

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,138.79
% change	0.27%
DS30 Index	1,827.91
% change	0.05%
DSES Index	1,181.20
% change	0.34%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,476.05
Turnover (USD mn)	53.29
% change	4.17%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,835
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	45.65
% change	0.27%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	27,198.02
% change	-0.09%
Nikkei 225	21,521.53
% change	-0.86%
FTSE 100	7,603.63
% change	-0.56%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	94.27
GBP	102.69
INR	1.23

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
30-July-2019	2.00-5.00	4.48
29-July-2019	3.75-5.00	4.53

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	65.17	+0.70%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,410.12	-0.26%
Cotton, USD/lb	63.40	-0.69%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

MPS eyes higher growth

The central bank announced on Wednesday "cautiously accommodative" monetary policy statement (MPS) for the current fiscal year aiming to achieve higher growth while taming inflationary pressures. The monetary policy stance for FY 20 also take due note of Bangladesh's momentum as a fast-growing developing economy pursuing soonest possible graduation to upper middle income country status. The central bank has decided to release MPS on a yearly basis rather than in a half-yearly fashion.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/mps-eyes-higher-growth-1564595713>

Bangladesh Bank cuts credit growth target for pvt sector but hikes it for govt

Bangladesh Bank on Wednesday announced for the first time a yearly monetary policy instead of a half-yearly one, lowering drastically the private sector credit growth target while raising sharply the public sector credit growth target for the current financial year. The MPS set the private sector credit growth target at 13.2 per cent for the first half (July-December) of FY20 and 14.8 per cent for the full year against the 16.5 per cent growth target set for the previous fiscal year (FY 2018-19). The public sector credit growth target was set at 25.2 per cent for the first half and 24.3 per cent for the whole year against the 21.1 per cent growth target set for FY19.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/80254/bangladesh-bank-cuts-credit-growth-target-for-pvt-sector-but-hikes-it-for-govt>

Tax revenue collection misses target by Tk 571b

Tax revenue collection posted an aggregate shortfall of Tk 571 billion in the fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 against its revised target, recording 10.7 per cent growth over the corresponding year. The growth in revenue collection by the National Board of Revenue (NBR) was lowest in the last fiscal year compared to the last five fiscal years, since FY 2014-15. In FY 2017-18, the NBR achieved 17.9 per cent growth in revenue collection, followed by 11.7 per cent in 2016-17, 13.2 per cent in 2015-16 and 12.3 per cent in 2014-15.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/tax-revenue-collection-misses-target-by-tk-571b-1564595870>

BB has 'no data on remittance outflow'

Bangladesh Bank does not maintain any data on remittance outflow although it has updated data on remittance inflow. Bangladesh Bank government Fazle Kabir and other deputy governors informed reporters about it while responding to questions on the issue while unveiling the monetary policy statement (MPS) at a press conference at the central bank on Wednesday, reports UNB. Their remarks came when reporters wanted to know what amount of remittance is being taken away by the foreigners working in Bangladesh, legally or illegally.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bb-has-no-data-on-remittance-outflow-1564572037>

Revised digital commerce policy underway

With the aim of attracting more foreign investment and expanding e-commerce in Bangladesh, 'Digital Commerce Policy-2018' was being revised by the government, keeping a provision of cent per cent ownership for foreign company. The commerce ministry had already sent the revised draft policy to the cabinet division for final approval, as the global e-commerce accounted for \$ 5 trillion trade last year where Bangladesh's equity was only \$ 7 billion.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/80259/revised-digital-commerce-policy-underway>

Bank & NBFIs

Most banks' EPS see higher growth in H1

Earnings per share (EPS) of 73 per cent listed banks increased in first half (H1) of January-June 2019 period compared to the same period of the previous year. According to the un-audited financial statements for January-June 2019 period, the consolidated earnings per share (EPS) of the 23 banks rose out of 30. Six banks' EPS fell while one bank's EPS remained negative. Most banks' EPS rose in January-June 2019 period due to increase in operating profit and decrease of required provision against loans and advances.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/most-banks-eps-see-higher-growth-in-h1-1564591023>

Capital Market

Ring Shine Textile's subscription opens on Aug 25 to raise Tk 1.50b

The public subscription of Ring Shine Textiles Ltd is set to begin on August 25, aiming to raise a capital worth Tk 1.50 billion from the stock market. The company's initial public offering (IPO) subscription will continue until September 9. As per the BSEC approval - under the fixed price method - Ring Shine Textiles will float 150 million ordinary shares at an offer price of Tk 10 each to raise Tk 1.50 billion.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ring-shine-textiles-subscription-opens-on-aug-25-to-raise-tk-150b-1564591405>

Stock

ACI to set up joint-venture with CO-RO A/S

ACI Limited will set up a joint-venture company with renowned Danish juice manufacturing company CO-RO A/S. In this regard, the board of directors of the ACI has approved a Joint-Venture Arrangement to form and establish a joint-venture company with CO-RO A/S under the name, ACI CO-RO BANGLADESH LTD. The ACI will invest Tk 499 million over a period of next two years against its 49.9 per cent holding in the company.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/aci-to-set-up-joint-venture-with-co-ro-as-1564552635>

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