

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,353.94
% change	0.65%
DS30 Index	2,050.78
% change	0.37%
DSES Index	1,080.56
% change	0.88%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,603.08
Turnover (USD mn)	37.50
% change	-12.08%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	1.38%
S&P 500	6,581.00
% change	1.15%
Nikkei 225	53,033.00
% change	3.60%
FTSE 100	9,894.15
% change	-0.24%

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
16-Mar-26	9.75-11.00	9.99
15-Mar-26	9.95-11.00	10.02

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	95.92	-10.39%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,407.62	-1.28%
Cotton, USD/lb.	67.18	-0.19%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

### Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.65% on the last trading day, closing at 5,353.94 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 12.08% 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 3.60% gain.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.99%, standing between 9.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 10.39%, gold price fell by 1.28%, and cotton price fell by 0.19% last day.

## Economic Outlook

### Bangladesh to join WTO Investment Facilitation Agreement

- Bangladesh has approved joining the WTO's Investment Facilitation for Development Agreement to simplify investment procedures and boost foreign direct investment by improving transparency and ease of doing business.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-join-wto-investment-facilitation-agreement-1389581>

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### Non-performing loans in business-trading sector at 42%, investment and growth at risk: BB

- Non-performing loans in Bangladesh's business and trade sector have surged to 42%, posing a serious threat to investment, liquidity, and overall economic growth, according to Bangladesh Bank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/non-performing-loans-business-trading-sector-42-investment-and-growth-risk-bb>

#### IDLC Finance profit up 21pc on higher investment returns

- IDLC Finance PLC reported a 21% rise in profit, mainly driven by significantly higher returns from investments (especially government securities), which offset weaker core lending income.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/idlc-finance-profit-up-21pc-on-higher-investment-returns-1773679423>

#### Life insurers face mounting unpaid claims, now at 12 lakh

- Unpaid life insurance claims in Bangladesh have risen to about 12 lakh policyholders (Tk 4,403 crore) due to liquidity shortages, mismanagement, and corruption in many insurers, eroding public trust in the sector.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/life-insurers-face-mounting-unpaid-claims-now-12-lakh-4132306>

### Capital Market

#### Bangladesh Industrial Finance shares surge 633% since 14 Jan

- In just two months, shares of Bangladesh Industrial Finance Company (BIFC), a non-bank financial institution (NBFI), skyrocketed by over 600%, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-industrial-finance-shares-surge-633-14-jan-1390531>

#### BSEC launches probe into 4 intermediaries over market irregularities

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has launched investigations into four capital market intermediaries over allegations of serious irregularities, in a move aimed at protecting investors and ensuring market stability.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-launches-probe-4-intermediaries-over-market-irregularities-1390406>

#### Mamun Agro seeks promotion to DSE main board from SME platform

- Mamun Agro Industries, currently listed on the SME platform on the Dhaka Stock Exchange, has formally sought enlistment on the main board of the bourse, citing compliance with regulatory criteria, including paid-up capital exceeding Tk50 crore and more than three years of trading history.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mamun-agro-seeks-promotion-dse-main-board-sme-platform-1389626>