

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,108.95
% change	0.34%
DS30 Index	1,970.48
% change	0.28%
DSES Index	1,030.97
% change	0.72%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,698.56
Turnover (USD mn)	54.76
% change	12.88%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-1.76%
S&P 500	6,796.86
% change	-2.06%
Nikkei 225	51,945.00
% change	-3.69%
FTSE 100	10,126.78
% change	-1.06%

Source: Investing.com

## Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.33
EUR	142.42	142.48
GBP	164.18	164.31
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

## Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
20-Jan-26	9.85-11.00	10.04
19-Jan-26	9.90-11.00	10.26

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	64.92	1.80%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,671.02	-0.03%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.34	-0.49%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

### Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.34% on the last trading day, closing at 5,108.95 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 25.17% 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 3.69% loss.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.04%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 1.80%, gold price fell by 0.03%, and cotton price fell by 0.49% last day.

## Economic Outlook

### Liquidity picking up, but inflation remains high

- Liquidity in Bangladesh's banking system is improving and foreign exchange reserves are recovering, but inflation has stayed stubbornly high above 8 %, posing a continued challenge for the central bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/liquidity-picking-inflation-remains-high-4086276>

### NBR logs 14% revenue growth in H1, still misses target by Tk 46,000cr

- The National Board of Revenue (NBR) posted a 14 % year-on-year increase in revenue collection in the first half (July–December) of FY2025-26 but still fell about Tk 46,000 crore short of its mid-year target, raising doubts about meeting the full-year goal amid sluggish economic activity and structural challenges.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/nbr-logs-14-revenue-growth-h1-still-misses-target-tk-46000cr-4086036>

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### Tk40,000cr resolution fund planned for banks if in trouble

- Bangladesh Bank plans to create a Tk40,000 crore resolution fund, financed by annual contributions from banks (up to 0.25 % of deposits), to rescue and restructure troubled banks without relying on taxpayer bailouts, strengthen financial stability, and enable pre-emptive action under the new Bank Resolution framework.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/tk40000cr-resolution-fund-planned-banks-if-trouble-1339601>

## Capital Market

### Dhaka stocks rise for third day as cautious investors return to market

- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) gained 17 points to close at 5,109. The blue-chip DS30 index rose by 6 points to 1,970, while the Shariah-based DSES index added 7 points to finish at 1,031.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-rise-third-day-cautious-investors-return-market-1339571>

### Capital market stakeholders meet Tarique Rahman

- A delegation of capital market stakeholders, led by the Dhaka Stock Exchange Brokers' Association, met BNP Chairman Tarique Rahman today (20 January) to discuss the state and future of the capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/politics/capital-market-stakeholders-meet-tarique-rahman-1339491>

### Olympic Industries to invest in land, new company

- With a view to future expansion of operations, Olympic Industries, a listed company in the food and allied sector, has decided to purchase 19.25 decimals of land at an agreed price of Tk57.75 lakh in Narayanganj.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-invest-land-new-company-1339511>

## **Square Pharma chairman to buy 20 lakh shares worth Tk43cr**

- Under the plan, the shares, worth Tk43 crore with each costing Tk215.20, will be acquired from both the public market and through block transactions on the DSE within the next 30 working days.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/square-pharma-chairman-buy-20-lakh-shares-worth-tk43cr-1339501>

## **Foreign investors flag tax complexity, thin listings, insecurity as key hurdles to Bangladesh market**

- Foreign portfolio investors today (20 January) identified capital gain tax complexities and a limited pool of quality listed companies and a sense of insecurity as major structural barriers holding back Bangladesh's capital market, urging policy reforms, mandatory listings and political stability to unlock long-term growth.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-flag-tax-complexity-thin-listings-insecurity-key-hurdles-bangladesh>