

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	6,310.98
% change	0.00%
DS30 Index	2,138.57
% change	-0.11%
DSES Index	1,361.37
% change	-0.11%
Turnover (BDT mn)	7,346.17
Turnover (USD mn)	69.30
% change	-15.34%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	7,764
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	73.24
% change	0.01%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	34,624.30
% change	0.02%
Nikkei 225	33,129.23
% change	-1.20%
FTSE 100	7,652.94
% change	-0.76%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	110.00	110.00
EUR	117.21	117.25
GBP	136.28	136.32
INR	1.32	1.32

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
18-Sep-2023	6.00-7.75	6.47
17-Sep-2023	6.00-7.75	6.44

Source: BB

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	94.79	0.38%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	1,932.50	-0.07%
Cotton, USD/lb.	88.03	1.18%

Source: Bloomberg

Macro

Domestic firms' overseas investments send back little

The central bank permitted outbound investment of a total of \$400 million in foreign economies in the past 22 years since 2000. Of the total, \$229 million was equity investment, \$60.89 million was reinvested earnings, and \$110 million inter-company loans. However, the return looks insignificant against the investment. For instance, in 2022, only \$12.13 million – equivalent to nearly Tk134 crore – returned home from investments abroad.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/why-domestic-firms-overseas-investments-send-back-so-little-702814>

Source tax soars despite lower deposit growth

As per tax law, the National Board of Revenue (NBR) collects 10 % source tax on interest incomes derived from bank deposits. However, an additional 5.0 % source tax is deducted if any depositor failed to furnish proof of submission of tax return (PSR) to the bank. Despite having PSR, a large number of bank depositors have paid source tax at a rate of 15 % on their interest amount. Such deduction of source taxes from both taxpayers and non-taxpayers contributed to a steep 28.20 % growth in source-tax collection from bank depositors in FY23.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/source-tax-soars-despite-lower-deposit-growth-1695060125>

Ticfa meeting with US today

The seventh round of meetings under the Trade and Investment Cooperation Forum Agreement (Ticfa) will begin in Dhaka today, said the Senior Commerce Secretary. It will discuss a wide range of trade and investment issues such as duty, labour rights, trade unionism and market access.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ticfa-meeting-us-tomorrow-3422321>

Stock

Unique Hotel's profit doubles on income beyond core operations

Unique Hotel & Resort's profit almost doubled in FY23, compared to the previous year, supported by extraordinary income from the sale of shares of its subsidiary. Nearly two-thirds of the luxury hotel's annual profit of Tk 1.89 billion came from the share sale. As a result, the company's EPS jumped to Tk 6.42 for FY23 from Tk 3.34 (restated) for the previous year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/unique-hotels-profit-doubles-on-income-beyond-core-operations-1695058589>

DBH Finance to issue bond of Tk 550cr

DBH Finance PLC has decided to issue a Tk 550 crore bond to facilitate affordable home finance. The board of the NBFIL approved the proposal for issuance of the non-convertible redeemable fixed

coupon senior bond in face value and only through private placement. The tenure of the bond is up to five years from the issue date.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/dbh-finance-issue-bond-tk-550cr-3422301>

Bank and NBF

Mighty dollar squeezes int'l purchases thru credit cards

The foreign exchange crisis in Bangladesh has dealt a blow to credit card users as the sharp appreciation of the US dollar against the taka has narrowed their scope for foreign purchases through cards. However, credit card use domestically has increased owing to an erosion of the purchasing power of consumers in recent months amid higher inflation.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mighty-dollar-squeezes-intl-purchases-thru-credit-cards-3422326>

Fuel and Power

SS Power starts production in Banshkhali

SS Power Plant, a 1320-megawatt production facility at Gondamara of Banshkhali in Chattogram, went into commercial operation on Monday. The country's first large private coal-fired thermal-power project started supplying electricity to the national grid at full capacity from 12:01 am on September 18.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/ss-power-starts-production-in-banshkhali-1695060509>

LNG-based power will cost Tk49.49 per kwh: Sanem

Bangladesh's power plants are highly dependent on natural gas and instead of relying on gas and LNG-based power production, the country should focus more on renewable energy, said the South Asian Network on Economic Modeling (Sanem). Power generation using only liquified natural gas (LNG) will cost Tk49.49 per kilowatt hour, said the think tank.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/lng-based-power-will-cost-tk4949-kwh-sanem-702794>

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