

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,193.36
% change	0.49%
DS30 Index	1,997.23
% change	0.55%
DSES Index	1,042.87
% change	0.25%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,266.86
Turnover (USD mn)	51.24
% change	-2.57%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.37%
S&P 500	6,969.01
% change	0.43%
Nikkei 225	53,375.60
% change	0.10%
FTSE 100	10,171.76
% change	-0.51%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.30
EUR	144.90	144.95
GBP	167.40	167.44
INR	1.33	1.33

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
01-Feb-26	9.75-11.00	9.91
29-Jan-26	9.75-11.00	9.90

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	67.36	-4.71%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,740.37	-2.57%
Cotton, USD/lb.	63.17	-0.49%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.49% on the last trading day, closing at 5,193.36 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 2.57% 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 0.10% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.91%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 4.71%, gold price fell by 2.57%, and cotton price fell by 0.49% last day.

Economic Outlook

T-bill yields climb after new PD guidelines

- The article reports that yields on Bangladesh's treasury bills (T-bills) increased after new primary dealer (PD) guidelines were implemented, with cut-off rates on 91, 182, and 364-day bills rising as only PD banks are now allowed to submit bids at auctions, boosting yields.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-climb-after-new-pd-guidelines-1769970568>

BD set to sign a trade deal with US on Feb 9

- Bangladesh is set to sign a bilateral trade agreement with the United States on February 9, 2026, aimed at reducing Washington's "reciprocal tariff" on Bangladeshi exports and expanding mutual market access, with the exact tariff rate to be finalized at the signing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-set-to-sign-a-trade-deal-with-us-on-feb-9-1769969745>

Private sector credit growth hits record low

- Private sector credit growth in Bangladesh fell to a record low of 6.10 % in December 2025—well below the central bank's target—reflecting weak loan demand from businesses amid economic slowdown and political uncertainty ahead of elections.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/private-sector-credit-growth-hits-record-low-4096216>

35.33% of govt's operating expenditure goes to interest payments in Q1

- In the first quarter (July–September) of the 2025–26 fiscal year, Bangladesh spent a record 35.33 % of its operating expenditure — about Tk 31,800 crore — on interest payments for government debt, making debt servicing the single largest item in the operating budget.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/3533-govts-operating-expenditure-goes-interest-payments-q1-1349936>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

90% default loans, insolvent for years – Padma Bank merger still not in sight

- Padma Bank has remained insolvent for years with over 90 % of its loans defaulted, leaving it with negative equity, heavy losses for state-owned investor banks and trapped depositors, and despite discussions has yet to complete a merger or rescue plan.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/90-default-loans-insolvent-years-padma-bank-merger-still-not-sight-1349941>

Capital Market

Pharmaceutical sector shines amid political and economic uncertainty

- Despite political and economic uncertainty, most listed pharmaceutical companies reported strong revenue and profit growth in the October–December quarter and the first half of the fiscal year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pharmaceutical-sector-shines-amid-political-and-economic-uncertainty-1349851>

United Power lifts profit on deep cost cuts amid revenue slump

- United Power experienced a marginal 2 per cent rise in profit to Tk 2.98 billion in the second quarter of FY26, despite a more than 22 per cent decline in revenue, as the cost of sales shrank by 40 per cent.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/united-power-lifts-profit-on-deep-cost-cuts-amid-revenue-slump-1769964254>

Bashundhara Paper suffers Tk249cr loss amid raw materials crisis

- Bashundhara Paper Mills, a listed company on the stock exchanges, incurred a Tk249 crore loss in the first half of the current fiscal year due to raw material shortages and price hikes, as well as rising utility and borrowing costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bashundhara-paper-suffers-tk249cr-loss-amid-raw-materials-crisis-1349856>

Textile giants' profits slump on falling yarn prices, rising costs

- Bangladesh's leading textile companies reported a noticeable slowdown in business during the October–December quarter of FY26, as falling yarn prices, weak global demand and rising production costs combined to erode both revenue and profitability across the sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/textile-giants-profits-slump-falling-yarn-prices-rising-costs-1349841>