

Bangladesh Market

Major Indices	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,422.67
% change	-0.19%
DS30 Index	2,085.97
% change	-0.22%
DSES Index	1,068.66
% change	-0.35%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,656.12
Turnover (USD mn)	29.55
% change	15.20%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International Market

Major Indices	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,711.65
% change	-0.34%
S&P 500	7,659.44
% change	-1.09%
Nikkei 225	65,324.29
% change	1.39%
FTSE 100	10,881.90
% change	0.38%

Source: Investing.com

Exchange rate

Major Currencies	Bid (BDT)	Ask (BDT)
USD	123.60	123.72
EUR	138.91	139.06
GBP	164.73	164.92
INR	1.30	1.30

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average
18-Oct-26	7.75-11.00	9.38
17-Oct-26	8.50-11.00	9.08

Source: BB

Commodities

Major Commodities	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	108.14	-1.57%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	4,184.99	0.47%
Cotton, USD/lb.	80.00	0.00%

Source: Investing.com

Market Summary

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- The leading bourse of the country, DSEX, fell by 0.19% on the last trading day, closing at 5,422.67 points.
- The daily turnover rose by 15.20% 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 1.39% gain.

Key Macro Indicators

- The BDT depreciated against the majority of the currencies.
- The average overnight rate stood at 9.38%, standing between 7.75% and 11.00%.
- The price of oil futures fell by 1.57%, gold price rose by 0.47%, and cotton price fell by 0.00% on the last trading day.

Economic Outlook

Nearly Tk 12,000cr of private sector stimulus disbursed

- Bangladesh Bank has disbursed nearly Tk 12,000 crore from its Tk 60,000 crore stimulus package to revive struggling businesses, while several employment, export diversification and rural development schemes remain largely unutilised.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/nearly-tk-12000cr-private-sector-stimulus-disbursed-4302051>

Sectors

Banks, NBFIs, and Insurance

1,500 staff, deposit risks deter buyers from StanChart retail business

- Potential buyers are hesitant to acquire Standard Chartered Bangladesh's retail banking business due to costs of absorbing 1,500 employees, salary disparities, deposit pricing risks & customer retention.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/1500-staff-deposit-risks-deter-buyers-stanchart-retail-business-1577056>

Cenbank warns against 22 unlicensed payment platforms, unauthorised loan apps

- Bangladesh Bank flagged 22 unlicensed online payment platforms, warning that unauthorised transactions expose users and businesses to fraud, financial losses, data theft and legal risks.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-flags-22-unlicensed-payment-platforms-over-data-theft-fraud-risks-1576931>

Capital Market

DSEX edges down as sell-off continues for second session

- Stocks on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) continued their decline for a second straight session today (18 October) amid persistent selling pressure, cautious investor sentiment, and ongoing corporate earnings and dividend disclosures.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-edges-down-sell-continues-second-session-1576906>

CAL Bangladesh recommends five banks with up to 81% share price upside

- CAL Bangladesh has recommended five listed banks – BRAC Bank, City Bank, Eastern Bank, Dutch-Bangla Bank and Pubali Bank – as its top picks, projecting share price upside of 44% to 81% as banking sector reforms create opportunities for stronger lenders to expand credit and gain market share.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/cal-bangladesh-recommends-five-banks-81-share-price-upside-1576911>

BSEC closes proceedings against investor Zhuang Lifeng

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has disposed of enforcement proceedings against investor Zhuang Lifeng over alleged non-compliance with securities laws, according to a regulatory order.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-closes-proceedings-against-investor-zhuang-lifeng-1576916>

BSEC proposes 50% IPO debt repayment cap, mandatory escrow accounts

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has proposed raising the cap on using initial public offering (IPO) and rights offer (RPO) proceeds to repay existing loans from 30% to 50%. It would also make escrow accounts mandatory to ensure the money goes to its declared purposes.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-proposes-50-ipo-debt-repayment-cap-mandatory-escrow-accounts-1576896>