

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,286.87
% change	-0.57%
DS30 Index	2,017.01
% change	-0.16%
DSES Index	1,052.79
% change	-0.25%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,640.27
Turnover (USD mn)	70.39
% change	-2.68%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	1.62%
S&P 500	7,209.01
% change	1.02%
Nikkei 225	59,284.92
% change	0.21%
FTSE 100	10,378.82
% change	1.62%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

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

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
30-Apr-26	9.80-11.00	9.98
29-Apr-26	9.85-11.00	9.98

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	114.01	3.23%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,622.59	1.33%
Cotton, USD/lb.	82.20	3.79%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.57% on the last trading day, closing at 5,286.87 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 2.68% 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 0.21% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.98%, standing between 9.80% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 3.23%, gold price rose by 1.33%, and cotton price rose by 3.79% last day.

Economic Outlook

Cenbank restructures long-term financing facility; new rates effective from Friday

- Bangladesh Bank has restructured its Long-Term Financing Facility by replacing the SOFR-based system with a new variable interest rate structure linked to banks' CAMELS ratings and loan tenure, effective immediately for all loans.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-restructures-long-term-financing-facility-new-rates-effective-tomorrow>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Banks are quietly abandoning private sector

- Walk into the treasury department of any major private bank in Dhaka today and you will find something unthinkable a decade ago: Bankers whose job is not making loans to businesses, but buying government bonds. For every ten taka a typical bank earns, six to eight now come from government securities – not from financing the factories or startups that drive Bangladesh's economy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/banks-are-quietly-abandoning-private-sector-1427736>

BB waives provisioning for funds in merging banks

- Bangladesh Bank has waived the requirement for banks to keep provisions against over Tk 15,000 crore stuck in five merging Islamic banks, treating the funds as recoverable under a resolution scheme rather than immediate losses.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-waives-provisioning-funds-merging-banks-4166091>

More than half of local banks ineligible for dividend payouts

- More than half of Bangladesh's banks are unable to pay dividends due to high non-performing loans and failure to meet provisioning requirements, leading the central bank to withhold approvals.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/more-half-local-banks-ineligible-dividend-payouts-4165041>

Islami Bank posts Tk136cr profit despite Tk84,615cr provision shortfall

- Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has posted a consolidated profit of Tk136 crore for the year ended December 2025, but the earnings were overshadowed by a staggering Tk84,615 crore provision shortfall against its classified investments, highlighting continued strain in its balance sheet.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-posts-tk136cr-profit-despite-tk84615cr-provision-shortfall-1426556>

EBL, Akij Takaful roll out Islamic insurance via bancassurance

- Eastern Bank PLC and Akij Takaful Life Insurance PLC have launched Shariah-compliant Islamic insurance (takaful) through bancassurance, allowing customers to access insurance services directly from bank branches.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/eb-akij-takaful-roll-out-islamic-insurance-bancassurance-4166171>

RMG

Ctg RMG factories hit by nearly half-shift load shedding; costs rise 20%

- Bangladesh's readymade garment sector in Chattogram is facing mounting pressure as prolonged load shedding and rising fuel costs disrupt production, with factory owners claiming a sharp increase in expenses and growing risks to export orders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-rmg-factories-hit-nearly-half-shift-load-shedding-costs-rise-20-1427756>

Capital Market

Weak companies lead market gains amid speculative trading surge

- Many of the worst-performing companies have outpaced market leaders in price gains in the secondary market over the past four months, as investors focus on short-term returns amid limited investment options. Apart from retailers, many institutional investors have not fixed any long-term investment strategy amid the liquidity crisis.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/weak-companies-lead-market-gains-amid-speculative-trading-surge-1777735340>

BAT Bangladesh declares 30 per cent cash dividends at AGM

- British American Tobacco Bangladesh approved a 30 per cent cash dividend for 2025 at its 53rd Annual General Meeting (AGM) held virtually on Thursday (April 30), with a large number of shareholders in attendance. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Wael Sabra.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bat-bangladesh-declares-30-per-cent-cash-dividends-at-agm-1777735505>

CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund 01 rebounds with Tk3.43cr profit in Jul-Mar

- CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund 01, a closed-end mutual fund, has returned to profitability in the first nine months of the 2025-26 fiscal year, recovering from a big loss during the same period last year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-01-rebounds-tk343cr-profit-jul-mar-1426561>

Ten more banks set to slide into 'Z' category after dividend failure

- Sources at the DSE said the affected banks include AB Bank, Al-Arafah Islami Bank, IFIC Bank, Mercantile Bank, NRB Bank, NRBC Bank, ONE Bank, Premier Bank, Rupali Bank and United Commercial Bank. If implemented, this will mark the first time these lenders fall into the lowest trading category.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ten-more-banks-set-slide-z-category-after-dividend-failure-1427731>