

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,174.40
% change	0.66%
DS30 Index	1,993.60
% change	0.84%
DSES Index	1,038.87
% change	0.43%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,339.13
Turnover (USD mn)	51.80
% change	-8.65%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.02%
S&P 500	6,978.03
% change	-0.01%
Nikkei 225	54,017.00
% change	2.01%
FTSE 100	10,154.43
% change	-0.52%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.36	122.38
EUR	147.33	147.37
GBP	169.42	169.51
INR	1.34	1.34

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
27-Jan-26	9.60-11.00	9.88
26-Jan-26	9.50-11.00	9.93

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	66.59	2.81%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	5,189.62	3.47%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.83	1.37%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.66% on the last trading day, closing at 5,174.40 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 8.65% 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 2.01% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.88%, standing between 9.60% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 2.81%, gold price rose by 3.47%, and cotton price rose by 1.37% last day.

Economic Outlook

88% of new loans diverted to repayments in H1

- Bangladesh's foreign loan disbursement in the first half of the 2025–26 fiscal year fell about 30% year-on-year, with a large share of new loans being used for repayments rather than development spending, squeezing fiscal space and slowing fresh external financing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/foreign-loan-disbursement-falls-30-amid-rising-repayment-obligations-1346436>

No more credit squeeze with tightfisted monetary policy

- Planning Adviser Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud said the tight monetary policy—with high interest rates and restricted credit flow—is no longer necessary to control inflation and is now squeezing smaller businesses and investment, urging a review of the policy stance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/no-more-credit-squeeze-with-tightfisted-monetary-policy-1769623091>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Over Tk 161b stuck as BASIC Bank litigations pile up

- Over Tk 161 billion of BASIC Bank's funds remain tied up in prolonged litigation, with 1,230 pending cases, mostly in money-loan courts, reflecting serious delays in legal resolution and weak loan recovery that continue to hurt the state-owned bank's financial health.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/over-tk-161b-stuck-as-basic-bank-litigations-pile-up-1769623945>

Capital Market

Khan Brothers posts 430% surge in H1 profit

- Khan Brothers PP Woven Bag Industries Limited reported a sharp turnaround in financial performance in the first half of the current fiscal year, posting a 430% year-on-year jump in net profit, driven by strong revenue growth and improved operational efficiency.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/khan-brothers-posts-430-surge-h1-profit-1346711>

Berger Paints revenue rises 4% to Tk2,139cr in Apr-Dec

- According to the company's financial statement published on its website, its consolidated net profit jumped by 8% to Tk267 crore and the consolidated earnings per share was Tk55.43 during the first nine months of this financial year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/berger-paints-revenue-rises-4-tk2139cr-apr-dec-1346471>

BSEC, UNDP partner to develop sustainable finance, thematic bonds

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Wednesday to foster sustainable finance and develop the thematic bond market in Bangladesh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-undp-partner-develop-sustainable-finance-thematic-bonds-1346531>

Cheap stocks, no takers: Why the market is muted despite election season

- With the national election two weeks away, Bangladesh's stock market is trading at valuation levels last seen two decades ago, yet investor confidence remains conspicuously absent.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cheap-stocks-no-takers-why-market-muted-despite-election-season-1346771>

Govt orders assessment of CDBL's listing potential

- The finance ministry has instructed the Central Depository Bangladesh Ltd (CDBL) and other relevant stakeholders to assess the company's potential and the appropriate timing for its listing on the stock market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-orders-assessment-cdbls-listing-potential-4092916>

Runner incurs loss in Q2

- Despite increasing consolidated sales, Runner Automobiles, a listed company on the stock exchanges, incurred a loss of Tk1.41 crore with a per-share loss of Tk0.12 in the second quarter (October-December) of the current fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/runner-incurs-loss-q2-1346716>

Aman Cotton sees 15% sales drop in H1

- Aman Cotton Fibrous, a concern of Aman Group, has reported a 15% year-on-year decline in sales to Tk87.05 crore in the first half of the current fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aman-cotton-sees-15-sales-drop-h1-1346651>

Power Grid profit drops 72% to Tk113cr in Oct-Dec

- Power Grid Bangladesh PLC, a state-owned power transmission firm, reported that its net profit dropped by 72% year-on-year to Tk113 crore in the October-December of FY26.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/power-grid-profit-drops-72-tk113cr-oct-dec-1346491>

Meghna Petroleum's Q2 profit down as demand for furnace oil drops

- Meghna Petroleum Limited (MPL) saw a marginal decline of 5.25 per cent in profit to Tk 1.55 billion in the second quarter of FY26 as furnace oil sales dropped. In the October-December quarter of FY26, earnings per share fell to Tk 14.30 from Tk 15.09 in the same period of the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/meghna-petroleums-q2-profit-down-as-demand-for-furnace-oil-drops-1769624821>