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# Daily News Snippet

**August 24, 2026**

## Bangladesh Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|---|---|
| DSEX Index | 5,722.21 |
| % change | -1.10% |
| DS30 Index | 2,145.48 |
| % change | -0.79% |
| DSES Index | 1,140.29 |
| % change | -1.37% |
| Turnover (BDT mn) | 7,111.50 |
| Turnover (USD mn) | 58.02 |
| % change | 5.83% |

*Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange*

## International Market

| Major Indices | Last closing |
|---|---|
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 51,711.65 |
| % change | 0.98% |
| S&P 500 | 7,674.37 |
| % change | 0.43% |
| Nikkei 225 | 66,016.36 |
| % change | -0.30% |
| FTSE 100 | 10,816.56 |
| % change | 0.64% |

*Source: Investing.com*

## Exchange rate

| Major Currencies | Bid (BDT) | Ask (BDT) |
|---|---|---|
| USD | 122.50 | 122.58 |
| EUR | 143.07 | 143.17 |
| GBP | 167.00 | 167.15 |
| INR | 1.28 | 1.28 |

*Source: BB*

## Money market

| Date | Call Money Rate Range (%) | Weighted Average |
|---|---|---|
| 23-Aug-26 | 9.00-11.00 | 9.26 |
| 20-Aug-26 | 9.15-11.00 | 9.31 |

*Source: BB*

## Commodities

| Major Commodities | Price | % Change |
|---|---|---|
| Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl. | 91.59 | -2.34% |
| Gold Spot, USD/t oz. | 4,624.29 | 2.33% |
| Cotton, USD/lb. | 88.35 | 0.01% |

*Source: Investing.com*

# Market Summary

## Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 1.10% on the last trading day, closing at 5,722.21 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 5.83% 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 0.30% loss.

## Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT was stable against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.26%, standing between 9.00% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 2.34%, gold price rose by 2.33%, and cotton price rose by 0.01% last day.

# Economic Outlook

## Govt debt balloons as bank borrowing far outstrips mark

- Government borrowing from banks reached Tk 1.68 trillion in FY26, exceeding the revised Tk 1.18 trillion target by Tk 500 billion, driven by revenue shortfalls and higher spending.
- Rising borrowing to finance subsidies and expenses could crowd out private-sector credit as loan demand recovers, highlighting the need for stronger fiscal consolidation.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-debt-balloons-as-bank-borrowing-far-outstrips-mark-1787508334

# Sectors

### Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

## Deposits in no-frill accounts rise 24% in Apr-Jun

- No-frill account deposits rose 23.9% YoY to Tk 9,010 crore in April-June 2026, while account numbers increased nearly 10% to 3.66 crore, strengthening financial inclusion among low-income groups.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/deposits-no-frill-accounts-rise-24-apr-jun-4255051

## MetLife invests Tk 500m in subordinated bond of EBL

- MetLife Bangladesh invested BDT 500 million in EBL's fourth subordinated bond, supporting the bank's capital base and strengthening long-term corporate financing.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/metlife-invests-tk-500m-in-subordinated-bond-of-ebl-1787504850

### Capital Market

## DSEX plunges 63 points as energy crisis, earnings jitters rattle investors

- The country's premier bourse started the week on a dismal note as the benchmark index shed over 60 points today (23 August), ending a temporary breather from the previous session.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-plunges-63-points-energy-crisis-earnings-jitters-rattle-investors-1522931

## BSEC moves to overhaul merchant banking rules after 30 years

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has moved to update the regulatory framework governing merchant bankers and portfolio managers after nearly three decades, aiming to strengthen licensing requirements, eligibility criteria, financial capacity, risk management and fiduciary duties towards investors.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-moves-overhaul-merchant-banking-rules-after-30-years-1522891

## Fu-Wang Foods lays off factory amid gas shortage, raw materials cost hike

- Fu-Wang Foods Limited, a publicly listed packaged food producer, has declared its factory lay-off driven by an acute gas shortage and a spike in raw material prices, according to a stock exchange filing.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fu-wang-foods-lays-factory-amid-gas-shortage-raw-materials-cost-hike-1522921

## BSEC conditionally approves 30% stake sale in Dominage Steel

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has conditionally approved a proposal by listed engineering company Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited to sell around 30% of its shares to new investors.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-conditionally-approves-30-stake-sale-dominage-steel-1522906

## BSEC fines five Regent Textile directors Tk100cr over IPO fund diversion

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has imposed personal fines of Tk20 crore each on five directors of Regent Textile Mills Limited, totalling Tk100 crore, for failing to return Tk90 crore in misused initial public offering (IPO) funds to the company's bank accounts.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-fines-five-regent-textile-directors-tk100cr-over-ipo-fund-diversion-1522871

## Most listed MFs return to profit in FY26 but avoid paying dividends

- The aggregate profit of 15 closed-end mutual funds, which published audited financial statements for FY26, climbed to Tk 1.44 billion from only Tk 24.4 million a year earlier. What is more significant is that 11 of the funds returned to profit in FY26 after incurring losses in the previous year.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/most-listed-mfs-return-to-profit-in-fy26-but-avoid-paying-dividends-1787505007