

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,277.81
% change	0.24%
DS30 Index	2,023.04
% change	0.21%
DSES Index	1,054.81
% change	0.43%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,769.51
Turnover (USD mn)	71.44
% change	5.74%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-1.13%
S&P 500	7,200.75
% change	-0.41%
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	143.49	143.54
GBP	166.09	166.12
INR	1.29	1.29

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
04-May-26	9.90-11.00	9.99
03-May-26	9.90-11.00	9.99

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	114.44	5.79%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,519.12	-2.06%
Cotton, USD/lb.	82.92	-1.51%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.24% on the last trading day, closing at 5,277.81 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 5.74% 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 rose by 5.79%, gold price fell by 2.06%, and cotton price fell by 1.51% last day.

Economic Outlook

Govt's debt burden crosses Tk 22 lakh crore

- Bangladesh's public debt has surged past Tk 22 lakh crore, driven by rapid borrowing—especially from domestic sources—highlighting rising fiscal pressure, increasing interest burdens, and potential risks to private sector credit and long-term economic stability.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govts-debt-burden-crosses-tk-22-lakh-crore-4167671>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

City Bank partners with HSBC to expand employee banking services

- City Bank has partnered with HSBC Bangladesh to provide employee banking services, leveraging combined expertise and resources to enhance financial solutions for HSBC staff, reflecting growing collaboration between local and multinational banks in specialised service segments.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/city-bank-partners-hsbc-expand-employee-banking-services-4167626>

Pioneer Insurance Holds 30th AGM

- Pioneer Insurance PLC held its 30th AGM virtually, where shareholders approved a 30% dividend (25% cash, 5% stock) for 2025, reflecting stable performance and continued commitment to delivering returns despite broader challenges in the insurance sector.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/pioneer-insurance-holds-30th-agm-1777912865>

Capital Market

Stocks edge higher despite Tk5,000cr drop in market cap

- The country's premier bourse returned to positive territory today as a wave of bargain hunting helped the benchmark index snap a two-session losing streak, although overall market capitalisation fell by Tk5,000 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-edge-higher-despite-tk5000cr-drop-market-cap-1429661>

State-owned oil firms see gains; gas, industries among losers in Q3

- State-owned companies listed on the stock market delivered mixed performances in the January-March quarter of the 2025-26 fiscal year, reflecting uneven sectoral health.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/state-owned-oil-firms-see-gains-gas-industries-among-losers-q3-1429681>

Junk stocks climb to 35pc of DSE listings

- The number of junk stocks on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has surged to a record high of 125, accounting for 35 per cent of all listed companies, signalling mounting stress in the capital market and deepening investor concerns. The sharp rise follows the downgrade of 10 more banks to the Z category on Sunday after they failed to declare dividends for two consecutive years-2024 and 2025—amid rising non-performing loans (NPLs) and significant provisioning shortfalls.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/junk-stocks-climb-to-35pc-of-dse-listings-1777912788>

Tax changes, revenue dip pull down MJL Bangladesh profit by 27% in July-March

- MJL Bangladesh PLC, a leading lubricant and energy company, reported a 27% drop in consolidated net profit in the first nine months of FY26, primarily due to lower revenue and the withdrawal of key tax benefits.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/tax-changes-revenue-dip-pull-down-mjl-bangladesh-profit-27-july-march-1429676>

Paramount Textile's revenue falls 15%, profit rises on higher other income

- Paramount Textile, a listed company on the bourses, reported a year-on-year revenue decline of more than 15% in the first nine months of the current fiscal year, according to its consolidated quarterly financial statements.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paramount-textiles-revenue-falls-15-profit-rises-higher-other-income-1429666>

DSE brokers urge BSEC to lift floor price on Beximco, Islami Bank

- The DSE Brokers Association of Bangladesh has urged the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to withdraw the floor price on Beximco Ltd and Islami Bank Bangladesh and allow normal trading of the stocks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-brokers-urge-bsec-lift-floor-price-beximco-islami-bank-1429116>