

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,814.27
% change	-0.78%
DS30 Index	2,175.66
% change	-0.39%
DSES Index	1,157.76
% change	-1.16%
Turnover (BDT mn)	9,948.55
Turnover (USD mn)	81.05
% change	-12.02%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	-0.51%
S&P 500	7,745.06
% change	-0.52%
Nikkei 225	68,932.00
% change	0.32%
FTSE 100	10,720.30
% change	-0.28%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.17	122.75
EUR	141.46	142.16
GBP	165.45	166.28
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
17-Aug-26	9.00-11.00	9.37
16-Aug-26	9.00-11.00	9.36

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	90.87	2.46%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,425.93	1.27%
Cotton, USD/lb.	85.48	0.80%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.78% on the last trading day, closing at 5,814.27 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 12.02% 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 0.32% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.37%, standing between 9.00% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 2.46%, gold price rose by 1.27%, and cotton price rose by 0.80% last day.

Economic Outlook

Bangladesh to adopt Apr-Mar financial year from 2028-29

- Bangladesh will replace its July–June fiscal year with an April–March cycle from FY2028–29, while FY2027–28 will serve as a nine-month transition period (July–March).
- The change aims to reduce monsoon-related disruptions to infrastructure projects, although it will require constitutional amendments and adjustments to government financial management systems.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-adopt-apr-mar-financial-year-from-2028-29-1786989438>

Bangladesh to receive \$1.0b in soft loan

- Bangladesh is set to secure \$10 billion in concessional financing from development partners to support infrastructure, climate resilience, energy, and economic reforms.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-receive-10b-in-soft-loan-1786989627>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

38 banks seek Tk28,000cr in stimulus funds for struggling businesses

- Thirty-eight banks have requested over Tk28,000 crore from Bangladesh Bank's Tk60,000 crore stimulus package, with loan disbursements scheduled to begin on 1 September 2026.
- The stimulus package aims to revive struggling industries, reopen closed factories, and create around 2.5 million jobs, while offering concessional financing to businesses.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/38-banks-seek-tk28000cr-stimulus-funds-struggling-businesses-1517961>

Capital Market

Dhaka stocks sink to 3-week low on worries over margin rules, energy crisis

- Stocks suffered a sharp sell-off on Monday, extending their losing streak to fourth consecutive session, due to growing concerns over the country's macroeconomic outlook amid an ongoing energy crisis. The benchmark of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) fell nearly 46 points, or 0.78 per cent, to settle at 5,814, the lowest in three weeks.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dhaka-stocks-sink-to-3-week-low-on-worries-over-margin-rules-energy-crisis-1786986047>

BSEC extends Reckitt's foreign shareholders dividend payout

- Amid delays in tax clearance, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has extended the deadline until September for Reckitt Benckiser (Bangladesh) to disburse dividends to its foreign shareholders.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-extends-reckitts-foreign-shareholders-dividend-payout-1517871>

Sonali Life settles Tk405cr in claims in 2025

- Sonali Life Insurance settled 55,300 insurance claims worth Tk405.15 crore in 2025, while declaring a 15% cash dividend to its shareholders for the year.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sonali-life-settles-tk405cr-claims-2025-1517881>