

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	6,244.40
% change	0.20%
DS30 Index	2,114.17
% change	0.27%
DSES Index	1,357.26
% change	0.14%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,917.86
Turnover (USD mn)	46.39
% change	40.91%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	7,729
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	72.92
% change	0.08%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	36,204.44
% change	-0.11%
Nikkei 225	32,795.83
% change	-1.31%
FTSE 100	7,512.96
% change	-0.22%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	110.25	110.25
EUR	119.963	120.0071
GBP	140.01	140.06
INR	1.32	1.32

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate	Weighted Average (%)
04-Dec-2023	7.50-9.25	8.54
03-Dec-2023	7.75-9.25	8.53

Source: BB

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	78.05	+0.03%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	2,037.32	+0.39%
Cotton, USD/lb.	78.83	+0.19%

Source: Bloomberg

Macro

Exports fall 6%, adding to economic gloom

Bangladesh's export earnings declined for the second consecutive month in November amid the continued slowdown in readymade garment shipments, in another worrying development for the already strained economy. Receipts from the sector fell 6.05 % year-on-year to \$4.78 billion last month, shows data of the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/export/news/exports-fall-6-adding-economic-gloom-3485621>

Inflation falls to 9.49% in November

Inflation decelerated by 44 basis points to 9.49 percent in November led by a decline in both food and non-food prices. Last month, food inflation stood at 10.76 percent, down from 12.56 percent in October, while non-food inflation dropped 14 basis points to 8.16 percent, according to data published by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-fell-slightly-last-month-3486056>

Over \$1bn in loans expected next week

Bangladesh is expected to receive more than \$1 billion in budget support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) next week, which could bring some relief to the nation's dwindling foreign currency reserves.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/over-1bn-loans-expected-next-week-3486001>

Banks will provide 7% interest on foreign currency deposits:BB

Banks will pay more than 7% interest on resident foreign currency deposits, Bangladesh Bank has said. The central bank has taken the decision to address the ongoing dollar crisis in the country. Bangladesh Bank issued a notification in this regard to all commercial banks.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/219398/banks-will-provide-7-percent-interest-on-foreign-currency-deposits-bb>

Chittagong port sees uptick in November container handling

The country's prime seaport in Chattogram saw a welcome surge in container handling in November, reversing a months-long decline. Export container handling jumped by 7.11% in November compared to October, reaching 57,560 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). Import containers also saw an increase of 3.59%, with 1,07,363 TEUs handled last month, according to Chattogram port data.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/ctg-port-sees-uptick-november-container-handling-751794>

Chinese company to invest \$89m to set up first composite factory in Mongla EPZ

Chinese company Yun Sheng BD Co Ltd will invest \$89 million to establish a composite factory to produce textile, garments and accessories in Mongla Export Processing Zone (EPZ). It is also the highest amount of proposed investment ever from a single company, the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority said, and the investment will generate employment opportunities for 5,421 Bangladeshi nationals.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/industries/investments/news/chinese-company-invest-89m-set-first-composite-factory-mongla-epz-3485746>

Dollar pressure rises as short-term foreign debt drops \$300m in October

Bangladesh's foreign reserves have fallen by \$3.7 billion in just three months. Due to the rising interest rate of the dollar in the international market and continuous increase in dollar rate, the short-term foreign debt of the private sector fell by \$300 million in October, putting fresh pressure on the dollar liquidity and dwindling forex reserves in the country.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/dollar-pressure-rises-short-term-foreign-debt-drops-300m-october-751778>

Mattress money drops significantly

Tk 460b returns to bank vaults in Jul-Oct 2023.

The volume of mattress money or currency outside banks plummeted significantly in the first four months of the current fiscal year as a much-needed respite to credit-starved lenders, according to bankers. Deposits worth over Tk 460 billion, which flew out of the banking system because of trust deficit amid some large-scale debt anomalies, returned into bank vaults in July-October 2023, riding on higher interest rates.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/mattress-money-drops-significantly-1701711844>

Capital Market

Equity funds from foreign investors dip

Bangladesh received 41% lower equity capital (USD 795 mn) from foreign investors in FY22-23 compared to a year ago (down from USD 1346 mn) as it faces challenges in stabilising the exchange rate amid shortage of foreign currencies and managing its external accounts comfortably.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/equity-funds-foreign-investors-dip-3485996>

Telecommunication

Bashundhara seeks to be 'strategic investor' in Teletalk

Bashundhara Telecommunications Ltd, a sister concern of Bashundhara Group, has sent a proposal to the Post and

Telecommunications Ministry about its investment in Teletalk, the lone state-owned mobile-phone company, as "strategic investor" aiming to improve the services of the latter through innovations.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bashundhara-seeks-to-be-strategic-investor-in-teletalk-1701711536>

MFS

bKash app adds 'Face ID', 'Fingerprint' features

bKash app has introduced biometric 'Face ID' and 'Fingerprint' login features to make users' daily transactions easier and safer, says a statement. New features -- 'Group Send Money', 'Request Money', 'Savings Marketplace' and selecting 'Default Card' to use the 'Add money' service from VISA card to bKash -- are also included in the new version of bKash app.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bkash-app-adds-face-id-fingerprint-features-1701708185>

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