

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,761.42
% change	-0.43%
DS30 Index	1,675.50
% change	-0.62%
DSES Index	1,089.52
% change	-0.88%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,504.92
Turnover (USD mn)	41.73
% change	+12.11%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,588
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	42.72
% change	-0.36%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,827.64
% change	+0.21%
Nikkei 225	22,548.90
% change	+0.25%
FTSE 100	7,163.64
% change	+0.18%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.78
EUR	94.52
GBP	110.02
INR	1.20

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
20-Oct-2019	3.25-5.50	4.96
17-Oct-2019	3.00-5.50	4.97

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	58.91	-0.08%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,484.00	-0.03%
Cotton, USD/lb	64.43	-0.2%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### Q1 exports drop in major markets, grow slightly in US

Country's export earnings from most of the major markets including Germany, Spain, Netherlands, Australia and Canada declined in the first quarter (July-September) of the current fiscal year 2019-20 while the export achieved a minimal growth in the US, the largest market for Bangladesh. Exporters said that export earnings posted a negative growth in the major markets as the global economic distresses hit the consumption of readymade garment products. They said that consumption of RMG products decreased all over the world as US-China trade war, Brexit issue, contraction of the economies of Germany, Argentina and South Africa instilled recession fears in the global consumers. Country's export to Germany, the second largest destination for Bangladesh, fell by 6.63 per cent to \$1.48 billion in July-September of FY20 from \$1.58 billion in the same period of last fiscal year, according to the Export Promotion Bureau data.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/88360/q1-exports-drop-in-major-markets-grow-slightly-in-us>

### Chinese firm to invest \$2m in Ctg EPZ

An agreement was signed between Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) and a Chinese company yesterday for implementing the latter's plan to invest \$2 million to establish a factory inside Chattogram Export Processing Zone. Yifa Jute & Sisal Products plans to annually produce 1,000 tonnes of rope and 1,500 tonnes of twine alongside cloth from jute and sisal employing some 101 Bangladeshis. It also plans to make such products from Manila hemp and cotton. Zillur Rahman, Bepza member (investment promotion), and Mo Jisheng, chairman of the Yifa, signed the agreement at BEPZA Complex, Dhaka, says a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/chinese-firm-invest-2m-ctg-epz-1817092>

### Foreign loan disbursement rises in first quarter

The use of foreign loans has gone up in the first quarter (July-September) of the current fiscal year as implementation of foreign aided mega-projects gain pace. Loan disbursement has increased nearly 40 percent in these three months compared to the same period in the last fiscal year. Data from the Economic Relations Division (ERD) shows that development partners have disbursed \$940.8 million loans and grants, up from \$668.6 million in the first quarter of the last fiscal year. The year-on-year rise in foreign loan disbursement is \$277.2 million.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/foreign-loan-disbursement-rises-first-quarter>

### Bangladeshi exports to EU triple since 2006

Exports from Bangladesh to the European Union (EU) have more than tripled between 2006 and 2018. The EU is currently the main trading partner of Bangladesh, absorbing half of its overall exports. The EU

mentioned that Bangladesh is the source of more than 62 percent of all Everything but Arms (EBA) exports to the EU, and hence the largest beneficiary of the EU EBA programme. This information was revealed in a joint press statement on the ninth session of the Joint Commission of the EU and Bangladesh, held in Dhaka on Thursday.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshi-exports-eu-triple-2006>

## Telecommunication

### Govt again moves to resolve audit dispute with GP, Robi thru talks

The government on Monday again instructed the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission to resolve the issue regarding its audit claims to two telecom operators through discussion amid cases over the issue pending with different courts. The government instructed the BTRC to form an independent committee comprising legal and accounting experts to reach a conclusion over the Tk 13,446 crore audit claims made to the largest telecom operator GP and the second largest operator Robi. The decision came from a meeting presided over by prime minister's ICT affairs adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy at Ganabhaban in capital Dhaka.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/88361/govt-again-moves-to-resolve-audit-dispute-with-gp-robi-thru-talks>

### Realising audit claim from GP: AD to hear plea against HC injunction Thursday

The Appellate Division's full bench will hear on Thursday the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission's appeal challenging the High Court's injunction for two months on realisation of Tk 12,579.95 crore in audit claim from mobile operator Grameenphone by the telecom regulator. Chamber judge Justice Md Nuruzzaman set the date on Monday after holding a brief hearing on the appeal. Fazle Noor Taposh and Mehedi Hassan Chowdhury appeared for Grameenphone and attorney general Mahbubey Alam and Khandakar Reza-E-Rakib represented the BTRC. On Sunday, the BTRC filed the appeal against the HC injunction and also prayed to the Appellate Division for staying the injunction.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/88363/realising-audit-claim-from-gp-ad-to-hear-plea-against-hc-injunction-thursday>

## Fuel & Power

### PDB seeks to raise bulk electricity price

Seeking a hike in bulk electricity tariff, the state-owned Power Development Board (PDB) has submitted a proposal to the Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC), sources at the PDB and BERC confirmed on Monday. Highlighting electricity generation and purchase cost of high-cost liquid fuel-fired private sector plants, the PDB urged the BERC to adjust the price without specifying any percentages. However, the PDB officials informed that in 2020 calendar year Tk36,600 crores will be earned from electricity sell but the organization will need

Tk45,208 crore to meet its expenses. So, the PDB urged the BERC to consider the Tk8608 crore deficit.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/pdb-seeks-raise-bulk-electricity-price>

### Capital Market

#### Turnover remains poor on DSE

Stocks slipped into the red on Monday, after a single-day break, as risk-averse investors went on selling binge on sector specific shares. DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went down by 20.67 points or 0.43 per cent to settle at 4,761, after adding 11 points in the previous day. Market analysts said ongoing depressed market outlook coupled with growing concern about the telecom regulator moves to appoint administrator to GP over unpaid dues dragged the market down. The shaky investors sold their holdings from BATBC, GP, Square Pharma, IFAD Autos and Bangladesh Submarine Cable, contributing 23 points fall of DSEX jointly, said a leading broker. Earnings per share (EPS) of GP plunged 13.92 per cent to Tk 5.38 for July-September 2019 against Tk 6.25 in the same quarter a year ago, also dampened investors' confidence, he said.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/turnover-remains-poor-on-dse-1571671083>

#### Omera, JMI Hospital to go public

Omera Petroleum, a subsidiary of Mobil Jamuna Bangladesh, plans to raise Tk 238.43 crore from the stock market to expand its liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) business. The company is engaged in import, storage, bottling and distribution of LPG since 2015. Of the initial public offering (IPO) proceeds, it will purchase a modern seaworthy vessel with a capacity of 4,000 tonnes of liquid petroleum gas. Meanwhile, Tk 46.75 crore will be utilised for repayment of the company's bank loans. Shamsul Haque Ahmed, chief executive officer of Omera Petroleum, said the carrying cost of imported LPG will decline once the vessel is bought.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/omera-jmi-hospital-go-public-1817098>

### Stocks

#### GP's profit rises amid challenges

Grameenphone's net profit rose 2.04 percent year-on-year to Tk 2,532 crore in the first nine months of the year aided by a surge in revenue growth both in data and voice segments, the operator said yesterday. The net profit was, however, down 13.03 percent to Tk 727 crore in the third quarter, because of the adverse impact of an undisclosed amount of one-off payment made to the government by the top carrier. Earnings per share were Tk 18.75 for January to September period, compared to Tk 18.38 year-on-year. It was Tk 5.38 in the third quarter against Tk 6.25 in the same period last year, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). The carrier said it earned Tk 10,749 crore in revenue in the nine-month period, up 9.5 percent year-on-year.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/gps-profit-rises-amid-challenges-1817086>

### City Bank's EPS jumps 17pc

City Bank posted consolidated earnings per share of Tk 2.58 in the first three quarters of 2019, up 16.74 percent year-on-year. Addressing an event organised yesterday for disclosing its earnings, Md Mahbubur Rahman, chief financial officer, made a presentation on the financial performance of the bank. City Bank's consolidated profit after tax was Tk 262.2 crore for January to September period. It was Tk 225 crore during the same nine-month period a year ago, said the official of the listed first generation private commercial bank at its head office in Dhaka. Mashrur Arefin, managing director and CEO, said the lender has been able to draw much attention from the investor community worldwide in recent years for its noticeable presence and growth in the private commercial banking industry in Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/city-banks-eps-jumps-17pc-1817095>

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