

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,570.59
% change	-0.34%
DS30 Index	2,126.24
% change	-0.45%
DSES Index	1,117.16
% change	-0.14%
Turnover (BDT mn)	12,223.04
Turnover (USD mn)	99.94
% change	-2.76%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.07%
S&P 500	6,843.22
% change	0.10%
Nikkei 225	56,814.00
% change	-0.07%
FTSE 100	10,556.17
% change	1.05%

Source: Investing.com

## Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.30
EUR	144.93	144.95
GBP	166.63	166.72
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

## Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
17-Feb-26	9.75-11.00	9.94
16-Feb-26	9.75-11.00	9.95

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	67.42	-1.79%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,877.70	-2.30%
Cotton, USD/lb.	61.52	-0.95%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

### Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.34% on the last trading day, closing at 5,570.59 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 2.76% 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 0.07% loss.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.94%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.79%, gold price fell by 2.30%, and cotton price fell by 0.95% last day.

## Economic Outlook

### New finance minister plans cutting business costs, deregulation

- Newly appointed Finance and Planning Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said his top priorities are deregulating the economy and lowering the high cost of doing business in Bangladesh to boost investment, ease inflationary pressure and help restore momentum in the country's fragile economy.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/new-finance-minister-plans-cutting-business-costs-deregulation-1771352933>

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### Nabil Mustafiz named MD of Sammilito Islami Bank

- The government has appointed seasoned banker Nabil Mustafizur Rahman as the managing director (MD) of the newly formed Sammilito Islami Bank PLC for a three-year term, marking a key step in stabilising the consolidated Islamic lender created by merging five troubled banks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/nabil-mustafiz-named-md-of-sammilito-islami-bank-1771353467>

## IT

### IT exports up 14% in Jul-Nov on AI-driven demand

- Bangladesh's information technology (IT) exports grew 13.54 percent in the first five months of fiscal year 2025-26, buoyed by accelerating global artificial intelligence (AI) adoption and the widening digitalisation of services, according to government data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/it-exports-14-jul-nov-ai-driven-demand-4108691>

## Capital Market

### Asiatic Laboratories' pre-IPO shares to remain locked-in until completion of 32-storey building

- The pre-IPO shares held by the sponsors, directors and placement shareholders of Asiatic Laboratories will remain under lock-in until three years beyond the existing lock-in expiry date or until the completion and commercial operation of its proposed 32-storey building – whichever occurs later.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/asiatic-laboratories-pre-ipo-shares-remain-locked-until-completion-32-storey-building>

### Power Grid to issue Tk1,324cr into preference shares for govt

- Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB), a state-owned power transmission company, is set to convert Tk1,324 crore in share money deposits received from the government for its development projects into preference shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/power-grid-issue-tk1324cr-preference-shares-govt-1364536>

### Premier Cement gets BSEC nod to raise Tk161cr through preference shares

- Premier Cement Mills PLC has received regulatory approval to raise Tk161 crore through the issuance of preference shares, as the company moves to restructure its balance sheet and reduce rising finance costs.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/premier-cement-gets-bsec-nod-raise-tk161cr-through-preference-shares-1364556>

## **Two general insurers declare dividends for 2025**

- Two listed general insurers, Crystal Insurance Company Limited and Sena Insurance PLC, have declared cash dividends for the year ended 31 December 2025, alongside mixed investor reactions despite stronger earnings. Crystal Insurance's board of directors has recommended a 12% cash dividend, after reporting higher profitability.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/two-general-insurers-declare-dividends-2025-1364571>