

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,243.43
% change	0.26%
DS30 Index	1,990.72
% change	0.08%
DSES Index	1,065.28
% change	0.17%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,560.98
Turnover (USD mn)	69.74
% change	-22.28%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.14%
S&P 500	7,444.25
% change	0.58%
Nikkei 225	63,642.50
% change	2.21%
FTSE 100	10,325.35
% change	0.58%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	144.07	144.10
GBP	166.15	166.23
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
13-May-26	9.90-11.00	9.99
12-May-26	9.90-11.00	10.00

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	105.63	-1.99%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,696.74	-0.44%
Cotton, USD/lb.	86.81	0.57%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.26% on the last trading day, closing at 5,243.43 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 22.28% 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 2.21% 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 1.99%, gold price fell by 0.44%, and cotton price rose by 0.57% last day.

Economic Outlook

Fitch cuts Bangladesh outlook to negative on Middle East fallout

- Fitch revised Bangladesh's outlook to "negative" from "stable," citing rising risks from the Middle East conflict, including higher energy import costs, remittance uncertainty, external financing pressure, and weak reform progress, while affirming the country's long-term credit rating at B+.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/fitch-cuts-bangladesh-outlook-negative-middle-east-fallout-4174866>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB cuts penalty interest on overdue loans

- Bangladesh Bank reduced the maximum penal interest rate on overdue loans and instalments to 0.5% from 1.5%, aiming to ease borrowers' financial burden, stimulate investment, and support productive economic activities amid ongoing global economic uncertainty.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-cuts-penalty-interest-on-overdue-loans-1778693063>

Banks ride Treasury gains to stronger Q1 profits

- Listed banks posted stronger Q1 2026 earnings, supported mainly by higher income from treasury investments in government securities, which offset pressure on net interest margins caused by rising deposit costs and sluggish private-sector credit growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/banks-ride-treasury-gains-to-stronger-q1-profits-1778689788>

BB floats Tk5,900cr Sukuk for rural infrastructure, demand oversubscribed 12.3 times

- Bangladesh Bank's Tk5,900 crore "CIBRR-1 Economic Development Sukuk" received bids worth Tk72,598 crore – 12.3 times the offered amount – highlighting strong demand for Shariah-compliant investments to finance rural road and bridge infrastructure projects.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bb-floats-cibrr-1-economic-development-sukuk-demand-oversubscribed-123-times-1438571>

Pharmaceuticals

Pharmaceutical sector to face pressure from LDC graduation

- Experts said Bangladesh will struggle to remain competitive in international markets unless investment in research and development (R&D) increases. They also warned that next-generation medicines for cancer and other complex diseases could become unaffordable for ordinary people.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/pharmaceutical-sector-face-pressure-ldc-graduation-1438521>

Capital Market

United Finance posts 31% growth in Q1 profit

- United Finance PLC has reported a strong start to the 2026 financial year, with its net profit after tax surging by 31% during the first quarter of the year ending 31 March.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/united-finance-posts-31-growth-q1-profit-1438556>

BSEC fines Fortune Shoes chairman Tk5cr over unpaid dividends, listing fees

- The decisions were taken at a commission meeting held today (13 May), according to a BSEC press release. The regulator said Fortune Shoes had declared a 10% cash dividend and 5% stock dividend for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2022, but failed to distribute Tk3.98 crore out of the total declared cash dividend amount of Tk16.25 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-fortune-shoes-chairman-tk5cr-over-unpaid-dividends-listing-fees-1438591>