

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,265.39
% change	-0.41%
DS30 Index	2,018.89
% change	0.09%
DSES Index	1,050.34
% change	-0.23%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,293.75
Turnover (USD mn)	67.57
% change	-4.01%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.31%
S&P 500	7,230.12
% change	0.29%
Nikkei 225	59,513.12
% change	0.38%
FTSE 100	10,363.93
% change	-0.14%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	143.86	143.89
GBP	166.60	166.68
INR	1.29	1.29

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
03-May-26	9.90-11.00	9.99
30-Apr-26	9.80-11.00	9.98

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	108.18	-5.11%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,614.01	-0.19%
Cotton, USD/lb.	84.19	2.42%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.41% on the last trading day, closing at 5,265.39 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 4.01% 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 0.38% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.99%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 5.11%, gold price fell by 0.19%, and cotton price rose by 2.42% last day.

Economic Outlook

Exports snap 8-month decline with 33% surge in April

- Bangladesh's exports jumped about 33% in April to nearly \$4 billion, ending an eight-month decline, mainly driven by garments and improved global demand, signaling a short-term recovery in trade though sustainability remains uncertain.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/exports-snap-8-month-decline-33-surge-april-4166891>

T-bill yields mixed

- Treasury bill yields showed a mixed trend, with short-term rates steady and longer-term yields slightly rising, as banks preferred short-tenure instruments amid excess liquidity and weak private credit demand, while the government continued relying on T-bill issuance for domestic borrowing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/t-bill-yields-mixed-1777828241>

Cenbank plans Tk40,000cr refinance scheme to revive closed factories

- Bangladesh Bank plans a Tk40,000 crore refinance scheme to revive closed factories by providing low-interest loans and policy support, aiming to boost production and employment, though concerns remain over inflation and excess liquidity from creating new funds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-plans-tk40000cr-refinance-scheme-revive-closed-factories-1428751>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

UCB profit jumps on strong investment income despite margin pressure

- United Commercial Bank's profit surged sharply (up nearly 198%) driven by strong growth in investment income, particularly from government securities and bonds, despite pressure on net interest margins due to rising funding costs, reflecting a shift toward non-interest earnings amid a high-rate environment.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ucb-profit-jumps-on-strong-investment-income-despite-margin-pressure-1777824092>

Capital Market

Junk status triggers massive sell-off in banking stocks as DSEX slides

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) witnessed a significant retreat today (3 May) as a massive sell-off in the banking sector, triggered by the formal downgrade of ten more lenders to the "Z" category, dragged down the benchmark index.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/junk-status-triggers-massive-sell-banking-stocks-dsex-slides-1428581>

ACI partners with Chinese giant Deli to launch stationery joint venture

- In a regulatory filing on Thursday, the local conglomerate informed that its board of directors approved the formation of a new company titled "Deli ACI Bangladesh Limited" in a meeting held on 29 April. The joint-venture entity will have an authorised capital of Tk100 crore and an initial paid-up capital of Tk27 crore. ACI PLC will hold a 50% stake in the new venture, with the partnership remaining subject to the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/aci-partners-chinese-giant-deli-launch-stationery-joint-venture-1428576>

Reckitt's profit slump 28% in Q1

- Reckitt Benckiser Bangladesh, a listed multinational on the bourses, reported a 9.99% year-on-year decline in revenue and a 28.31% drop in net profit after tax in the first quarter of 2026.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/reckitts-profit-slump-28-q1-1428606>

Bashundhara Paper incurs Tk422cr loss in 9 months

- Bashundhara Paper Mills, a concern of Bashundhara Group, has incurred a loss of Tk422 crore in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, mainly due to a shortage of raw materials and a rise in utility costs. During the July-March period of FY26, the company's loss widened significantly from Tk184 crore in the same period a year earlier, according to its financial statement ended in March.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bashundhara-paper-incurs-tk422cr-loss-9-months-1428566>

BSEC slaps over Tk1cr fine on four firms, officials over malpractice

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has imposed fines totalling Tk1.09 crore on four institutions and their officials over securities law violations, fraudulent activities involving investors, and irregularities in share trading. The four firms are NBL Securities Limited, Gibson Securities Limited, UCB Stock Brokerage Limited and listed company Khulna Printing & Packaging Limited.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-slaps-over-tk1cr-fine-four-firms-officials-over-malpractice-1428251>