

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,257.41
% change	0.48%
DS30 Index	1,984.18
% change	0.21%
DSES Index	1,062.65
% change	0.28%
Turnover (BDT mn)	9,292.88
Turnover (USD mn)	75.71
% change	12.67%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.59%
S&P 500	7,064.01
% change	-0.63%
Nikkei 225	59,040.00
% change	0.06%
FTSE 100	10,498.09
% change	-1.05%

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
21-Apr-26	9.50-11.00	9.94
20-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	9.96

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	98.48	3.14%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,738.20	-1.74%
Cotton, USD/lb.	80.86	1.02%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.48% on the last trading day, closing at 5,257.41 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 12.67% 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 0.06% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.94%, standing between 9.50% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 3.14%, gold price fell by 1.74%, and cotton price rose by 1.02% last day.

Economic Outlook

Revenue shortfall hits record Tk98,000cr in nine months

- Bangladesh recorded a record revenue shortfall of about Tk98,000 crore in the first nine months of FY26, already exceeding the deficit of any previous full fiscal year.
- Despite around 11% growth in revenue collection, the gap widened due to sluggish economic activity, lower imports, and overly ambitious targets.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/revenue-shortfall-hits-record-tk98000cr-nine-months-1417956>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Banks lose borrowing appetite as credit demand slumps

- Banks' borrowing appetite has declined sharply as credit demand from the private sector weakens, reflecting ongoing economic sluggishness.
- Higher liquidity from central bank interventions (like dollar purchases) reduced banks' need to borrow, while call money transactions fell significantly, signaling lower short-term funding demand.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/banks-lose-borrowing-appetite-as-credit-demand-slumps-1776793303>

Capital Market

Turnover surges 13% as bargain hunters return to Dhaka bourse

- Stocks staged a moderate recovery today (21 April) as bargain hunters returned to the Dhaka bourse, lifting the benchmark index after two consecutive sessions of decline, although lingering geopolitical tensions in the Middle East continued to cap stronger gains.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/turnover-surges-13-bargain-hunters-return-dhaka-bourse-1417906>

No BB directive on resuming or shutting down S Alam Group operations: Finance minister

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury today (21 April) told parliament that Bangladesh Bank has not issued any directive regarding resuming or shutting down the commercial operations of S Alam Group, which had been halted amid loan default concerns.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/no-bb-directive-resuming-or-shutting-down-s-alam-group-operations-finance-minister-1417711>

Ring Shine to settle bank debt with interest-free loan from sister concern

- Ring Shine Textiles, a "Z" category company listed on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), has decided to take an interest-free loan from its sister concern, Lark Textiles, to repay its high-interest bank liabilities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ring-shine-settle-bank-debt-interest-free-loan-sister-concern-1417886>