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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,855.72
% change	-0.76%
DS30 Index	2,210.75
% change	-0.76%
DSES Index	1,197.81
% change	-0.75%
Turnover (BDT mn)	10,703.95
Turnover (USD mn)	86.60
% change	-4.28%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,954.99
% change	-0.77%
S&P 500	7,457.69
% change	-1.01%
Nikkei 225	64,141.12
% change	-4.03%
FTSE 100	10,600.37
% change	0.27%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.58	123.60
EUR	141.36	141.40
GBP	166.25	166.32
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
19-Jul-26	9.40-11.00	9.67
16-Jul-26	9.35-11.00	9.64

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	90.75	7.74%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,995.75	0.57%
Cotton, USD/lb.	78.63	-0.84%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.76% on the last trading day, closing at 5,855.72 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 4.28% 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 4.03% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.67%, standing between 9.35% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 7.74%, gold price rose by 0.57%, and cotton price fell by 0.84% last day.

Economic Outlook

Govt adopts 5-year plan for post-LDC challenges

- The government adopted a five-year action plan to strengthen trade capacity, improve the investment climate, and enhance business competitiveness, preparing Bangladesh for economic challenges following LDC graduation in November 2026.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-adopts-5-year-plan-post-ldc-challenges-4227761

Import growth stalls in FY26 on subdued industrial demand

- Bangladesh's import growth stalled in FY26 as weak industrial demand, subdued private investment, and cautious business spending curbed capital machinery and raw material imports despite stable macroeconomic conditions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/import-growth-stalls-fy26-subdued-industrial-demand-1492766

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BB seeks exit plans for five merging banks' administrators

- Bangladesh Bank has directed administrators of the five merged Islamic banks to submit exit plans, outlining operational progress and financial health, as Sammilito Islami Bank's new board and management assume control.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-seeks-exit-plans-five-merging-banks-administrators-4227816

A strategic exit policy for resolving non-performing loans

- Bangladesh Bank's proposed strategic NPL exit policy introduces stricter recovery measures, a one-time settlement facility, stronger supervision, and legal reforms to reduce default loans and restore banking sector stability.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/strategic-exit-policy-resolving-non-performing-loans-4227511

Capital inadequacy earns restrictions on operations

- Capital inadequacy at Janata Bank's UAE operations has triggered regulatory restrictions, including a phased business wind-down, prompting the bank to seek government support to strengthen capital and ensure compliance.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/capital-inadequacy-earns-restrictions-on-operations-1784488104

United Insurance shares jump 9.81% amid 45% EPS jump

- United Insurance, a listed insurer, reported a 45% year-on-year rise in earnings per share (EPS) for the second quarter of 2026, driven by higher underwriting profit, sending its shares to the daily upper circuit.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/united-insurance-shares-jump-981-amid-45-eps-jump-1492666

Capital Market

DSEX slips below 5,900 as investors book profits

- Market analysts say broad-based selling pressure hit major sectors, including insurance, engineering, food, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and banking, following weeks of strong gains.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dsex-slips-below-5900-as-investors-book-profits-1784481971

Tighter margin rules for insurance see stocks tumble

- Investor sentiment was rattled by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's recent proposal to tighten margin lending regulations specifically for the insurance sector.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/insurance-stocks-tumble-tighter-margin-rules-trigger-liquidity-fears-1492646

BSEC proposes easing margin lending; experts urge caution

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has proposed sweeping amendments to its margin loan regulations, easing several key provisions in an effort to improve liquidity in the capital market while strengthening the overall risk management framework.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-ease-margin-loan-rules-experts-urge-caution-1492641