

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,385.21
% change	-1.66%
DS30 Index	2,057.37
% change	-2.29%
DSES Index	1,222.03
% change	-1.65%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,670.89
Turnover (USD mn)	55.61
% change	-32.71%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	4,601
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	54.77
% change	-1.20%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	31,521.69
% change	+0.09%
Nikkei 225	30,156.03
% change	+0.46%
FTSE 100	6,612.24
% change	-0.18%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.81
EUR	102.79
GBP	118.88
INR	1.17

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
18-Feb-2021	1.00-5.25	1.66
17-Feb-2021	1.00-5.25	1.60

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	66.22	+1.50%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,812.88	+0.18%
Cotton, USD/lb	92.90	+0.53%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

KEPZ to build first private hi-tech park

A hi-tech park will be set up at Korean Export Processing Zone (KEPZ) in Chattogram, which is owned by Korean global business conglomerate Youngone. The KEPZ will develop 100 acres out of 2,492 acres of land to set up the country's first privately-owned IT and hi-tech park. A tripartite agreement was signed among Bangladesh High-Tech Park Authority (BHTPA), the KEPZ and Startup Bangladesh at the zone yesterday to develop a high-tech industry and innovation ecosystem. Cooperation will focus on developing infrastructures, increasing foreign investment, strengthening the start-up ecosystem and support entrepreneurs through upskilling by way of startup camps, design thinking and innovation projects.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/kepzs-build-first-private-hi-tech-park-2049621>

Bank and NBF

Tk372cr disbursed in incentives to 57 lakh farmers: Agriculture Ministry

The Ministry of Agriculture has disbursed Tk372 crore in incentives, among farmers nationwide, to cover the damages caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and floods, as well as maintain continuity of production. A total 57 lakh farmers have received incentives, so far, in fiscal year 2020-21. Also, the incentives package has covered a total of 7,81,487.6033 acres of land. The package includes various agricultural inputs such as: seeds, seedlings, fertilisers, etc. It is distributed from the regular budget of the Ministry of Agriculture for the allocation of the agricultural rehabilitation assistance sector.

<https://tbsnews.net/economy/agriculture/tk372cr-disbursed-incentives-57-lakh-farmers-agriculture-ministry-205696>

Textile

Small garment factories struggling to stay afloat

The dearth of work orders from international retailers and brands to small and medium-sized garment factories is so acute that many entrepreneurs are looking for buyers to sell units and exit the industry for good. The fallouts of the coronavirus pandemic have brought the SME garment units to their knees as orders collapsed with the global drop in sales. The units of the apparel industry, considered the lifeline of Bangladesh's economy, had faced abnormal delays in payment from buyers, order cancellations and suspensions and non-availability of loans from the stimulus package.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/small-garment-factories-struggling-stay-afloat-2049633>

Capital Market

eGeneration makes debut today

eGeneration Ltd, the country's one of the leading IT consulting and software solutions companies, will make its share trading debut today (Tuesday) on the bourses under "N" category. The trading code for the company is "EGEN". The company's IPO was oversubscribed by 40.76 times, as it received Tk 6.11 billion against the public issue of IPO shares worth Tk 150 million.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/egeneration-makes-debut-today-1614008783>

IPO lottery draw of Lub-rref today

Lub-rref (Bangladesh), a local lubricant producer, is set to hold initial public offering (IPO) lottery draw today (Tuesday) to allocate 45.24 million ordinary shares. After the lottery, result will be published on the websites of the company, issue manager, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE). The company received a total subscription Tk 7.52 billion from general investors against public issue of IPO for general investors of Tk 610 million, which is oversubscribed by 12.32 times.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ipo-lottery-draw-of-lub-rref-today-1614008855>

BSEC to seek fund from govt to restructure ICB

Foreign investors have evinced interest to invest in the country's large projects including power plants. Their interest came following the securities regulator's presentation recently made at its road show held in Dubai. The securities regulator will also seek fund from the government to restructure the state-run Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB). The securities regulator conducted bilateral meetings in Dubai with different foreign portfolio investors and investment banks such as Masreq Bank, Credit Suisse, Sinatra Holding, Baker Tilly JFC, and Industrial Packaging. The securities regulator will place eight-point proposal including a minimum 15 per cent gap in corporate tax for listed and non-listed companies in the budget proposal for the fiscal year 2021-22.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-to-seek-fund-from-govt-to-restructure-icb-1614008658>

<https://tbsnews.net/economy/stock/foreigners-are-seeking-long-term-investment-tools-205855>

LankaBangla to assist Midland Bank's stock market listing

LankaBangla Investments Limited (LBIL), a leading local investment bank, will provide issue management services for the prospective initial public offering (IPO) of Midland Bank Limited (MDBL), a new generation commercial bank. The two institutions have signed an agreement in this regard.

<https://tbsnews.net/economy/stock/lankabangla-assist-midland-banks-stock-market-listing-205846>

Stock

Heidelberg seeks to amalgamate with Emirates Cement, Emirates Power

Heidelberg Cement is going to seek approval from its shareholders to amalgamate with Emirates Cement Bangladesh and Emirates Power Company. It is going to organise an extraordinary general meeting on May 2 to seek consent in this regard. In 2019, the German cement manufacturer decided to acquire Emirates Cement Bangladesh and Emirates Power Company at a cost of nearly Tk 183 crore.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/heidelberg-seeks-amalgamate-emirates-cement-emirates-power-2049597>

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