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# Daily News Snippet

**August 19, 2026**

## Bangladesh Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|---|---|
| DSEX Index | 5,773.63 |
| % change | -0.70% |
| DS30 Index | 2,164.47 |
| % change | -0.51% |
| DSES Index | 1,150.21 |
| % change | -0.65% |
| Turnover (BDT mn) | 9,981.09 |
| Turnover (USD mn) | 81.71 |
| % change | 0.33% |

*Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange*

## International Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|---|---|
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 51,711.65 |
| % change | -0.22% |
| S&P 500 | 7,691.76 |
| % change | -0.69% |
| Nikkei 225 | 65,925.50 |
| % change | -4.36% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,728.04 |
| % change | 0.07% |

*Source: Investing.com*

## Exchange rate

| Major Currencies | Bid (BDT) | Ask (BDT) |
|---|---|---|
| USD | 121.97 | 122.15 |
| EUR | 141.17 | 141.41 |
| GBP | 165.01 | 165.33 |
| INR | 1.27 | 1.28 |

*Source: BB*

## Money market

| Date | Call Money Rate Range (%) | Weighted Average |
|---|---|---|
| 18-Aug-26 | 9.25-11.00 | 9.37 |
| 17-Aug-26 | 9.00-11.00 | 9.37 |

*Source: BB*

## Commodities

| Major Commodities | Price | % Change |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl. | 91.02 | 0.17% |
| Gold Spot, USD/t oz. | 4,333.14 | -2.10% |
| Cotton, USD/lb. | 85.41 | -0.08% |

*Source: Investing.com*

# Market Summary

## Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.70% on the last trading day, closing at 5,773.63 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 0.33% 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 4.36% loss.

## Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.37%, standing between 9.25% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.17%, gold price fell by 2.10%, and cotton price fell by 0.08% last day.

# Economic Outlook

## Bangladesh's gross reserves hit $32.43b

- Bangladesh's gross foreign exchange reserves rose to $37.24 billion on 18 August, while IMF-compliant (BPM6) reserves stood at $32.43 billion.
- Strong remittance inflows drove the increase, with expatriates sending $4.74 billion between 1 July and 17 August, up 21.6% year-on-year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-gross-reserves-hit-3724-billion-1518801

# Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

## NCC Bank moves to empower board to remove chairman by vote

- NCC Bank plans to amend its governance structure by introducing a seniority-based chairman rotation system and allowing directors to remove the chairman through a two-thirds vote.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ncc-bank-moves-empower-board-remove-chairman-vote-1518776

## CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund skips dividend despite Tk6.77cr profit in FY26

- CAPM BDBL Mutual Fund reported a Tk6.77 crore profit and Tk1.35 earnings per unit in FY26 but declared no dividend as unitholders prepare to vote on conversion or redemption.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/capm-bdbl-mutual-fund-skips-dividend-despite-tk677cr-profit-fy26-1518771

## UCB to exit National Housing by offloading entire stake

- UCB will fully exit National Housing Finance by selling its remaining 5.63 lakh shares within 30 working days, completing a divestment process that began in 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ucb-exit-national-housing-offloading-entire-stake-1518756

### Capital Market

## DSEX erases 100-point gain as margin gazette triggers ‘sell-on-news’ reaction

- The broad index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) witnessed a dramatic reversal today (18 August), as early-session euphoria over the finalisation of new margin lending rules quickly faded, giving way to a massive wave of profit-taking.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-erases-100-point-gain-margin-gazette-triggers-sell-news-reaction-1518751

## Revised margin rules gazetted to broaden credit access, limit risks

- Shares of listed companies in the ‘A’ and ‘B’ categories with price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio up to 40 will qualify for margin loans, while the revised rules also eased the thresholds for margin calls and forced sales.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/revised-margin-rules-gazetted-to-broaden-credit-access-limit-risks-1787071182