

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,388.76
% change	-1.44%
DS30 Index	1,492.46
% change	-1.41%
DSES Index	1,012.42
% change	-1.46%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,619.77
Turnover (USD mn)	43.09
% change	-3.87%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,363
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	40.04
% change	-1.21%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	29,102.51
% change	-0.94%
Nikkei 225	23,778.29
% change	-0.21%
FTSE 100	7,466.70
% change	-0.51%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.95
EUR	92.99
GBP	109.47
INR	1.18

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
06-Feb-2020	4.50-5.50	5.06
05-Feb-2020	4.40-5.50	5.04

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	54.35	-0.22%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,570.77	+0.02%
Cotton, USD/lb	67.72	-0.04%

Source: Bloomberg

## Capital Market

### Bangladesh Bank to support stock market with liquidity

The central bank, instead of the finance ministry, will provide low-cost funds to the institutional investors so that they can invest more in the stock market. The decision comes at a time when the market is going through a turbulent time for the last two years. Earlier on January 22, the central bank sent a proposal to the finance ministry asking to arrange a refinance scheme from the central bank's fund to provide concessional loan to the institutional investors, responding to a proposal of the finance ministry to support the stock market with Tk10,000 crore.

<https://tbsnews.net/economy/stock/bangladesh-bank-support-stock-market-liquidity-43343>

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/99130/government-allows-bangladesh-bank-to-form-fund-for-stocks>

### Bank and NBFIs

#### Five state banks to get listed by Oct

Five state-run banks are set to get listed on the stock market by September as part of the government's move to prop up the ailing bourse that has arguably dragged investor confidence down to rock bottom. A quarter of the shares of Sonali, Agrani, Janata, Rupali and Bangladesh Development Bank (BDBL) would be offloaded on the stock market. Former finance ministers had time and again promised to bring public banks to the stock market and even tried a number of times. But they failed to advance the agenda.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/five-state-banks-get-listed-oct-1865821>

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/3-state-owned-banks-go-public-by-sept-1581273982>

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/2020/02/09/four-state-owned-banks-to-go-public>

#### Yet another bank gets central bank approval

Bangladesh Bank on Sunday gave its seal of approval to the Bengal Commercial Bank Ltd, asking the lender to boost paid-up capital to Tk 5.0 billion within two years. The board of directors of the central bank took the decision at its meeting held in Dhaka, with BB governor Fazole Kabir in the chair. Sources said some influential ruling party men pushed for setting up the new bank. After Awami League formed the government in 2009, nine banks were given the green light on 'political consideration' despite opposition from different quarters.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/another-bank-gets-central-bank-approval-1581273838>

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/another-lender-enters-the-fray-1865809>

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/99143/bengal-bank-gets-final-approval>

**Banks' profitability falls in Sept-end quarter: Bangladesh Bank**

Profitability of the scheduled banks faced a fresh blow at the September-end quarter of the year 2019 amid growing non-performing loans in the banking sector. Both two parameters of profitability — returns on asset (RoA) and returns on equity (RoE) — of the banks deteriorated at the end of September, 2019. As per the Bangladesh Bank's financial stability assessment report released on Sunday, returns on equity of the scheduled banks were 1.9 per cent negative, which were 3.6 per cent three months ago. Besides, returns on asset of the banking sector dropped to 0.1 per cent at the September-end quarter from 0.2 per cent at the June-end quarter, the BB report said.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/99132/banks-profitability-falls-in-sept-end-quarter-bangladesh-bank>

**Standard, NRB Global become Shariah lenders**

Two private banks -- Standard and NRB Global -- is set to become full-fledged Shariah-based lenders as they step back from the crowded landscape of traditional banking. This will take the total number of Islamic banks operating in the country to 10.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/standard-nrb-global-become-shariah-lenders-1865812>

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/2020/02/09/standard-nrb-global-to-become-islamic-banks>

**BB seeks explanation from Janata MD**

Bangladesh Bank has sought explanation from Janata Bank Managing Director Md Abdus Salam Azad for extending loan rescheduling facilities to two companies, including the notorious AnonTex Group, by breaching rules. He has been asked to give explanation within seven working days, according to a letter sent to Azad on February 4. Janata has given Tk 1,743.84 crore loan rescheduling facilities against seven companies of AnonTex Group, according to the letter of the banking regulator.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bb-seeks-explanation-janata-md-1865815>

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/2020/02/10/bb-issues-show-cause-notice-to-janata-bank>

**Economy****Coronavirus outbreak stops crab export to China**

A ban on crab exports to China amid a deadly coronavirus has left farmers reeling in Bagerhat district, reports bdnews24.com. Meanwhile, novel coronavirus outbreak in the People's Republic of China (PRC) has also affected import of some key spices from the country. The crab import suspension came into effect on January 23 - the peak season for crustacean sales abroad - and is set to take a heavy toll on the industry if it continues for even a few more days, according to some farmers.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/coronavirus-outbreak-stops-crab-export-to-china-1581266635>

## Telecommunication

### Robi brings tech to enhance 4G services

Fourth generation (4G) voice and data services are set to be enhanced through Robi's adoption of Voice over Long Term Evolution (VoLTE) this week, ushering the end of 3G networks within a couple of years. Experts said call quality would be far superior as there would be threefold the data transfer compared to that over 3G and six times to that over 2G, making it even more easier to make out the voice and tone.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/robi-brings-tech-enhance-4g-services-1865818>

## Stock

### Singer Bangladesh posts 12.50pc rise in earnings per share

The earnings per share of Singer Bangladesh Ltd rose 12.50 per cent year-on-year in 2019 thanks to record sales and continued focus on managing operating expenses. The company has reported consolidated (EPS) of Tk 10.35 for the year ended on December 31, 2019 as against Tk 9.20 in the previous year, according to an official disclosure on Sunday. Its consolidated net asset value (NAV) per share of Tk 32.02 for the year ended on December 31, 2019 which was Tk 23.18 in the same period last year.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/singer-bangladesh-posts-1250pc-rise-in-earnings-per-share-1581266482>

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