

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,384.93
% change	-0.68%
DS30 Index	1,912.58
% change	-0.86%
DSES Index	1,235.16
% change	-0.77%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,827.11
Turnover (USD mn)	57.47
% change	2.76%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,981
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	47.39
% change	-0.43%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,536.82
% change	-0.04%
Nikkei 225	21,338.17
% change	1.19%
FTSE 100	7,386.22
% change	-0.41%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	95.37
GBP	106.82
INR	1.23

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
30-June-2019	3.75-5.00	4.54
27-June-2019	3.75-5.00	4.52

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	62.60	0.34%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,424.96	0.44%
Cotton, USD/lb	67.06	-0.34%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

Remittance hits all-time high

Remittance hit an all-time high of \$16.40 billion in the just concluded fiscal year, lending some breathing space to the central bank as it continues to sell US dollars to maintain the exchange rate. The inflows were 9.47% higher than in fiscal 2017-18, according to data from the central bank. A competitive commission offered by private banks to attract remitters and a depreciating trend of the local currency taka against the US dollar are the main reasons behind the record receipts. The interbank exchange rate was BDT 84.50 for a dollar yesterday, up nearly 1% from a year earlier. Strengthening the central bank's monitoring on the foreign exchange market to tackle 'hundi', an illegal way to transfer money between nations, also helped.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/remittance-hits-all-time-high-1765957>

10pc tax on all savings tools

The higher tax on profits from national savings instruments from this fiscal year will be applied on both new and old certificates, in a blow to the fixed income population. In the budget for fiscal 2019-20, the government imposed a 5 percent tax at source on the profit on savings certificate along with the previous five percent. So, the profit earners from saving instruments will now have to count 10 percent tax in total. Other than savers, the members of parliament had also requested the government to withdraw the 5 percent tax on profits from savings instruments.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/10pc-tax-all-savings-tools-1765954>

UAE keen to invest in food processing sector

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) wants to invest in the food processing sector of Bangladesh. Bangladesh has enough lands for setting up new industries. Power generation is also enough to meet the demand of industries. UAE investors can invest in any sector individually or in joint venture. In this regard, the Industries Ministry will provide all kinds of supports to the investors.

<http://www.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/uae-keen-to-invest-in-food-processing-sector-1562064234>

Capital Market

FY19 foreign investment at DSE turns negative after 8yrs

Foreign investment at the Dhaka Stock Exchange turned negative after eight years in the just concluded fiscal year (2018-19) as the overseas investors kept withdrawing funds from the Bangladesh's capital market amid volatility in the country's banking sector and the stock market. The net foreign investment at the country's premier bourse stood at BDT 183.70 crore negative in FY19, which was the lowest after FY11 when it was BDT 404.59 crore negative. In FY18, the net foreign investment at DSE was BDT 71.76 crore, the lowest after FY11. The foreign investors sold shares worth BDT 4,201.51

crore in FY19 against their purchase of shares worth BDT 4,017.81 crore in the year.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/77250/fy19-foreign-investment-at-dse-turns-negative-after-8yrs>

BSEC approves Ashuganj Power bond IPO, Premier Bank bond of Tk 500cr

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Wednesday approved the initial public offering (IPO) of bonds worth Tk 100 crore in favour of state-run Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. The regulatory body also gave nod to Tk500 crore in bonds for Premier Bank.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/stock/2019/07/02/bsec-approves-ashuganj-power-bond-ipo-premier-bank-bond-of-tk-500cr>

Stocks

ACME starts production of steroid, hormone from IPO project

The ACME Laboratories Limited has declared the commencement of commercial production of its state of the art steroid, hormone facility at Dhamrai upazila of Dhaka district. The company noted that the aforesaid steroid and hormone facility is one of the three projects against which fund raised through Initial Public Offering (IPO). Recently, the company also started commercial production of its state of the art Penicillin facility at Dhamrai after successful completion of trial production. The Acme Laboratories, the country's oldest pharmaceutical company, raised Tk 4.09 billion from the public by using the book building method in early 2016.

<http://www.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/acme-starts-production-of-steroid-hormone-from-ipo-project-1562046089>

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