

Bangladesh Market Snapshot
Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

DSEX	DSES	DS30	Turnover (BDT mn)	Market Cap (BDT bn)
5,205.26	1,055.57	1,985.04	7,150	6,746
-0.30%	-0.06%	-0.26%	-0.28%	-0.28%

Bangladesh Macro Snapshot
Source: Bangladesh Bank

Treasury Bill Yield	Call Money Rate	Inflation rate	GDP Growth Rate	Reserve (BPM-6)
9.90%	10.03%	9.04%	3.03%	35.62bn USD
Maturity: 19/11/2026	Date: 11/05/2026	Period: 2026-04	Period: Oct'25-Dec'25	Date: 31-May-26

Exchange Rate
Source: Bloomberg

USD	EUR	INR	CNH	GBP
122.60	144.35	1.29	18.06	165.68
+0.00%	-0.12%	+0.01%	+0.02%	+0.15%

International Market
Source: Bloomberg

MSCI Frontier	S&P 500	SSE Comp	Nikkei 225	FTSE 100
831.85	7,412.84	4,217.85	62,639.28	10,269.40
-0.42%	+0.19%	-0.21%	+0.32%	+0.36%

Commodities (USD)
Source: Bloomberg

Gold (Troy ounce)	Brent (Barrel)	Cotton (Pound)	Silver (Troy ounce)	Wheat (Bushel)
4,738.70	105.30	86.51	86.90	694.00
+1.10%	-0.31%	+2.66%	+7.03%	+1.57%

Macroeconomy
BB buys \$45m from commercial bank

Bangladesh Bank purchased \$45 million from a commercial bank today (11 May) as part of its ongoing efforts to manage the foreign exchange market. The information was disclosed by Bangladesh Bank spokesperson and Executive Director Arief Hossain Khan this evening. According to the central bank, the dollars were purchased at an exchange rate of Tk122.75 per dollar. With the latest transaction, Bangladesh Bank's total dollar purchases in May rose to \$125 million.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-buys-45m-commercial-bank-1436461>

Foreign trade finance gets cheaper as BB lowers costs

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has reduced the maximum allowable cost on short-term foreign trade finance, a move expected to lower financing expenses for importers and exporters amid shifting global interest rate dynamics. In a circular issued on Monday, the central bank lowered the all-in-cost ceiling on short-term foreign currency trade finance from benchmark rate plus 4 per cent to benchmark rate plus 3 per cent. This reduction will apply to foreign currency financing linked to benchmark rates such as SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate) and Euribor, depending on the currency involved.

<https://tob.news/foreign-trade-finance-gets-cheaper-as-bb-lowers-costs/>

Banks
Bank owners seek refinance liquidity support by easing 20% NPL cap, lower provisioning

The Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has urged the central bank to relax eligibility criteria for refinance schemes by removing current restrictions on banks with high non-performing loans (NPLs) and reducing general provisioning for rescheduled loans. In a letter to the governor yesterday, the association proposed banks with NPL ratio below 20% should remain eligible for refinance and prefinance schemes for at least the next five years. It also requested to reduce the general provisioning requirement for rescheduled loans from 5% to 1%.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bank-owners-seek-refinance-liquidity-support-easing-20-npl-cap-lower-provisioning>

BAB opposes allowing former owners to reclaim banks

The Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has called for a reconsideration of certain provisions in the recently enacted Bank Resolution Act, saying that allowing former owners to regain control of troubled lenders through a limited upfront payment could raise concerns over accountability, governance and moral hazard. The plea was made during a meeting between a BAB delegation led by Chairman Abdul Hai Sarker and Bangladesh Bank Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman at the central bank headquarters in Dhaka yesterday.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bab-opposes-allowing-former-owners-reclaim-banks-4173486>

Banks cleared to launch 'e-loan' up to Tk 50,000

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has allowed scheduled banks to launch fully digital "e-loan" services of up to Tk 50,000, stepping up efforts to widen financial inclusion and support the transformation towards digital transactions. In a circular issued yesterday, the central bank said customers will be able to take e-loans for up to 12 months through end-to-end digital processes. These will cover customer onboarding, loan approval, disbursement and recovery.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-cleared-launch-e-loan-tk-50000-4173471>

Textile

Textile firms struggle as yarn prices, demand weaken

Falling yarn prices, sluggish global demand, and elevated operating costs have dealt a severe blow to the revenue and profitability of listed textile firms in the first nine months through March of FY26. The situation worsened in the January-March quarter compared to the previous two quarters due to domestic disruptions, including prolonged Eid holidays and election-related factory closures, which temporarily affected production and export shipments. A majority of the 58 listed textile companies posted lower profits, while several slipped into fresh losses and some continued to remain in the red for years.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/textile-firms-struggle-as-yarn-prices-demand-weaken-1778428627>

Telecom

BTRC to resume drives against illegal handsets

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has decided to restart joint drives against the marketing, sale and distribution of illegal mobile handsets after more than three years of inactivity. The decision was taken at a recent commission meeting following a proposal from its Enforcement and Inspection (E&I) Directorate. Alongside mobile phones, the regulator will also take action against other illegal radio and telecom devices across the country.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/btrc-resume-drives-against-illegal-handsets-4173466>

Fuel & Power

Govt plans 4,000MW more power import

Finance and planning minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury on Monday said that plans were under way to import around 4,000 megawatts of new power through the regional grid in India. He also said that people creating obstacles to ease of doing business should be rendered inactive to ensure the deregulation on way to fostering the country's progress on economy, health, and education.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/country/299476/govt-plans-4000mw-more-power-import>

Capital Market

Central bank to overhaul tax certificate rule for foreign investors

The central bank has assured the prime bourse that the requirement for foreign investors to obtain a tax certificate after each executed sale order will be withdrawn to help attract overseas investment to the equity market. DSE officials and brokers said the existing policy hinders the reinvestment of foreign funds that become available after the execution of a sale order until the tax certificate is submitted. Suppose a foreign portfolio investor has offloaded shares worth Tk 1 million or more. Their local custodian, such as HSBC, would not release the funds until it receives a tax certificate against the transaction. During that time, the funds remain stuck and the foreign portfolio investor receives no interest on them.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/central-bank-to-overhaul-tax-certificate-rule-for-foreign-investors-1778511839>

Stocks

Islami Bank's bad loans soar 44% to record Tk94,322cr in 2025

In a stark revelation of the deep-rooted financial distress within the country's largest private sector lender, Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC has reported that its classified loans skyrocketed by 44% to reach a staggering Tk94,322 crore at the end of 2025. The figure, disclosed in the bank's latest audited financial statements, marks the highest volume of bad loans ever recorded by a single bank in Bangladesh's banking history. The escalation of non-performing loans (NPLs) means that bad debt now accounts for a massive 51% of the bank's total loan portfolio, a sharp increase from the 42.36% recorded just a year earlier in 2024.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/islami-banks-bad-loans-soar-44-record-tk94322cr-2025-1436476>

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