

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	6,223.03
% change	0.07%
DS30 Index	2,108.32
% change	0.24%
DSES Index	1,353.21
% change	0.14%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,886.92
Turnover (USD mn)	36.67
% change	28.30%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	7,718
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	72.81
% change	0.01%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	36,245.50
% change	0.82%
Nikkei 225	33,431.51
% change	-0.17%
FTSE 100	7,529.35
% change	1.01%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	110.50	110.50
EUR	121.20	121.24
GBP	140.27	140.29
INR	1.33	1.33

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
30-Nov-2023	8.25-9.25	8.54
29-Nov-2023	7.75-9.25	8.47

Source: BB

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	78.88	-2.45%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	2,072.22	1.76%
Cotton, USd/lb.	79.42	-0.80%

Source: Bloomberg

Macro

Forex reserve shrinks by \$120m in a week

Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserve has fallen by nearly \$120 million in the span of a week, central bank data showed. The reserve stood at \$19.40 billion on Wednesday, down from \$19.52 billion on November 22.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/forex-reserve-shrinks-120m-week-3482621>

SMART, the benchmark interest rate, rises at fastest pace

The benchmark interest rate known as Six-Month Moving Average Rate of Treasury Bill (SMART) increased 29 basis points in November, the highest since its introduction. Last month, the benchmark interest rate rose to 7.72 % from 7.43 % in October. Following the surge, the maximum lending rate of banks will stand at 11.47 % for December.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/smart-the-benchmark-interest-rate-rises-fastest-pace-3482901>

Remittance dollar surges to Tk123, defying efforts to control it

The dollar rate for remittance surged to Tk123, defying all efforts to control it, just one day after the official rate was reduced for the second time in a week to Tk109.75. The dollar rate for remittances rose to a record Tk124 on 7 November.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/remittance-dollar-surges-tk123-defying-efforts-control-it-749406>

Imports thru land ports fell 13% in FY23

Imports through land ports in Bangladesh, particularly those from neighbouring India, declined by more than 13 % year-on-year in fiscal 2022-23 due to a prevailing US dollar crisis in the country. About 1.74 crore tonnes of goods were imported through 15 land ports across the country in the previous fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/imports-thru-land-ports-fell-13-fy23-3482881>

NBR gets Tk 1,03,976cr in July-Oct

The revenue collection by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) from income tax, customs and VAT during the July-October period of FY24 witnessed a 14.36-% growth fetching Tk 1,03,976 crore. The revenue collection target for this July-October period was Tk 1,23,185 crore.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/219242/nbr-gets-tk-103976cr-in-july-oct>

NBR still relies high on indirect tax receipts

The revenue board continues to exhibit its heavy reliance on indirect tax collection, with a lack of significant reductions in the last decade until FY23. In FY23, data available with the NBR shows, indirect tax collection accounted for 66 % of the total tax revenue.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/nbr-still-relies-high-on-indirect-tax-receipts-1701536366>

Textile

Net export earnings from garments continues to be over 70%

Bangladesh's net export earnings from the shipment of readymade garments (RMG) contributed to over 70 % of the gross export receipts for the third consecutive quarter ending in September 2023. The net export receipt of the RMG sector stood at US\$ 8.2 billion in July-September of FY24.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/rmg/news/net-export-earnings-garments-continues-be-over-70-3484246>

Bangladesh now has 204 'green' factories in RMG sector

Bangladesh has strengthened its position as the global leader in "green", that is environment-friendly apparel factories, with 204 factories in the sector now boasting United States Green Building Council's (USGBC) LEED certification (certificate for green factories).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/rmg/news/bangladesh-now-has-204-green-factories-rmg-sector-3483511>

Capital Market

Proposed insider trading rule change raises concerns about stock manipulation

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) is amending rules to allow insiders, who have access to non-public, price-sensitive information, to trade shares until two days before the end of the financial year of a firm, instead of the current two months.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/proposed-insider-trading-rule-change-raises-concerns-about-stock-manipulation-750538>

Fuel and Power

5 renewable power projects on cards to counter global fuel price surge

Bangladesh is currently working on five fresh renewable power projects with a combined generating capacity of 700MW are undergoing evaluation. The approved or under scrutiny projects, along with existing ones, would have a capacity of 2,700MW from renewable sources.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/5-renewable-power-projects-cards-counter-global-fuel-price-surge-750546>

Stock

Paramount Textile's profit slides 14% in September quarter

Publicly listed Paramount Textile Limited, a sister concern of the Paramount Group, reported a 14% year-on-year decline in profit in the July to September quarter of the ongoing fiscal year. During the quarter, the company's consolidated net profit stood at Tk23.59 crore, resulting in a Tk1.34 earnings per share.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paramount-textiles-profit-slides-14-september-quarter-749402>

Al-Amin Chemicals seeks post-facto BSEC approval to issue fresh shares

Al-Amin Chemicals Industries, having raised Tk25 crore by issuing fresh shares without prior consent from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), now wants post-facto approval. The free-float shares now stand at 8.64%, which was 51.82% before the issuance of new shares.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/al-amin-chemicals-seeks-post-facto-bsec-approval-issue-fresh-shares-750518>

3-yr-old Craftsman Footwear plans listing on SME board to sustain growth

Export-focused shoemaker Craftsman Footwear and Accessories looks to get listed on the SME board three years after beginning production, as it secured an exponential growth in profit between FY21 and FY23. If regulatory permission is given, Craftsman Footwear will release five million ordinary shares at Tk 10 each.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/3-yr-old-craftsman-footwear-plans-listing-on-sme-board-to-sustain-growth-1701531620>

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