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Bangladesh Market Snapshot *Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange*

DSEX	DSES	DS30	Turnover (BDT mn)	Market Cap (BDT bn)
5,637.30	*1,130.41*	*2,122.04*	*5,968*	*6,976*
+0.70%	+0.53%	+0.42%	+0.42%	+0.42%

Bangladesh Macro Snapshot *Source: Bangladesh Bank*

Treasury Bill Yield	Call Money Rate	Inflation rate	GDP Growth Rate	Reserve (BPM-6)
8.89%	9.27%	8.32%	4.14%	32.50bn USD
Maturity: 30-08-27	*Date: 01-09-26*	*Period: 2026-07*	*Period: FY26*	*Date: 01-09-26*

Exchange Rate *Source: Bloomberg*

USD	EUR	INR	CNH	GBP
122.71	142.25	1.29	18.26	165.82
+0.00%	*-0.10%*	*+0.00%*	*+0.03%*	*+0.06%*

International Market *Source: Bloomberg*

MSCI Frontier	S&P 500	SSE Comp	Nikkei 225	FTSE 100
843.86	7,631.47	3,937.94	64,473.16	10,789.30
+0.10%	*-0.71%*	*-1.05%*	*-2.77%*	*-0.32%*

Commodities (USD) *Source: Bloomberg*

Gold (Troy ounce)	Brent (Barrel)	Cotton (Pound)	Silver (Troy ounce)	Wheat (Bushel)
4,358.90	95.50	91.73	64.51	831.75
-2.85%	*+7.34%*	*-1.89%*	*-4.29%*	*-0.45%*

Macroeconomy

Bangladesh’s gross forex reserves rise to $37.41bn

Bangladesh’s foreign exchange reserve stood at US$37.41 billion (gross), according to the latest data released by Bangladesh Bank (BB) today. The country’s gross foreign exchange reserve reached US$37.41 billion, while reserve calculated under the IMF’s BPM6 methodology stood at US$32.50 billion.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/420148

Remittance inflow rises to $2.97b in August

Bangladeshi expatriates sent home $2.97 billion in August, up 10.82% from $2.68 billion in the same month last year, according to updated Bangladesh Bank data released today (1 September). However, monthly remittance inflows have remained below $3 billion for three consecutive months. The country received $2.82 billion in June and $2.86 billion in July, after recording more than $3 billion each month from December 2025 through May this year. Despite the recent slowdown, remittance inflows in the first two months of FY27 reached $5.82 billion, compared with $4.90 billion during the same period of the previous fiscal year.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-gets-297-billion-remittances-august-1530306

Govt turns to NBR as new pay scale adds Tk1.06 lakh crore annually

The National Board of Revenue has been asked to find ways to meet a sharply higher revenue target as the government seeks to finance the additional expenditure arising from the new pay scale for public servants. Prime Minister’s Economic and Planning Adviser Professor Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir gave the directive at a meeting with NBR officials yesterday (1 September), according to officials present at the meeting. The NBR has a revenue collection target of Tk6.04 lakh crore set for FY27 – nearly 46% higher than the Tk4.15 lakh crore collected in FY26. Officials said achieving such growth would be challenging as Bangladesh has never recorded revenue growth of more than 27% since independence.

https://www.tbsnews.net/nbr/govt-turns-nbr-new-pay-scale-adds-tk106-lakh-crore-annually-1530776

Banks

BB pushes for passage of two banking laws

Bangladesh Bank Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman has urged the government to take steps to place the proposed amendments to the Money Loan Court Act, 2003, and the proposed Distressed Asset Management Act, 2026, before the ongoing session of parliament. The central bank governor made the request in a demi-official (DO) letter to Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury on August 31. Bangladesh Bank has already sent drafts of the two laws to the Financial Institutions Division of the finance ministry for necessary action, he said. The proposed amendments to the Money Loan Court Act aim to make the recovery of defaulted loans more effective, dynamic and time-bound. The new Distressed Asset Management Act will provide a legal framework for managing, restructuring and resolving distressed assets held by banks and financial institutions, according to the letter.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-pushes-passage-two-banking-laws-4262416

Sammilito Islami Bank resumes operations; depositors welcome move

Sammilito Islami Bank PLC resumed normal banking operations for individual account holders today, allowing customers to apply for withdrawal of their principal deposits, with payments scheduled to begin from September 7. The resumption of operations has brought relief to many depositors who have been facing uncertainty over access to their savings following the merger of five financially troubled Islamic banks. Under a special circular issued by the bank on Monday, individual account holders can withdraw or encash the full principal amount of their deposits in a single transaction.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/420098

Fuel & Power

QatarEnergy extends LNG force majeure for Bangladesh

QatarEnergy has extended its force majeure on liquefied natural gas deliveries to Bangladesh, Pakistan and Italy amid continued disruption to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz. Bloomberg reported that QatarEnergy notified Pakistani buyers this week that LNG cargo cancellations would continue into October, while supplies to Bangladesh would remain suspended beyond September. QatarEnergy first declared force majeure in March following disruptions to shipping through the Strait of Hormuz after the outbreak of the US-Iran war. Missile attacks on Qatar’s Ras Laffan facilities also disrupted the country’s LNG production and exports. QatarEnergy is Bangladesh’s largest supplier of imported LNG under a 15-year long-term supply contract. The company has traditionally notified buyers about force majeure declarations or extensions around a month in advance.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/311973/qatarenergy-extends-lng-force-majeure-for-bangladesh

Govt expects 10 LNG cargoes to arrive in September

The government expects 10 LNG laden cargos to arrive in the country to ease the current crisis with officials saying procurement deal for eight of them were finalized by now and hectic efforts are underway to manage the rest two. “We have confirmed the arrival of eight cargos so far and the tender process for the remaining two is underway,” told Petrobangla director AKM Mizanur Rahman. He added the tender documents received for the ninth cargo would be opened tomorrow for scrutiny while the bidding process for the remaining one was underway. According to the Petrobangla official, most of these cargos were carrying the crucially needed liquefied natural gas (LNG) which was procured from spot market with remaining volume was bought under previously signed long and short term agreements.

https://www.bssnews.net/special-stories/420121

Rooftop solar users to get Tk 10.50 per unit for surplus power

The Bangladesh government has announced a special incentive package for rooftop solar power systems with battery storage, offering Tk 10.50 per unit for surplus electricity supplied to the national grid for three years. The power, energy and mineral resources ministry issued a gazette notification on Tuesday, saying that the initiative was aimed at promoting renewable energy and ensuring sustainable energy security. Under the scheme, the maximum generation cost of electricity from rooftop solar systems, including batteries, has been set at Tk 8 per unit based on current market prices and rates received through various tenders by the power division. A 20 per cent profit and an additional 11.25 per cent premium will be added to the generation cost, bringing the incentive price to Tk 10.50 per unit.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/power-energy/311988/rooftop-solar-users-to-get-tk-1050-per-unit-for-surplus-power

Tannery

Leather industry targets $1.77bn exports

Bangladesh's leather industry has evolved from a raw-hide supplier into a diversified manufacturing sector spanning tanning, leather goods and footwear. Today, the industry supports hundreds of thousands of jobs, processes millions of square feet of leather and produces hundreds of millions of pairs of footwear each year. Export earnings now exceed $1.7 billion, reflecting decades of investment in processing, manufacturing and value addition. Yet the sector's future growth will increasingly depend on environmental compliance, traceability, modern infrastructure and access to premium global markets.

https://www.thedailystar.net/supplements/footwear-craft/news/leather-industry-targets-177bn-exports-4262651

Textile

Exports rise 13.14pc in August on strong RMG, diversified sector performance

Bangladesh's merchandise exports rose 13.14 percent year-on-year to $4.43 billion in August 2026, compared with $3.92 billion in the same month last year, according to export data. During July-August of the current fiscal year (FY2026-27), exports increased by 5.43 percent to $9.16 billion from $8.69 billion in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year. The Ready-Made Garments (RMG) sector remained the key driver of export growth, with apparel shipments rising 13.92 percent year-on-year to $3.89 billion in August. RMG exports during July-August also grew 5.12 percent to $7.50 billion. Both major apparel segments recorded significant growth in August. Knitwear exports increased by 14.88 percent, while woven garment exports rose by 12.70 percent. During the first two months of FY2026-27, knitwear exports grew 6.17 percent and woven garments 3.81 percent.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/420141

Telecommunication

Mobile balance spending limit jumps 150%

The monthly spending limit under Direct Operator Billing (DOB), a regulated payment mechanism that allows mobile customers to pay for smartphones and other specified goods and services using their mobile balances, has increased by 150 percent to Tk 5,000. According to the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC), the annual ceiling has also risen by 150 percent, from Tk 20,000 to Tk 50,000, in a move aimed at helping people without credit cards or bank accounts make purchases. Previously, smartphones could not be purchased through DOB.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/mobile-balance-spending-limit-jumps-150-4262516

Capital Market

Direct listing route reopens for private sector entities

Bangladesh's capital market regulator has reopened a route that could bring large private companies, foreign-owned businesses and financial institutions to stock exchanges without requiring them to raise fresh capital. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has approved a draft framework allowing eligible companies to list through direct listing — selling existing shareholders' stakes instead of issuing new shares through an initial public offering (IPO). The move revives a mechanism that was effectively closed to private-sector entities for nearly a decade after concerns over valuation and investor protection. The BSEC approved the draft "Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (Direct Listing of Securities by Stock Exchange) Rules, 2026" at its 1,027th commission meeting on Tuesday, chaired by BSEC Chairman Masud Khan. The draft will now be published for public comments before final approval.

https://tob.news/direct-listing-route-reopens-for-private-sector-entities/

Foreign dividend remittance must be in 30 days

Listed companies will have to remit dividends to foreign shareholders within 30 days of receiving a Double Taxation Avoidance (DTA) Certificate from the National Board of Revenue (NBR), according to a decision taken by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Tuesday. The remittance must also be completed within the relevant financial year. Companies will have to submit a Preliminary Dividend Compliance Report after completing dividend distribution among local shareholders. They must then submit a Dividend Compliance Report to the BSEC and the relevant stock exchange within 30 days of remitting dividends to foreign shareholders. The new requirements set a clear timeline for foreign dividend payments and allow the regulator and stock exchanges to monitor compliance from local distribution through overseas remittance.

https://tob.news/foreign-dividend-remittance-must-be-in-30-days/

DSE index futures expected in January

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) is preparing to launch index futures in January 2027, opening Bangladesh's capital market to its first financial derivatives and giving investors a new way to manage market risk and take positions on the broader market. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) approved the DSE's action plan at its commission meeting on Tuesday. The plan covers the regulatory framework, system development and infrastructure, clearing and settlement arrangements and risk management. The commission will regularly monitor the DSE's progress in implementing the plan. Under the plan, trading will initially begin with index futures, with formal trading in financial derivatives expected to start in January 2027, BSEC said in a statement after the commission meeting.

https://tob.news/dse-index-futures-expected-in-january/

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