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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,900.36
% change	-0.44%
DS30 Index	2,227.63
% change	-0.68%
DSES Index	1,206.86
% change	-0.17%
Turnover (BDT mn)	11,182.47
Turnover (USD mn)	90.47
% change	-26.23%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.20%
S&P 500	7,533.77
% change	-0.51%
Nikkei 225	66,835.54
% change	-0.76%
FTSE 100	10,572.24
% change	0.54%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.53	123.60
EUR	141.31	141.40
GBP	166.18	166.32
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
16-Jul-26	9.35-11.00	9.64
15-Jul-26	9.25-11.00	9.61

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	84.23	-0.85%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,972.94	-2.10%
Cotton, USD/lb.	79.30	-2.76%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.44% on the last trading day, closing at 5,900.36 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 26.23% 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 0.76% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.64%, standing between 9.35% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 0.85%, gold price fell by 2.10%, and cotton price fell by 2.76% last day.

Economic Outlook

EU and G77 express support for Bangladesh's smooth and sustainable LDC graduation

- The European Union and the G77 reaffirmed support for Bangladesh's smooth and sustainable graduation from LDC status, pledging continued cooperation during separate UN meetings with Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/eu-and-g77-express-support-bangladeshs-smooth-and-sustainable-ldc-graduation-4226061

Businesses seek single halal authority as certification hurdles impede export growth

- Businesses alleged that obtaining halal certificates from BSTI and the Islamic Foundation involves bribery, high costs, lengthy delays, and duplicate certification, undermining Bangladesh's halal export potential and global competitiveness.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/businesses-allege-bribery-excessive-costs-obtaining-halal-certificates-bsti-islamic

Chinese firm to invest $30m in Bepza zone

- Chinese textile manufacturer Huarun Tex Co Ltd will invest $30 million to establish a textile manufacturing plant at the BEPZA Economic Zone in Mirsharai, strengthening Bangladesh's export-oriented industrial investment.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/chinese-firm-invest-30m-bepza-zone-4226956

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB extends special loan rescheduling facilities for finance companies

- Bangladesh Bank extended special loan rescheduling and restructuring facilities for finance companies, allowing case-by-case support to borrowers and aligning NBFI relief measures with those already available to commercial bank clients.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-extends-special-loan-rescheduling-facilities-finance-companies-1490371

Clearing Tk7,000cr insurance claims tops reform agenda: New Idra chairman

- The new IDRA chairman prioritised settling around Tk7,000 crore in pending insurance claims, strengthening governance, and restoring public confidence through comprehensive reforms in Bangladesh's insurance sector.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/clearing-tk7000cr-insurance-claims-tops-reform-agenda-new-idra-chairman-1490401

Bank Asia reports record Tk 6,800cr deposit growth in H1 2026

- Bank Asia recorded a record Tk6,800 crore net deposit growth in the first half of 2026, reflecting strong customer confidence, sustained business expansion, and the bank's customer-focused banking strategy.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/bank-asia-reports-record-tk-6800cr-deposit-growth-h1-2026-4227001

Clients fuming as banks propose extra fees for 14 services

- Commercial banks proposed new and higher charges for 14 banking services, including frequent cash withdrawals and dormant account reactivation, triggering strong opposition from customers and businesses over rising banking costs.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/clients-fuming-banks-propose-extra-fees-14-services-4226926

Capital Market

DSEX hits near two-year high as reform hopes spark liquidity surge

- Driven by high expectations of market-friendly regulatory reforms and a significant spike in liquidity, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) saw its market capitalisation swell by Tk7,000 crore over the last five trading sessions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-hits-near-two-year-high-reform-hopes-spark-liquidity-surge-1491701

BSEC plans AI surveillance, tighter brokerage monitoring

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) will significantly strengthen oversight of brokerage houses and introduce an artificial intelligence (AI)-based market surveillance system to curb irregularities and restore investor confidence, BSEC Chairman Masud Khan said today (18 July).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-plans-ai-surveillance-tighter-brokerage-monitoring-1491691

DBA welcomes BSEC initiative to amend margin rules

- The DSE brokers association of Bangladesh (DBA) has welcomed the steps of the capital market regulator to amend the margin rules, 2025, calling it a realistic and market-friendly move for the country's capital market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dba-welcomes-bsec-initiative-amend-margin-rules-1491686

BSEC pushes bourses for comprehensive direct listing, de-listing roadmap

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has asked the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) to submit a unified, comprehensive amendment proposal to reform the decade-old listing regulations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-pushes-bourses-comprehensive-direct-listing-de-listing-roadmap-1491671

Bengal Biscuits declares 10% cash dividend for FY25

- Bengal Biscuits Limited, listed on the SME board of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, has recommended a 10% cash dividend for all shareholders for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bengal-biscuits-declares-10-cash-dividend-fy25-1491681

Tamijuddin Textile shuts down factory over unrest, flouts disclosure rules

- Tamijuddin Textile Mills PLC, a listed textile company, has suspended its manufacturing operations in Gazipur indefinitely amid escalating labour unrest, but failed to disclose the development to the stock exchanges within the required timeframe, in a potential breach of securities regulations.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/tamijuddin-textile-shuts-down-factory-over-unrest-flouts-disclosure-rules-1490376

Bengal Biscuits Al-Arafah, Peoples Leasing shares defy market slide on hopes of board shake-up

- Defying a broader market correction, Al-Arafah gained 7.45% to close at Tk17.3, while Peoples Leasing climbed 8.33% to Tk1.3 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/al-arafah-peoples-leasing-shares-defy-market-slide-hopes-board-shake-1490366