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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,895.78
% change	0.00%
DS30 Index	2,213.34
% change	-0.18%
DSES Index	1,192.61
% change	-0.22%
Turnover (BDT mn)	12,576.23
Turnover (USD mn)	101.57
% change	20.53%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	0.53%
S&P 500	7,489.72
% change	0.70%
Nikkei 225	64,362.02
% change	4.03%
FTSE 100	10,868.05
% change	-0.27%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.81	123.82
EUR	142.72	142.75
GBP	166.90	166.95
INR	1.30	1.30

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
02-Aug-26	9.25-11.00	9.52
30-Jul-26	9.25-11.00	9.75

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	83.90	-5.76%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,074.79	-0.70%
Cotton, USD/lb.	81.79	1.39%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.00% on the last trading day, closing at 5,895.78 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 20.53% 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 4.03% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.52%, standing between 9.25% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 5.67%, gold price fell by 0.70%, and cotton price rose by 1.39% last day.

Economic Outlook

Yields on T-bills, call money and bank deposits dive

- Bangladesh Bank's recent policy rate cut sharply lowered T-bill yields, call money rates, and bank deposit rates, reducing banks' funding costs and encouraging private-sector lending.
- Lower returns on risk-free government securities may push banks to expand credit instead of investing in T-bills, supporting economic activity if loan demand improves.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/yields-on-t-bills-call-money-and-bank-deposits-dive-1785693027

Remittance inflows rise 15.8% to $2.86b in July

- Bangladesh's remittance inflows rose 15.8% YoY to $2.86 billion in July 2026, the first month of FY27, supported by stronger inflows through formal banking channels.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/remittance-inflows-rise-158-286b-july-1504526

Foreign aid falls as debt repayments cut net inflows

- Bangladesh's net foreign aid inflow fell about 20% in FY26 as lower aid disbursements and record external debt repayments reduced available foreign financing, increasing pressure on foreign exchange reserves.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/foreign-aid-falls-debt-repayments-cut-net-inflows-4238651

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

City Bank’s half-yearly profit rises

- City Bank's consolidated H1 2026 net profit rose to Tk526 crore, with EPS increasing to Tk3.01 from Tk1.72, driven by strong growth in interest income and investment returns.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/city-banks-half-yearly-profit-rises-4238611

Al-Arafah Bank's Q2 profit dips 9% on rising costs, lower investment income

- Al-Arafah Islami Bank's Q2 2026 profit fell 9% YoY to Tk83.24 crore as lower investment income, higher operating expenses, and deferred tax adjustments weighed on earnings.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/al-arafah-banks-q2-profit-dips-9-rising-costs-lower-investment-income-1504876

Govt will no longer directly appoint MDs at six state-run banks

- The government will no longer directly appoint managing directors of six state-owned banks. Instead, a nomination committee will propose candidates, with bank boards making final appointments after Bangladesh Bank approval.

https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/govt-will-no-longer-directly-appoint-mds-six-state-run-banks-1504761

IPDC Finance eyes growth with new Shariah-compliant operations

- IPDC Finance PLC, the country's first private sector non-bank financial institution (NBFI), has decided to venture into Shariah-compliant territory by opening a dedicated Islamic Finance window.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ipdc-finance-eyes-growth-new-shariah-compliant-operations-1504871

General insurers post stronger Q2 earnings on lower costs, improved underwriting

- Most listed non-life insurance companies in Bangladesh posted stronger earnings in the April-June quarter of 2026, driven by lower operating costs following the zero-commission policy, improved underwriting, stronger marine insurance business and higher investment income, industry stakeholders said.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/general-insurers-post-stronger-q2-earnings-lower-costs-improved-underwriting-1505001

LNG

12kg bottled LPG price raised by Tk 70 for August

- The Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has increased the price of the widely-used liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for households by Tk 70, or 4.58 per cent to Tk 1,598 from the previous rate of Tk 1,528 per 12kg cylinder.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/12kg-bottled-lpg-price-raised-by-tk-70-for-august-1785693086

Capital Market

Rate cut fuels early surge, but profit-taking caps DSE gains

- Market turnover on the Dhaka Stock Exchange jumped by 21% to reach Tk1,257 crore, compared to the previous week's average, as participants initially cheered the shift towards monetary easing.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/rate-cut-fuels-early-surge-profit-taking-caps-dse-gains-1504886

Hakkani Pulp draws up Tk 33.2m modernisation plan

- Hakkani Pulp & Paper Mills is set to invest a total of Tk 33.2 million to modernise its paper production process and secure lower-cost, sustainable energy for its factory operations. Of the total investment, Tk 7.2 million will be spent on replacing an ageing pulp-processing machine, while another Tk 26 million will be invested in a rooftop solar power system.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/hakkani-pulp-draws-up-tk-332m-modernisation-plan-1785689917