

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,333.09
% change	-0.89%
DS30 Index	1,890.38
% change	-1.03%
DSES Index	1,221.46
% change	-0.97%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,153.38
Turnover (USD mn)	49.45
% change	-14.81%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,942
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	46.93
% change	-0.83%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,922.12
% change	-0.16%
Nikkei 225	21,548.36
% change	-0.91%
FTSE 100	7,553.14
% change	-0.66%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.76
EUR	95.16
GBP	106.13
INR	1.24

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
04-July-2019	2.75-5.00	4.03
03-July-2019	3.00-5.00	4.31

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	64.21	-0.03%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,398.80	-0.05%
Cotton, USD/lb	66.75	-0.10%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

Revenue shortfall may put BD into debt trap

As the government spending is growing, failure in meeting the revenue targets could put Bangladesh into a debt trap. To avoid such unpleasant macroeconomic situation, the policymakers should focus not only on aspiration towards upper middle-income country but on the capacity building of the revenue board to raise the revenue-GDP (gross domestic product) ratio.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/revenue-shortfall-may-put-bd-into-debt-trap-1562522796>

Keep records using specified software

Businesses having an annual turnover or sales volume worth Tk 50 million or more will have to maintain their transaction records by using specified software from September 01, said an order of the National Board of Revenue (NBR). The businesses will have to procure the software from some 11 software companies, designated by the board. In a recent general order, the NBR has made use of the software mandatory for the businesses to ensure proper collection of Value Added Tax (VAT).

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/keep-records-using-specified-software-1562522970>

Subsidy burden gets heavier

The government's subsidy expenditure has soared 29.36 percent to Tk 46,385 crore this fiscal year largely due to its concessions on demands from pressure groups. For instance, Tk 6,825 crore has been set aside for exporters, up by a staggering 70.63 percent year-on-year. The government has extended 1 percent cash incentive to all garment exporters to prop up their competitiveness this fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/subsidy-burden-gets-heavier-1768159>

Govt to allow rice export amid supply glut

The government will soon start allowing export of rice to create a balance in supply and demand and ensure fair prices of the staple in the domestic market. The government wants to export the coarse variety of rice as its production and supply is higher than that of the finer ones. Moreover, the finer varieties are higher in demand among the middle class and allowing its export might lead to shortages in the domestic market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-allow-rice-export-amid-supply-glut-1768345>

Bank & NBFI

APG pledges to put pressure on Manila to refund money

The Asia Pacific Group (APG) on money laundering has assured Bangladesh of ratcheting up pressure on the Philippines to return the heisted reserve money. The Group said had the Philippines complied with the laws and rules relating to anti-money laundering properly,

the money would not have flown out from the banking system into the archipelago nation.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/apg-pledges-to-put-pressure-on-manila-to-refund-money-1562522004>

Telecom

BTRC chief rules out GP's arbitration plea

Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) chairman Md Jahurul Haque said there is no scope for arbitration in the existing law regarding the bandwidth cut-off. The statement came in response to Grameenphone (GP) chief executive officer (CEO) Michael Patrick Foley's call for making arbitration to settle the ongoing conflict with BTRC regarding bandwidth interrupt. Terming the blocking of bandwidth "inappropriate and illegal," GP boss said the directive has added burden to the customers and the business community with investors and IIG operators.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/btrc-chief-rules-out-gps-arbitration-plea-1562522437>

Textile

Increased gas prices to push up yarn, fabrics production costs

Production cost of per kilogram yarn and fabrics will go up by Tk6.66 and Tk7.61 respectively as new gas tariff takes effect, ultimately hitting the \$34 billion apparel industry. The rise in production cost, caused by sharp increase in gas prices, may prompt apparel manufacturers to import yarn and fabrics from where it will cost less. As of now, Bangladeshi fabric producers are meeting 95% of the demand of knitwear sector while 40% of woven sector.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/economy/2019/07/07/increased-gas-prices-to-push-up-yarn-fabrics-production-costs>

Stocks

Sea Pearl's share trading begins tomorrow

Trading of shares of the Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa will begin tomorrow at the Dhaka and Chattogram stock exchanges. The hotel raised Tk 15 crore by issuing 1.5 crore shares for interior designs and to purchase furniture and land.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/sea-pearls-share-trading-begins-tomorrow-1768333>

Eastern Lubricants to sell bitumen to BPC

Eastern Lubricants, a state-owned listed company, will sell 300 tonnes of bitumen to Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation every month in an effort to diversify operations and generate an estimated Tk 7 lakh in profits every year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/eastern-lubricants-sell-bitumen-bpc-1768336>

IPDC to issue rights shares from July 10

IPDC Finance will make subscription rights offerings from July 10 to 31. The non-bank financial institution will issue an ordinary share against existing two as part of an effort to raise around Tk 141 crore from the stockmarket to strengthen its capital base.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ipdc-issue-rights-shares-july-10-1768339>

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