

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,467.85
% change	0.04%
DS30 Index	2,104.20
% change	0.30%
DSES Index	1,094.79
% change	-0.03%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,680.83
Turnover (USD mn)	46.45
% change	1.44%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.47%
S&P 500	6,909.51
% change	0.69%
Nikkei 225	56,825.70
% change	-1.12%
FTSE 100	10,686.89
% change	0.56%

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
22-Feb-26	9.80-11.00	9.89
19-Feb-26	9.75-11.00	9.91

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	71.30	-0.50%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	5,104.34	2.10%
Cotton, USD/lb.	65.63	5.97%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.04% on the last trading day, closing at 5,467.85 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 1.44% 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 1.12% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.89%, standing between 9.80% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 0.50%, gold price rose by 2.10%, and cotton price rose by 5.97% last day.

Economic Outlook

Treasury bill yields drop again amid rising bank liquidity

- Bangladesh's treasury bill yields fell again in the latest auction due to increased liquidity in the banking sector—driven by Bangladesh Bank's foreign currency purchases from commercial banks and weak private credit growth—leading banks to hold surplus funds, which has reduced the interest rates on short-term government securities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/treasury-bill-yields-drop-again-amid-rising-bank-liquidity-1368566>

Inflation defies monetary antidote, keeps rising

- Despite more than a year of tight monetary policy, inflation in Bangladesh has continued to rise in recent months – driven largely by rising food prices, ongoing supply-side pressures, and market distortions – posing a major challenge for the new government as policy-rate hikes have so far failed to bring inflation below the 8 % range.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/inflation-defies-monetary-antidote-keeps-rising-1771783949>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB cuts down-payment requirement to 1.0pc

- Bangladesh Bank has cut the mandatory down-payment requirement for regularizing defaulted loans, halving it so borrowers now need to pay only 1 % upfront (with the rest over time), to help struggling businesses and ease the buildup of non-performing loans in the banking sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-cuts-down-payment-requirement-to-10pc-1771783309>

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Jamaat MP Arman seeks to line up investors for Nagad

- Mir Ahmad Bin Quasem Arman, a newly elected lawmaker from Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, has expressed interest in bringing fresh investment into the troubled mobile financial services provider Nagad, now under an administrator appointed by the Bangladesh Bank (BB).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/jamaat-mp-arman-seeks-line-investors-nagad-4112486>

Capital Market

Post-election optimism fades as investors await overhaul of market regulator

- The newly formed government has already begun searching for a new Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) chairman, as the existing commission, formed during the interim administration and headed by Khondoker Rashed Maqsood, failed to restore investor confidence.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/post-election-optimism-fades-investors-await-overhaul-market-regulator-1368686>

Stocks open week flat amid policy uncertainty

- Stocks opened the week nearly flat on Sunday as investors mostly remained watchful, waiting for the potential policy direction and regulatory changes under the newly elected government.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/stocks-open-week-flat-amid-policy-uncertainty-1771778080>