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Daily News Snippet

May 19, 2026

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,203.11
% change	-0.44%
DS30 Index	1,968.40
% change	-0.11%
DSES Index	1,056.56
% change	-0.56%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,260.83
Turnover (USD mn)	59.15
% change	-16.37%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.32%
S&P 500	7,403.05
% change	-0.07%
Nikkei 225	61,250.00
% change	-0.26%
FTSE 100	10,323.75
% change	1.26%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	143.07	143.09
GBP	164.89	164.90
INR	1.27	1.27

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
18-May-26	9.95-11.25	10.63
17-May-26	9.95-11.05	10.19

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	112.10	1.42%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,581.91	0.99%
Cotton, USD/lb.	83.70	3.83%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.44% on the last trading day, closing at 5,203.11 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 16.37% 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 0.26% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.63%, standing between 9.95% and 11.25%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 1.42%, gold price rose by 0.99%, and cotton price rose by 3.83% last day.

Economic Outlook

Tk 3 lakh crore ADP targets growth, polls pledges

- The government approved a Tk 3.09 lakh crore ADP for FY27, up 30% year-on-year, aiming to accelerate growth, implement election pledges, expand social programmes, and improve development execution under the newly elected administration.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/tk-3-lakh-crore-adp-targets-growth-polls-pledges-4178991

Bangladesh Bank bought nearly $6 billion so far this fiscal year

- Bangladesh Bank purchased nearly $6 billion from the forex market in FY26 through May 18, aiming to stabilise the exchange rate, rebuild reserves, and manage excess dollar liquidity amid stronger remittance and export inflows.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-bought-nearly-6-billion-so-far-fiscal-year-4178816

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Mounting defaults push Rupali Bank PLC into Tk396cr quarterly loss

- Rupali Bank posted a Tk396 crore quarterly loss in Q1 2026 due to soaring default loans, rising provisioning shortfalls, weak capital adequacy, and declining interest income, highlighting deepening financial distress at the state-owned lender.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mounting-defaults-push-rupali-bank-plc-tk396cr-quarterly-loss-1443021

Capital Market

DSE, BRAC EPL signs agreement to launch Sajida Orange Bond through electronic subscription system

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange and BRAC EPL Investments signed an agreement to launch the Sajida Orange Bond through the electronic book-building platform, aiming to enhance transparency and efficiency in Bangladesh's corporate bond issuance process.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-brac-epl-signs-agreement-launch-sajida-orange-bond-through-electronic