

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,072.14
% change	-0.54%
DS30 Index	1,947.81
% change	-0.77%
DSES Index	1,017.66
% change	-0.76%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,265.08
Turnover (USD mn)	43.03
% change	-1.79%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.58%
S&P 500	6,915.61
% change	0.03%
Nikkei 225	53,846.87
% change	0.29%
FTSE 100	10,143.44
% change	-0.07%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.35	122.37
EUR	144.69	144.76
GBP	166.90	167.02
INR	1.33	1.34

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
25-Jan-26	9.75-11.00	9.96
22-Jan-26	9.80-11.00	9.98

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	65.07	2.73%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,982.91	0.94%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.81	-0.11%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.54% on the last trading day, closing at 5,072.14 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 1.79% 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 0.2% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.96%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 2.73%, gold price rose by 0.94%, and cotton price fell by 0.11% last day.

Economic Outlook

GDP growth may hit 5% in 2026 Govt report forecasts

- Bangladesh's GDP growth in 2026 could reach around 5%, as projected by the government's Economic Update & Outlook report, but this recovery remains fragile due to persistent inflation, structural challenges, and the need for stronger governance and economic diversification.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gdp-growth-may-hit-5-2026-govt-report-forecasts-4090346>

BB seeks removal of sales contract cap on imports to rein in commodity prices

- Bangladesh Bank has asked the commerce ministry to remove the \$500,000 cap on imports under sales contracts so that traders can bring in bulk shipments of essential goods faster and more cheaply, helping to increase supply and control rising prices of staples like rice, lentils, edible oil and onions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-seeks-removal-sales-contract-cap-imports-rein-commodity-prices-1342906>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Al-Arafah Islami Bank to suspend all services for 9 days from 30 Jan

- Al-Arafah Islami Bank will suspend all its services for nine days from 30 January to 7 February 2026 to carry out a major upgrade of its Core Banking System (CBS) aimed at improving security and modernizing digital banking; during this period online services (including ATMs and internet banking) will be fully down, and branch over-the-counter services will be closed for part of the time, with regular operations resuming on 8 February.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/al-arafah-islami-bank-suspend-all-services-9-days-30-jan-1343666>

Capital Market

DSEX extends decline for third straight session on profit booking

- The indices of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) experienced correction for the third consecutive session yesterday as the cautious investors book profit as brief gain on the trading floor amid lingering political uncertainty ahead of the February election.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-extends-decline-third-straight-session-profit-booking-1343636>

Marico to remit Tk448cr to India as dividends for nine months

- After repatriating a record amount of profit as dividends to its owners last year, Marico Bangladesh – a subsidiary of India-based multinational personal care major Marico Limited – is now set to remit Tk448 crore to India for the first nine months of the current financial year 2025-26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/marico-remit-tk448cr-india-dividends-nine-months-1343761>

BSEC rejects Kay & Que's 6% stock dividend proposal

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has rejected a 6% stock dividend proposal announced by Kay & Que (Bangladesh) for the financial year that ended in June 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-rejects-kay-ques-6-stock-dividend-proposal-1343681>

BSRM's two listed firms see 33% revenue growth to Tk10,732cr in H1

- Two listed companies of BSRM Group, the country's largest steel manufacturer, posted a combined 33% growth in revenue to Tk10,732 crore during the July-December period of the 2025-26 fiscal year, driven mainly by higher sales price amid volatile market conditions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsrms-two-listed-firms-see-33-revenue-growth-tk10732cr-h1-1343676>

Walton eyes portfolio expansion, higher profits through merger

- Walton Hi-Tech Industries is going to merge with Walton Digi-Tech Industries, a non-listed technology product manufacturer, aiming to expand its business portfolio, reduce operational costs, and improve efficiency.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/walton-eyes-portfolio-expansion-higher-profits-through-merger-1769360669>