

Bangladesh Market Snapshot

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

DSEX	DSES	DS30	Turnover (BDT mn)	Market Cap (BDT bn)
5,211.54	1,059.46	1,970.19	6,757	6,755
+0.16%	+0.27%	+0.09%	+0.03%	+0.03%

Bangladesh Macro Snapshot

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Treasury Bill Yield	Call Money Rate	Inflation rate	GDP Growth Rate	Reserve (BPM-6)
9.88%	10.06%	9.04%	3.03%	29.67bn USD
Maturity: 25/05/2026	Date: 19/05/2026	Period: 2026-04	Period: Oct'25-Dec'25	Date: 31-May-26

Exchange Rate

Source: Bloomberg

USD	EUR	INR	CNH	GBP
122.53	142.27	1.27	17.99	163.37
+0.00%	-0.06%	+0.19%	-0.04%	+0.04%

International Market

Source: Bloomberg

MSCI Frontier	S&P 500	SSE Comp	Nikkei 225	FTSE 100
817.52	7,353.61	4,149.28	59,764.16	10,330.60
-0.30%	-0.67%	-0.50%	-1.24%	+0.07%

Commodities (USD)

Source: Bloomberg

Gold (Troy ounce)	Brent (Barrel)	Cotton (Pound)	Silver (Troy ounce)	Wheat (Bushel)
4,466.40	111.24	81.79	73.58	696.50
-1.81%	+1.23%	-1.27%	-4.01%	-2.04%

Macroeconomy

Foreign currency reserve stands at \$29.67b according to IMF method

Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves stood at \$34.32 billion, according to the latest data released by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) today. The central bank said that under the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Balance of Payments and International Investment Position Manual (BPM-6) accounting standard, the country's reserves were recorded at \$29.67 billion. Officials noted that the reserve position reflects the country's external sector stability amidst ongoing global economic uncertainties.

<https://www.bssnews.net/business/388633>

Bangladesh Bank buys \$85 million in a single day to maintain exchange rate stability

In a bid to maintain stability in the foreign exchange market, Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Tuesday purchased \$85 million from six commercial banks. The central bank fixed the cut-off rate for the transaction at Tk 122.75 per US dollar, according to relevant sources at Bangladesh Bank.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-bank-buys-85-million-in-a-single-day-to-maintain-exchange-rate-stability>

Private sector credit growth drops to all-time low of 4.72%

Private sector credit growth had been declining steadily in recent months, falling from 6.58% in November 2025 to 6.20% in December, and then to 6.03% in both January and February 2026, before dropping sharply to a historic low of 4.72% in March, reflecting weak business confidence, slowing investment and mounting uncertainty in the economy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/private-sector-credit-growth-drops-all-time-low-472-1443971>

BB signals market-led dollar pricing as governor rules out near-term foreign exchange intervention

Bangladesh Bank (BB) will not intervene in the dollar exchange rate in the near term, with the currency instead expected to be determined by market supply and demand, the central bank governor told treasury heads of banks at a meeting yesterday (19 May).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bb-signals-market-led-dollar-pricing-governor-rules-out-near-term-foreign-exchange>

BAEA calls for Tk35,000cr agricultural subsidy in FY27 budget

The Bangladesh Agricultural Economists Association (BAEA) has demanded that the government increase agricultural subsidies to Tk35,000 crore in the upcoming FY2026-27 national budget, more than double the Tk17,241 crore allocated in the current fiscal year. According to BAEA, agriculture received 5.9% of the total national budget in the current fiscal year. The organization proposed increasing the allocation to 9.5% in the upcoming budget.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/agriculture/baea-calls-tk35000cr-agricultural-subsidy-fy27-budget-1443811>

Govt may allow refund of excess tax in major relief for businesses

The government is considering the introduction of a refund mechanism for excess minimum tax paid by companies if the amount cannot be adjusted against future profits within a specified period – a move aimed at improving tax fairness and easing a major concern among domestic and foreign investors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-may-allow-refund-excess-tax-major-relief-businesses-1443966>

Bangladesh's reliance on indirect tax highest among regional peers

Bangladesh relies on indirect taxes far more heavily than its regional peers, raising fresh questions about the fairness of the country's tax structure and its impact on ordinary citizens, according to a study presented yesterday. The data, which measures indirect tax dependence as a percentage of total revenue, places Bangladesh at the top of the regional ranking. When VAT, customs duties and supplementary duties are combined, Bangladesh's indirect tax share reaches 78.2 percent - a staggering 28 percentage points above the regional average.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-reliance-indirect-tax-highest-among-regional-peers-4178986>

FICCI urges predictable tax regime ahead of FY27 budget

Business leaders from the Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on 19 May urged the government to ensure a predictable and investor-friendly policy environment ahead of the national budget for FY2026-27.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ficci-urges-predictable-tax-regime-ahead-fy27-budget-1443841>

Banks

BB warns banks against dollar market manipulation

Bangladesh Bank governor Mostaqur Rahman on Tuesday warned banks against manipulating the dollar market and said strict action would be taken against banks found involved in irregular practices. The governor made the warning at a meeting with treasury heads of banks held at the central bank headquarters in Dhaka.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/300294/bb-warns-banks-against-dollar-market-manipulation>

BAB calls for confiscating assets of bank looters, seeks 7.5% corporate tax cut for listed banks

The Bangladesh Association of Banks (BAB) has urged the government to confiscate the assets and shares of individuals and groups accused of looting the banking sector, saying stronger recovery measures are essential to restore confidence in the financial system.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/bab-calls-confiscating-assets-bank-looters-seeks-75-corporate-tax-cut-listed-banks>

BB tightens rules for card-to-MFS cash-outs

Bangladesh Bank has introduced new rules for cashing out money from card-based mobile financial service (MFS) accounts, aiming to tighten verification and strengthen transaction security. Under the new rules, customers must first complete a successful transaction of up to Tk 500 through the card before they can link the card with an MFS account. The account can only be connected 24 hours after that transaction is completed.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-tightens-rules-card-mfs-cash-outs-4179461>

Engineering

Steel makers warn against further power price hike

Bangladesh's steel manufacturers urged the government not to raise electricity tariffs further, saying higher energy costs could deepen the sector's crisis by triggering production cuts, financial losses and possible factory closures.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/steel-makers-warn-against-further-power-price-hike-4179911>

Capital Market

BSEC clarifies who can subscribe to, trade SME shares

The securities regulator issued a fresh directive clarifying the participation rules for the stock exchange's SME platform. According to the new order, any individual investor (natural person), whether a resident or non-resident Bangladeshi, who has maintained a minimum portfolio investment of Tk 1 million at market or cost value in listed securities of any stock exchange board, is eligible to subscribe to securities under a Qualified Investors' Offer (QIO).

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-clarifies-who-can-subscribe-to-trade-sme-shares-1779209001>

Stocks

Robi's hiring of foreign executive challenged

The appointment of Shoaib Baig as chief human resources officer of Robi Axiata has raised serious questions over the telecom operator's recruitment practices as the company ignored allegations of ethical misconduct, irregular appointments and controversial dismissals linked to his previous employers in Pakistan.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/telecom/300293/robis-hiring-of-foreign-executive-challenged>

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