

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,316.25
% change	0.59%
DS30 Index	2,019.71
% change	0.41%
DSES Index	1,073.66
% change	0.10%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,038.15
Turnover (USD mn)	49.19
% change	22.61%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-1.01%
S&P 500	6,477.16
% change	-1.74%
Nikkei 225	53,603.65
% change	-0.27%
FTSE 100	9,972.17
% change	-1.33%

Source: Investing.com

## Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	142.48	142.49
GBP	164.60	164.64
INR	1.30	1.31

Source: BB

## Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
25-Mar-26	9.25-11.00	9.89
24-Mar-26	9.75-11.00	9.94

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	101.89	4.76%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,380.03	-2.81%
Cotton, USD/lb.	69.41	1.80%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

### Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.59% on the last trading day, closing at 5,316.25 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 22.61% 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 0.27% loss.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.89%, standing between 9.25% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 4.76%, gold price fell by 2.81%, and cotton price rose by 1.80% last day.

## Economic Outlook

### S&P warns of heightened energy risk for Bangladesh

- Bangladesh faces heightened energy risk because its heavy reliance on imported fuel makes it vulnerable to global supply disruptions, which could hurt growth and increase inflation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/sp-warns-heightened-energy-risk-bangladesh-4137761>

### Govt may have to spend extra Tk 610b annually

- If global oil prices stay very high (around \$120/barrel), Bangladesh's government may need to spend an extra Tk 610 billion annually on fuel subsidies and imports, putting heavy pressure on the economy.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-may-have-to-spend-extra-tk-610b-annually-1774717939>

### Investment, savings slide as growth slows

- Bangladesh's investment and savings rates are declining due to slower economic growth, high inflation, and weak demand, signaling rising economic strain and lower future growth potential.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/investment-savings-slide-as-growth-slows-1774718580>

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### Defaulted loans rises by 12% in December quarter

- Defaulted loans in Bangladesh rose by 12% in the December quarter, mainly due to stricter loan classification rules and the exposure of previously hidden bad loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/defaulted-loans-rises-12-december-quarter-1396286>

#### Bank Asia to acquire Bank Alfalah's local operations for \$47.5m

- Bank Asia Limited plans to acquire the local operations of Bank Alfalah Limited in Bangladesh for about \$47.5 million, aiming to expand its market share and strengthen its banking network, subject to regulatory approvals.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bank-asia-to-acquire-bank-alfalabs-local-operations-for-475m-1774718379>

### Fuel and Power

#### Fuel shortage hurts Chattogram industries

- A tightening diesel supply has begun to disrupt operations across key industrial sectors, with manufacturers in Chattogram reporting reduced output and rising costs amid an ongoing fuel crunch.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/fuel-shortage-hurts-chattogram-industries-1395531>

#### Crude supply uncertainty casts doubt over Eastern Refinery operations after 6 April

- Bangladesh's only state-owned oil refinery, Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL), may be forced to halt crude processing after 6 April due to a lack of fresh crude supplies, officials say, amid global supply disruptions linked to conflict in the Middle East.
- ERL currently holds 37,990 tonnes of crude oil stock, which – at its present processing rate of 3,700-3,800 tonnes per day – is expected to last until 6 April.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/crude-supply-uncertainty-casts-doubt-over-eastern-refinery-operations-after-6>

## Capital Market

### Post-Eid rally sees struggling Z-category firms top gainers' chart

- Struggling Z-category companies, especially leasing firms and a few manufacturing entities, led the top gainers' chart on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) during the first trading week after Eid, which saw only two sessions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/post-aid-rally-sees-struggling-z-category-firms-top-gainers-chart-1396181>

### Claims unpaid, confidence shattered: Delays by large insurers erode public trust

- Persistent delays in claim settlements by major general insurers are eroding public confidence in Bangladesh's insurance sector, as official data show insurers paid just 9.37% of total claims in the final quarter of 2025.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/claims-unpaid-confidence-shattered-delays-large-insurers-erode-public-trust-1396171>

### Akij Food gets nod for Tk500 crore bond

- Akij Food & Beverage Limited, one of the largest beverage conglomerates in Bangladesh, has secured approval from the stock market regulator to issue a Tk500-crore zero-coupon bond, aiming to repay existing loans and diversify its funding sources.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/akij-food-gets-approval-raise-tk500cr-through-bonds-1393731>

### Alliance Finance keeps default loans below 1% through strong risk management

- When the entire financial industry has been grappling with high levels of default loans, Alliance Finance, a joint-venture financial institution with Sri Lankan investment in Bangladesh, has managed to keep its default rate within 1% through prudent risk management.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/alliance-finance-keeps-default-loans-within-1-thanks-proper-risk-management-1396006>

### ICAB suspends two BSEC-listed auditors over misconduct

- The penalised auditors are Quazi Shafiqul Islam, managing partner of Islam Quazi Shafique & Co, and Nurul Hossain Khan, managing partner of Kazi Zahir Khan & Co. They have each been barred from conducting statutory audits for one year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/icab-suspends-two-bsec-listed-auditors-over-misconduct-1396161>