

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,519.14
% change	-0.92%
DS30 Index	2,110.04
% change	-0.76%
DSES Index	1,105.28
% change	-1.06%
Turnover (BDT mn)	9,357.78
Turnover (USD mn)	76.51
% change	-23.44%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.26%
S&P 500	6,881.31
% change	0.56%
Nikkei 225	57,470.00
% change	1.15%
FTSE 100	10,686.18
% change	1.23%

Source: Investing.com

## Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.31
EUR	144.09	144.14
GBP	164.99	165.10
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

## Money market

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

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	70.35	4.35%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,979.45	2.09%
Cotton, USD/lb.	61.55	0.05%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.92% on the last trading day, closing at 5,519.14 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 23.44% 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 1.15% 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 rose by 4.35%, gold price rose by 2.09%, and cotton price rose by 0.05% last day.

## Economic Outlook

### New govt to take steps to defer LDC graduation

- The newly formed government of Bangladesh has started the process to postpone the country's graduation from Least Developed Country (LDC) status—potentially by about three years—by taking necessary steps and coordinating with relevant ministries and the Economic Relations Division.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/new-govt-to-take-steps-to-defer-ldc-graduation-1771438959>

### Taka gains slight competitive relief

- Bangladesh's exporters got a modest boost in December as the Taka's real effective exchange rate (REER) declined slightly, easing pressure on the currency and improving its competitiveness a bit, although the Taka still remains somewhat overvalued against major trading partners.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/taka-gains-slight-competitive-relief-1771439001>

### BB buys \$109m more from eight banks

- Bangladesh Bank has purchased an additional US \$109 million from eight commercial banks through a foreign exchange auction to help stabilise the US dollar–taka exchange rate amid stronger remittance inflows, contributing to steadier forex reserves.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bb-buys-109m-more-from-eight-banks-1771434859>

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### Regulator urges compensation for shareholders before NBFi liquidation

- Before the planned liquidation and delisting of several troubled non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs), the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has urged that shareholders be compensated fairly – recommending the government or central bank determine and pay a value per share (based on face value or market price, whichever is higher) to protect general investors' interests and maintain confidence in the capital market.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulator-urges-compensation-for-shareholders-before-nbfi-liquidation-1771436830>

#### SOUTHEAST BANK WINS 'J.P. MORGAN'S AWARD

- Southeast Bank PLC has received “The 2025 U.S. Dollar Clearing Elite Quality Recognition Award for Outstanding Achievement of Best-in-Class” from J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, recognising its high-quality performance in U.S. dollar clearing operations; the award was presented at a ceremony attended by the bank's senior leadership.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/southeast-bank-wins-jp-morgans-award-1771436962>

## Capital Market

#### Post-election optimism fades as markets slide for third day

- The benchmark DSEX of the Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC fell 51 points, or 0.92%, to close at 5,519, marking a three-day decline of 81 points.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/post-election-optimism-fades-markets-slide-third-day-1365621>

## **S Alam Cold Rolled Steels shares jump 50% in February**

- Shares of S Alam Cold Rolled Steels Limited surged 9.59% today (18 February) to close at Tk16 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange PLC (DSE), capping a sharp rally that has seen the stock gain 50% so far in February.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/s-alam-cold-rolled-steels-shares-jump-50-february-1365636>

## **BSEC seeks safeguards for small investors in bank mergers, NBFi liquidations**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has formally urged the government to safeguard the interests of general investors as the financial sector undergoes a major restructuring involving the merger of five banks and the liquidation of nine non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-seeks-safeguards-small-investors-bank-mergers-nbfi-liquidations-1365646>