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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,550.50
% change	-0.75%
DS30 Index	2,105.92
% change	-0.72%
DSES Index	1,107.00
% change	-1.05%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,887.06
Turnover (USD mn)	64.19
% change	5.53%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	0.71%
S&P 500	7,764.70
% change	1.49%
Nikkei 225	65,018.95
% change	1.38%
FTSE 100	10,739.01
% change	0.75%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.72	122.88
EUR	140.66	140.88
GBP	163.99	164.30
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
21-Sep-26	8.55-11.00	8.90
20-Sep-26	8.50-11.00	8.85

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	100.34	-2.97%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,369.00	-0.09%
Cotton, USD/lb.	83.42	2.80%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.75% on the last trading day, closing at 5,550.50 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 5.53% 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 1.38% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 8.90%, standing between 8.55% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 2.97%, gold price fell by 0.09%, and cotton price rose by 2.80% on the last trading day.

Economic Outlook

Inflation relapse feared on across-the-board cost spikes

- A 17.4% diesel price hike is expected to reignite inflation through higher transport, logistics and utility costs. Higher diesel costs for irrigation, harvesting and freight could push up food prices, adding further pressure to the CPI.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/inflation-relapse-feared-on-across-the-board-cost-spikes-1790012658

Higher fuel prices to push up costs of production

- Higher fuel prices will raise production, transport and energy costs across agriculture, manufacturing and exports, while further weakening consumer demand. Business leaders warn the hike will intensify inflationary pressure.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/higher-fuel-prices-push-costs-production-4279261

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

BRAC, City in talks to take over StanChart's retail business

- Standard Chartered plans to wind down its retail banking operations in Bangladesh, with BRAC Bank and City Bank holding preliminary discussions to take over the business.
- The talks remain at an early stage, requiring valuation, audits and Bangladesh Bank approval before any deal can proceed.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/brac-city-talks-take-over-stancharts-retail-business-4279256

Sonali Bank's H1 profit jumps 193% to Tk1,878cr on treasury gains, lower provisions

- Sonali Bank's H1 2026 net profit surged 193% to Tk1,878 crore, supported by 9% higher investment income and 59% lower provisions, despite a 26% decline in net interest income.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/sonali-banks-h1-profit-jumps-193-tk1878cr-treasury-gains-lower-provisions-1549191

City General Insurance share jumps 351% in 17 months amid probes

- City General Insurance's share price surged 351% to Tk128.20 in 17 months, prompting BSEC and DSE probes over suspected manipulation, though no final action has yet been taken.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/city-general-insurance-share-jumps-351-17-months-amid-probes-1549726

Capital Market

Fuel price shock sends stocks lower, snaps four-day rally

- Fuel price hikes triggered broad-based selling, ending the DSE's four-day rally as DSEX fell 41 points to 5,550. Turnover rose 6% to Tk788 crore amid inflation and earnings concerns.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/fuel-price-shock-sends-stocks-lower-snaps-four-day-rally-1549721