

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,465.93
% change	-0.96%
DS30 Index	2,097.88
% change	-0.58%
DSES Index	1,095.10
% change	-0.92%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,599.95
Turnover (USD mn)	45.79
% change	-40.16%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.54%
S&P 500	6,861.89
% change	-0.28%
Nikkei 225	57,467.83
% change	0.00%
FTSE 100	10,627.04
% change	-0.55%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.31
EUR	144.07	144.11
GBP	164.88	164.92
INR	1.35	1.35

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
19-Feb-26	9.75-11.00	9.91
18-Feb-26	9.75-11.00	9.94

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	71.66	1.86%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,999.35	0.40%
Cotton, USD/lb.	61.93	0.62%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.96% on the last trading day, closing at 5,465.93 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 40.16% 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 0.004% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated 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 rose by 1.86%, gold price rose by 0.40%, and cotton price rose by 0.62% last day.

Global News

Trump says he will raise global tariffs from 10% to 15%

- US President Donald Trump announced he will raise the global tariff rate on imports from 10 % to 15 %, effective immediately, a day after the US Supreme Court struck down much of his previous wide-ranging tariff plan.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/trump-says-he-will-raise-global-tariffs-10-15-4111491>

Economic Outlook

Banks' interbank, BB borrowings plummet amid credit demand squeeze

- Commercial banks' interbank and Bangladesh Bank (BB) borrowings have sharply declined due to weak credit demand amid sluggish economic activity and excess liquidity from the central bank's foreign-exchange interventions, which has reduced banks' need to borrow funds.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/banks-interbank-bb-borrowings-plummet-amid-credit-demand-squeeze-1771611323>

UN CDP to assess Bangladesh's graduation readiness as 3-year deferral sought

- Bangladesh has formally asked the United Nations Committee for Development Policy (UN CDP) to defer its graduation from the Least Developed Country (LDC) category by three years — until November 2029 — citing prolonged global and domestic economic shocks that have disrupted its preparation for a smooth transition before the scheduled 24 November 2026 graduation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-cdp-assess-bangladeshs-graduation-readiness-3-year-deferral-sought-1367661>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Cenbank eyes pre-Eid liquidation for six NBFIs, awaits govt fund release

- Bangladesh Bank is ready to start the liquidation process for six struggling non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) before Eid, but is waiting for the government to release about Tk 5,600 crore in funds needed to repay individual depositors and proceed with formal liquidation.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-eyes-pre-eid-liquidation-six-nbfis-awaits-govt-fund-release-1366576>

Premier Bank gets Tk 5,000 crore in liquidity support from BB

- Premier Bank Limited received emergency liquidity support of about Tk 5,000 crore from Bangladesh Bank amid deposit outflows, though nearly Tk 4,000 crore of that was used to meet its statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) requirements.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/premier-bank-gets-tk-5000-crore-liquidity-support-bb-4110101>

Fuel & Power

150 mmcf gas supply disruption likely

- A key floating liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal operated by US-based Exceletrate Energy will suspend regasified fuel supply for 48 hours from February 23 to February 25 to carry out urgent maintenance after a technical fault developed in one of its core systems.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/150-mmcf-gas-supply-disruption-likely-1771695740>

Capital Market

Dhaka Stocks fall for fourth straight session post-election

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) extended its losing streak today (19 February), marking the fourth consecutive session of decline since the national election.
- Over the four trading sessions, the benchmark DSEX shed a cumulative 135 points, reflecting persistent selling pressure and cautious investor sentiment.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-fall-fourth-straight-session-post-election-1366481>

Robi posts Tk937cr profit in 2025, declares 17.5% cash dividend

- Robi Axiata, the country's second-largest mobile network operator, posted a net profit of Tk937 crore in 2025 – its first annual profit since listing on the stock exchange five years ago. The earnings represent a 33.3% year-on-year growth compared to 2024.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/robi-posts-tk937cr-profit-2025-declares-175-cash-dividend-1366471>

Aziz Mohammad Bhai announces plan to buy Tk155cr worth of Olympic shares

- Aziz Mohammad Bhai, a sponsor director and chairman of Olympic Industries Limited, has announced his intention to purchase 1 crore shares of the company through the block market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aziz-mohammad-bhai-announces-plan-buy-tk155cr-worth-olympic-shares-1366476>