

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,035.19
% change	1.54%
DS30 Index	1,939.14
% change	1.38%
DSES Index	1,009.39
% change	1.35%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,740.92
Turnover (USD mn)	38.75
% change	24.83%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.17%
S&P 500	6,940.01
% change	-0.06%
Nikkei 225	53,936.17
% change	-0.32%
FTSE 100	10,235.29
% change	-0.04%

Source: Investing.com

## Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.33	122.35
EUR	141.87	141.94
GBP	163.69	163.75
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

## Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
18-Jan-26	9.85-11.00	10.11
15-Jan-26	9.75-11.00	10.01

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	64.13	0.58%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,595.10	-0.43%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.66	-0.08%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 1.54% on the last trading day, closing at 5035.19 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 24.83% 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 0.32% loss.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.11%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.58%, gold price fell by 0.43%, and cotton price fell by 0.08% last day.

## Economic Outlook

### Forex reserves stand at \$32.62b

- Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at US \$32.62 billion, though under the IMF's BPM6 method they were \$28.03 billion, with the central bank boosting reserves by buying dollars from commercial banks amid higher remittance inflows.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/forex-reserves-stand-at-3262b-1768754508>

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### Community Bank signs deal with BB on TDF Refinancing Scheme

- Community Bank Bangladesh PLC has signed a Participatory Agreement with Bangladesh Bank's Sustainable Finance Department to join the Technology Development Fund (TDF) Refinancing Scheme, enabling eligible enterprises to access long-term, lower-interest financing for technology upgrades, innovation and sustainable industrial development through the bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/community-bank-signs-deal-with-bb-on-tdf-refinancing-scheme-1768754664>

#### BRAC Bank accelerates loan recovery through real-time digital litigation tools

- BRAC Bank is boosting its loan recovery efforts by giving frontline recovery officials digital tablets with a real-time mobile Litigation Management System (LMS) that provides instant court updates and improves case tracking, speeding up recovery processes and strengthening governance and balance-sheet health.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-accelerates-loan-recovery-through-real-time-digital-litigation-tools-1768754244>

#### NBFIs' bad loan ratio climbs to 37.11% in signs of growing stress

- Non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) in Bangladesh saw their bad loan ratio rise to 37.11% of total outstanding loans by September 2025, up from 35.52% a year earlier, signaling worsening stress in the sector due to slowing credit growth, weak recoveries and ongoing governance challenges.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbfis-bad-loan-ratio-climbs-3711-signs-growing-stress-4084096>

## Textile

### Govt moves to curb yarn imports, RMG exporters unhappy

The commerce ministry has recommended that the revenue board end the duty-free import of certain types of yarn under the bonded warehouse facility. Local spinners have welcomed the recommendation, but local apparel manufacturers say this could push up production costs and undermine the country's export competitiveness

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/rmg-exports-eu-non-traditional-markets-slip-slightly-4081146>

## Pharmaceuticals

### Pharma must sell 25% essential drugs for new medicine approval, govt mandates

- Under the new policy, companies that fail to meet the 25% threshold will be barred from seeking approval for new drugs, as applications will not be considered by the authorities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/pharma-must-sell-25-essential-drugs-new-medicine-approval-govt-mandates-1336141>

## Capital Market

### Lovello Ice-cream's profit up 107pc in Q2

- Listed ice-cream producer Taufika Foods and Lovello Ice-cream experienced a 107.14 per cent increase in profit in the second quarter of FY26 to Tk 113.88 million, as sales increased significantly compared to the same quarter of the previous year.
- According to the company, it performed comparatively well in the first six months of FY26. Its products gained a competitive edge and captured a larger market share from competitors during the period.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/lovello-ice-creams-profit-up-107pc-in-q2-1768754224>