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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,226.18
% change	-0.36%
DS30 Index	1,970.56
% change	-0.56%
DSES Index	1,062.55
% change	-0.33%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,682.32
Turnover (USD mn)	70.73
% change	-12.94%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-1.07%
S&P 500	7,408.50
% change	-1.24%
Nikkei 225	61,409.29
% change	-1.99%
FTSE 100	10,195.37
% change	-1.71%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	143.74	143.75
GBP	165.98	166.01
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
17-May-26	9.95-11.05	10.19
14-May-26	9.90-11.00	9.99

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	110.53	4.55%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,537.15	-2.47%
Cotton, USD/lb.	80.61	-3.97%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.36% on the last trading day, closing at 5,226.18 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 12.95% 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 1.99% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 10.19%, standing between 9.95% and 11.05%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 4.55%, gold price fell by 2.47%, and cotton price fell by 3.97% last day.

Economic Outlook

Over 200 tariff lines set for rationalisation

- Bangladesh plans to rationalise tariffs on over 200 imported goods in FY2026-27 by reducing customs, regulatory, and supplementary duties to modernise trade policies, enhance global competitiveness, and prepare for post-LDC graduation trade obligations while protecting sensitive local industries.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/over-200-tariff-lines-set-rationalisation-4178101

Yields on T-bills dip

- Yields on Bangladesh treasury bills declined slightly as banks invested excess liquidity in government securities amid weak private-sector credit demand, improved market liquidity from export incentives, and Bangladesh Bank’s dollar purchases to stabilise the exchange rate.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/yields-on-t-bills-dip-1779038944

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Bangladesh Finance continues recovery with 120pc profit jump

- Bangladesh Finance reported a 120% year-on-year rise in first-quarter profit to Tk 20.71 million, driven by higher investment income and provision reversals, continuing its recovery after heavy losses in recent years caused by rising non-performing loans and macroeconomic pressures.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bangladesh-finance-continues-recovery-with-120pc-profit-jump-1779033487

Capital Market

Stocks slip back as selling pressure returns

- Stocks opened the week on a negative note as renewed selling pressure dragged down key indices on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (17 May), reversing gains from the previous three sessions amid the absence of strong market catalysts.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-slip-back-selling-pressure-returns-1441821

Bangladesh Finance continues recovery with 120pc profit jump

- Non-bank financial institution Bangladesh Finance posted a 120 per cent year-on-year jump in first-quarter profit to Tk 20.71 million, supported by higher investment income and the reversal of provisions. Its earnings per share (EPS) rose to Tk 0.11 for the January-March quarter from Tk 0.05 in the same period a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bangladesh-finance-continues-recovery-with-120pc-profit-jump-1779033487

Pragati Insurance moves into credit bureau sector

- Pragati Insurance PLC, one of Bangladesh's leading general insurers, is set to diversify its investment portfolio by entering the emerging private credit bureau sector, according to a price sensitive disclosure issued on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/pragati-insurance-moves-credit-bureau-sector-1441826

BSEC moves to pull-back Tk225cr stabilisation fund from ICB

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) directed the Capital Market Stabilisation Fund (CMSF) to pull back Tk225 crore fund from the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) that was lent for the investment in the capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-pull-back-tk225cr-stabilisation-fund-icb-1441816

Royal Footwear again seeks Tk12cr via SME platform to boost exports

- Royal Footwear Limited, a footwear manufacturing and export-oriented company, is planning to raise Tk12 crore from the capital market through the SME platform to support its business expansion and meet rising export demand.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/royal-footwear-again-seeks-tk12cr-sme-platform-boost-exports-1441801

Listed foreign firms' Q1 earnings slump amid stubborn inflation, energy disruptions

- Persistently high inflation, squeezing consumer demand, and rising operating costs due to increases in the costs of raw materials and energy have complicated the business environment for foreign firms operating in Bangladesh.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/listed-foreign-firms-q1-earnings-slump-amid-stubborn-inflation-energy-disruptions-1779033446