

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,256.84
% change	0.03%
DS30 Index	1,990.23
% change	0.30%
DSES Index	1,066.44
% change	-0.03%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,061.51
Turnover (USD mn)	65.70
% change	-3.63%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.09%
S&P 500	7,041.28
% change	1.06%
Nikkei 225	59,518.34
% change	2.84%
FTSE 100	10,589.99
% change	-0.18%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.70	122.70
EUR	144.32	144.36
GBP	165.82	165.88
INR	1.32	1.33

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
16-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	10.00
15-Apr-26	9.95-11.00	10.02

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	99.39	4.70%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,788.58	-0.72%
Cotton, USD/lb.	78.13	0.92%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.03% on the last trading day, closing at 5,256.84 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 3.63% 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 2.84% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.00%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 4.70%, gold price fell by 0.72%, and cotton price rose by 0.92% last day.

Economic Outlook

Fuel prices rise by Tk 15-20 per litre

- The government has increased fuel prices by Tk 15–20 per litre, reversing earlier cuts and adjustments under the automatic pricing system.
- The hike is driven by rising global oil prices and import costs, likely to raise transport costs and overall inflation in the economy.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fuel-prices-rise-by-tk-15-20-per-litre-1776532838>

Govt domestic debt rises by Tk1.51 lakh crore in a year

- The government's domestic debt has risen sharply to around Tk 15.1 lakh crore, reflecting increased borrowing to finance budget deficits and spending needs.
- The rise is driven by heavy reliance on bank borrowing and savings instruments amid weak revenue collection, adding pressure on fiscal stability and debt servicing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/government-domestic-debt-rises-tk-151-lakh-crore-year-1413341>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Banks asked to avoid forward booking to keep dollar rate in check

- Bangladesh Bank has instructed banks to avoid excessive forward dollar booking to prevent artificial shortages in the spot market that could push the dollar rate higher.
- The move comes as forward booking demand surged due to global uncertainty, with authorities aiming to stabilise the exchange rate and curb potential inflationary pressure.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-asked-avoid-forward-booking-keep-dollar-rate-check-1415001>

Capital Market

Dhaka stocks remain bearish amid global tensions, energy worries

- Ongoing tensions in the Middle East and uncertainty over domestic fuel supply continued to erode investor confidence, keeping the Dhaka stock market on a downward trajectory throughout the week.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-remain-bearish-amid-global-tensions-energy-worries-1414886>

DBA signs MoU with Japan's JSDA to boost capital market development

- The DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh (DBA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Japan Securities Dealers Association (JSDA) to enhance cooperation and support the sustainable development of Bangladesh's capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dba-signs-mou-japans-jsda-boost-capital-market-development-1414911>

Uttara Bank to inject Tk192cr into brokerage subsidiary to strengthen capital base

- The decision, aimed at expanding the firm's capital and ensuring smoother operations, comes at a time when the subsidiary is grappling with financial losses and a relatively small capital footprint.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/uttara-bank-inject-tk192cr-brokerage-subsiadiary-strengthen-capital-base-1414926>

Two non-life insurers declare cash dividends for FY25

- Two listed non-life insurance companies – Bangladesh National Insurance Company and Central Insurance Company have declared cash dividends for the year ended 31 December 2025, as both firms posted earnings growth alongside contrasting cash flow performances.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/two-non-life-insurers-declare-cash-dividends-fy25-1414916>