

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,253.33
% change	0.05%
DS30 Index	1,825.38
% change	-0.41%
DSES Index	1,190.18
% change	-0.23%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,289.12
Turnover (USD mn)	39.16
% change	2.95%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,848
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	45.81
% change	-0.27%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	25,532.05
% change	0.82%
Nikkei 225	21,051.24
% change	-0.08%
FTSE 100	7,241.60
% change	1.09%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	94.69
GBP	107.44
INR	1.22

Source: Bloomberg

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
23-May-2019	3.75-5.00	4.55
22-May-2019	3.75-5.00	4.53

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	68.73	0.06%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,287.11	0.17%
Cotton, USD/lb	68.39	1.35%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### BD to sign \$2.5b deal with Japan during PM's visit

Bangladesh and Japan will sign their 40th ODA deal involving \$ 2.5 billion during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Japan visit on May 28-30 for implementing five projects as her visit is expected to bolster the ties between the two countries.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/national/bd-to-sign-25b-deal-with-japan-during-pms-visit-1558870927>

### Footwear retailers eye Tk 3,000cr sales this Eid

Footwear manufacturers and retailers are looking to rake in Tk 3,000 crore in sales this Eid-ul-Fitr as sandals and shoes are high on the shopping lists of customers from all walks of life. Renowned brands such as Apex, Jennys, Bata, Bay, Zeils and Leatherex as well as imported footwear, especially non-branded Chinese products have been found to be high in demand for their lower prices and pretty look.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/footwear-retailers-eye-tk-3000cr-sales-eid-1749502>

### Meteoric rise of online food business

Online food business, especially in Dhaka and few other cities of the country, has witnessed an unforeseen rise, thanks to technological advancement and change in lifestyle. Now the online food delivery business market hits sales worth \$10 million, which was almost nil in 2013, the year we initiated the business in the country," said Ibrahim Bin Mohiuddin, deputy CEO of HungryNaki.com. The market will cross \$5 billion by 2025. Currently, four companies including Pathao Food, share 90% of the market, leaving the rest for a few others.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2019/05/26/meteoric-rise-of-online-food-business>

### Remittance inflow increases ahead of Eid

The country received \$1.35 billion in remittances in the first 24 days of the current month as Bangladeshi expatriates sent home a higher amount of money ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr. The inflow of remittances amounted to \$1350.57 million from May 1 to May 24, according to the Bangladesh Bank latest data. Remittance kept increasing since last March and the trend would continue in the remaining days ahead of Eid. Bangladesh will receive more than \$1500.00 million in remittances in May.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2019/05/26/remittance-inflow-increases-ahead-of-eid>

### Ministry asks NBR to review tax rebate against NSC investment

The Cash Debt Management Committee of the finance ministry has asked the National Board of Revenue to take steps to review the existing income tax rebate against investment in national savings certificates and rationalise the scheme. The committee took the decision to reduce the cost of debt management and risks arising

from increased debt burden due to higher sales of savings certificates. As per income tax law, investment on national savings certificates (NSCs) is one of the major sources of getting income tax rebate up to 15 per cent of eligible amount of investment. There was no ceiling of investment in NSCs for getting tax rebate. <http://www.newagebd.net/article/73609/ministry-asks-nbr-to-review-tax-rebate-against-nsc-investment>

## **Bank & NBF**

### **BB policy to scale up banks' funds in listed securities**

The central bank has issued a policy, which will indirectly encourage banks to boost investment in listed securities to keep the risk within limit. Under the policy, the banks have been ordered to comply with the existing regulations for transactions with people involved in banks, according to a notification issued by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) Sunday. The Bangladesh Bank has taken the measure to minimise risk, limiting banks' exposure to non-listed securities, the central banker explained.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bb-policy-to-scale-up-banks-funds-in-listed-securities-1558893654>

## **Fuel & Power**

### **Govt to allocate Tk 10,000cr as subsidy for LNG imports in next budget**

The government is likely to allocate Tk 10,000 crore in the budget for the next fiscal year (2019-20) for subsidising the imports of liquefied natural gas. LNG became the new item of the subsidy basket under the budget. Against the shortage of local gas output, state-owned Petrobangla and local private group Summit are importing LNG, which is being supplied as gas to the end customers at the government-set price. The government had released Tk 2,500 crore as subsidy against the LNG imports in the outgoing fiscal year (2018-19).

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/73611/govt-to-allocate-tk-10000cr-as-subsidy-for-lng-imports-in-next-budget>

## **Telecom**

### **Local assembly to meet 30pc of handset demand this year**

As much as 95 percent of the handsets sold in Bangladesh by the South Korean electronics giant Samsung are assembled in its plant in Narsingdi, in a major endorsement of the country's fast-improving assembling capabilities. Save for the flagship devices all handsets are now assembled here. The total tax on imported handsets is 32 percent in contrast to about 17 percent on locally assembled ones. For handsets manufactured in Bangladesh, the tax is just 5 percent.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/local-assembly-meet-30pc-handset-demand-year-1749505>

### **Active SIMs cross 16cr**

Bangladesh's mobile industry hit a new milestone in April, crossing the 16 crore-mark in total active connections, according to a report of the telecom regulator published yesterday. At the end of April the total number of active mobile connections stood at 16.06 crore, after 8.10 lakh new connections were added during the course of the month. Of the total active connections, 7.45 crore are with Grameenphone, making it the undisputed market leader despite its various

run-ins with Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission in recent months.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/active-sims-cross-16cr-1749493>

## Textile

### **BGMEA opens probe into workers' termination claim**

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has initiated an independent inquiry to ascertain whether any worker was illegally terminated, in response to a complaint raised by the American Apparel and Footwear Federation (AAFA). The AAFA, the highest trade body of the US in garment and footwear business with representation of 1,000 brands having more than \$400 billion retail sales in a year, sent letters to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BGMEA President Rubana Huq complaining about the termination of more than 1,000 garment workers and criminal charges against labour leaders.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bgmea-opens-probe-workers-termination-claim-1749490>

## Capital Market

### **New Line Clothings makes debut today**

Trading of the shares of New Line Clothings Ltd will commence on the bourses today (Monday) under 'N' category, officials said. The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) trading code for the company is "NEWLIN" and DSE company code is 17482. New Line Clothings raised a fund worth Tk 300 million from the public by floating 30 million ordinary shares using the fixed price method at an offer price of Tk 10 each. The company's initial public offering (IPO) subscription was held between February 18 and March 03.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/new-line-clothings-makes-debut-today-1558893034>

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