Morning News Snippet

June 18, 2025

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4739.69
% change	*-0.92%*
DS30 Index	1770.21
% change	*-0.97%*
DSES Index	1033.81
% change	*-1.11%*
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,136
Turnover (USD mn)	26
% change	*-24.86%*
Market Capitaliztion (BDT bn)	6,486
Market Capitaliztion (USD bn)	53
% change	*-0.20%*

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
S&P 500	5,982.72
% change	*-0.84%*
Nikkei 225	38,791.80
% change	*0.66%*
FTSE 100	8,834.03
% change	*-0.46%*

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

	Low (BDT)	High (BDT)
USD	122.90	122.95
EUR	142.08	142.17
GBP	166.82	166.97
INR	1.43	1.43

Source: BB

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
17-Jun-2025	9.90-11.00	10.22
16-Jun-2025	9.90-11.25	10.34

Source: BB

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl.	76.59	*0.18%*
Gold Spot, USD/t oz.	3,383.30	*-0.14%*
Cotton, USd/lb.	67.77	*0.33%*

Source: Bloomberg

Macro

High govt demand for funds pushes yields on BGTBs up

The yields on two types of Bangladesh Government Treasury Bonds (BGTBs) increased significantly on Tuesday as banks expressed unwillingness to invest their excess liquidity in the risk-free securities. The cut-off yield, generally known as interest rate, on the Five-Year BGTBs rose to 12.40 per cent on the day from 11.99 per cent earlier while the yield on the 15-Year BGTBs reached at 12.59 per cent from 12.20 per cent, according to the auction results.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/high-govt-demand-for-funds-pushes-yields-on-bgtbs-up-1750183204

Bangladesh to follow WTO mechanism to deal with Trump tariff

Bangladesh will propose to provide duty facilities to the US under a multilateral trading mechanism to retain low tariffs, as the 90-day pause of Trump's reciprocal tariffs will come to an end on July 8. "We will follow the multilateral trading system of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to address the issue of US reciprocal tariffs," said Abdur Rahim Khan, additional secretary to the commerce ministry, over the phone.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-follow-wto-mechanism-deal-trump-tariff-3919701

Banks

Distressed asset law in the making to tackle NPLs

The interim government is formulating a distressed asset management ordinance that could pave the way for a state-owned corporation to buy and trade troubled assets from banks and non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs). Officials at the Ministry of Finance said they began work on the ordinance in October last year, with completion likely by June 2026.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/distressed-asset-law-the-making-tackle-npls-3919706

Ten banks hold 71% of total bad loans

Just ten banks, both state-owned and private, account for 71 percent of all non-performing loans (NPLs) in the country's banking sector. Among them are four state-run banks: Agrani Bank, Janata Bank, Sonali Bank, and Rupali Bank. The other six are private lenders: Islami Bank Bangladesh, First Security Islami Bank, IFIC Bank, National Bank, Social Islami Bank, and Union Bank.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ten-banks-hold-71-total-bad-loans-3919726

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End of a loophole: Defaulters on foreign loans barred from local bank borrowing

Private companies that default on foreign loans will now appear in the central bank's credit information bureau (CIB) database and be barred from borrowing from local banks and financial institutions too. This significant decision, aimed at curbing external credit risk and minimising defaults, was made by the Scrutiny Committee on Foreign Loan and Supplier's Credit.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/end-loophole-defaulters-foreign-loans-barred-local-bank-borrowing-1167756

Tannery Industries

Push to reinstate VAT exemption on budget footwear

The Bangladesh Footwear Manufacturers' Association has urged the government to reinstate the 15 per cent value-added tax (VAT) exemption on low-cost rubber and plastic footwear priced at or below Tk 150, warning that the small-scale footwear industry is at risk of collapse due to the current tax policy.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/push-to-reinstate-vat-exemption-on-budget-footwear-1750181559

Life Insurance

IDRA to launch special audits into 15 life insurers over financial, operational issues

The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) has decided to conduct special audits into 15 life insurance companies to investigate financial distress, delayed claim settlements, and declining policyholder trust. The companies under scrutiny are – Sunlife, Homeland Life, Padma Islami Life, Progressive Life, Protective Islami Life, Best Life, Prime Islami Life, Jamuna Life, Diamond Life, Swadesh Life, Sunflower Life, Fareast Islami Life, Golden Life, BAIRA Life, and NRB Islamic Life Insurance Ltd.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/idra-launch-special-audits-15-life-insurers-over-financial-operational-issues-1167676

Stocks

Google Pay to launch in Bangladesh next week

Google Pay is set to be launched in Bangladesh by the middle of next week, ushering in a new era of seamless digital transactions for consumers. Local lender City Bank, in partnership with global payment giants Mastercard and Visa, is launching the contactless payment service at the Westin Dhaka hotel on June 24, according to sources involved in the process.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/google-pay-launch-bangladesh-next-week-3919366

Paramount Textile posts 10% profit growth in Q3

Paramount Textile PLC, a textile firm listed on the stock exchanges, has announced a robust 10% increase in its consolidated net profit for the third quarter of the 2024-25 fiscal year, ending March. The company's net profit reached Tk96.40 crore, up from Tk87.50 crore recorded during the same period in the previous fiscal year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/paramount-textile-posts-10-profit-growth-q3-1167696

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