

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,248.37
% change	-0.36%
DS30 Index	2,009.09
% change	-0.40%
DSES Index	1,058.51
% change	-0.18%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,676.83
Turnover (USD mn)	62.54
% change	-7.76%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	1.24%
S&P 500	7,365.12
% change	1.46%
Nikkei 225	61,858.00
% change	3.94%
FTSE 100	10,438.66
% change	2.15%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	144.19	144.22
GBP	166.83	166.87
INR	1.30	1.30

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
06-May-26	9.90-11.00	9.97
05-May-26	9.85-11.00	9.95

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	101.27	-7.83%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,698.99	2.28%
Cotton, USD/lb.	84.05	-0.88%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.36% on the last trading day, closing at 5,248.37 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 7.76% 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 3.94% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.97%, standing between 9.90% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 7.83%, gold price rose by 2.28%, and cotton price fell by 0.88% last day.

Economic Outlook

Inflation climbs above 9% in April

- Bangladesh's inflation rose to 9.04% in April from 8.71% in March, driven mainly by higher fuel, transport, and import costs amid Middle East tensions, while rising food and non-food prices continued to intensify pressure on consumers' purchasing power.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-climbs-above-9-april-4169496>

Trade deficit widens to \$19.2b in Jul-Mar FY'26

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened to \$19.2 billion in July–March FY26 as export earnings fell 4.4% and imports rose 4.6%, driven by higher fuel and fertiliser purchases, though strong remittance inflows and trade credit helped maintain an overall balance-of-payments surplus.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/trade-deficit-widens-to-192b-in-jul-mar-fy26-1778087877>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

IDLC Finance posts 22pc profit growth in Q1 on strong operating income

- IDLC Finance posted a 22% year-on-year rise in Q1 2026 consolidated profit to Tk 62.2 crore, supported by strong operating income, higher investment returns, and improved asset quality, while maintaining a low non-performing loan ratio well below the industry average.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idlc-finance-posts-22pc-profit-growth-in-q1-on-strong-operating-income-1778082458>

BRAC BANK RECORDS \$ 1B INT. TRADE MILESTONE IN A SINGLE MONTH

- BRAC Bank achieved a landmark \$1 billion in international trade transactions within a single month, driven by strong foreign exchange liquidity, growing corporate trade business, digital innovation, and integrated trade services, reinforcing its ambition to become Bangladesh's leading trade-focused bank.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-records-1b-int-trade-milestone-in-a-single-month-1778082546>

United Insurance profit halves on airport fire claim payouts

- United Insurance Company Limited reported a sharp decline in profit in the first quarter (January–March) of the current year, with earnings falling by around 46% due to higher claim settlements.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/united-insurance-profit-halves-airport-fire-claim-payouts-1431906>

Community Bank acting MD resigns before taking full charge

- Kimiwa Saddat, acting managing director of Community Bank Bangladesh, resigned just days before assuming full charge as MD, reportedly amid pressure from higher authorities and ongoing efforts to appoint another preferred candidate backed by influential quarters.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/banks/news/community-bank-acting-md-resigns-taking-full-charge-4169581>

BSEC orders Vanguard to refund illegal investments, warns of Tk 227.5m fine

- The BSEC ordered Vanguard Asset Management to refund Tk 205.9 million invested illegally in two non-listed companies through a mutual fund, warning of a Tk 227.5 million penalty and daily fines for non-compliance, while also penalising ICB for oversight failures.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-orders-vanguard-to-refund-illegal-investments-warns-of-tk-2275m-fine-1778082476>

Fuel and Power

ERL to resume full operation today as crude oil supply stabilises

- Production at Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL), the country's only state-owned oil refinery, is set to resume at full capacity from Thursday (today) following the easing of a crude oil shortage.
- Sources said an oil tanker carrying 100,000 tonnes of crude oil from Saudi Arabia reached the outer anchorage of Chittagong Port on Wednesday, destined for the oil refinery.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/erl-to-resume-full-operation-today-as-crude-oil-supply-stabilises-1778088444>

Capital Market

DSE market cap erodes by Tk6,300cr in three days as bearish trend continues

- Driven by broad-based selling pressure, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) witnessed a significant erosion of its total valuation, with the market capitalisation dropping by approximately Tk6,300 crore over the last three trading sessions alone.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-market-cap-erodes-tk6300cr-three-days-bearish-trend-continues-1431781>

First-ever separate platform for buying, selling open-end mutual funds on the cards

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is set to launch a dedicated web-based order collection system enabling the creation and redemption of open-end mutual fund units— an initiative currently absent in Bangladesh.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/first-ever-separate-platform-buying-selling-open-end-mutual-funds-cards-1431786>

IDLC Finance posts 22pc profit growth in Q1 on strong operating income

- IDLC Finance secured a 22 per cent year-on-year growth in consolidated profit to Tk 622 million in January-March (1Q) 2026, backed by a significant rise in operating income. It reported an operating income of Tk 2.44 billion in the first quarter of 2026, a 31 per cent increase from the same quarter of the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/idlc-finance-posts-22pc-profit-growth-in-q1-on-strong-operating-income-1778082458>

Linde profit jumps 37pc in Q1 on higher sales, lower costs

- The multinational industrial gas producer reported a profit of Tk 110 million for the January-March quarter, marking a 37 per cent increase from the same period a year earlier.
- Earnings per share (EPS) rose to Tk 7.22 in the March quarter, up from Tk 5.29 a year ago, according to its unaudited financial statements released on Wednesday.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/linde-profit-jumps-37pc-in-q1-on-higher-sales-lower-costs-1778082674>