News Summary - 31 August, 2026

Bangladesh Market Snapshot — *Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange*

DSEX	DSES	DS30	Turnover (BDT mn)	Market Cap (BDT bn)
5,614.29	*1,128.12*	*2,122.23*	*5,180*	*6,958*
-0.73%	-0.39%	-0.59%	-0.21%	-0.21%

Bangladesh Macro Snapshot — *Source: Bangladesh Bank*

Treasury Bill Yield	Call Money Rate	Inflation rate	GDP Growth Rate	Reserve (BPM-6)
8.89%	9.18%	8.32%	4.14%	32.62bn USD
Maturity: 30-08-27	*Date: 30-08-26*	*Period: 2026-07*	*Period: FY26*	*Date: 14-08-26*

Exchange Rate — *Source: Bloomberg*

USD	EUR	INR	CNH	GBP
122.77	142.43	1.29	18.27	165.91
+0.00%	*+0.06%*	*+0.00%*	*-0.09%*	*-0.02%*

International Market — *Source: Bloomberg*

MSCI Frontier	S&P 500	SSE Comp	Nikkei 225	FTSE 100
849.77	7,711.76	3,945.05	65,292.31	10,824.26
+0.00%	*-0.25%*	*-0.19%*	*-1.67%*	*+0.29%*

Commodities (USD) — *Source: Bloomberg*

Gold (Troy ounce)	Brent (Barrel)	Cotton (Pound)	Silver (Troy ounce)	Wheat (Bushel)
4,471.10	90.63	91.54	66.60	841.00
-1.30%	*+2.87%*	*+1.27%*	*-1.76%*	*-0.38%*

Macroeconomy

Remittance inflow surges 22.3pc by August 29

Bangladesh received US$2,669 million in workers' remittances during the first 29 days of August 2026, marking a 22.3 percent year-on-year increase from US$2,182 million received during the corresponding period of August 2025. According to the latest data, the country received US$214 million in remittances during August 27-29, 2026. Meanwhile, total remittance inflow during July 2026 to August 29, 2026 stood at US$5,527 million, compared with US$4,660 million during the corresponding period of the previous year.

https://www.bssnews.net/business/419363

Bangladesh repays 2.5x July's foreign loan disbursements as servicing pressure rises

Bangladesh repaid 2.5 times the amount of foreign loans it received in July, the first month of the current fiscal year, as repayment pressure is gradually increasing with the grace periods on loans taken for mega projects expiring. According to data released by the Economic Relations Division (ERD) yesterday, Bangladesh received $180.18 million in foreign loans in July. During the same month, it repaid $453.23 million to development partners in principal and interest on previous loans. ERD data show that foreign loan disbursements stood at $208.04 million in July last year and disbursements this year were 13.39% lower.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladesh-repays-over-double-foreign-loans-disbursed-july-1528521

BD, China set to launch new strategic diplomacy

Bangladesh and China prepare to launch a new two-tier diplomacy and defence dialogue that signals a further deepening of ties between Dhaka and Beijing following Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's recent visit. The proposed model of dialogue was discussed Sunday during a meeting between Bangladesh state minister for foreign affairs Humaiun Kabir and Chinese ambassador in Bangladesh Yao Wen at the foreign ministry in Dhaka. The two sides also agreed to work towards launching a foreign minister-level strategic dialogue, as Bangladesh seeks to give greater institutional depth to its relationship with its largest trading partner and a major development and infrastructure partner.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bd-china-set-to-launch-new-strategic-diplomacy-1788112716

Forward-booking importers get over a Tk1 edge per dollar as rate jumps

Importers that booked dollars forward over the past two weeks are gaining as much as Tk1 per dollar after the exchange rate rebounded to Tk123.50 from Tk122 within days. The dollar exchange rate rose to Tk123.50 on Thursday from Tk122 ten days earlier, giving businesses that hedged their future payments an advantage, according to treasury officials at several commercial banks.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/forward-booking-importers-get-over-tk1-edge-dollar-rate-jumps-1529046

Bangladesh Bank made over Tk 26,000 crore profit in FY26

Bangladesh Bank's net profit rose 15 percent year-on-year to Tk 26,023 crore in the just-concluded 2025-26 fiscal year. A large portion of this profit came from lending to commercial banks and investments of the foreign exchange reserves, officials of the central bank said. The board of directors of the banking regulator approved its financial statements for the last fiscal year at a meeting today presided over by Governor Md Mostaqur Rahman. The banking watchdog made a gross profit of Tk 35,016 crore in FY26, while its expenditure hit Tk 8,993 crore and it handed over Tk 25,977 crore to the government.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-bank-made-over-tk-26000-crore-profit-fy26-4260411

Banks

Banks under strain as Tk8,565cr remittance incentive stalls

Commercial banks in Bangladesh are shouldering an overdue government remittance incentive bill exceeding Tk8,565 crore, as severe delays in state reimbursements force lenders to finance public subsidies from their own funds, tightening liquidity and eroding profitability across the banking sector. Under government policy, banks disburse a 2.5% cash incentive to expatriate Bangladeshis on incoming remittances on behalf of the state, with the understanding that the Finance Ministry will reimburse them via Bangladesh Bank. However, with remittance inflows reaching a record $35.59 billion in FY2025-26 and the devaluation of the taka driving subsidy costs to Tk3 per dollar, state reimbursements have fallen nearly 9.5 months behind.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/banks-under-strain-tk8565cr-remittance-incentive-remains-pending-1528166

Fuel & Power

Gas crisis turns August grim

Gas supply in August has fallen to a level not since the early stages of the global coronavirus pandemic, bringing the country to a near standstill as it had back in 2020. The average daily gas supply fell to 2,235 million cubic feet per day (mmcfd) in August, the lowest level recorded for the month in a decade, according to an analysis of gas-supply data from 2017 to 2026. The last time the gas supply was lower was back in April 2020, when it averaged 2,020 mmcfd. Official estimates put current demand at around 3,860 mmcfd, but energy sector officials say the actual demand has already crossed 4,000 mmcfd and has remained at that level for the last two years.

https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/gas-crisis-turns-aug-grim-4260856

Bangladesh to widen LNG supplier pool

The government has decided to expand its pool of approved international LNG suppliers as the country is increasingly relying on the volatile spot market to overcome a worsening gas crisis and disruptions caused to contractual supplies. The initiative is aimed at attracting more bidders and lowering procurement costs, as only a handful of the 27 currently listed suppliers regularly participate in spot LNG (liquefied natural gas) tenders. "We have invited applications for enlisting potential suppliers to procure LNG on a spot basis," told AKM Mizanur Rahman, director (finance) of state-run Petrobangla.

https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bangladesh-to-widen-lng-supplier-pool-1788112762

Stocks

Walton profit gets a lift from lower interest costs

Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC, a leading listed manufacturer of electrical and electronic products, posted higher profits in the last fiscal year, mainly because of a sharp fall in bank interest expenses. The company has also recommended a higher cash dividend for shareholders. It reported a net profit of Tk 1,124 crore for fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26), up 8.5 percent from Tk 1,036.62 crore a year earlier. Its earnings per share (EPS) increased to Tk 33.75 from Tk 31.11. Walton said the increase in EPS was mainly driven by a sharp reduction in bank interest expenses, or finance costs. Finance costs fell by Tk 267.26 crore, or around 60 percent, during the year.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/walton-profit-gets-lift-lower-interest-costs-4260566

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