

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,105.84
% change	-0.06%
DS30 Index	1,964.31
% change	-0.31%
DSES Index	1,027.68
% change	-0.32%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,056.04
Turnover (USD mn)	49.50
% change	-9.59%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	1.21%
S&P 500	6,875.62
% change	1.16%
Nikkei 225	53,571.00
% change	3.13%
FTSE 100	10,138.09
% change	0.11%

Source: Investing.com

## Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.32	122.35
EUR	142.89	142.97
GBP	164.21	164.35
INR	1.34	1.34

Source: BB

## Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
21-Jan-26	9.85-11.00	10.03
20-Jan-26	9.85-11.00	10.04

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	64.92	1.53%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,763.49	1.98%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.30	-0.06%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

### Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.06% on the last trading day, closing at 5,105.84 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 9.59% 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 3.13% gain.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.03%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 1.53%, gold price rose by 1.98%, and cotton price fell by 0.06% last day.

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### BB proposes keeping two state banks, merging others

- Bangladesh Bank has proposed that the government retain only two state-owned banks and merge all the others as part of efforts to strengthen governance and streamline the banking sector, which currently has far more banks (61) than needed (about 10–15).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bb-proposes-keeping-two-state-banks-merging-others-4087291>

#### BB reverses decision, allows five merging banks to pay profits on deposits

- Bangladesh Bank (BB) has reversed an earlier decision and is now allowing five merging Shariah-based banks to pay a provisional 4% profit on deposits for individual depositors covering 1 Jan 2024 to 28 Dec 2025, after initially barring profit payouts—which had sparked protests among savers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-reverses-decision-allows-five-merging-banks-pay-profits-deposits-4087186>

#### MTB launches its own hosted order management system 'MTB Lenden'

- Mutual Trust Bank PLC (MTB) has launched its own hosted Order Management System (OMS) called "MTB Lenden," providing clients with a more efficient, secure, and feature-rich trading platform that includes multi-exchange integration, smart order routing, online BO account opening, real-time alerts, and mobile apps, reflecting the bank's push to enhance digital and capital market services.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/mtb-launches-its-own-hosted-order-management-system-mtb-lenden>

### Power & Power

#### LPG imports by BPC unlikely to ease crisis soon

- The government has allowed the Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) to import liquefied petroleum gas through government-to-government deals amid a nationwide shortage of cooking gas cylinders and a sharp rise in prices.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/lpg-imports-bpc-unlikely-ease-crisis-soon-4087301>

### Capital Market

#### GP sole buyer in first 700 MHz allocation

- Grameenphone has secured 10 megahertz of spectrum in the 700 MHz band, often called the "golden frequency" for its wide coverage and strong indoor reach, marking the first-ever allocation of the low-band frequency to a mobile operator in Bangladesh.
- The spectrum was assigned at the base price, meaning the government will earn Tk 2,370 crore from the deal. The rate was set at Tk 237 crore per megahertz (MHz).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/gp-sole-buyer-first-700-mhz-allocation-4087286>

#### Brokers urge revision of stock classification to align with global practices

- Stockbrokers have urged the capital market regulator to revise the existing sector classification system of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, arguing that the outdated framework limits meaningful market analysis and weakens the market's appeal to global investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brokers-urge-revision-stock-classification-align-global-practices-1340491>

## **New IPO rules take price discovery to global standards: BSEC chief**

- New IPO rules have created scope for professional and globally accepted price discovery mechanisms, said the chief of the securities regulator.
- The remark was made at a meeting on Wednesday between the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and the Central Depository Bangladesh Limited (CDBL), organised to discuss capital market automation, structural modernisation and overall market development.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/new-ipo-rules-take-price-discovery-to-global-standards-bsec-chief-1769012191>