

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,247.54
% change	-0.18%
DS30 Index	1,990.31
% change	0.00%
DSES Index	1,062.22
% change	-0.40%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,192.02
Turnover (USD mn)	66.76
% change	1.62%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	1.79%
S&P 500	7,126.06
% change	1.20%
Nikkei 225	58,475.90
% change	-1.75%
FTSE 100	10,667.63
% change	0.73%

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
17-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	9.97
16-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	10.00

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	96.70	-2.71%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,755.25	-0.70%
Cotton, USD/lb.	79.82	2.16%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.18% on the last trading day, closing at 5,247.54 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 1.62% 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 1.75% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.97%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 2.71%, gold price fell by 0.70%, and cotton price rose by 2.16% last day.

Economic Outlook

Fuel price hikes feed inflation but ease subsidy burden

- Fuel price hikes are pushing up costs in transport, irrigation, and production, which then raises prices of goods and fuels overall inflation.
- However, higher prices significantly reduce government subsidy expenses (about Tk 700 crore monthly), easing fiscal pressure and lowering borrowing needs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/fuel-price-hikes-feed-inflation-ease-subsidy-burden-4155576>

Govt will not take loans from IMF by accepting all conditions: Khosru

- The government will not take IMF loans by accepting all conditions, emphasizing that any decision will protect national interests, businesses, and people.
- Finance Minister Amir Khosru stated that IMF relations are commercial, not charitable, and negotiations are ongoing—final decisions will depend on outcomes of talks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-will-not-take-loans-imf-accepting-all-conditions-khosru-1415461>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Dhaka Bank signs strategic auto loan agreement with Toyota Bangladesh Limited

- Dhaka Bank PLC signed a strategic agreement with Toyota Bangladesh Limited to offer auto loans on preferential terms for customers buying new Toyota vehicles, including discounts and added benefits.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/dhaka-bank-signs-strategic-auto-loan-agreement-with-toyota-bangladesh-limited-1776616383>

Fuel and Gas

After fuel oils, comes second successive LPG price hike

- Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) price is jacked up to Tk 1,940 per 12-kilogram cylinder in a second successive hike within a month, which critics say would increase pressure on household budgets.
- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) Sunday announced the latest "adjustment" in the price of the widely used cooking gas with a rise by Tk 212 from the previous rate of Tk 1,728.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/after-fuel-oils-comes-second-successive-lpg-price-hike-1776620303>

Capital Market

DSEX dips on fuel price adjustment, geopolitical jitters

- The country's capital market began the week on a sluggish note today (19 April), as investors remained cautious following the recent adjustment in domestic fuel prices and ongoing uncertainty regarding the Middle East conflict.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-dips-fuel-price-adjustment-geopolitical-jitters-1415896>

People's Leasing moves for legal action as Tk1,785cr remains unrecovered from ex-directors

- Despite repeated notices and a High Court directive, People's Leasing and Financial Services has failed to recover any dues from four former directors who collectively owe Tk1,785 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/peoples-leasing-moves-legal-action-tk1785cr-remains-unrecovered-ex-directors-1415951>

Energy-saving LED tubes, electrical accessories drive BD Lamps' sales growth

- Bangladesh Lamps, widely known as BD Lamps, posted more than 11% year-on-year revenue growth in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, driven by higher sales of energy-saving LED tube lights and electrical accessories, according to its quarterly financials as of March.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/energy-saving-led-tubes-electrical-accessories-drive-bd-lamps-sales-growth-1415901>