

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,077.29
% change	-0.01%
DS30 Index	1,816.70
% change	0.11%
DSES Index	1,160.82
% change	-0.34%
Turnover (BDT mn)	3,805.99
Turnover (USD mn)	45.31
% change	20.04%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,795
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	45.18
% change	0.07%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,860.20
% change	0.29%
Nikkei 225	21,643.53
% change	0.51%
FTSE 100	7,549.56
% change	0.25%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	94.26
GBP	105.12
INR	1.22

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
22-July-2019	1.00-5.00	3.02
22-July-2019	0.85-5.00	2.24

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	63.32	+0.22%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,422.29	-0.25%
Cotton, USD/lb	64.14	-0.28%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

Govt borrowing from banks more than doubled last fiscal

The government borrowing from the banking system more than doubled in the outgoing fiscal year (FY) to partly finance its budget deficit. Its borrowing from the banking system rose to Tk 264.46 billion as on June 30 last from Tk 117.31 billion in the same period of the previous fiscal. The bank borrowing of the government, however, was lower than both original and revised targets for FY 2018-19, they added. Earlier, the government slashed its bank borrowing target to Tk 308.95 billion for the FY '19 from the original target at Tk 420.29 billion, according to the budget documents.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/govt-borrowing-from-banks-more-than-doubled-last-fiscal-1563990976>

Private sector credit growth hits 6-yr low

Private sector credit growth hit 6-year low in June this year amid rising liquidity crisis in the country's banking sector due to soaring non-performing loans and poor deposit growth. As per the latest Bangladesh Bank data, the private sector credit growth slumped to 11.29 per cent in June, well below the BB target to reach 16.5 per cent credit growth by the month. The growth rate in June was the lowest since June, 2013 when it was 11.04 per cent. Private sector credit growth was 12.42 per cent, 12.54 per cent and 12.16 per cent in March, April and May this year respectively. The public sector credit growth, however, soared to 19.15 per cent in June, against the BB monetary policy target of 10.9.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/79542/private-sector-credit-growth-hits-6-yr-low>

Crop insurance under PPP likely from this fiscal year

Crop insurance in haor (wetland) area might begin this fiscal year (FY), 2019-20, under a public-private partnership (PPP) mechanism. In June, the national budget speech in parliament touched on the matter considering crop losses by farmers due to floods and other natural disasters. The state-owned Sadharan Bima Corporation (SBC) earlier conducted a pilot project, funded by the Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB), in three districts.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/crop-insurance-under-ppp-likely-from-this-fiscal-year-1563945895>

Fuel & Power

Govt to buy gas from IOCs at Asian rate

The government will buy gas from international oil companies (IOCs) at the Asian market rate from now, in a departure from its previous stance to purchase it at only fixed rates. The meeting approved the drafts of both onshore and offshore production sharing contracts. The purchase price from onshore IOCs will be about \$6.5 per thousand cubic feet and from offshore IOCs about \$7.25. Under the existing model, the government purchases gas at \$2.9 per cubic feet from onshore IOCs. There is no rate for offshore IOCs, but in the PSC

model used in 2014 the price for offshore IOCs was: \$5 for shallow water and \$6.5 for deep sea.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-buy-gas-iocs-asian-rate-1776580>

Capital Market

BSEC asks DSE to take steps for Coppertech listing

The securities regulator has asked the premier bourse to take steps for the listing of Coppertech Industries as per the section 5(4) of the listing regulations. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) also asked the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) to inform them (regulator) within 10 working days about what steps have been taken for the listing of the company.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bsec-asks-dse-to-take-steps-for-coppertech-listing-1563989339>

Stock

Unique Meghnaghat to build 584MW plant

Bangladesh's largest ever combined cycle power plant of 584 megawatts (MW) fuelled by natural gas is set to be established by Unique Meghnaghat Power at Meghnaghat, Sonargaon in Narayanganj district. Unique, a subsidiary of the Unique Hotel and Resorts, yesterday signed an array of agreements with Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB), the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh, and Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited to set up the largest independent power producer (IPP) project. With the BPDB, a 22-year power purchase agreement (PPA) was signed while implementation and gas supply agreements were inked with the government and Titas respectively.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/unique-meghnaghat-build-584mw-plant-1776601>

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