

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,661.38
% change	0.71%
DS30 Index	2,143.12
% change	1.42%
DSES Index	1,150.47
% change	1.24%
Turnover (BDT mn)	11,972.12
Turnover (USD mn)	97.53
% change	-1.16%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.14%
S&P 500	7,500.58
% change	1.08%
Nikkei 225	71,053.49
% change	0.75%
FTSE 100	10,399.70
% change	-1.04%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.75	122.75
EUR	140.77	140.79
GBP	162.42	162.46
INR	1.30	1.30

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
18-Jun-26	9.80-11.00	9.94
17-Jun-26	9.85-11.00	9.96

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	79.85	0.38%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,210.09	-1.59%
Cotton, USD/lb.	79.67	-0.15%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.71% on the last trading day, closing at 5,661.38 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 1.16% 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 0.75% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.94%, standing between 9.80% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.38%, gold price fell by 1.59%, and cotton price fell by 0.15% last day.

Economic Outlook

High inflation compels many to do multiple jobs: PPRC webinar

- High inflation is forcing many Bangladeshis to take multiple jobs or side gigs to cover rising living costs, highlighting growing financial stress among households.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/high-inflation-compels-many-do-multiple-jobs-pprc-webinar-4203501>

BD expects \$3.0b dev funds during PM's China visit

- Bangladesh expects to secure around \$30 billion in Chinese development funding during the Prime Minister's visit, targeting major infrastructure, energy, and industrial projects to accelerate economic growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-expects-30b-dev-funds-during-pms-china-visit-1781977201>

Dhaka requests Tokyo to review its new lending rate

- Bangladesh urged Japan to reconsider JICA's higher 3.05% lending rate, citing increased debt-servicing costs and reduced concessional financing benefits.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/dhaka-requests-tokyo-to-review-its-new-lending-rate-1781977254>

Govt seeks \$5.15b from ADB for 29 development projects

- The government sought \$5.15 billion from ADB to finance 29 development projects, supporting infrastructure, energy, transport, and growth.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-seeks-515b-from-adb-for-29-development-projects-1781977626>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Distressed assets threaten banking sector

- Rising distressed assets threaten Bangladesh's banking sector by weakening capital, restricting lending, eroding confidence, and increasing systemic financial risk.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/column/news/distressed-assets-threaten-banking-sector-4203726>

Capital Market

Dhaka stocks surge to 9.5-month high on post-budget optimism

- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange surged by 141 points or 2.5% to settle the week at 5,661, marking its fifth consecutive week of gains. The rally successfully pushed the index past the crucial 5,600-point threshold for the first time since late last year, reflecting a significant shift in market sentiment following repeated government commitments to capital market development.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dhaka-stocks-surge-95-month-high-post-budget-optimism-1468046>

Berger Paints to invest Tk10cr in new packaging subsidiary

- Berger Paints Bangladesh Limited and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Jenson and Nicholson (Bangladesh) Limited, have decided to jointly invest Tk10 crore in a newly formed entity, Jenson and Nicholson Packaging Limited (JNPL).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/berger-paints-invest-tk10cr-new-packaging-subsiary-1468041>

Nine Prime Bank directors to buy Tk31cr worth of shares

- Nine directors of Prime Bank PLC have announced plans to acquire shares worth about Tk31 crore from a sponsor, who intends to sell just over 1 crore shares through the block market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/nine-prime-bank-directors-buy-tk31cr-worth-shares-1468031>

BSEC slaps hefty conditional fines on Fortune Shoes chairman, top officials over unpaid dues, dividends

- The capital market regulator has slapped conditional financial penalties totalling Tk7.20 crore on eight individuals, including the company's chairman, directors, and top executives, for failing to pay long-overdue stock exchange listing fees and undistributed dividends.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-slaps-hefty-conditional-fines-fortune-shoes-chairman-top-officials-over-unpaid>

Listed companies urge BSEC to ease listing process to attract stronger firms

- The Bangladesh Association of Publicly Listed Companies (BAPLC) has urged the securities regulator to simplify the listing process and remove existing barriers to encourage fundamentally strong companies to enter the capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-companies-urge-bsec-ease-listing-process-attract-stronger-firms-1466751>

Mutual funds surge as court clears conversion, liquidation process

- The mutual fund sector led gains on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (18 June), posting a 4.3% return as investor sentiment surged following a key court ruling that cleared the way for the restructuring of closed-end funds.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mutual-funds-surge-court-clears-conversion-liquidation-process-1466746>

Six stocks under scanner as BSEC flags unusual price spikes

- The companies are Sonargaon Textiles, Shyampur Sugar Mills, Bangladesh National Insurance Company, Nahi Aluminum Composite Panel, Regent Textile Mills, and Al-Madina Pharmaceuticals Limited.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/six-stocks-under-scanner-bsec-flags-unusual-price-spikes-1466741>

How City Bank got entangled in Sea Pearl's artificial rally

- City Bank's latest financial portfolio bears signs of institutional influence in an artificial market rally of the stock of Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa in 2023.
- Not only did the act, which was illegal under the securities rules, cost general investors heavy losses following a sharp decline in the share price in the secondary market, but it also caused a deep erosion in the lender's portfolio.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/how-city-bank-got-entangled-in-sea-pears-artificial-rally-1781974993>