

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,216.54
% change	0.29%
DS30 Index	1,841.80
% change	0.22%
DSES Index	1,197.56
% change	0.45%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,237.01
Turnover (USD mn)	38.54
% change	-21.16%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,875
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	46.13
% change	0.23%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial	25,886.01
Average % change	+1.20%
Nikkei 225	20,525.45
% change	+0.52%
FTSE 100	7,117.15
% change	+0.71%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.46
EUR	93.69
GBP	102.63
INR	1.19

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range	Weighted Average (%)
14-Aug-2019	4.25-5.00	4.57
08-Aug-2019	4.50-5.00	4.61

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	59.25	+1.04%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,508.91	-0.30%
Cotton, USD/lb	59.27	-1.43%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### Vegetable exports rebound after four years

Fresh fruits and vegetables export bounced back in fiscal 2018-19, ending four straight years of slump, thanks to higher demand and efforts to improve farming and packaging practices in order to produce and ship disease-free crops. Shipment of fresh produce, including potato, rose 31 percent year-on-year to \$105.39 million in the last fiscal year. Exporters shipped 17,487 tonnes of domestically grown vegetables, up 18 percent year-on-year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/vegetable-exports-rebound-after-four-years-1787014>

### Bank & NBFIs

#### BB policy sparks flurry of loan write-offs

Loan write-offs almost quadrupled in the first quarter of the year on the back of the central bank's easing of rules, in a sobering reminder of the banking sector's deteriorating financial health. Between January and March, Tk 557.30 crore was written-off, in contrast to Tk 141.26 crore a year earlier. Furthermore, lenders do not have to file any case with the money loan court to write off delinquent loans worth Tk 2 lakh, up from Tk 50,000 previously.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/bb-policy-sparks-flurry-loan-write-offs-1787005>

#### Rural bank branch percentage falls by 11.5 in 18 years

Bank branches in rural areas as opposed to urban areas declined by 11.5 percentage points in the past 18 years despite the central bank's initiatives to ensure rural people's access to finance. The distribution of bank branches in rural and urban areas implies that the branches were largely concentrated in the urban areas. The foreign banks have only a few branches in the rural areas.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/81819/rural-bank-branch-percentage-falls-by-115-in-18-years>

## Engineering

### AC sales soar on hot weather

Air conditioner sellers have posted strong sales amid persistent hot weather throughout the entire period of April-July and rising disposable income of people. Equated monthly instalment (EMI) facility and availability of electricity also fueled sales of the appliances once seen as a luxury. The sales were so high that some retailers at one point failed to provide consumers with the required models of ACs as those went out of stock.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ac-sales-soar-hot-weather-1786990>

## Fuel and Power

### BD likely to allow Chevron to explore some onshore blocks

The government may allow US company Chevron to carry out exploration study in some onshore blocks to find out new natural gas prospects. Chevron intends to perform the study outside the purview of its existing PSCs (production sharing contracts) with the Petrobangla and the government for exploration in three onshore gas fields. The country's overall natural gas output is, however, around 2,774 mmcf/d including the imported re-gasified LNG (liquefied natural gas) to the tune of around 518 mmcf/d.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bd-likely-to-allow-chevron-to-explore-some-onshore-blocks-1566140873>

## Tannery

### Traders agree to continue rawhide trade after chaos

The rawhides of sacrificial animals are now 'open' for trading as tanners and wholesalers have reached a consensus over the issue. Currently the prices of leather range from US\$ 1.5 to \$2.0 a square foot in the international market.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/traders-agree-to-continue-rawhide-trade-after-chaos-1566149374>

## Capital Market

### IPO subscription of Ring Shine Textiles begins Aug 25

The initial public offering (IPO) of Ring Shine Textiles Ltd (RSTL) begins on August 25, with the company aiming to raise Tk150 crore by offloading 150 million ordinary shares under the fixed price method. The IPO will stay open for both resident and non-resident Bangladeshis till September 9 this year.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/stock/2019/08/18/ipo-subscription-of-ring-shine-textiles-begins-aug-25>

### New tax on stock dividend to be effective from next FY

The new taxes imposed on listed companies' stock dividend declaration and retained earnings will be applicable on the entities' income for the current fiscal year 2019-20 with effect from next FY 2020-21.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/81820/new-tax-on-stock-dividend-to-be-effective-from-next-fy>

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