

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,966.44
% change	-1.34%
DS30 Index	1,776.15
% change	-1.29%
DSES Index	1,139.15
% change	-1.58%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,641.85
Turnover (USD mn)	55.26
% change	25.92%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,730
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	44.40
% change	-1.16%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	27,171.90
% change	+0.07%
Nikkei 225	21,618.04
% change	+0.94%
FTSE 100	7,514.93
% change	+0.08%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.63
EUR	94.74
GBP	105.44
INR	1.23

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
21-July-2019	0.75-5.00	2.31
18-July-2019	0.75-5.00	2.32

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	63.33	+0.11%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,417.53	-0.52%
Cotton, USD/lb	63.42	+0.09%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

Chattogram Port: Tk 10,000cr goods left abandoned

Goods worth around Tk 10,000 crore have been left abandoned by importers at the Chattogram Port for the past five and half years, depriving customs of revenue and leading to a space crisis. Had importers taken timely deliveries of their consignments, the customs could have earned Tk 7,000 crore in taxes. The port has the capacity to house 48,000 TEUs (Twenty Equivalent Unit) of containers, of which 7,000 has been occupied by the unclaimed containers for the past few years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/frontpage/news/chattogram-port-tk-10000cr-goods-left-abandoned-1775485>

Move to boost expats' investment

The government has taken a move to boost investment of Bangladeshi expatriates to help bolster the country's economy. To this end, they said, Department of National Savings (DNS) will collect overall information about current and future investors of existing bonds to fix up strategies for increasing sales of such bonds. The state-run entity will also conduct a beneficiary survey to identify the barriers to sales of bonds, they added.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/move-to-boost-expats-investment-1563853974>

Poverty up by 3.0pc in host community: Study

The poverty increased by nearly 3.0 per cent in the host community due to the massive influx of Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. The study, jointly conducted by the Policy Research Institute (PRI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), said the combined effects of changes in wages and prices resulted in the rise in the headcount poverty by 2.73 per cent in Teknaf and 2.63 per cent in Ukhiya. The research estimated that about 15,000 people in the host community have become poor.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/poverty-up-by-30pc-in-host-community-study-1563816870>

Bank & NBF

Volume of NPL in SoBs shrinks in Q2

The volume of non-performing loans (NPLs) in the state-owned banks (SoBs) declined in the second quarter of the calendar year 2019. The volume of NPL in Sonali Bank came down to 25.5 per cent in April-June compared to 29.35 per cent in March. In Janata Bank, the NPL declined to 35 per cent in June from 43.97 per cent in March while in Agrani Bank the NPL went down to 14.5 per cent in June against 16.65 per cent in March. The NPL in Rupali Bank fell to 17 per cent in June from 18.15 per cent in March and in Bangladesh Krishi Bank, the NPL declined to 17 per cent in June compared to 18.46 per cent in March.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/volume-of-npl-in-sobs-shrinks-in-q2-1563853366>

BB asks banks to monitor Tk 1.0b classified loan A/Cs

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked the scheduled banks to reduce their volume of classified loans through strengthening monitoring of such loan accounts amounting to Tk 1.0 billion and above. Under the latest measure, all the banks will have to form special monitoring cell, headed by the deputy managing director (DMD) concerned, to monitor the loan accounts amounting to Tk 1.0 billion and above, according to a notification.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/bb-asks-banks-to-monitor-tk-10b-classified-loan-acs-1563817226>

Telecom

No approval for GP, Robi to roll out packages

The telecom regulator will not give any kind of approval to Grameenphone and Robi to roll out new package or service or import network equipment as it looks to pile pressure on the operators to clear their dues. Grameenphone has Tk 12,579.95 crore pending and Robi Tk 867.24 crore as per an audit of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC).

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/telecom/news/no-approval-gp-robi-roll-out-packages-1775563>

Licences of 48 ISPs scrapped for dues

The telecom regulator yesterday scrapped licences of 48 internet service providers after they failed to pay renewal fees in time. Of them, 25 are national ISPs and the rest are central zone licensees. The licence tenure of the ISPs expired between 2012 and 2018 though some of them are still providing services to customers. The latest move brought down the number of national ISPs to 133 and the central zone ISPs to 84.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/telecom/news/licences-48-isps-scrapped-dues-1775554>

Textile

RMG makers want reinstatement of 0.25pc source tax on exports

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association has demanded that the government reinstate 0.25 per cent source tax on export earnings for the readymade garment sector and consider the tax as final settlement. The National Board of Revenue in January this year had reduced further the source tax on export earnings to 0.25 per cent from 0.60 per cent.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/79333/rmg-makers-want-reinstatement-of-025pc-source-tax-on-exports>

BGMEA seeks Tk 55m from WTO trade facilitation fund

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) has initiated a move to conduct researches on select topics like innovation, product development and value addition for future sustainability of the readymade garment (RMG) sector. The trade body in a proposal to commerce ministry sought TK 55 million from the enhanced integrated framework fund Bangladesh received from the World Trade

Organization (WTO) as a least developed country.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bgmea-seeks-tk-55m-from-wto-trade-facilitation-fund-1563811846>

Capital Market

DSE board decides to list Coppertech ignoring its anomalies

The Dhaka Stock Exchange has finally decided to list controversial Coppertech Industries despite allegations that the company's financial data were fabricated. According to media reports, the company fabricated its financial data to get listed with the country's bourses. On Monday, the DSE at a board meeting decided that it would list the company on condition that the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission would exempt the bourse from regulatory obligation of listing a company within 30 days after its initial public offering subscription.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/79332/dse-board-decides-to-list-coppertech-ignoring-its-anomalies>

Stock

ACC bans foreign travel by former PLFS chair, two directors

The Anti-Corruption Commission on Monday imposed a ban on foreign travel by former People's Leasing and Financial Services chairman M Moazzam Hossain and two former PLFS directors — Biswajit Kumar Roy and Khobiruddin Mia.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/79331/acc-bans-foreign-travel-by-former-plfs-chair-two-directors>

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