

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,920.97
% change	1.34%
DS30 Index	1,766.53
% change	1.76%
DSES Index	1,150.18
% change	2.40%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,047.26
Turnover (USD mn)	36.28
% change	-20.84%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,750
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	44.64
% change	1.62%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial	26,935.07
Average % change	-0.59%
Nikkei 225	22,079.09
% change	0.16%
FTSE 100	7,344.92
% change	-0.16%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	93.11
GBP	105.46
INR	1.19

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range	Weighted Average (%)
19-Sep-2019	4.50-5.50	5.06
18-Sep-2019	4.50-5.50	5.05

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	64.97	+1.07%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,516.47	-0.03%
Cotton, USD/lb	60.37	-0.25%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### Now online businesses to pay 5.0pc VAT on service charge

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) will collect 5.0 per cent Value Added Tax (VAT) on commission from the online businesses on their sales of products, irrespective of VAT-able or VAT-exempt. The online businesses which procure products paying VAT and have no showrooms of its own will have to pay VAT on their service charge they receive from manufacturers of goods and suppliers of services. The VAT policy wing of the board on Sunday issued a guideline and clarification in this regard. As per the instructions, VAT-exempt goods such as essential commodities like rice, pulses, vegetables, fish and meat will have to pay 5.0 per cent VAT on commission or service charge the online platforms receive for selling the items online.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/now-online-businesses-to-pay-50pc-vat-on-service-charge-1569174545>

### Cash incentives announced for goods exports under 37 categories

The government on Sunday announced cash incentives against export of products under 37 categories, including one per cent additional special incentive for readymade garment products, for the current fiscal year of 2019-20. The government also included consumer electronics, electrical home and kitchen appliances to the product list for the first time with 10 per cent cash incentive and boosted incentives for a number of products manufactured in economic zones and hi-tech parks. According to a Bangladesh Bank circular issued on Sunday, readymade garment exporters would get one per cent additional special incentive in addition to the 4 per cent cash incentive remained unchanged for this fiscal year for export of new textile and garment products and expanding export of textile items to new markets — markets other than the United States, Canada and the European Union.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/85381/cash-incentives-announced-for-goods-exports-under-37-categories>

### Large groups face difficulty in getting central BINs

Large corporate groups are facing problems in obtaining central business identification number (BIN) for their backward linkage entities as the National Board of Revenue is issuing the central BIN only to the entities engaged in production and supply of similar or identical goods. Field-level value-added tax officials are declining to issue the central BINs to companies having backward linkage units, particularly for printing, packaging and bottling of main products like pharmaceuticals and food items, arguing that packaging materials are not similar or identical goods of main finished goods.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/85380/large-groups-face-difficulty-in-getting-central-bins>

### No response from Facebook, Google, YouTube

The government has failed to bring Facebook, Google, YouTube and other digital platforms under its tax network three months after the

new VAT law came into effect. The new VAT law, which took effect on July 1, made it mandatory for the tech giants to either set up offices in Bangladesh or appoint agents such that the government can collect value-added tax (VAT) on the advertisements made on their platforms by local firms. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) took the issue very seriously and sought help from the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) to ensure that the three social media giants set up shop in Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/bangladesh-fail-to-bring-facebook-google-youtube-under-new-vat-law-1803973>

### **Depot tariff now 10pc from Oct 01**

The Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) has cut down the proposed tariff for using private container depots by 2.0 percentage points to 10 per cent. The fresh tariff will take effect from October 01. At a meeting convened on Sunday, it fixed 10 per cent tariff for the services provided by 18 privately-owned depots that handle both export and import.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/depot-tariff-now-10pc-from-oct-01-1569173900>

### **Bank & NBF**

#### **BB's new policy to increase banks' investment**

The central bank has announced a fresh policy for providing temporary liquidity support to the scheduled banks for boosting their investment in the country's ailing capital market. Under the new policy, the banks will be eligible to invest such liquidity only in their own portfolios or the portfolios of their subsidiaries as loan, according to a notification, issued by the Bangladesh Bank (BB) on Sunday. The banks, interested to avail such temporary liquidity support from the central bank, will have to open separate beneficiary owners (BO) accounts afresh in this connection. The banks concerned will be allowed to enjoy such liquidity support with their treasury bills (T-bills) and bonds using repo (repurchase agreement) mechanism.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bbs-new-policy-to-increase-banks-investment-1569173681>

### **Telecom**

#### **Number of mobile phone subscribers reaches over 160m**

The total number of mobile phone subscribers stood at 162.583 million till August, as per data by telephone regulators. Among them, Grameen Phone Ltd (GP) has the highest 75.619 million subscribers while Robi Axiata Limited (Robi) has 47.760 million subscribers, according to Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC). Banglalink Digital Communications Limited has 34.817 million subscribers and Teletalk Bangladesh Ltd (Teletalk) has 4.387 million subscribers.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/number-of-mobile-phone-subscribers-reaches-over-160m-1569155727>

## Fuel & Power

### IOCs seek lower tax, flexible terms

International oil companies have sought contractual flexibility, including corporate tax benefits and reserve-based pricing in the next round of bidding for hydrocarbon exploration. But some firms preferred to keep mum during their talks with state-run Petrobangla over the past week. Petrobangla arranged the discussions with the interested energy firms to get their views on the benefits offered in the freshly-minted production sharing contracts before the next bidding round. The IOCs that have shown interest include the ExxonMobil of the United States, BP of the United Kingdom, POSCO of South Korea and PTTEP of Thailand, and a new Japanese oil and gas company.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/iocs-seek-lower-tax-flexible-terms-1569174205>

## Stock

### Subscription of Ashuganj Power bonds opens today

The public subscription for bonds of Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd will open today (Monday), aiming to raise Tk 1.0 billion from the capital market. The name of the bond is "APSCCL Non-Convertible and Fully Redeemable Coupon Bearing Bond" and the company will raise capital by issuing bonds through initial public offering (IPO). On July 2 last, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) approved the company's proposal for raising a capital worth Tk 1.0 billion through issuing bond. The will issue total 200,000 bonds of Tk 5000 each.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/subscription-of-ashuganj-power-bonds-opens-today-1569166791>

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