

### Bangladesh Market

| Major Indices     | Last closing |
|-------------------|--------------|
| DSEX Index        | 5,643.57     |
| % change          | -1.37%       |
| DS30 Index        | 2,130.84     |
| % change          | -0.68%       |
| DSES Index        | 1,123.99     |
| % change          | -1.43%       |
| Turnover (BDT mn) | 6,019.73     |
| Turnover (USD mn) | 48.95        |
| % change          | -15.35%      |

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

### International Market

| Major Indices                | Last closing |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 51,711.65    |
| % change                     | 0.26%        |
| S&P 500                      | 7,652.86     |
| % change                     | -0.28%       |
| Nikkei 225                   | 65,157.50    |
| % change                     | -1.30%       |
| FTSE 100                     | 10,854.32    |
| % change                     | 0.35%        |

Source: Investing.com

### Exchange rate

| Major Currencies | Bid (BDT) | Ask (BDT) |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| USD              | 122.65    | 122.98    |
| EUR              | 143.03    | 143.46    |
| GBP              | 167.17    | 167.66    |
| INR              | 1.28      | 1.28      |

Source: BB

### Money market

| Date      | Call Money Rate Range (%) | Weighted Average |
|-----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 24-Aug-26 | 9.10-11.00                | 9.21             |
| 23-Aug-26 | 9.00-11.00                | 9.26             |

Source: BB

### Commodities

| Major Commodities           | Price    | % Change |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl. | 90.54    | -1.15%   |
| Gold Spot, USD/t oz.        | 4,680.21 | 1.21%    |
| Cotton, USD/lb.             | 88.83    | 0.54%    |

Source: Investing.com

## Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 1.37% on the last trading day, closing at 5,643.57 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 15.35% 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 1.30% loss.

## Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.21%, standing between 9.10% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.15%, gold price rose by 1.21%, and cotton price rose by 0.54% last day.

## **Economic Outlook**

### **Longer road to recovery as 19 economic indicators worsen**

- CPD says recovery will be prolonged, as 19 of 31 key economic indicators deteriorated over the past six months, including revenue growth, remittances, government borrowing and balance of payments.
- CPD urges structural reforms, including a credible fiscal framework, banking-sector restructuring, energy security and improved public-spending efficiency to support sustainable economic stabilisation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/longer-road-recovery-19-economic-indicators-worsen-4256066>

### **BD signals interest in Mecca pact**

- Bangladesh has expressed interest in joining the Mecca Joint Defence Pact among Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan, citing close ties with the Muslim world and evolving regional security dynamics.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-signals-interest-in-mecca-pact-1787594503>

### **World Bank set to double LNG loan guarantee**

- Bangladesh is set to secure an additional \$350m World Bank guarantee for LNG imports, doubling existing support and enabling Petrobangla to mobilise up to \$2.1bn in commercial financing.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/world-bank-set-to-double-lng-loan-guarantee-1787594799>

### **Money changers cap cash dollar rate at Tk126.50**

- The Money Changers Association of Bangladesh capped cash dollar rates at Tk125.50 for buying and Tk126.50 for selling, aiming to stabilise the kerb market amid rising travel-related demand.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dollar-buying-rate-now-tk12550-selling-tk12650-1523836>

## **Sectors**

### **Capital Market**

#### **DSEX crashes to 2-month low amid massive sell-off**

- A pervasive bearish sentiment, fueled by a worsening nationwide gas and electricity crisis and global geopolitical tensions, left nearly 90% of all traded scrips in the red.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-plunges-63-points-energy-crisis-earnings-jitters-rattle-investors-1522931>

#### **GBB Power announces 5MW solar project as shares rally 100%**

- GBB Power Limited has entered the renewable energy sector by signing an agreement to develop a solar power plant, following a 99% surge in its share price over the past few weeks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/gbb-power-announces-5mw-solar-project-shares-rally-100-1524046>

#### **BSEC to conduct surprise inspections of brokerages to curb irregularities, protect investors**

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has decided to conduct surprise inspections of brokerage firms to detect irregularities early and strengthen investor protection.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-conduct-surprise-inspections-brokerages-curb-irregularities-protect-investors>