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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,804.30
% change	-1.14%
DS30 Index	2,192.72
% change	-1.08%
DSES Index	1,183.06
% change	-1.34%
Turnover (BDT mn)	9,388.81
Turnover (USD mn)	75.84
% change	-22.48%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	-0.97%
S&P 500	7,408.30
% change	-1.21%
Nikkei 225	66,422.60
% change	-0.24%
FTSE 100	10,639.17
% change	-0.73%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.75	123.80
EUR	140.67	140.75
GBP	164.82	165.00
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
23-Jul-26	9.50-11.00	9.77
22-Jul-26	9.55-11.00	9.84

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	100.69	7.04%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,048.78	-2.05%
Cotton, USD/lb.	81.21	0.12%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 1.14% on the last trading day, closing at 5,804.30 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 22.48% 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 0.24% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.77%, standing between 9.50% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 7.04%, gold price fell by 2.05%, and cotton price rose by 0.12% last day.

Economic Outlook

US imposes new tariffs on 60 countries, 10% on Bangladesh

- The US has imposed a new 10% tariff on imports from Bangladesh, placing the country in the lower tariff tier alongside 17 other countries.
- Bangladesh's foreign ministry said the lower tariff rate reflects its comparatively favorable position under the new US tariff regime affecting 60 trading partners.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/us-imposes-new-tariffs-60-countries-10-bangladesh-4231441

BD seeks US LPG, DFC backing

- Bangladesh is seeking long-term US LPG supply agreements and eligibility for US DFC financing to strengthen energy security, infrastructure investment, and bilateral economic cooperation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bd-seeks-us-lpg-dfc-backing-1785000617

Bangladesh needs $15b annual FDI by 2030 to sustain growth: Ficci

- Bangladesh needs $15 billion in annual FDI by 2030, up from current levels, to sustain growth, finance infrastructure, and stay competitive after LDC graduation, says FICCI.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-needs-15b-annual-fdi-2030-sustain-growth-ficci-1496336

Trade deficit widens 24% as exports fall and capital imports slump

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened 24% in FY26 as export earnings declined while imports remained resilient.
- Capital machinery imports fell sharply, indicating weaker private investment and slower industrial expansion.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/trade-deficit-widens-24-exports-fall-and-capital-imports-slump-1496436

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Classified loan accounts double as retail defaults surge

- Classified loan accounts more than doubled to 45.83 lakh by March 2026, driven mainly by a sharp rise in retail loan defaults.
- Small borrowers showed worsening repayment capacity, while large industries remained the biggest contributor to overall non-performing loans.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/classified-loan-accounts-double-retail-defaults-surge-4232251

BRAC BANK ACHIEVES RECORD TK 50B CASA DEPOSIT GROWTH

- BRAC Bank's branch network achieved a record Tk5,000 crore CASA deposit growth in H1 2026, reflecting strong customer confidence and strengthening its low-cost funding base.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/brac-bank-achieves-record-tk-50b-casa-deposit-growth-1784998293

Trust Bank's Q2 profit falls 13.3pc

- Trust Bank's Q2 2026 net profit fell 13.3% YoY to Tk 92.4 crore, with EPS declining to Tk 0.93 from Tk 1.07 in the same quarter last year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/trust-banks-q2-profit-falls-133pc-1784998419

Bank Asia's profit falls 16% in H1 2026

- Bank Asia PLC's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) fell 16% year-on-year to Tk1.77 in the first half of 2026, from Tk2.11 a year earlier, mainly due to higher interest expenses and lower investment and fee-based income.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bank-asias-profit-falls-16-h1-2026-1497841

Premier Bank posts Tk388cr H1 loss

- Premier Bank PLC, a private sector lender, incurred a consolidated loss of Tk388.77 crore in the first half of 2026 as declining interest income and higher funding costs weighed on its financial performance.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/premier-bank-posts-tk388cr-h1-loss-1496246

Capital Market

DSEX snaps three-week gaining streak as foreign, institutional investors lead sell-off

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) ended its three-week gaining streak last week as heavy selling by foreign and institutional investors, coupled with regulatory uncertainty and renewed Middle East tensions, dampened investor sentiment.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-snaps-three-week-gaining-streak-foreign-institutional-investors-lead-sell

BSEC plans to inspect 100 brokerage firms to curb major irregularities

- BSEC Chairman Masud Khan recently said at a meeting that the regulator has undertaken several reform initiatives to improve oversight of brokerage houses. As part of these measures, the commission is introducing regular and more frequent audits and inspections to detect and prevent serious misconduct before it escalates.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-plans-inspect-100-brokerage-firms-curb-major-irregularities-1497871

Singer Bangladesh returns to quarterly profit after a year

- Consumer electronics and home appliance manufacturer Singer Bangladesh Limited returned to quarterly profitability in the second quarter of 2026, supported by improved operating performance and lower finance costs.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/singer-bangladesh-returns-quarterly-profit-after-year-1496231

Heidelberg Materials slips into loss in H1 on margin squeeze

- According to the company's price-sensitive statement released today (25 July), the firm incurred a consolidated net loss of Tk11 crore during the January-June period, a sharp reversal from the Tk22.30 crore net profit recorded in the corresponding period of 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/heidelberg-materials-slips-loss-h1-margin-squeeze-1497881

BTRC fines GP over illegal VoIP SIM use

- The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has fined Grameenphone (GP) Tk 1.84 million after detecting 184 subscriber SIMs allegedly being used for illegal international call termination through Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), saying the country's largest mobile operator failed to prevent misuse of its network.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/btrc-fines-gp-over-illegal-voip-sim-use-1784998148