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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,895.58
% change	0.28%
DS30 Index	2,217.22
% change	0.29%
DSES Index	1,195.24
% change	0.28%
Turnover (BDT mn)	10,434.36
Turnover (USD mn)	84.27
% change	-22.28%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	1.19%
S&P 500	7,437.63
% change	1.66%
Nikkei 225	61,867.43
% change	0.61%
FTSE 100	10,897.27
% change	-0.10%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.80	123.82
EUR	142.70	142.75
GBP	166.88	166.95
INR	1.30	1.30

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
30-Jul-26	9.25-11.00	9.75
29-Jul-26	9.00-11.00	9.67

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	89.03	1.07%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,103.58	0.46%
Cotton, USD/lb.	80.67	1.43%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.28% on the last trading day, closing at 5,895.58 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 22.28% 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 0.61% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.75%, standing between 9.25% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 1.07%, gold price rose by 0.46%, and cotton price rose by 1.43% last day.

Economic Outlook

Bangladesh faces higher freight costs amid Mideast conflict

- Escalating Middle East conflict has sharply increased ocean freight rates, raising Bangladesh's import and export logistics costs and pressuring businesses.
- Higher shipping costs and longer transit times threaten export competitiveness, while increasing import costs and inflationary pressures across the economy.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-faces-higher-freight-costs-amid-mideast-conflict-4237791

BB to unveil monetary policy on quarterly basis

- Bangladesh Bank will introduce quarterly Monetary Policy Statements (MPS) from September, replacing the half-yearly cycle to respond more quickly to changing economic conditions.
- The move aligns with IMF recommendations and aims to make monetary policy more timely, realistic, and responsive through regular quarterly reviews.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-to-unveil-monetary-policy-on-quarterly-basis-1785605812

UK reaffirms £2.0b trade finance support

- The UK reaffirmed $20 billion in trade finance support for Bangladesh to boost bilateral trade, investment, and economic resilience, strengthening access to financing for businesses and exporters.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/uk-reaffirms-20b-trade-finance-support-1785605771

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Listed banks' H1 performance: Treasury gains fuel profit for some, while NPLs bleed others

- Listed banks delivered mixed H1 2026 results, with treasury income and fee earnings boosting profits for well-managed lenders, while weak banks remained weighed down by rising non-performing loans (NPLs).

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-banks-h1-performance-treasury-gains-fuel-profit-some-while-npls-bleed-others

Mercantile Bank incurs loss in Q2 as interest income plummets

- Mercantile Bank reported a consolidated net loss in Q2 2026, as net interest income plunged sharply, reflecting margin pressure and weak core banking performance.
- Liquidity also weakened, with consolidated net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) dropping 79% year-on-year to Tk0.74 by end-June.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mercantile-bank-incurs-loss-q2-interest-income-plummets-1504031

Islami Bank deep in the red as income bleeds across all segments

- According to the bank's latest financial statements for the first half of 2026, a heavy consolidated net loss of Tk1,316 crore wiped out reserves and pushed retained earnings down to negative at Tk1,157.18 crore as of June 2026 – a sharp reversal from a positive retained profit of Tk206 crore recorded in December 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/islami-bank-deep-red-income-bleeds-across-all-segments-1504001

United Finance posts 55% rise in first-half profit

- According to the company's financial results released on Wednesday, the non-bank financial institution earned a net profit of Tk5.03 crore in the January-June period, up from the corresponding period of the previous year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/united-finance-posts-55-rise-first-half-profit-1502506

Fuel and Power

LNG crisis drives import costs up

- Bangladesh's efforts to secure much-needed liquefied natural gas (LNG) have become increasingly difficult as global prices surge and long-term suppliers continue to suspend scheduled cargo deliveries, forcing the country to rely on significantly more expensive spot market imports.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/lng-crisis-drives-import-costs-up-1785605712

Capital Market

Earnings optimism lifts DSEX near 5,900 despite gas supply shortages

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) rebounded last week as the benchmark DSEX climbed 1.57%, driven by renewed investor optimism over the ongoing quarterly earnings season despite lingering concerns over gas supply disruptions and regulatory uncertainty.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/earnings-optimism-lifts-dsex-near-5900-despite-gas-supply-shortages-1504026

BSEC bars former DSE regulatory chief from all capital market roles

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has barred former Dhaka Stock Exchange chief regulatory officer Khairul Bashar Abu Taher Mohammed from holding any official position in listed companies or other institutions operating under the country's capital market regulatory framework.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-bars-former-dse-regulatory-chief-all-capital-market-roles-1504011

Listed MNCs post resilient Q2 despite inflation, energy crisis

- Listed multinational companies (MNCs) in Bangladesh delivered a resilient performance in the April-June quarter of 2026, with most reporting higher revenue and profit despite persistent inflation and the ongoing energy crisis.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-mncs-post-resilient-q2-despite-inflation-energy-crisis-1504041

Marico profit plunges after four years

- Unilever Consumer Care Limited, maker of health food drinks Horlicks and Boost, reported a sharp earnings decline in the first half of 2026 as slowing sales and persistently high food inflation squeezed consumer spending.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/unilever-consumer-profit-plunges-48-h1-inflation-squeezes-sales-1501566

Yeakin Polymer reapplies to transfer 21.5% sponsor stake to FCS Holdings

- Yeakin Polymer has reapplied to the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), through its Managing Director Mohammad Harunor Rashid, seeking approval to transfer 21.50% shares held by three sponsor-directors to FCS Holdings Ltd after securing the required no-objection certificates (NOCs) from the company's lenders.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/yeakin-polymer-reapplies-transfer-215-sponsor-stake-fcs-holdings-1504196