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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,264.12
% change	0.80%
DS30 Index	1,995.35
% change	1.04%
DSES Index	1,069.47
% change	0.73%
Turnover (BDT mn)	8,674.84
Turnover (USD mn)	70.67
% change	3.13%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.55%
S&P 500	7,445.72
% change	0.17%
Nikkei 225	61,684.14
% change	0.56%
FTSE 100	10,443.47
% change	0.11%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	142.72	142.75
GBP	164.87	164.95
INR	1.27	1.27

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
21-May-26	9.80-11.00	9.95
20-May-26	9.75-11.00	10.00

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	102.58	-2.32%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,545.18	-0.03%
Cotton, USD/lb.	77.98	-4.44%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.80% on the last trading day, closing at 5,264.12 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 3.13% 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 0.56% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.95%, standing between 9.80% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 2.32%, gold price fell by 0.03%, and cotton price fell by 4.44% last day.

Economic Outlook

WB raising $2.0b in quick financing within FY26

- The World Bank is preparing nearly $2.0 billion in fast-track financing for Bangladesh within FY26 to support macroeconomic stability, fiscal resilience, energy security, and financial-sector reforms amid rising external economic pressures.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/wb-raising-20b-in-quick-financing-within-fy26-1779469722

Oct-Dec'25 deficit falls 15pc

- Bangladesh's budget deficit declined by 15 percent in the October-December quarter of FY26, driven by improved revenue collection, restrained public expenditure, and lower subsidy payments, easing pressure on government borrowing and overall fiscal management.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/oct-dec25-deficit-falls-15pc-1779469978

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BSEC clears stock dividends for MTB, Southeast Bank, Trust Bank

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has approved stock dividends for Mutual Trust Bank, Southeast Bank, and Trust Bank, enabling the lenders to strengthen capital bases through retained earnings amid Basel III compliance requirements.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-stock-dividends-mtb-southeast-bank-trust-bank-1445746

BANK ASIA SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH BANGLADESH BANK TO FINANCE CMSMES

- Bank Asia PLC has signed agreements with Bangladesh Bank to expand financing support for CMSMEs under the 'Cluster Financing' and 'FSFDMSME' schemes, enabling entrepreneurs to access loans at a concessional 7 percent interest rate for business expansion and modernisation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bank-asia-signs-agreement-with-bangladesh-bank-to-finance-cmsmes-1779466678

Capital Market

Stocks extend gains as selling pressure eases

- Stocks extended their winning streak for a second consecutive week, as bargain hunters selectively accumulated undervalued shares in anticipation of a potential post-Eid rally.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/stocks-extend-gains-as-selling-pressure-eases-1779466645

BSEC clears stock dividends for MTB, Southeast Bank, Trust Bank

- Three private commercial banks — Mutual Trust Bank, Southeast Bank, and Trust Bank — have received formal approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) to disburse their declared stock dividends for the financial year ended 31 December 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-clears-stock-dividends-mtb-southeast-bank-trust-bank-1445746

Power Grid gets BSEC nod to issue Tk1,529cr preference shares to govt

- In a move to convert its share money deposits into equity, Power Grid Company Bangladesh (PGCB), a state-owned power transmission company, is now set to issue preference shares to the government worth Tk1,529 crore.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/power-grid-gets-bsec-nod-issue-tk1529cr-preference-shares-govt-1445741

BSEC fines Aftab Automobiles and Genex Infosys Tk1.43cr over unsettled dividends

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has slapped a combined fine of Tk1.43 crore on directors and senior officials of Aftab Automobiles Ltd and Genex Infosys PLC for failing to distribute declared cash dividends to shareholders within the stipulated timeframe.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-aftab-automobiles-and-genex-infosys-tk143cr-over-unsettled-dividends