Bangladesh Market Snapshot				Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange
DSEX	DSES	DS30	Turnover (BDT mn)	Market Cap (BDT bn)
5,860.96	*1,180.71*	*2,191.85*	*11,477*	*7,079*
-0.56%	-0.44%	-0.45%	-0.36%	-0.36%

Bangladesh Macro Snapshot				Source: Bangladesh Bank
Treasury Bill Yield	Call Money Rate	Inflation rate	GDP Growth Rate	Reserve (BPM-6)
9.53%	9.39%	9.16%	4.14%	31.78bn USD
Maturity: 02-08-27	*Date: 06-08-26*	*Period: 2026-06*	*Period: FY26*	*Date: 04-08-26*

Exchange Rate				Source: Bloomberg
USD	EUR	INR	CNH	GBP
124.16	142.77	1.30	18.42	167.78
+0.37%	*+0.07%*	*+0.09%*	*-0.08%*	*-0.30%*

International Market				Source: Bloomberg
MSCI Frontier	S&P 500	SSE Comp	Nikkei 225	FTSE 100
827.22	7,757.64	3,940.04	65,606.71	10,901.10
+0.14%	*+0.62%*	*+1.00%*	*-0.03%*	*+0.31%*

Commodities (USD)				Source: Bloomberg
Gold (Troy ounce)	Brent (Barrel)	Cotton (Pound)	Silver (Troy ounce)	Wheat (Bushel)
4,340.70	83.55	83.22	63.33	714.00
+0.41%	*+0.12%*	*-0.13%*	*+1.20%*	*+1.96%*

Macroeconomy

Individual investment in T-bills, bonds declines despite surge in financial institution holdings

Individual investment in Bangladesh's treasury bills and bonds declined in FY26 for the first time in three years, even as overall investment in government securities rose sharply on the back of increased participation by banks, insurers, and other financial institutions. According to Bangladesh Bank data, individual holdings of treasury bills and bonds fell by Tk450 crore to Tk7,469 crore at the end of FY26 from Tk7,919 crore a year earlier. Individual investors held just 0.94% of total government securities in FY26. The decline marks a reversal from the previous two fiscal years. Individual investment stood at only Tk1,102 crore in June 2023, before rising to Tk3,974 crore by June 2024.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/individual-investment-t-bills-bonds-declines-despite-surge-financial-institution-holdings

Banks

Bank deposits grow 11.41pc in May

Bank deposit growth surged by 11.41 per cent year-on-year in May, driven by higher remittance inflows and attractive deposit rates. Bangladesh Bank data showed that total deposits stood at Tk 20.41 lakh crore at the end of May, up from Tk 18.32 lakh crore a year earlier. The latest growth was higher than 11.1 per cent recorded in December 2025, 8 per cent in June 2025 and 7.44 per cent in December 2024. Bankers said that the recovery was mainly supported by stronger remittance inflows and higher interest rates on deposits.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/309150/bank-deposits-grow-1141pc-in-may

Cenbank to withdraw administrators from merged Islamic banks by 15 Aug

The Bangladesh Bank plans to withdraw its appointed administrators from the remaining four banks under the merged Sammilito Islami Bank by 15 August, as the central bank moves to hand over full operational control to the new management. The decision follows the appointment of the bank's new chairman and managing director, allowing the merged institution to operate under its regular management structure, central bank officials said. The Bangladesh Bank withdrew the administrator from Exim Bank on 30 July as the first step. Administrators will now be removed in phases from Social Islami Bank, First Security Islami Bank, Global Islami Bank and Union Bank.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cenbank-withdraw-administrators-merged-islamic-banks-15-aug-1507741

BB takes 18-month action plan to tackle soaring NPLs

Around 36 percent of the total loans disbursed in the country's banking sector are currently non-performing, posing a major risk to the financial sector, Bangladesh Bank (BB) Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman said on Thursday, reports UNB. To tackle the crisis, the central bank has adopted an 18-month special action plan aimed at reducing non-performing loans (NPLs) and stabilising the banking sector, he said while speaking as the chief guest at a seminar on Bangla QR Code at Dhaka University. The central bank chief stated that around 2 crore depositors were affected due to various irregularities during the tenure of the previous government. He emphasised that there is no alternative to taking strict measures to restore normal operations in the banking sector.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/trade-market/bb-takes-18-month-action-plan-to-tackle-soaring-npls-1786039605

CMSME asset quality worsens with 26pc classified loan ratio

Asset quality in the cottage, micro, small, and medium enterprise (CMSME) segment took a visible hit in the first quarter of 2026, driven by a sharp contraction in total outstanding credit coupled with an expanding volume of non-performing loans. According to the Bangladesh Bank (BB) data, the classified loan ratio across the CMSME portfolio reached 26.04 per cent at the end of March 2026, up from 24.03 per cent recorded in December 2025. The data points to a double-edged effect that drove the sharp percentage surge during the January-March quarter.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/trade-market/cmsme-asset-quality-worsens-with-26pc-classified-loan-ratio-1786119420

Textile

RMG exports to US fall 5.58pc as regional rivals gain

Bangladesh's readymade garment (RMG) shipments are struggling to keep pace with Vietnam, Cambodia, and Indonesia, with the trio recording growth in the US market during the first half of the 2026 calendar year. Data analysis shows amid China's steep drop, Vietnam's gain of the top market share, as well as the steady growth of Cambodia and Indonesia, are a clear pivot by American brands toward Southeast Asia. Bangladesh, being the second largest apparel exporter to the US, fetched $4.01 billion in the first half of 2026, down 5.58 per cent from $4.24 billion in the corresponding period of 2025, according to data released by the Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) on August 4.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/rmg-exports-to-us-fall-558pc-as-regional-rivals-gain-1786041098

Fuel & Power

Factories reopen after riding out worst part of gas crunch

Workers returned to production lines yesterday as the dials on gas pressure gauges began ticking up across major industrial belts, offering some relief to apparel factories during this peak Christmas shipment season. “We can run our spinning mills at 60 percent to 80 percent now which was as low as 40 percent last week,” said a top official of a large textile and garment group in Gazipur yesterday. Requesting anonymity, the official said they expect the power supply situation to improve soon as well.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/factories-reopen-after-riding-out-worst-part-gas-crunch-4243016

Construction

Local prefabricated steel industry hits demand slump

Bangladesh’s prefabricated steel industry faces a severe downturn driven by a sharp contraction in public infrastructure spending, sluggish private investment, and rising competition from duty-free imports, executives said. Prefabricated steel structures – pre-engineered components assembled on-site – are heavily used across commercial and industrial projects. However, demand has collapsed alongside a broader national development slowdown. Public sector demand for locally manufactured prefabricated steel has dropped by nearly 90 percent, according to Md Sarwar Kamal, managing director of McDonald Steel Building Products Ltd.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/local-prefabricated-steel-industry-hits-demand-slump-4243036

Mutual Funds

Mutual funds outpace DSEX as reforms promise asset safety

Mutual funds are gaining renewed investor attention, as regulatory reforms aimed at strengthening governance, safeguarding fund assets, and improving accountability appear to be restoring confidence in the sector. Market participants say the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission’s (BSEC) recent measures have addressed some of the key concerns that kept discouraging investors for long from investing in mutual funds, particularly over security and custody of fund assets. The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, increased 3.7 per cent over the six weeks through August 6 while mutual funds’ sectoral gain is above 30 per cent during the same period. Many mutual funds advanced more than 20 per cent in the secondary market in the six weeks’ time.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/mutual-funds-outpace-dsex-as-reforms-promise-asset-safety-1786206460

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