

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,317.36
% change	0.16%
DS30 Index	2,020.28
% change	0.19%
DSES Index	1,055.46
% change	0.12%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,877.77
Turnover (USD mn)	72.32
% change	-13.53%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.75%
S&P 500	7,135.95
% change	-0.04%
Nikkei 225	59,159.50
% change	-1.27%
FTSE 100	10,213.11
% change	-1.16%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	143.34	143.35
GBP	165.38	165.45
INR	1.29	1.29

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
29-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	9.98
28-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	9.95

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	110.44	5.79%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,561.82	-0.73%
Cotton, USD/lb.	79.20	-0.59%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.16% on the last trading day, closing at 5,317.36 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 13.53% 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 1.27% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.98%, standing between 9.85% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 5.79%, gold price fell by 0.73%, and cotton price fell by 0.59% last day.

Economic Outlook

BB plans special refinance fund to reopen closed factories

- Bangladesh Bank plans a special refinance fund with low-interest loans to help reopen closed factories and boost employment, aligned to create large-scale jobs.
- The scheme will prioritize viable but shut-down industries (excluding fraudulent firms) and may include relaxed loan terms, cheaper financing, and easier import-export facilities, though IMF has raised concerns about inflation risks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-plans-special-refinance-fund-to-reopen-closed-factories-1777484943>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Banks barred from opening LCs for supplement imports without DGDA approval

- Bangladesh Bank has barred banks from opening LCs or processing payments for supplement imports without prior approval from the Directorate General of Drug Administration, making regulatory clearance mandatory.
- The move aims to enforce the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 2023, as some importers were bringing in supplements without approval—an offence punishable by law—leading to disputes over customs clearance and court interventions.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-barred-opening-lcs-supplement-imports-without-dgda-approval-1425291>

Capital Market

Renata sees double digit profit growth in Jul-Mar

- Renata PLC, one of the leading drug-makers, maintained a robust 28% year-on-year increase in consolidated profit, maintaining double-digit growth, while revenue rose 6.46% in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, driven primarily by higher sales volume.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/renata-sees-double-digit-profit-growth-jul-mar-1425431>

Apex Footwear's Tk616cr revenue yields just Tk1cr profit amid rising costs, tax pressures

- Apex Footwear PLC, the country's leading footwear manufacturer and exporter, reported a staggering turnover of Tk616 crore during the January-March quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year, yet managed to retain only Tk1.06 crore as net profit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/apex-footwear-revenue-jumps-14-tk616cr-jan-mar-1423531>

Olympic Industries to invest Tk26cr in land purchase for factory expansion

- Olympic Industries, the country's leading branded biscuit manufacturer, is set to invest Tk26.22 crore to purchase 489.89 decimals of land adjacent to its existing factory for future expansion.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/olympic-industries-invest-tk26cr-land-purchase-factory-expansion-1425351>

Jamuna Bank declares 29% cash dividend as profit jumps 100% in 2025

- According to the bank's price-sensitive statement, its consolidated net profit of Tk558 crore and earnings per share stood at Tk5.92, which was Tk279 crore and Tk2.97 respectively a year ago.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/jamuna-bank-declares-29-cash-dividend-profit-jumps-100-2025-1425346>

Marico posts strong annual profit growth on robust sales

- The fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) company's net profit rose 10 per cent to Tk 6.49 billion, while revenue jumped 27 per cent to Tk 20.71 billion for the year, according to its latest annual report.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/marico-posts-strong-annual-profit-growth-on-robust-sales-1777481910>

Square Pharma's Q3 profit slips slightly despite revenue growth

- Square Pharmaceuticals PLC reported a slight decline in profit in the January–March quarter of FY26, despite posting steady revenue growth during the period.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/square-pharmas-q3-profit-slips-slightly-despite-revenue-growth-1425396>

Walton profit falls as revenue declines amid VAT pressure

- Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC reported a notable decline in both revenue and profit in the January–March quarter of FY26, reflecting mounting cost pressures and intense market competition.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/walton-profit-falls-revenue-declines-amid-vat-pressure-1425421>

ICB struggles under heavy losses amid capital market volatility

- The Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), which is mandated to invest in the capital market, is struggling itself to stay afloat amid an unprecedented financial crisis.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/icb-struggles-under-heavy-losses-amid-capital-market-volatility-1425356>

Energy utilities post mixed Q3 results: Power Grid returns to profit, Titas in the red

- The recovery is even more pronounced over the nine months through March this year compared to the corresponding period a year earlier. The power transmission company posted a profit of Tk 5.7 billion in the nine-month period, as opposed to a loss of Tk 0.31 billion in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/energy-utilities-post-mixed-q3-results-power-grid-returns-to-profit-titas-in-the-red-1777482152>