

## Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,232.49
% change	-0.29%
DS30 Index	1,980.01
% change	-0.52%
DSES Index	1,059.70
% change	-0.24%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,247.60
Turnover (USD mn)	67.19
% change	0.68%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.01%
S&P 500	7,109.14
% change	-0.24%
Nikkei 225	59,007.50
% change	0.91%
FTSE 100	10,609.08
% change	-0.55%

Source: Investing.com

## Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.70	122.75
EUR	144.63	144.72
GBP	166.04	166.18
INR	1.32	1.32

Source: BB

## Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
20-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	9.96
17-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	9.97

Source: BB

## Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	95.48	-1.26%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,821.87	1.40%
Cotton, USD/lb.	80.04	0.28%

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

### Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.29% on the last trading day, closing at 5,232.49 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 0.68% 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 0.91% gain.

### Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.96%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.26%, gold price rose by 1.40%, and cotton price rose by 0.28% last day.

## Economic Outlook

### BB purchases another \$60m from banks

- Bangladesh Bank bought \$60 million from commercial banks at Tk122.75 per dollar, continuing its recent dollar purchase trend.
- The move aims to boost foreign exchange reserves (now about \$30.36 billion) and inject liquidity into banks, helping stabilize the forex market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-purchases-another-60m-banks-1416696>

## Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

#### Hassan O. Rashid takes charge as EBL MD

- Hassan O. Rashid has taken charge as Managing Director of Eastern Bank PLC, succeeding his previous role as CEO of Prime Bank PLC.
- With over 31 years of banking experience, he previously held senior roles at global banks and earlier helped strengthen EBL's growth, including expanding its balance sheet and trade finance operations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/hassan-o-rashid-takes-charge-as-eb1-md-1776700465>

### Capital Market

#### Stocks slide further as cost-side concerns, geopolitical uncertainty weigh on sentiment

- A combination of domestic macroeconomic shifts and geopolitical uncertainty continues to weigh on the bourse, with the benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) plunging by 15 points to settle at 5,232.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-slide-further-cost-side-concerns-geopolitical-uncertainty-weigh-sentiment>

#### Pioneer Insurance profit rises 25% despite 19% drop in premium income

- Pioneer Insurance PLC posted a 25% year-on-year growth in net profit in the first quarter of 2026, driven largely by a sharp cut in management expenses, even as its premium income declined significantly.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pioneer-insurance-profit-rises-25-despite-19-drop-premium-income-1416856>

#### Shahjibazar Power profit surges 138% in Jul-Mar FY26

- Shahjibazar Power Co Ltd, a concern of Youth Group, has reported a staggering 138% growth in its consolidated net profit during the first nine months of the 2025-26 fiscal year, driven by higher operational efficiency and strong contributions from its associate companies.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/shahjibazar-power-profit-surges-138-jul-mar-fy26-1416711>

#### Titas Gas gets BSEC nod to issue Tk282cr preference shares

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has approved a proposal by state-owned Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited to issue irredeemable, non-cumulative preference shares worth approximately Tk282.75 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/titas-gas-gets-bsec-nod-issue-tk282cr-preference-shares-1416826>

## **Unilever Consumer Care revenue drops by 8% in Jan-Mar**

- According to the financial statement for the January-March period of 2026, the health drinks like Horlicks producer posted a revenue of Tk87.44 crore, which was Tk95.40 crore during the same quarter a year ago.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/unilever-consumer-care-revenue-drops-8-jan-mar-1416981>