

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,933.89
% change	0.01%
DS30 Index	1,737.07
% change	0.05%
DSES Index	1,156.79
% change	0.11%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,051.01
Turnover (USD mn)	48.23
% change	-19.37%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,694
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	43.98
% change	-0.08%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	27,137.04
% change	0.85%
Nikkei 225	21,759.61
% change	0.75%
FTSE 100	7,339.39
% change	0.02%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	93.04
GBP	104.18
INR	1.18

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range	Weighted Average (%)
11-Sep-2019	4.00-5.50	5.03
09-Sep-2019	4.00-5.50	5.03

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	60.22	-0.26%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,488.53	-0.72%
Cotton, USD/lb	62.28	+0.11%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### \$5.0b ADB funding to bankroll major dev projects

The Asian Development Bank or ADB is set to disburse around \$5.0 billion to finance several major development projects in Bangladesh between 2020 and 2022. Projects worth another \$4.9 billion have been included as 'standby'. The projects will be taken up for financing based on their readiness.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/50b-adb-funding-to-bankroll-major-dev-projects-1568379011>

### UAE investors set to inject \$10bn into Bangladesh economy

A number of UAE business groups are set to invest \$10 billion in Bangladesh. More than 300 government officials, business leaders, investors and entrepreneurs will participate in the day-long international investment conference, aimed at strengthening the flow of trade and investment between the UAE and Bangladesh. Bangladeshis are major investors in the UAE economy where more than 50,000 businesses are owned and successfully run by Bangladeshi expatriates who employ more than 150,000 people collectively.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2019/09/14/uae-investors-set-to-inject-10bn-into-bangladesh-economy>

### Online VAT system takeover in slow lane

The National Board of Revenue is moving at slower than expected pace to gain control of the online value added tax system from a foreign company. The contract for the maintenance and operations of the VAT online system is scheduled to expire next year. Officials blamed the reluctance of a technical committee, formed on January 31 for developing the expertise of the NBR officials on the online system, for the lack of progress.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/online-vat-system-takeover-in-slow-lane-1568479014>

### Land ports' earnings rise 42pc

Income of Bangladesh's land ports increased by 42 per cent in the last financial year, reports BSS. The country's land ports generated Tk 2.11 billion (Tk 211 crore) through export-import operation in fiscal year 2018-19 (FY '19). The four land ports of Benapole, Burimari, Bhomra and Tamabil, out of total 23 land ports, contributed 82 per cent to the total tally. Benapole topped the turnover list generating highest Tk 823.6 million (Tk 82.36 crore).

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/land-ports-earnings-rise-42pc-1568475995>

### Onion prices jump after India's restriction on export

Onion prices surged overnight after traders hiked rates in the wake of restriction imposed by India on shipments of tubers to other countries to contain its domestic prices. The Indian authority slapped \$850 (Tk 71,821) as minimum export price for per tonne of onion on

September 13, a move that made onion market highly volatile here as Bangladesh meets a portion of its annual demand for the key cooking ingredient through imports for inadequate domestic production.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/onion-prices-jump-after-indias-restriction-export-1800253>

### **MoI seeks German support to make BSFIC mills profitable**

The government is set to modernise the state-run sugar mills with the cooperation of a German company, aiming to make them profitable. Under the move, the ministry of industries (MoI) has requested the company, Heinkel Drying and Separation Group, to come up with specific proposals for automation and modernisation of the mills.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/moi-seeks-german-support-to-make-bsfic-mills-profitable-1568475980>

### **Bank & NBFIs**

#### **School banking receives big response with Tk 14.94 billion deposits**

School banking is gradually getting huge responses from the students across the country as deposits with the banking accounts was nearly Tk 15 billion (Tk 1,494 crore) at the end of June 2019. The central bank's latest quarterly report on financial inclusion shows that a total of over Tk 14.94 billion (Tk 1,494.40 crore) was deposited with 19,96,030 school banking accounts at 55 scheduled banks as of June 30 this year.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/school-banking-receives-big-response-with-tk-1494-billion-deposits-1568476088>

### **Pharmaceuticals**

#### **Sanofi to leave Bangladesh**

Sanofi, the French pharmaceuticals giant, is planning to exit Bangladesh after 60 years in the country by offloading stakes, in a massive blow to the government at a time when it is earnestly looking to attract foreign direct investment. In a letter to the Sanofi board recently, Muin Uddin Mazumder, managing director of Sanofi Bangladesh, and Charles Billard, chief financial officer of Sanofi India and South Asia, informed their intent to sell their stakes in Bangladesh for strategic reasons. Billard was asked whether it was possible to change their decision but he answered in the negative.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/sanofi-leave-bangladesh-1800247>

### **Fuel & Power**

#### **Govt to raise power generation to 60,000 MW by 2041**

The government is working for raising the country's power generation capacity to 60,000 megawatts (MW) by 2041, while the current capacity is 22,329 MW. The country requires US\$40 billion investment to increase electricity generation to 60,000MW by 2041. In the last one decade, the government signed several deals for setting up 148 power plants having a generation capacity of 29,648 MW. Meanwhile, 121 power plants were commissioned which added 15,573 MW power to the national grid. The generation capacity was only 3200 MW in 2009.

<http://www.theindependentbd.com/post/215352>

## Engineering

### Truck sales down 26pc

Daily sales of truck—a major goods carrier—fell 26 percent year-on-year in 2019 owing to bank's liquidity crisis and a slowdown in public expenditure since the last general elections. Some 32 units of trucks were sold daily on an average this year, down from 43 in 2018. From January to July this year, 5,693 units of truck were sold, compared to 12,663 units in the full-year of 2018.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/truck-sales-down-26pc-1800244>

## Capital Market

### BSEC approves 60 IPOs despite DSE's reservations

The capital market regulator, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, under the current commission led by chairman M Khairul Hossain has approved around 60 initial public offerings despite the Dhaka Stock Exchange raising reservations about the IPOs. Of the IPO issuing companies, the share prices of around 20 companies later dropped below their issue prices, DSE data showed. The current commission with M Khairul Hossain at the helm has so far approved IPOs of around 90 companies since 2011 and the DSE raised reservations about 60 of them.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/84558/bsec-approves-60-ipos-despite-dses-reservations>

### Ring Shine Textiles to hold IPO lottery draw October 1

Ring Shine Textiles is set to hold initial public offering (IPO) lottery draw on October 01 to allocate 150 million ordinary shares among the successful applicants. The Ring Shine Textiles raised a fund worth Tk 1.50 billion from the capital market by floating 150 million ordinary shares at a face value of Tk 10 each using the fixed price method.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ring-shine-textiles-to-hold-ipo-lottery-draw-october-1-1568475292>

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