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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,859.98
% change	-0.41%
DS30 Index	2,184.22
% change	-0.39%
DSES Index	1,171.37
% change	-0.49%
Turnover (BDT mn)	11,307.67
Turnover (USD mn)	92.21
% change	22.16%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	-0.20%
S&P 500	7,785.76
% change	-0.17%
Nikkei 225	68,713.80
% change	0.59%
FTSE 100	10,750.11
% change	-0.21%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.55	122.63
EUR	141.78	141.90
GBP	165.81	166.03
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
16-Aug-26	9.00-11.00	9.36
13-Aug-26	9.00-11.00	9.32

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	88.69	1.86%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,370.39	0.44%
Cotton, USD/lb.	84.80	1.56%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.41% on the last trading day, closing at 5,859.98 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 22.16% 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 0.59% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.36%, standing between 9.00% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 1.86%, gold price rose by 0.44%, and cotton price rose by 1.56% last day.

Economic Outlook

Exchange rate down as dollar demand ebbs

- The US dollar exchange rate fell by more than Tk1 as demand weakened after the settlement of government import payments, while remittance inflows and export earnings increased the supply of foreign currency.
- Bangladesh Bank's foreign-exchange reference rate declined to Tk122.89 per dollar on 12 August from Tk123.81 on 27 July, reflecting improved liquidity in the foreign-exchange market.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/exchange-rate-down-as-dollar-demand-ebbs-1786904486

Govt launches Tk 400cr fund to boost startup investment

- The government has launched a Tk400 crore “Fund of Funds” to channel capital into startups, attract foreign investment, and strengthen Bangladesh's venture capital ecosystem.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-launches-tk-400cr-fund-boost-startup-investment-4249356

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Excess liquidity in banks pushes treasury bill yields below 9%

- Treasury bill yields fell by 21–25 basis points, with the 91-day bill yield dropping below 9% to 8.93%, as banks accumulated excess liquidity.
- Weak private-sector credit demand has reduced banks' lending opportunities, prompting them to increase investments in government securities and pushing yields lower.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/excess-liquidity-banks-pushes-treasury-bill-yields-below-9-1516916

Midas Financing needs liquidity support to restore client confidence, says auditor

- Midas Financing is facing a severe liquidity crisis, with over half of its loan portfolio classified. Auditors urged immediate liquidity support to restore depositor confidence.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/midas-financing-needs-liquidity-support-restore-client-confidence-says-auditor-1516846

City Bank to raise authorised capital to Tk 3,000cr

- City Bank plans to increase its authorised capital by 50% to Tk3,000 crore to strengthen its capital base and comply with Bangladesh Bank's new dividend requirements.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/city-bank-raise-authorised-capital-tk-3000cr-4249316

Capital Market

Gas crisis, margin rule uncertainty weigh on bourse

- Market insiders said concerns over the impact of gas shortages on industrial production, coupled with uncertainty surrounding regulatory changes, prompted investors to offload shares, pushing most traded securities into negative territory.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/gas-crisis-margin-rule-uncertainty-weigh-bourse-1516851

Sharp Industries maintains 60% yarn production capacity amid power constraints

- Despite the ongoing gas and electricity supply challenges affecting industrial production across the country, listed textile company Sharp Industries PLC continues to maintain operations and produce yarn, utilising around 60% of its daily production capacity.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sharp-industries-maintains-60-yarn-production-capacity-amid-power-constraints-1516861

BSEC fines Haji Ahmad Brothers Securities Tk10 lakh

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has slapped a fine of Tk10 lakh on stock brokerage firm Haji Ahmad Brothers Securities Limited for multiple regulatory non-compliances, including maintaining deficits in its Consolidated Customers' Account (CCA) and violating Beneficiary Owner (BO) account guidelines.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-haji-ahmad-brothers-securities-tk10-lakh-1516856