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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,786.08
% change	0.28%
DS30 Index	2,162.52
% change	-0.02%
DSES Index	1,156.12
% change	0.43%
Turnover (BDT mn)	6,719.89
Turnover (USD mn)	54.99
% change	-8.30%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	-1.32%
S&P 500	7,641.16
% change	-0.87%
Nikkei 225	66,216.79
% change	0.24%
FTSE 100	10,748.16
% change	0.04%

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
20-Aug-26	9.15-11.00	9.31
19-Aug-26	9.15-11.00	9.37

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	93.78	2.36%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,519.08	0.16%
Cotton, USD/lb.	88.34	-0.01%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 0.28% on the last trading day, closing at 5,786.08 points.
- The daily turnover fell by 8.30% 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 0.24% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.31%, standing between 9.15% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures rose by 2.36%, gold price rose by 0.16%, and cotton price fell by 0.01% last day.

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Economic Outlook

Govt plans launching $2.0b equity fund in Hong Kong

- Bangladesh plans to launch a $2 billion Bangladesh-dedicated equity fund in Hong Kong to finance domestic businesses and projects without creating direct government debt.
- The government also plans to tap dollar, panda and samurai bonds, aiming to diversify financing sources and reduce reliance on domestic bank borrowing.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-plans-launching-20b-equity-fund-in-hong-kong-1787418216

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

Cenbank introduces ADR policy to speed up loan recovery, ease court backlog

- Bangladesh Bank introduced a new ADR policy to expedite default-loan recovery, reduce court backlogs, and establish a structured mediation framework for financial disputes.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-introduces-adr-policy-speed-loan-recovery-ease-court-backlog-1520871

How banking sector stabilised

- Bangladesh's banking sector showed signs of stabilisation as depositor confidence improved, troubled banks were restructured, and foreign-exchange reserves rose above $32 billion.
- A Tk60,000 crore stimulus package, stronger loan-recovery measures and digital-finance expansion supported economic activity, though high NPLs, capital shortfalls and governance weaknesses remain major challenges.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/how-banking-sector-stabilised-1520961

Desh General Insurance profit soars 439% in H1

- The company's board has recommended a 2% cash dividend for shareholders, subject to approval at its annual general meeting (AGM), scheduled to be held on 9 September.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/desh-general-insurance-profit-soars-439-h1-1522081

World Bank reviews feasibility of Mortgage Refinance Company in Bangladesh

- A meeting was held between the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) and representatives of the World Bank Group to discuss the feasibility of establishing a Mortgage Refinance Company (MRC) in Bangladesh.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/world-bank-reviews-feasibility-mortgage-refinance-company-bangladesh-1520786

Capital Market

DSEX sheds 97 points last week as energy crisis jitters weigh on sentiment

- The country's premier bourse returned to a bearish phase last week as the benchmark index plummeted by nearly 100 points, driven by acute selling pressure.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-sheds-97-points-last-week-energy-crisis-jitters-weigh-sentiment-1522076

Runner moves ahead with BYD tie-up, signs EV licensing deal

- Runner Automobiles PLC is moving ahead with its partnership with Chinese electric vehicle giant BYD Auto Industry Co, approving a series of measures to launch the import and distribution of BYD vehicles in Bangladesh.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/runner-moves-ahead-byd-tie-signs-ev-licensing-deal-1522116

No ownership transfer plan, yet Mithun Knitting shares surge

- Despite its factory remaining closed since 2019 and all business operations being halted, the share price of listed Mithun Knitting and Dyeing (CEPZ) Ltd has surged in recent trading sessions.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/no-ownership-transfer-plan-yet-mithun-knitting-shares-surge-1520801