

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,319.14
% change	-0.92%
DS30 Index	2,043.14
% change	-1.12%
DSES Index	1,071.18
% change	-0.76%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,235.48
Turnover (USD mn)	42.65
% change	-11.50%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.26%
S&P 500	6,632.19
% change	-0.61%
Nikkei 225	53,819.61
% change	-1.16%
FTSE 100	10,261.15
% change	-0.43%

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
15-Mar-26	9.95-11.00	10.02
12-Mar-26	9.90-11.00	10.05

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	103.14	2.67%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	5,019.25	-1.20%
Cotton, USD/lb.	65.85	1.09%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.92% on the last trading day, closing at 5,3619.14 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 11.50% 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 1.16% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.02%, standing between 9.95% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 2.67%, gold price fell by 1.20%, and cotton price rose by 1.09% last day.

Economic Outlook

Remittance inflow up 35.7% in first half of March ahead of Eid

- Remittance inflow to Bangladesh rose 35.7% year-on-year to \$2.20 billion in the first 14 days of March, compared with \$1.62 billion during the same period last year, as expatriate workers sent more money home ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. Between 12–14 March alone about \$284 million was remitted, reflecting the usual pre-Eid surge in transfers.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-inflow-357-first-half-march-ahead-eid-1387681>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Bangladesh Bank raises max credit card limit to Tk40 lakh

- Bangladesh Bank has raised the maximum credit card limit to Tk40 lakh from Tk25 lakh and doubled the unsecured limit to Tk20 lakh to support digital payments and update credit card regulations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/credit-card-limit-raised-tk40-lakh-1387641>

Islami Bank delays US investor's entry into mCash

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has postponed its plan to bring US-based B100 Holdings LLC as a strategic investor in its mobile financial services subsidiary mCash Ltd until due diligence and regulatory approvals are completed.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/islami-bank-delays-us-investors-entry-mcash-4129581>

Trust Bank allowed to appoint multiple directors from sole sponsor

- Bangladesh Bank has allowed Trust Bank PLC to appoint multiple directors from its sole sponsor shareholder Army Welfare Trust, relaxing a rule in the Bank Companies Act 1991 that normally permits only one representative director from a single institution.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/trust-bank-allowed-appoint-multiple-directors-sole-sponsor-4129576>

Fuel and Power

Govt lifts fuel rationing as fresh oil cargoes arrive

- The government on Sunday lifted all fuel-rationing measures for petrol, octane, and diesel following the arrival of several imported oil consignments at Chattogram port, easing supply concerns ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-lifts-fuel-rationing-as-fresh-oil-cargoes-arrive-1773599329>

Capital Market

Dhaka stocks slip as Middle East uncertainty halts four-day rally

- Stocks at the Dhaka bourse fell today (15 March), ending a four-session rally as cautious investors returned to the sidelines amid persistent uncertainty over the ongoing Middle East conflict.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-slip-middle-east-uncertainty-halts-four-day-rally-1387926>

BSEC clears Walton Digi-Tech and Hi-Tech merger

- The proposed merger between listed electronics manufacturer Walton Hi-Tech Industries and non-listed technology company Walton Digi-Tech Industries has moved a step closer after the securities regulator issued a formal clearance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-walton-digi-tech-and-hi-tech-merger-1387946>

Olympic turns to solar power as country strides to secure energy supply

- The branded biscuit manufacturer has signed an agreement with Solaric Ltd for engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) of a solar power system with an installed capacity of more than 1,000 kilowatt-peak (kWp) at its Madanpur, Kutubpur and Lolati factories.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/olympic-turns-to-solar-power-as-country-strides-to-secure-energy-supply-1773598412>

ADB eyes bond guarantee fund to boost Bangladesh capital market

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has expressed interest in providing technical assistance to support reform initiatives aimed at strengthening Bangladesh's capital market, including the development of a potential bond guarantee fund.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/adb-eyes-bond-guarantee-fund-boost-bangladesh-capital-market-1387706>

Beximco paid bond profits from raised capital, now faces payment crisis

- Beximco Limited paid monthly profits to bond investors from the capital it had raised by offering high returns, rather than from business income, company officials have said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/beximco-paid-bond-profits-raised-capital-now-faces-payment-crisis-1388026>

BSEC fines Index Agro and Prudential Capital for regulatory breaches

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed financial penalties on Index Agro Industries Limited and brokerage firm Prudential Capital Limited for violating securities laws and regulatory requirements.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-index-agro-and-prudential-capital-regulatory-breaches-1387916>