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Daily News Snippet

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Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.96% on the last trading day, closing at 5,900.27 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 44.59% 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 3.47% loss.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.65%, standing between 9.40% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.68%, gold price fell by 1.11%, and cotton price fell by 0.67% last day.

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,900.27
% change	1.04%
DS30 Index	2,219.49
% change	0.81%
DSES Index	1,201.45
% change	1.08%
Turnover (BDT mn)	12,609.30
Turnover (USD mn)	101.84
% change	44.59%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	52,747.32
% change	2.00%
S&P 500	7,428.78
% change	0.21%
Nikkei 225	61,319.00
% change	-3.47%
FTSE 100	10,871.02
% change	0.83%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.80	123.82
EUR	140.95	141.02
GBP	164	164.61
INR	1.29	1.29

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
28-Jul-26	9.40-11.00	9.65
27-Jul-26	9.40-11.00	9.62

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	84.43	-1.68%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,028.45	-1.11%
Cotton, USD/lb.	80.34	-0.67%

Source: Investing.com

Economic Outlook

BB imposes informal cap on dollar rates amid rising pressure

- The Bangladesh Bank has verbally instructed commercial banks not to buy dollars from the interbank market and remittance channels at rates exceeding Tk123.82 as rising demand for import payments puts pressure on the foreign exchange market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-imposes-informal-cap-dollar-rates-amid-rising-pressure-1500561

Govt plans Tk 161b fuel import drive

- The government plans to import around 1.53 million tonnes of refined petroleum products worth an estimated Tk 161 billion during the second half of 2026 under government-to-government (G2G) arrangements.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-plans-tk-161b-fuel-import-drive-1785261965

Net sales drop by 45.4pc in May

- Net sales of National Savings Certificates (NSCs) dropped sharply in May 2026, reflecting weaker investor demand for the government-run instruments. According to BB's data, the net sales of savings and investment tools fell by 45.4 per cent to Tk 12.34 billion in May from Tk 22.60 billion in April.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/net-sales-drop-by-454pc-in-may-1785262434

NBR wants Tk52,000cr extra source tax, businesses worried

- Despite offering tax relief in several areas in the FY2026-27 budget, the government has set the National Board of Revenue (NBR) an ambitious target of collecting 56% more income tax than the previous fiscal year. To achieve this goal, the tax authorities plan to rely heavily on source tax, aiming to collect an additional Tk52,000 crore through this channel.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/nbr-wants-tk52000cr-extra-source-tax-businesses-worried-1500641

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Two VIPB-managed mutual funds declare cash dividends for FY26

- At a trustee meeting held yesterday (27 July), the board of trustees approved a 5% cash dividend for the VIPB SEBL 1st Unit Fund and a 4% cash dividend for the VIPB NLI 1st Unit Fund.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/two-vipb-managed-mutual-funds-declare-5-cash-dividends-fy26-1500341

BRAC Bank's H1 profit surges 57% to Tk1,423cr

- BRAC Bank PLC reported a 57% year-on-year increase in consolidated net profit for the first half of 2026, supported by higher net interest income and investment income.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/brac-banks-h1-profit-surges-57-tk1423cr-1500281

Premier Bank mobilises Tk3,003cr in fresh deposits in 60 working days

- The Premier Bank PLC has mobilised Tk3,003 crore in fresh deposits within 60 working days under its Special Deposit & Recovery Campaign 2026, while recovering around Tk769 crore in cash from non-performing loans during the first half of the year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/premier-bank-mobilises-tk3003cr-fresh-deposits-60-working-days-1500521

UCB Investment signs deal with Confidence Infrastructure for proposed IPO

- Under the agreement, UCB Investment Limited will provide comprehensive issue management and advisory services for the proposed IPO subject to obtaining the requisite regulatory approvals.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ucb-investment-signs-deal-with-confidence-infrastructure-for-proposed-ipo-1785258923

Capital Market

DSEX reclaims 5,900-mark as turnover surges 45% on earnings optimism

- Driven by a wave of bargain hunting and renewed investor confidence, market participation saw a significant spike, with daily turnover jumping by 45% to reach Tk1,261 crore. The broad DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rose by 60 points, or 1.03%, to settle the session at exactly 5,900.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-reclaims-5900-mark-turnover-jumps-45-earnings-optimism-1500346

Confidence Infrastructure seeks Tk300Cr IPO to fund EV battery production

- Confidence Infrastructure plans to raise Tk300 crore through an initial public offering (IPO) to finance electric vehicle (EV) battery production, business expansion, debt repayment and investments in new sectors, including food.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/confidence-infrastructure-seeks-tk300cr-ipo-fund-ev-battery-production-1500516

Robi logs 29% profit jump to Tk495cr in H1

- The company's board of directors approved the unaudited financial statements today (28 July), which showed that the bottom-line surge was supported by a 7% increase in total revenue, amounting to Tk5,243 crore for the six-month period.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/robi-logs-29-profit-jump-tk495cr-h1-1500271

ICSB President Hossain Sadat appointed BSEC commissioner

- The government has appointed Hossain Sadat, the current president of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries of Bangladesh (ICSB), as a commissioner of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) for a four-year term.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/icsb-president-hossain-sadat-appointed-bsec-commissioner-1499946

Berger Paints' Q1 profit more than doubles on higher sales

- Berger Paints Bangladesh more than doubled its profit in the first quarter (April-June) of 2026, driven by higher sales, strategic price adjustments and lower finance costs.
- Berger, the market leader in the paints industry in Bangladesh, posted a consolidated profit of Tk 1.81 billion for the April-June quarter, up from Tk 856 million in the corresponding period a year earlier.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/berger-paints-q1-profit-more-than-doubles-on-higher-sales-1785258689