News Summary - 15 September, 2026

Bangladesh Market Snapshot — *Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange*

DSEX	DSES	DS30	Turnover (BDT mn)	Market Cap (BDT bn)
5,379.00	*1,076.85*	*2,062.81*	*4,866*	*6,851*
-0.73%	-0.79%	-0.44%	-0.17%	-0.17%

Bangladesh Macro Snapshot — *Source: Bangladesh Bank*

Treasury Bill Yield	Call Money Rate	Inflation rate	GDP Growth Rate	Reserve (BPM-6)
8.42%	8.75%	8.26%	4.14%	31.36bn USD
Maturity: 13-09-2027	*Date: 14-09-2026*	*Period: 2026-08*	*Period: FY26*	*Date: 10-09-2026*

Exchange Rate — *Source: Bloomberg*

USD	EUR	INR	CNH	GBP
122.87	141.92	1.29	18.31	166.04
+0.00%	*-0.07%*	*+0.00%*	*+0.05%*	*+0.09%*

International Market — *Source: Bloomberg*

MSCI Frontier	S&P 500	SSE Comp	Nikkei 225	FTSE 100
828.97	7,619.98	3,890.10	64,082.36	10,697.60
-0.66%	*-0.48%*	*+0.13%*	*+0.71%*	*+0.44%*

Commodities (USD) — *Source: Bloomberg*

Gold (Troy ounce)	Brent (Barrel)	Cotton (Pound)	Silver (Troy ounce)	Wheat (Bushel)
4,353.70	107.34	85.04	63.97	789.75
-0.39%	*-0.50%*	*-2.30%*	*-0.69%*	*-0.44%*

Macroeconomy

September remittances rise 9.3% to $1.42b

Bangladeshi expatriates remitted $1.42 billion in the first 13 days of September 2026, registering a 9.3 percent year-on-year growth, according to the latest data from Bangladesh Bank. On 13 September alone, the country received $193 million in remittances. During the same 13-day period in September 2025, Bangladesh fetched $1.306 billion in remittances.

https://tob.news/september-remittances-rise-9-3-to-1-42b/

BB eases foreign borrowing rules for BIDA-registered firms

Bangladesh Bank (BB) has eased rules on medium- and long-term external borrowing by industrial enterprises operating in specialised zones, exempting firms registered with the Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) from the central bank's approval requirement. The clarification means industrial enterprises registered with the Invest Bangladesh Authority, formerly known as BIDA, will no longer need to obtain separate approval from Bangladesh Bank to take medium- and long-term external loans. The central bank issued a circular in this regard yesterday.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-eases-foreign-borrowing-rules-bida-registered-firms-4272696

Cost of MRT-1, 5 trimmed to Tk 2.04 lakh crore

The revised estimated cost of the Japan-funded Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line-1 and Line-5 projects has been set at Tk 2,03,800 crore, down 4.75 percent from an earlier proposal. A Planning Commission official said the revised expenditure was finalised at a recent Project Evaluation Committee meeting. Dhaka Mass Transit Company Limited (DMTCL) had initially proposed a combined revised outlay of Tk 2,13,984 crore for the two projects.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/cost-mrt-1-5-trimmed-tk-204-lakh-crore-4273021

Bank

BB allows commodity hedging without case-by-case approval

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has introduced a commodity price risk hedging facility for importers, moving away from its previous requirement for firms to obtain clearance on a case-by-case basis. A hedging facility allows businesses to lock in prices or use financial contracts to protect themselves against international market volatility, making future import costs predictable. In a guideline issued yesterday, the BB said banks will be able to offer eligible importers a range of price risk management facilities without requiring case-by-case approval from the regulator.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bb-allows-commodity-hedging-without-case-case-approval-4272931

Accounts holding over Tk1cr rise by 5,077, deposits up Tk16,000cr

The number of bank accounts holding more than Tk1 crore rose by 5,077 in the three months to June, while deposits in those accounts increased by nearly Tk16,000 crore, even as high inflation and prolonged weakness in the financial sector continue to weigh on the economy. Bangladesh Bank data show that deposits in crore-plus accounts reached Tk8.75 lakh crore at the end of June, up from Tk8.59 lakh crore at the end of March.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/accounts-holding-over-tk1cr-rise-5077-deposits-tk16000cr-1542831

Tk1,276cr project to modernise banking sector awaits Ecnec approval

A Tk1,276.30 crore technical assistance project, intended to reinforce safeguards in Bangladesh's financial sector, modernise technology□driven banking, and advance reforms in the banking industry, is currently pending approval from the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (Ecnec). The Ecnec meeting will be held on 16 September at Bangladesh Secretariat with its Chairman and Prime Minister Tarique Rahman in the chair. The Financial Sector Support Project-II (FSSP-II) will be implemented by Bangladesh Bank under the Financial Institutions Division of the Ministry of Finance over five years from July 2026 to June 2031.

https://tob.news/tk1276cr-project-to-modernise-banking-sector-awaits-ecnec-approval/

Fuel & Power

Bangladesh spot LNG nears $30, three times pre-war rates

Bangladesh is now paying nearly $30 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) for liquefied natural gas from the spot market, almost three times what it typically paid before the war in the Middle East, as the government scrambles to secure supplies amid a prolonged gas crisis. The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase on Sunday night approved one LNG cargo from Singapore-based Vitol Asia at $29.795 per MMBtu and another from UK's TotalEnergies Gas & Power Ltd at $28.95. Both cargoes are scheduled for October. The latest purchases mark another increase in Bangladesh's LNG import costs, which had already more than doubled from $10-$12 per MMBtu before the US-Israel's war on Iran.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-spot-lng-nears-30-three-times-pre-war-rates-4272801

Cabinet body approves purchase of 9 LNG cargoes

The Cabinet Committee on Government Purchase on Sunday approved the purchase of nine cargoes of liquefied natural gas (LNG) for 2026 through international quotation and direct procurement processes. The decision was taken at the committee's 44th meeting of 2026 held with Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury in the chair, where three proposals from the Energy and Mineral Resources Division were discussed. Of the nine cargoes, five will be procured through the Request for Quotation (International) process under Rule of the Public Procurement Rules 2025.

https://tob.news/cabinet-body-approves-purchase-of-9-lng-cargoes/

Mfs

Bangla QR misuse raises concerns over MFS sustainability

Bangladesh's zero-fee Bangla QR payment system is raising concerns over the financial sustainability of mobile financial service (MFS) operators, as reports of merchants allegedly providing cash instead of goods or services through QR payments put the model under scrutiny. Such practices are also raising questions about the reliability of digital-transaction data, as QR payments that do not represent genuine sales could inflate transaction volumes and distort records of commercial activity. Bangladesh Bank has set the Interchange Reimbursement Fee (IRF) at zero for Bangla QR transactions to accelerate interoperable digital payments and reduce costs for merchants and customers. The central bank has also warned against transaction splitting, cash-out and other forms of misuse.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/last-page/bangla-qr-misuse-raises-concerns-over-mfs-sustainability-1789410537

Life Insurance

IDRA targets 75pc claim settlement rate amid Tk 70b backlog

The Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) aims to improve the claim settlement rate from 57 per cent as of June to at least 75 per cent, as it faces a mammoth volume of unpaid claims worth Tk 70 billion. At a programme at the IDRA office in the capital on Monday, IDRA Chairman Mir Nadia Nivin said the regulator had adopted a two-pronged strategy to reach the goal by gradually clearing the backlog of unpaid claims. Under the strategy, she said, IDRA has been holding meetings with owners and chief executive officers of insurers to identify and resolve obstacles to claim settlement, including compliance-related issues. At the same time, it has been monitoring financially distressed insurers.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/idra-targets-75pc-claim-settlement-rate-amid-tk-70b-backlog-1789404249

Capital Market

DSE summons top 30 brokerages tomorrow to tackle prolonged market rout

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has convened an urgent meeting with the country's top 30 brokerage firms amid a prolonged market downturn and growing investor concerns. The meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (15 September) at the DSE office, with DSE Chairman Mominul Islam set to preside over the discussion. The meeting will focus on identifying the key factors behind the ongoing market weakness and exploring measures to restore investor confidence and stabilise the market.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-summons-top-30-brokerages-tomorrow-tackle-prolonged-market-rout-1542716

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