

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,335.87
% change	0.14%
DS30 Index	2,030.88
% change	0.03%
DSES Index	1,082.39
% change	0.50%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,787.16
Turnover (USD mn)	63.44
% change	-13.68%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.72%
S&P 500	7,580.06
% change	0.22%
Nikkei 225	66,329.50
% change	2.53%
FTSE 100	10,409.28
% change	-0.16%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	142.41	142.44
GBP	164.82	164.90
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
24-May-26	9.80-11.00	9.95
23-May-26	9.75-11.00	9.90

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	92.05	-1.77%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,539.27	0.99%
Cotton, USD/lb.	79.59	0.08%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.14% on the last trading day, closing at 5,335.87 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 13.68% 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 2.53% 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 1.77%, gold price rose by 0.99%, and cotton price rose by 0.08% last day.

Economic Outlook

Govt eyes \$51b reserves in FY27

- The government targets a record \$51.4 billion in gross foreign exchange reserves by the end of FY27, supported by strong remittance inflows, sustained external financing, and higher interest rates, although economists caution that boosting reserves may conflict with investment-led growth and job creation objectives.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-eyes-51b-reserves-fy27-4186996>

Govt gunning for 6.5pc growth next year

- The government has set an ambitious 6.5% GDP growth target for FY27, expecting improved political stability, stronger investment, higher remittance inflows, increased industrial and agricultural output, and a gradual easing of monetary policy, despite concerns over persistent inflation and global economic uncertainties.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/govt-gunning-65pc-growth-next-year-4186106>

Bangladesh, IMF agree on new realistic three-year reform programme

- The government has formally decided to exit the existing IMF programme negotiated under the previous administration and seek a new \$5 billion IMF loan package with revised conditions and a three-year reform roadmap, arguing that several existing reform requirements are difficult to implement under current economic and political realities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-officially-scraps-al-era-imf-loan-deal-seeks-fresh-5b-package-1448201>

ADB to provide \$1.4b to Bangladesh for 4 projects

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed \$1.4 billion in financing for four key projects focused on economic governance, social protection, transport connectivity, and urban development, providing crucial support for Bangladesh's development agenda amid global economic challenges.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/adb-provide-14bn-bangladesh-four-projects-1447816>

Govt may reimpose 20% tax on offshore loan interest

- The government is considering reimposing a 20% tax on interest payments for offshore loans in the FY27 budget to enhance tax equity and revenue collection, although businesses and banks warn that the move could increase borrowing costs and discourage foreign financing.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/oiffshore-banking/govt-may-reimpose-20-tax-offshore-loan-interest-1449086>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Bankers warn 3% ceiling may render trade finance unviable, seek rate revision

- The Association of Banks, Bangladesh (ABB) has urged Bangladesh Bank to revise the new SOFR+3% cap on foreign-currency trade finance, warning that narrow margins could make trade financing commercially unviable, reduce foreign funding availability, and disrupt import financing activities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bankers-warn-3-ceiling-may-render-trade-finance-unviable-seek-rate-revision-1447891>

Why interbank rates frequently hit 13% this May

- Interbank borrowing rates repeatedly touched 13% in May as liquidity shortages at weaker banks, heavy Eid-related cash withdrawals, regulatory reserve requirements, and cautious lending by cash-rich banks pushed overnight funding costs sharply higher and disrupted longer-term interbank lending.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/why-interbank-rates-frequently-hit-13-may-1449111>

Khurshid Alam appointed Islami Bank chairman

- Former Bangladesh Bank deputy governor Md. Khurshid Alam has been appointed chairman of Islami Bank PLC by Bangladesh Bank, replacing M. Zubaidur Rahman following his resignation, as the central bank continues governance reforms in the banking sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/khurshid-alam-appointed-islami-bank-chairman-1447906>

Fuel and Power

Fuel-oil prices up by Tk 5 per litre

- It said in line with the change in the prices of fuel in the international market, the price of octane was revised up to Tk 145, petrol to Tk 140, and kerosene to Tk 135 at the consumer level in Bangladesh. But the price of diesel was kept unchanged at Tk 115.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/fuel-oil-prices-up-by-tk-5-per-litre-1780250625>

Capital Market

BSEC orders special audit into Best Holdings over Tk3,000cr fund utilisation

- The move aims to ensure compliance with securities regulations governing the deployment of capital raised via the company's Initial Public Offering (IPO), corporate bonds and private placements.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-orders-special-audit-best-holdings-over-tk3000cr-fund-utilisation-1451306>

Banking stocks see mixed reaction as new BB dividend curbs loom

- The Bangladesh Bank has directed that commercial banks must maintain a minimum paid-up capital of Tk2,000 crore to declare any cash dividends. The policy, aimed at strengthening the sector's capital base, is expected to significantly restrict cash payouts for most listed lenders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/banking-stocks-see-mixed-reaction-new-bb-dividend-curbs-loom-1447856>

Maksons Spinning surrenders 10-acre SEZ plot amid global textile slowdown

- Listed textile manufacturer Maksons Spinning Mills PLC has decided to surrender its allotted 10-acre industrial plot at the National Special Economic Zone to the Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (Beza), citing prolonged global economic uncertainty and a slowdown in the textile sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/maksons-spinning-surrenders-10-acre-sez-plot-amid-global-textile-slowdown-1447841>

DSE independent director Quamruzzaman resigns

- Major General Mohammad Quamruzzaman (retd) has resigned as an independent director on the Dhaka Stock Exchange board, citing personal reasons.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-independent-director-quamruzzaman-resigns-1447696>