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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,769.71
% change	-0.07%
DS30 Index	2,162.97
% change	-0.07%
DSES Index	1,151.16
% change	0.08%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,328.32
Turnover (USD mn)	59.97
% change	-26.58%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	0.22%
S&P 500	7,707.98
% change	0.21%
Nikkei 225	66,058.00
% change	0.20%
FTSE 100	10,743.35
% change	0.14%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	121.95	122.20
EUR	142.40	142.72
GBP	165.89	166.31
INR	1.27	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
19-Aug-26	9.15-11.00	9.37
18-Aug-26	9.25-11.00	9.37

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	91.62	0.66%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,511.85	4.12%
Cotton, USD/lb.	88.35	3.44%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.07% on the last trading day, closing at 5,769.71 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 26.58% 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 0.20% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.37%, standing between 9.15% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 0.66%, gold price rose by 4.12%, and cotton price rose by 3.44% last day.

Global Outlook

Oil hits three-week high on uncertainty over Hormuz

- Oil prices hit a three-week high as uncertainty over Strait of Hormuz shipping and supply disruptions raised geopolitical risk premiums, pushing Brent above $91 per barrel.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/oil-hits-three-week-high-uncertainty-over-hormuz-4251876

Economic Outlook

Govt unveils new 5-yr reform and dev strategic framework

- Govt unveils a five-year reform and development framework for 2026–31, prioritising inflation control, banking reforms, forex reserves and private investment.
- ECNEC approves 10 projects worth Tk 93.33 billion, including Tk 49.64 billion for rural road rehabilitation nationwide.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/govt-unveils-new-5-yr-reform-and-dev-strategic-framework-1787163019

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Islamic banks’ remittance receipts fall 27% in June

- Islamic banks’ remittance receipts fell 27% year-on-year to $448 million in June, reducing their share to 16%, while conventional banks gained market share amid sector confidence concerns.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/islamic-banks-remittance-receipts-fall-27-june-4251911

Islamic banks face deposit drain

- Islamic banks’ deposits fell 2.68% month-on-month to Tk 4.67 trillion in June, with full-fledged Islamic banks losing Tk 172.6 billion amid depositor withdrawals.
- Despite the deposit drain, total investments rose 2.06% to Tk 6.12 trillion, widening the liquidity gap and increasing pressure on banks’ funding sources.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/islamic-banks-face-deposit-drain-1787162975

NCC Bank to expand Shariah-compliant footprint with 20 new branches

- NCC Bank received Bangladesh Bank’s approval to convert 20 conventional branches into full-fledged Islamic banking units, expanding its Shariah-compliant operations and customer reach.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ncc-bank-expand-shariah-compliant-footprint-20-new-branches-1519846

Capital Market

Market loses Tk7,300cr in six sessions as turnover hits 3-month low

- Turnover on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) dropped 27% to Tk732 crore, the lowest since May, as industrial energy shortages and a lack of market-moving catalysts dampened investor appetite.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-loses-tk7300cr-six-consecutive-sessions-turnover-hits-3-month-low-1519836

DSE names 138 marginable stocks as new lending rules take effect

- The updated list, which details the companies qualifying for credit facilities, follows the recent gazette notification of the "Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Margin) Rules, 2025." This overhaul is aimed at boosting market liquidity and restoring investor appetite by providing more flexibility in leverage-based trading. Among the 138 firms, eight are from B category.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-names-138-marginable-stocks-new-lending-rules-take-effect-1519841

BSEC forces 17 officials into retirement over hostage incident

- The securities regulator has sent 17 officials on forced retirement for their alleged involvement in a hostile incident, during which the recently departed chairman and commissioners were held hostage following the compulsory retirement of a colleague.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-forces-17-officials-into-retirement-over-hostage-incident-1787159215

BSEC reconstitutes probe committee on Robi Axiata, extends deadline by 90 working days

- The stock market regulator had formed the committee to investigate the country's second-largest mobile operator over alleged financial irregularities, corporate governance concerns and disclosure failures.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-reconstitutes-probe-committee-robi-axiata-extends-deadline-90-working-days