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Daily News Snippet

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Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,592.21
% change	1.09%
DS30 Index	2,121.18
% change	0.95%
DSES Index	1,118.74
% change	1.07%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,473.83
Turnover (USD mn)	60.89
% change	14.03%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	-0.18%
S&P 500	7,650.50
% change	0.17%
Nikkei 225	65,018.95
% change	1.38%
FTSE 100	10,659.13
% change	-1.45%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	122.70	122.75
EUR	140.90	140.98
GBP	164.33	164.45
INR	1.28	1.28

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
20-Sep-26	8.50-11.00	8.85
17-Sep-26	8.45-11.00	8.73

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	103.41	-0.44%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,372.82	-0.12%
Cotton, USD/lb.	81.15	-1.24%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

Bangladesh Market

- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, rose by 1.09% on the last trading day, closing at 5,592.21 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 14.03% 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 1.38% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT appreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 8.85%, standing between 8.50% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 0.44%, gold price fell by 0.12%, and cotton price fell by 1.24% on the last trading day.

Economic Outlook

Taka strengthens against dollar after 5.5 years: BB

- Taka appreciated 0.06% year-on-year to June 2026, ending a 5.5-year depreciation streak; it strengthened another 0.77% to Tk123/USD between Aug 30 and Sep 17.
- A stronger taka could reduce import costs and the local-currency burden of foreign debt servicing, potentially easing inflationary pressure.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/taka-strengthens-against-dollar-after-55-years-bb-4278356

Fuel prices hiked by Tk20 per litre

- Fuel prices increased by Tk20/litre from 21 September, taking diesel to Tk135, octane to Tk165, petrol to Tk160 and kerosene to Tk155.
- The hike aims to cut BPC's losses and curb fuel smuggling, but higher transport, agricultural and industrial costs could add to inflationary pressure.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/energy/fuel-prices-hiked-tk20-litre-1548591

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

StanChart Bangladesh plans to close retail banking operation by selling portfolio

- Standard Chartered Bangladesh plans to sell its retail banking portfolio through competitive bidding, with several local banks interested; its retail and CMSME portfolio stood at Tk8,479 crore in 2025.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/stanchart-bangladesh-plans-close-retail-banking-operation-selling-portfolio-1548741

Regulator penalises Sikder Insurance directors over IPO fund misuse

- BSEC fined Sikder Insurance's nine directors, MD and company secretary Tk1.1 million for violating IPO fund-use conditions, including excess FDR investment and mismatches in capital-market investments.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/regulator-penalises-sikder-insurance-directors-over-ipo-fund-misuse-1789922261

Capital Market

DSEX gains 213 points in four sessions as buying spree gathers pace

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange's benchmark index rose 60 points today (20 September), extending its winning streak to four sessions and taking its cumulative gain to 213 points, as broad-based buying and higher turnover signalled a revival in investor participation after the market's recent sharp correction.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/stocks-rally-dsex-gains-60-points-turnover-hits-tk747-crore-1548041

Eastern Bank tops DSE turnover board with Tk36.94cr trade

- Eastern Bank emerged as the top turnover leader on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (20 September), marking a notable surge in trading activity for the bank's shares.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/eastern-bank-tops-dse-turnover-board-tk3694cr-trade-1548516

Foreign investors offload Tk85cr Marico shares in six months

- Foreign investors have continued to offload their holdings in Marico Bangladesh Limited, an India-based multinational personal care manufacturer, selling around 3.15 lakh shares worth approximately Tk85 crore between March and August this year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/foreign-investors-offload-tk85cr-marico-shares-six-months-1548551

Envoy Textile, Apex Footwear set board meetings to decide FY26 dividend

- Envoy Textile and Apex Footwear have scheduled board meetings to consider their audited financial statements for FY26, including potential dividend declarations for shareholders.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/envoy-textile-apex-footwear-set-board-meetings-decide-fy26-dividend-1548526