fresh concerns.
- Energy-industry insiders say the move towards deal-making with Socar, an Azerbaijani company, has triggered unease, given the firm's controversial track record in the country's oil and gas industry.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/process-ongoing-for-Ing-deal-with-truant-firm-socar-1768327687>

Capital Market

Apex Tannery to set up ETP following international buyers' standards

- Apex Tannery has decided to set up an in-house Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements and international buyers' environmental standards.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-tannery-set-etp-following-international-buyers-standards-1333741>

BSEC okays draft prospectuses of three closed-end mutual funds

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved the draft prospectuses of three closed-end mutual funds, with a combined target size of Tk75 crore, marking a fresh boost for the capital market amid a slowdown in new product launches.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-okays-draft-prospectuses-three-closed-end-mutual-funds-1333606>

BSC pays Tk 2.03b to govt in loan repayment, dividends

- Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) has handed over a cheque for Tk 2.03 billion to the government, covering loan installments and dividend payments related to six ship acquisition projects implemented under the Ministry of Shipping.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsc-pays-tk-203b-to-govt-in-loan-repayment-dividends-1768323507>

DSE foreign turnover slumps as global funds scale back exposure

- Foreign investors' trading activity on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) dropped sharply in 2025, with turnover falling to one of its lowest levels in recent years, reflecting cautious sentiment, year-end portfolio rebalancing and long-standing structural constraints in Bangladesh's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/miracle-industries-incurs-tk486cr-half-year-1332766>

Post-IPO underperformance triggers asset inquiry into Silva Pharma

- The securities regulator has instructed Silva Pharmaceuticals to conduct a revaluation of its machinery and equipment purchased with IPO funds and to disclose the operational status of the factory building constructed using the same proceeds.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/post-ipo-underperformance-triggers-asset-inquiry-into-silva-pharma-1768323435>

How investor exit, thin liquidity are rewriting the DSEX

- The latest rebalancing of the benchmark index of the Dhaka bourse has pushed out several fundamentally strong stocks in favour of junk stocks, a consequence of investors' prolonged exit from the secondary market over the past two years.
- "This is a true reflection of our market and it was supposed to happen. Now, there are no investors in the market with the capacity to make fresh investments," said Md Ashequr Rahman, managing director of Midway Securities.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/how-investor-exit-thin-liquidity-are-rewriting-the-dsex-1768323468>