

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,133.14
% change	0.17%
DS30 Index	1,830.03
% change	0.03%
DSES Index	1,176.89
% change	0.14%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,096.02
Turnover (USD mn)	36.86
% change	13.92%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,818
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	45.45
% change	0.15%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial	26,860.20
Average	
% change	0.29%
Nikkei 225	21,643.53
% change	0.51%
FTSE 100	7,549.56
% change	0.25%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	95.13
GBP	105.77
INR	1.23

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range	Weighted Average (%)
16-July-2019	0.75-5.00	2.35
15-July-2019	0.75-5.00	2.40

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	63.89	+0.36%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,422.79	-0.26%
Cotton, USD/lb	62.45	-0.06%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

ADB offers loan product for new PPP projects

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has offered a new lending product for Bangladesh in the public-private partnership (PPP) sector to make related projects attractive to investors. Under the loan product, the Manila-based lending agency will act as the guarantor of its interested PPP projects for covering risks including credit ones. The guarantee will ensure the certainty of cash flow from market financial sources, resulting in lowering the interest rate.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/adb-offers-loan-product-for-new-ppp-projects-1563380838>

Businesses claim lower turnover to evade VAT

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) said most of the businesses are claiming their annual turnover to be lower than Tk 30 million to evade payment of value added tax (VAT) at regular rates. The businesses having an annual turnover below Tk 30 million are entitled to enjoy a reduced rate of VAT at 4.0 per cent, known as turnover VAT, instead of paying VAT on their actual sales of goods and services.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/businesses-claim-lower-turnover-to-evade-vat-1563385066>

Fuel & Power

Dhaka eyes one-fourth of LNG imports from spot market

Bangladesh has moved to import one fourth of its total LNG (liquefied natural gas) requirement from spot market to reap the benefits of a downtrend in global LNG prices. Spot market is a public financial market in which financial instruments or commodities are traded for immediate delivery. Such market for LNG was developed over the past several years with a glut of LNG output alongside the growth of emerging markets for the natural gas. State-run Petrobangla is importing LNG only under term deals with suppliers.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/dhaka-eyes-one-fourth-of-lng-imports-from-spot-market-1563385384>

EGCB drags feet as powerful quarter takes over project site

The Electricity Generation Company Bangladesh (EGCB) has decided to scrap halfway the feasibility study and land acquisition for a power generation project in Cox's Bazar. A Switzerland-based consultant has demanded bills for carrying out the feasibility study and other work under the 1,200-megawatt (MW) power plant project.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/egcb-drags-feet-as-powerful-quarter-takes-over-project-site-1563385002>

Textile

RMG exporters looking East

Three Asian nations -- India, China and Japan -- are fast emerging as major apparel export destinations for Bangladesh after a jump in orders in the immediate past fiscal year. For instance, Japan became the first country in Asia to receive more than \$1 billion of apparel

shipments from Bangladesh last fiscal year. Bangladesh exported garment items worth \$1.09 billion to Japan in fiscal 2018-19, up 28.90 percent year-on-year. The reasons for the continuous rise in garment exports to Japan -- a country with a \$45 billion garment market -- are its "China plus one" strategy adopted in 2008 and its zero-duty benefit to Bangladesh as a least developed country. Similarly, garment exports to India swelled 79.09 percent year-on-year to \$499.09 million last fiscal year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rmq-exporters-looking-east-1773241>

Telecom

No fresh NOCs for GP, Robi

Mobile operators Grameenphone and Robi will not get fresh 'no-objection certificates (NOCs)' until they pay audit claim dues to the government. There is a provision to appoint an administrator to realise dues from the two operators. The errant operators will not be able to purchase and import new equipment and get approval for new packages after the new decision takes effect.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/no-fresh-nocs-for-gp-robi-1563385619>

BTRC restores GP, Robi bandwidth

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission on Wednesday restored Grameenphone and Robi's bandwidth it had blocked to realise unpaid audit claims. BTRC on July 4 reduced internet bandwidth capacity of GP by 30 per cent over Tk 12,579.95 crore unpaid audit claim and Robi by 15 per cent over Tk 867 crore audit claim.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/78792/btrc-restores-gp-robi-bandwidth>

Capital Market

DSE rearranges DS30 Index

The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has rearranged its blue chip index (DS30) as part of its semi-annual rebalancing of indices. After the rebalancing of DS30, carried out as per the criteria set by S&P Dow Jones Indices, the prime bourse will add five new companies to the DS30 index, a list of blue-chip companies, replacing five existing companies, with effect from July 21. The five new companies are Islami Bank Bangladesh, The ACME Laboratories, Meghna Petroleum, Active Fine Chemicals and Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company. At the same time, five companies will be dropped from the DS30 as they failed to meet regulatory criteria. The companies are Pubali Bank, Padma Oil Company, BSRM Steels, RAK Ceramics (BD) and ACI Limited.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/dse-rearranges-ds30-index-1563380423>

BSEC revises auditors' panel for listed firms

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Tuesday revised the panel of auditors for the listed firms to prevent any

manipulation in the financial statements. The commission imposed a ban on M/S. Ahmad and Akhter Chartered Accountants for being a non-compliant firm, from auditing any listed companies of stock market. The BSEC directed auditor Ahmad and Akhtar not to audit any listed company as the firm has become a proprietorship firm. The auditor has been facing criticism as there was allegation that the auditor didn't audit financial reports of Coppertech Industries properly.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/stock/2019/07/17/bsec-revises-auditors-panel-for-listed-firms>

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