News Summary - 24 August, 2026

Bangladesh Market Snapshot

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

DSEX	DSES	DS30	Turnover (BDT mn)	Market Cap (BDT bn)
5,722.21	*1,140.29*	*2,145.48*	*7,112*	*7,004*
-1.10%	-1.37%	-0.79%	-0.48%	-0.48%

Bangladesh Macro Snapshot

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Treasury Bill Yield	Call Money Rate	Inflation rate	GDP Growth Rate	Reserve (BPM-6)
9.07%	9.26%	8.32%	4.14%	32.53bn USD
Maturity: 23-08-27	*Date: 23-08-26*	*Period: 2026-07*	*Period: FY26*	*Date: 20-08-26*

Exchange Rate

Source: Bloomberg

USD	EUR	INR	CNH	GBP
122.01	142.68	1.28	18.16	167.14
+0.00%	*+0.03%*	*-0.01%*	*+0.05%*	*+0.00%*

International Market

Source: Bloomberg

MSCI Frontier	S&P 500	SSE Comp	Nikkei 225	FTSE 100
840.92	7,674.37	3,869.25	65,968.71	10,816.60
+0.00%	*+0.43%*	*-0.95%*	*-0.10%*	*+0.64%*

Commodities (USD)

Source: Bloomberg

Gold (Troy ounce)	Brent (Barrel)	Cotton (Pound)	Silver (Troy ounce)	Wheat (Bushel)
4,691.60	93.16	88.60	68.82	781.25
+0.24%	*-1.30%*	*+0.10%*	*-1.02%*	*+1.13%*

Macroeconomy

Remittance inflow rises 25.6pc in August

Bangladesh received US$2.148 billion in workers' remittances during the first 22 days of August 2026, marking a 25.6 percent increase from US$1.711 billion received during the corresponding period of the previous year. According to the latest remittance data, the country received US$117 million in workers' remittances during August 20-22 alone.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/417318

Transactions thru Bangla QR triple, cross 2 million

Bangla QR transactions more than tripled in just three months, reaching two millions for the first time after Bangladesh Bank made the system mandatory nationwide, signalling a rapid shift towards digital payments as the central bank pushes to reduce cash use and improve financial transparency. Weekly number of transactions through Bangla QR rose from 6,84,213 on May 17 to 21,19,339 on August 22, according to Bangladesh Bank data.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/310987/transactions-thru-bangla-qr-triple-cross-2-million

Dhaka wages outpace inflation as price pressures ease

Wage growth in Dhaka Division outpaced urban inflation in July, offering a positive signal for the purchasing power of low-paid workers as Bangladesh's broader inflation rate also eased during the month, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS). The general wage rate index in Dhaka Division rose 8.72 percent on a point-to-point basis in July 2026, compared with an Urban General inflation rate of 8.24 percent. The national general wage growth was lower at 8.22 percent during the same period.

https://www.bssnews.net/special-stories/417235

Invest Bangladesh begins operations as apex investment promotion agency

Invest Bangladesh, the country's new apex investment promotion agency, began operations today following the publication of the gazette notification under the Invest Bangladesh Act, 2026. The new authority has been formed through the merger of the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA), Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority (BEZA) and Public-Private Partnership Authority (PPPA), bringing investment facilitation, policy coordination, economic zone development and public-private partnership functions under one institution, said a press release.

https://www.bssnews.net/news/417197

Reforms hit private sector roadblocks

Bangladesh's push to revive investment through reforms and financial support is facing a reality check as businesses struggle with weak credit growth, rising operating costs, energy uncertainty and a widening gap between policy announcements and execution. The government has announced a Tk60,000 crore stimulus package, digital reforms and investment facilitation measures, but businesses say companies are still unable to expand as financing remains tight and production costs continue to rise.

https://tob.news/reforms-hit-private-sector-roadblocks/

Banks

Deposits in no-frill accounts rise 24% in Apr-Jun

Deposits in no-frill accounts (NFAs) increased 23.93 percent year-on-year to Tk 9,010 crore at the end of the April-June quarter of 2026, according to Bangladesh Bank data. The total number of NFAs stood at 3.66 crore in the June quarter, an increase of 9.98 percent from the same period of the previous year. Excluding student banking, street children and working children accounts, the number of Tk 10/50/100 accounts stood at 2.95 crore, with deposits of Tk 5,490.92 crore.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/deposits-no-frill-accounts-rise-24-apr-jun-4255051

NRBC Bank, bKash to expedite remittance disbursement

NRBC Bank PLC and bKash Limited signed partnered to facilitate the easy, fast, secure and instant distribution of remittances sent by Bangladeshi expatriates working across different countries, said a press release. In this regard, NRBC Bank managing director and chief executive officer Md Touhidul Alam Khan and bKash chief commercial officer Ali Ahmmed signed an agreement on August 19 at the bank's head office.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/310999/nrbc-bank-bkash-to-expedite-remittance-disbursement

Stocks

BSEC conditionally approves 30% stake sale in Dominage Steel

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has conditionally approved a proposal by listed engineering company Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited to sell around 30% of its shares to new investors. At its latest commission meeting, the regulator approved the transfer of 30.78 million shares held by the company's sponsor-directors to Akij Resources Limited, Sheikh Jasim Uddin and Faria Hossain. However, the specific conditions attached to the approval were not immediately available.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-conditionally-approves-30-stake-sale-dominage-steel-1522906

Fu-wang Foods lays off factory for six months amid gas crisis

Fu-wang Foods, a listed food products maker, has announced a factory lay-off for six months, citing inadequate gas pressure and rising raw material prices. In a disclosure on the Dhaka Stock Exchange website today, the company said its board had decided the lay-off for six months starting Saturday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/fu-wang-foods-lays-factory-six-months-amid-gas-crisis-4254841

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