

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,272.07
% change	-0.83%
DS30 Index	1,998.39
% change	-1.06%
DSES Index	1,066.11
% change	-0.70%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,464.24
Turnover (USD mn)	52.66
% change	7.06%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-1.73%
S&P 500	6,368.85
% change	-1.67%
Nikkei 225	53,373.07
% change	-0.43%
FTSE 100	9,967.35
% change	-0.05%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	141.26	141.31
GBP	162.72	162.80
INR	1.30	1.30

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
29-Mar-26	9.25-11.00	9.84
25-Mar-26	9.25-11.00	9.89

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	105.32	3.37%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,492.99	2.58%
Cotton, USD/lb.	69.46	0.07%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.83% on the last trading day, closing at 5,272.07 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 7.06% 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 0.43% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.84%, standing between 9.25% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 3.37%, gold price rose by 2.58%, and cotton price rose by 0.07% last day.

Economic Outlook

Govt rules out tax hikes, bets on broader base

- The Bangladesh government has decided not to increase tax rates, choosing instead to boost revenue by widening the tax base, improving compliance, and reducing evasion, aiming to strengthen the country's low tax-to-GDP ratio without adding extra burden on existing taxpayers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-rules-out-tax-hikes-bets-broader-base-4138646>

ADB to provide \$1b as Bangladesh seeks to cushion Mideast war shocks

- The Asian Development Bank will provide \$1 billion in budget support to Bangladesh to help cushion economic shocks—especially rising fuel costs and external pressures—caused by the ongoing Middle East conflict, with more funding being sought from other global lenders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adb-provide-1b-bangladesh-seeks-cushion-mideast-war-shocks-1397276>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

NCC Bank launches green savings account 'NCC NeoX'

- NCC Bank PLC has launched a fully digital and eco-friendly savings account called "NCC NeoX", allowing customers to open accounts online while channeling deposits into green sectors like renewable energy and sustainable agriculture, combining digital banking with environmental sustainability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/ncc-bank-launches-green-savings-account-ncc-neox-4138711>

Fuel and Power

First LPG shipment arrives in Ctg through Hormuz since Iran war started

- Only one LPG-carrying vessel has reached Bangladesh from the Middle East since tensions escalated in the region, with shipping through the Strait of Hormuz virtually suspended, according to port data and shipping sources.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/single-lpg-shipment-reaches-bangladesh-hormuz-route-stalls-1396536>

RMG

5 new factories get LEED certification

- Five new readymade garment (RMG) factories in Bangladesh have secured Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, raising the country's total number of LEED-certified factories to 280, further strengthening Bangladesh's position as a global leader in green garment manufacturing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/5-new-factories-get-leed-certification-1396476>

Capital Market

Stocks slide further amid escalating Middle East war

- Since the war began on 28 February, most trading sessions have witnessed sell-offs, dragging down share prices and overall market capitalisation, although a brief rebound was recorded in the first session after the Eid holiday on 25 March when the benchmark index gained 31 points.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-slide-further-amid-escalating-middle-east-war-1397141>

Runner Automobiles yet to finalise investment, financial impact of BYD deal

- The final investment size and financial implications of the agreement between Runner Automobiles PLC and Chinese electric vehicle maker BYD have yet to be determined, the company said in a disclosure to investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/runner-automobiles-yet-finalise-investment-financial-impact-byd-deal-1397151>