

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,368.40
% change	1.44%
DS30 Index	2,066.25
% change	1.38%
DSES Index	1,079.42
% change	1.61%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,915.72
Turnover (USD mn)	48.19
% change	12.98%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-1.56%
S&P 500	6,672.62
% change	-1.52%
Nikkei 225	54,452.96
% change	0.61%
FTSE 100	10,305.15
% change	-0.47%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	140.13	140.14
GBP	162.30	162.40
INR	1.33	1.33

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
12-Mar-26	9.90-11.00	10.05
11-Mar-26	10.00-11.00	10.12

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	100.46	14.42%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	5,080.07	-2.17%
Cotton, USD/lb.	65.14	-0.25%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 1.44% on the last trading day, closing at 5,368.40 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 12.98% 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 0.61% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.05%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 14.42%, gold price fell by 2.17%, and cotton price fell by 0.25% last day.

Economic Outlook

Trade deficit hits \$13.8b as export growth stalls and imports climb

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened to about \$13.8 billion in July–January FY2025-26 as export growth stalled while imports continued to increase, according to central bank data.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/trade-deficit-hits-138b-export-growth-stalls-and-imports-climb-1385636>

Islamic Development Bank agrees to lend \$1.0b

- Islamic Development Bank has agreed to provide around \$10 billion in financing to Bangladesh over the next three years, mainly to support energy security, infrastructure development, and private-sector projects, helping the country meet its rising development and external financing needs.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/islamic-development-bank-agrees-to-lend-10b-1773507809>

EPA set to redefine Bangladesh-Japan trade landscape

- The Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) between Bangladesh and Japan is expected to reshape bilateral trade by ensuring duty-free or reduced-tariff access for over 7,300 Bangladeshi products and creating a structured, rules-based trade framework that supports export growth and deeper investment ties.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/epa-set-redefine-bangladesh-japan-trade-landscape-4128671>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

EBL honours SME women entrepreneurs

- Eastern Bank PLC honoured 52 SME women entrepreneurs who successfully repaid loans under the Small Enterprise Refinance Scheme for Women Entrepreneurs of Bangladesh Bank and received central bank incentives.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/eb1-honours-sme-women-entrepreneurs-1773504195>

Capital Market

Bargain hunting drives DSE recovery despite cautious dip in turnover

- Stocks at the Dhaka bourse staged a notable rebound last week as improving investor sentiment and bargain hunting drove the key indices sharply higher amid easing concerns surrounding the ongoing Middle East war and its potential impact on the domestic economy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bargain-hunting-drives-dse-recovery-despite-cautious-dip-turnover-1386921>

Scam-hit NBFIs top Feb performers after bottoming out

- Struggling under heavy classified loan burdens, several non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs) have emerged as top performers in the stock market, posting sharp price increases in February after months of steep declines triggered by liquidation concerns.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/junk-nbfi-stocks-rebound-despite-liquidation-fears-1386906>

DSE certifies 11 more brokerages to launch own order management systems

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has granted FIX certification to 11 more brokerage houses, allowing them to launch their own Order Management Systems (OMS) through API connectivity.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-certifies-11-more-brokerages-launch-own-order-management-systems-1386901>

Foreigners prefer Square Pharma, BRAC Bank in February, but pull back from Olympic, GP

- Foreign investors increased their exposure to several blue-chip stocks in February, particularly in the banking and pharmaceutical sectors, while pulling back from companies including Olympic Industries, Grameenphone (GP) and DBH Finance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreigners-prefer-square-pharma-brac-bank-february-pull-back-olympic-gp-1385561>

RD Food former chairman plans total exit from company

- SM Fakhar-Uz-Zaman, one of the sponsors and former chairman of Rangpur Dairy and Food Products Ltd, widely known as RD Food, has announced plans to sell his entire shareholding in the company through the stock market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rd-food-former-chairman-plans-total-exit-company-1386911>

BSEC forms enquiry committee against Navana Pharma over board dispute

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has formed an investigation committee to examine allegations of irregularities surrounding board meetings and a leadership dispute at Navana Pharmaceuticals.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-forms-enquiry-committee-against-navana-pharma-over-board-dispute-1385576>