

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,600.27
% change	0.82%
DS30 Index	2,169.46
% change	0.82%
DSES Index	1,116.19
% change	0.93%
Turnover (BDT mn)	9,472.82
Turnover (USD mn)	77.46
% change	67.52%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	48,977.92
% change	2.13%
S&P 500	6,878.88
% change	-0.97%
Nikkei 225	58,850.27
% change	-0.80%
FTSE 100	10,910.55
% change	0.96%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.30	122.30
EUR	144.47	144.50
GBP	164.91	164.95
INR	1.34	1.34

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
25-Feb-26	9.80-11.00	9.89
24-Feb-26	9.60-11.00	9.85

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	72.48	2.53%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	5,277.90	2.06%
Cotton, USD/lb.	65.61	-0.85%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.82% on the last trading day, closing at 5,600.27 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 67.52% on the last trading day.

Global Market

- The majority of the leading global indices were volatile during the last trading day.
- One of the leading Asian market indices, NIKKEI 225, posted a -0.80% 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 rose by 2.53%, gold price rose by 2.06%, and cotton price fell by -0.85% last day.

Economic Outlook

Iran-Israel conflict raises energy shock fears for Bangladesh

- Global energy markets are bracing for heightened volatility after a coordinated military strike by the United States and Israel on Iran triggered retaliatory missile and drone attacks targeting Israel and US air bases across the Middle East.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/iran-israel-war-raises-energy-shock-fears-bangladesh-1373286>

GDP growth for FY25 slips to 3.49% as investment and demand weaken

- Bangladesh's economic growth slowed for a third consecutive year in the 2024-25 fiscal year, falling to 3.49% – the weakest performance since the immediate recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-gdp-growth-revised-down-349-fy25-1371596>

Private credit growth dips to record low at 6%

- The country's private sector credit growth plummeted to an all-time low of 6.03% in January, as prolonged political instability and a high-interest-rate regime forced businesses to stall expansion plans and led banks to adopt a highly cautious lending stance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/private-credit-growth-dips-record-low-6-1373706>

CPD urges govt to scrap US trade deal, proposes reforms in 13 sectors

- The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) has urged the newly elected government to immediately scrap the reciprocal trade agreement signed with the United States by the previous interim administration, terming it grossly discriminatory and detrimental to Bangladesh's economic sovereignty.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/cpd-urges-govt-scrap-discriminatory-trade-deal-us-1373216>

UN CDP sets up process to review Bangladesh's request for LDC graduation deferment

- The United Nations has accepted Bangladesh's application to defer its graduation from the Least Developed Countries (LDC) category by three years and will now assess the grounds cited by the government before taking a decision.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-body-agrees-assess-bangladeshs-request-delay-ldc-graduation-3yrs-1372716>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

National Bank gets Tk1,000cr from BB to fight liquidity crunch

- A senior Bangladesh Bank official said the support was necessary as National Bank struggled to return deposits to customers on time. Available deposits and loan recoveries were insufficient.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/national-bank-gets-tk1000cr-bb-fight-liquidity-crunch-1371386>

BB to curb liquidity flow, limit repo to 7-day tenure from May

- From 3 May, banks facing liquidity shortages will be able to access only seven-day repo facilities from the central bank. The move is aimed at reducing the flow of liquidity into the market compared to previous levels.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-curb-liquidity-flow-limit-repo-7-day-tenure-may-1372211>

Capital Market

Stock market volatility marks first eight sessions under BNP rule

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange has experienced a volatile yet gradually stabilising trend during the first eight trading sessions after the BNP assumed office, reflecting investor optimism alongside uncertainty over regulatory reforms and policy direction.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stock-market-volatility-marks-first-eight-sessions-under-bnp-rule-1373551>

Loss-hit GQ Ball Pen sees shares soar 200% since June

- After eight consecutive years of losses and steadily declining sales, GQ Ball Pen Industries has surprised the market as its share price surged more than 200% in the eight months since June, raising eyebrows among investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/loss-hit-gq-ball-pen-sees-shares-soar-200-june-1373561>

EBL Securities' 2026 watch list outperforms market with 15.8% average return

- Stocks featured in EBL Securities Ltd's 2026 watch list have posted robust gains in the first two months of the year, slightly outperforming the broader market amid rising optimism over political clarity and improving macroeconomic conditions at the Dhaka Stock Exchange.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eb1-securities-2026-watch-list-outperforms-market-158-average-return-1373541>

Reliance Insurance profit drops 8% in 2025

- Reliance Insurance PLC reported an 8% year-on-year decline in net profit to Tk88 crore in 2025, reflecting higher claims and depreciation expenses despite growth in premium income.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/reliance-insurance-profit-drops-8-2025-1373536>

Ex-minister Zahid Maleque's family company BD Thai reports Tk1.5cr robbery loss

- A listed company owned by former health minister Zahid Maleque and his family, BD Thai Food & Beverage, has informed capital market regulators of a robbery and looting incident at its factory in Bara Narayanpur of Dhamrai upazila.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ex-minister-zahid-maleques-family-company-bd-thai-reports-tk15cr-robbery-loss-1372151>

New open-ended funds outperform older ones amid market slump

- Many of the mutual funds launched over the past five to seven years have outperformed older funds, supported by what industry insiders describe as diversified investments made after the market had already undergone significant erosion.
- Most of these funds were floated by newly licensed asset management companies (AMCs).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/new-open-ended-funds-outperform-older-ones-amid-market-slump-1772291979>