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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,926.28
% change	0.25%
DS30 Index	2,242.90
% change	0.71%
DSES Index	1,208.94
% change	0.16%
Turnover (BDT mn)	15,159.14
Turnover (USD mn)	122.70
% change	-8.20%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	0.29%
S&P 500	7,572.40
% change	0.38%
Nikkei 225	67,347.50
% change	-1.37%
FTSE 100	10,515.92
% change	-0.13%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.00	123.55
EUR	140.99	141.64
GBP	166.53	167.30
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
15-Jul-26	9.25-11.00	9.61
14-Jul-26	9.25-11.00	9.61

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	84.95	0.26%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,058.11	0.12%
Cotton, USD/lb.	81.55	0.84%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.25% on the last trading day, closing at 5,926.28 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 8.20% 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 1.37% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.61%, standing between 9.25% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.26%, gold price rose by 0.12%, and cotton price rose by 0.84% last day.

Economic Outlook

Invest Bangladesh Bill passed, four agencies to merge

- The Jatiya Sangsad passed the Invest Bangladesh Bill, 2026, merging four investment agencies into a single authority to streamline services, reduce bureaucracy, and attract greater domestic and foreign investment.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/invest-bangladesh-bill-passed-four-agencies-merge-4224846

Reports of suspicious transactions rose 74% in FY25

- The Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit received 30,199 suspicious transaction reports in FY25, up 74% year-on-year, driven by stronger monitoring, greater reporting by banks, and rising online financial crimes.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/reports-suspicious-transactions-rose-74-fy25-4224936

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB returns Al-Arafah Islami Bank to former owners

- Bangladesh Bank reconstituted Al-Arafah Islami Bank's board, reinstating 14 founding sponsor-directors while retaining five independent directors.
- The central bank said the bank's improved financial condition and availability of its original sponsors prompted the decision to return management.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-returns-al-arafah-islami-bank-former-owners-4224921

LNG

Bangladesh faces fresh LNG supply setback

- Bangladesh's long-term LNG supply plans have suffered another setback as US-based Excelerate Energy joined QatarEnergy in halving contracted deliveries for 2026, forcing the country to rely more heavily on costly spot purchases.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bangladesh-faces-fresh-lng-supply-setback-1784139225

Capital Market

DSEX extends rally to fifth session

- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) continued its upward momentum for the fifth consecutive session today (15 July), as investors remained optimistic about supportive policy shifts and a constructive near-term outlook for the capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-extends-rally-fifth-session-1489441

Grameenphone declares 105% interim cash dividend for H1 2026

- For the first half of 2026, the telecom operator reported earnings per share (EPS) of Tk10.52, net operating cash flow per share of Tk22.27 and a net asset value (NAV) per share of Tk41.51.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/grameenphone-declares-105-interim-cash-dividend-h1-2026-1488686

BSEC holds talks to simplify IPO rules, expand direct listing

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Wednesday held a high-level consultation with key market stakeholders to review the Public Offer of Equity Securities Rules, 2025, with discussions centring on making the IPO process more transparent, accountable, efficient and aligned with international best practices.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-holds-talks-to-simplify-ipo-rules-expand-direct-listing-1784131520

Robi's ex-CEO resignation saga exposes cracks in governance

- The resignation at first appeared to be a routine affair, with the company's board accepting the letter from its chief executive three days after its submission on August 2 of that year. Two months later, when a show-cause notice was served accusing Mr Ahmed of financial misconduct, it unleashed an episode of internal probes and regulatory scrutiny, only heightening concerns about the company's own financial integrity and governance.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/robis-ex-ceo-resignation-saga-exposes-cracks-in-governance-1784131477