

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,196.03
% change	-0.42%
DS30 Index	1,812.82
% change	-0.70%
DSES Index	1,194.22
% change	-0.76%
Turnover (BDT mn)	2,562.78
Turnover (USD mn)	30.51
% change	1.95%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,835
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	45.66
% change	-0.28%

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	94.68
GBP	109.08
INR	1.20

Source: Bloomberg

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
14-May-2019	3.25-5.00	4.53
13-May-2019	3.25-5.00	4.55

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	72.11	0.34%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,295.82	-0.07%
Cotton, USD/lb	66.86	0.77%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### Govt eyes 10m taxpayers: Kamal

Finance Minister A H M Mustafa Kamal said the government has a plan to raise the number of taxpayers to 10 million by the next fiscal year (FY), 2019-20. Currently, the government is dealing with around 2.0-2.2 million total TIN (tax identification number) holders and taxpayers.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-eyes-10m-taxpayers-kamal-1557942206>

### NBR targets 5 sectors to make up VAT shortfall

The National Board of Revenue has prioritized five sectors, including source tax, to meet its target of value added tax collection, with just two months left of the ongoing fiscal year. The other areas of priority are the taxes from floor space, brick kiln, bidi and local trade.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/regulations/2019/05/15/nbr-targets-5-sectors-to-make-up-vat-shortfall>

### Rice import from West Bengal declines sharply

The rice economy of West Bengal, already stifled by lack of demand, is now facing further threat from loss of import market in Bangladesh. Last year, Bangladesh imposed a 28 per cent import duty on rice from India, against two per cent earlier.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/rice-import-from-west-bengal-declines-sharply-1557942706>

## Bank and NBFIs

### Most banks see EPS rise in first quarter

Earnings per share (EPS) of 70% of listed banks increased during the first quarter (January-March) of the year 2019 on what it was in the same period the previous year. Banking sector insiders have claimed that nonperforming loans are now under control and the banks are now abiding by the rules set by the central bank.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/banks/2019/05/15/most-banks-see-eps-rise-in-first-quarter>

### Islamic banks' profitability shrinks in 2018

Shariah-based banks' net profit margin declined to 2.2 percent in 2018 from 3 percent a year earlier at a time when the banking sector's rose. The banking sector's net profit margin improved to 3 percent from 2 percent last year, according to the study titled "Islamic Banking Operation of Banks-2018".

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/islamic-banks-profitability-shrinks-2018-1744336>

## **Cash use costs Bangladesh Tk 9,000cr every year**

The country has to count more than Tk 9,000 crore a year because of its heavy dependence on cash, further depicting the necessity to move towards a cashless society. The maintenance cost of the printed money is nearly 0.50 percent of the country's GDP, according to the central bank report styled 'Reducing the Cash Transaction'. The Bangladesh Bank calculated the cost based on a survey by US consultancy firm McKinsey & Company.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/cash-use-costs-bangladesh-tk-9000cr-every-year-1744354>

## **Fuel and Power**

### **Energypac brings \$16m in FDI**

Energypac Power Venture, a subsidiary of Energypac, has recently signed a joint-venture agreement with UAE-based EMA Power Investment, bringing in \$16 million foreign direct investment into the country's booming power sector. The investment is for implementing a 115 megawatt heavy fuel oil-fired power plant project at Thakurgaon. Daelim Energy will avail 49 percent stake of the project through the investment.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/energypac-brings-16m-fdi-1744315>

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