

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,845.09
% change	-0.71%
DS30 Index	1,687.78
% change	-0.80%
DSES Index	1,123.93
% change	-0.44%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,955.39
Turnover (USD mn)	58.99
% change	-15.34%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,310
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	39.40
% change	-15.85%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	29,263.48
% change	-0.75%
Nikkei 225	25,527.37
% change	-0.42%
FTSE 100	6,351.45
% change	+0.27%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.80
EUR	100.55
GBP	112.67
INR	1.14

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
19-Nov-2020	1.00-5.25	1.83
18-Nov-2020	1.00-5.25	1.87

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	45.04	+0.18%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,873.62	+0.14%
Cotton, USD/lb	72.94	-0.03%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

Cargo handling at Ctg port rises to seven-month high as import picks up

Bangladesh's global trade pulled itself out of the debris left in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic aided domestic consumption, taking the volume of cargoes handled by the Chattogram port in October to a seven-month high. The improvement came in the last four months to October, compensating for a drastic fall when the pandemic was at its peak in Bangladesh.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/cargo-handling-ctg-port-rises-seven-month-high-import-picks-1999577>

Exports to EU made cheaper

The state-owned Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) has reduced the service charges under the registered exporter system of the European Union following the demand from apparel makers. The EPB re-fixed the rate of service charges to the latter for the verification of documents under REX to Tk 250, including VAT and income tax. Earlier, the state agency had decided that the registered exporters would have to pay Tk 375 to the EPB against each consignment of goods to be exported to the EU.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/exports-to-eu-made-cheaper-1606066525>

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/122327/epb-reduces-rex-fee-for-rmg-export-to-eu>

Fuel and Power

Bapex adds 20mmcf gas to grid next week

State-run Bapex has successfully done workover of onshore Srikail-4 gas well and initiated on test basis the gas flow at around 20 mmcf, which is about three-folds of its previous production. Bangladesh Petroleum Exploration and Production Company Ltd, or Bapex, is planning to supply the new gas to the national grid from next week. Previously Srikail-4 was supplying around 8.0 million cubic feet per day, or mmcf, of gas with around 600 psi before starting of the workover in August this year. With the new gas, Srikail gas field's overall production will double to around 40 mmcf.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/bapex-adds-20mmcf-gas-to-grid-next-week-1606066295>

Telecommunication

Telecom cos seek tax cut to make internet access affordable

Chief executive officers (CEOs) of the country's telecom operator companies have urged the government to cut corporate income tax so that the industry can provide internet access to common people at an affordable rate. They argued that there is a clear digital divide which is a barrier to transform the country into digital Bangladesh and said the digital divide would not go unless a favourable regulator and tax regime is established. The licences are very restrictive in Bangladesh while taxes and spectrum prices are

unreasonably high.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/telecom-cos-look-tax-cut-to-make-internet-access-affordable-1606066141>

Capital Market

BSEC seeks info on unclaimed funds from stockbrokers, merchant banks

The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has asked all stockbrokers and merchant banks to provide information about investors' unclaimed cash and shares. The bourses and BMBA were asked to submit the report within 15 working days. There are 240 stock brokers on the DSE and 142 on the CSE with 63 merchant banks on the capital market.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/122329/bsec-seeks-info-on-unclaimed-funds-from-stockbrokers-merchant-banks>

Stock

EBL's profits double

Eastern Bank's profits almost doubled year-on-year in the July-September quarter despite lower interest income amid the coronavirus pandemic. Analysis of the quarter shows that the listed lender's profits had soared 92 per cent to Tk 138.05 crore in the quarter. Similar net profit comparison of the past nine months shows that it has risen 28 per cent, well over the industry's 3.49 per cent. The bank's profits rose riding on its higher income from stock market investments, investment in government securities, and lower provisioning.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ebls-profits-double-1999581>

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