

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,009.00
% change	-4.42%
DS30 Index	1,919.98
% change	-4.55%
DSES Index	1,013.47
% change	-3.36%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,318.81
Turnover (USD mn)	43.42
% change	15.77%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.95%
S&P 500	6,740.02
% change	-1.33%
Nikkei 225	55,620.84
% change	0.62%
FTSE 100	10,284.75
% change	-1.24%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.48	122.50
EUR	142.30	142.33
GBP	164.26	164.32
INR	1.33	1.33

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
08-Mar-26	9.90-11.00	10.17
05-Mar-26	9.80-11.00	9.92

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	92.69	8.52%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	5,171.12	1.85%
Cotton, USD/lb.	64.20	0.25%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 4.42% on the last trading day, closing at 5,009.00 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 15.77% 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 0.62% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.17%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 8.52%, gold price rose by 1.85%, and cotton price rose by 0.25% last day.

Economic Outlook

Inflation hits 10-month high in February, crosses 9%

- Bangladesh's inflation rose to 9.13% in February—the highest in 10 months—mainly due to rising food prices and increased demand ahead of Ramadan.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-hits-10-month-high-february-crosses-9-4124176>

Forex reserves stay above \$34b after ACU payment

- Bangladesh's foreign-exchange reserves remained above \$34 billion even after paying \$1.37 billion to the Asian Clearing Union, supported by steady remittance and export inflows.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/forex-reserves-stay-above-34b-after-acu-payment-1772992254>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Provisioning requirements for banks getting toughened

- Bangladesh Bank is tightening bank provisioning rules by introducing the IFRS-9-based Expected Credit Loss (ECL) framework, requiring banks to estimate and provision for potential loan losses in advance rather than only after loans deteriorate.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/provisioning-requirements-for-banks-getting-toughened-1772991946>

Fuel & Power

15 ships carrying LNG, fuel arrive at Ctg port

- Amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, 15 cargo ships carrying nearly 250,000 tonnes of liquefied natural gas (LNG), liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), fuel oil and industrial raw materials have arrived at Chattogram Port after safely crossing the Strait of Hormuz, port authorities said on Saturday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/15-ships-carrying-lng-fuel-arrive-at-ctg-port-1772991745>

Capital Market

Panic selling sends stocks to steepest single-day drop in six years

- The DSEX index plunged 231 points, or 4.42%, to close at 5,008, hitting a two-month low and marking the biggest one-day decline since the Covid-19 pandemic era. The previous steepest fall was recorded on 9 March 2020, when the index dropped 279 points during global market turmoil caused by the pandemic.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/panic-selling-sends-stocks-steepest-single-day-drop-six-years-1381066>

Share manipulation fines hit a whopping Tk1,500cr, but recovery remains minimal

- In a bid to curb share manipulation, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission imposed hefty fines totalling around Tk1,500 crore on influential investors – often described as gamblers – for breaching securities laws, mostly through serial trading, over the past one and a half years under the interim government.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/share-manipulation-fines-hit-whopping-tk1500cr-recovery-remains-minimal-1381051>

Olympic Industries to invest in machinery to expand carton, food processing

- Under the plan, the company will import two sets of brand-new capital machinery to establish a carton production plant. The equipment will have a combined annual production capacity of 315.36 million pieces, with each set capable of producing 157.68 million pieces per year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-invest-machinery-expand-carton-food-processing-1381041>