

Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,752.65
% change	-0.41%
DS30 Index	1,668.36
% change	-0.40%
DSES Index	1,090.86
% change	-0.50%
Turnover (BDT mn)	2,570.81
Turnover (USD mn)	30.60
% change	-20.33%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,594
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	42.79
% change	-0.47%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,958.06
% change	+0.57%
Nikkei 225	22,861.59
% change	+0.27%
FTSE 100	7,324.47
% change	-0.05%

Source: Bloomberg

Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.93
EUR	94.13
GBP	108.87
INR	1.20

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
24-Oct-2019	3.00-5.50	4.31
23-Oct-2019	3.00-5.50	4.50

Source: Bangladesh Bank

Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	61.92	+0.16%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,504.38	-0.02%
Cotton, USD/lb	64.92	+0.03%

Source: Bloomberg

Economy

Private sector credit witnesses steady growth

Despite the fall in import and export businesses, the private sector witnessed a 10.66 percent year-on-year credit growth in September this year, slightly down from 10.7 percent in the previous month. The banking sector also remains comfortable with the liquidity position. Private sector credit growth is yet far below the monetary target of 13.20 percent set for December this year, with total credit to the sector amounting to Tk1,070,000 crore in September, according to Bangladesh Bank data released on Sunday. "There is no liquidity crisis in the banking system, but banks are shy about lending due to slow loan recovery amid a huge rescheduling spree," said Md Arfan Ali, managing director of Bank Asia.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/88762/transactions-grow-by-137pc-in-july-sept>

FTA with US to benefit BD

Bangladesh looks to sign a free trade area (FTA) deal with the United States as it failed to get restored the generalised system of preferences (GSP) facility. The Bangladesh Tariff Commission (BTC) has recently studied the pros and cons and found that the country could reap financial benefits of such a deal, officials said. "The study shows that an FTA with the United States to trade in goods will be beneficial to us," a senior BTC official told the FE on Sunday. He said Bangladesh's main exportable, apparel, enters the US market by paying a 15-per cent duty on average which makes it less competitive.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/automation-cuts-sales-60pc-1572024803>

IFC supports BB to promote domestic green bond mkt

International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, in partnership with Bangladesh Bank, identified steps to promote the domestic green bond market in Bangladesh as a way to mobilise capital for climate-related initiatives. A joint study, funded by the Swedish government, assessed the potential for a domestic green bond market in Bangladesh. "Enabling actions are required from government agencies and regulatory authorities as well as longer term strategies to deepen Bangladesh's green financial sector and to align it with both the country's nationally determined contributions (NDCs) and broader development strategies," said a statement.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/stock-corporate/ifc-supports-bb-to-promote-domestic-green-bond-mkt-1572195548>

Govt may reopen talks with QatarGas, OTI next month

The government seeks to renegotiate with the suppliers of Qatar and Oman to trim down import costs of fuel following a drastic fall in its prices on the spot market. The energy ministry is planning to reinstate talks over price cuts after neighbouring India had succeeded

in lowering the prices of long-term LNG import following renegotiations with Qatar, USA and Russian LNG (liquefied natural gas) suppliers. The Energy and Mineral Resources Division under the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources is expected to reopen negotiations with QatarGas and Oman Trading International (OTI) from next month, a senior Petrobangla official told the FE.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/public/first-page/govt-may-reopen-talks-with-qatargas-oti-next-month-1572197429>

Textile

BGMEA wants Tk 649cr loan waiver for 133 factories

The Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association on Sunday demanded exemption from repayment of at least Tk 649 crore in principal amount of loans and interests for 133 'sick' readymade garment factories. BGMEA president Rubana Huq at a meeting with finance minister AHM Mustafa Kamal at his office in Bangladesh secretariat in Dhaka also demanded payout of 1 per cent special cash incentive without imposing any condition. In the budget for the this financial year 2019-20, the government announced 1 per cent cash incentive for RMG exporters but the Bangladesh Bank imposed some conditions to avail the benefit. Earlier, the BGMEA president placed before the finance minister a charter of demand that included waiver from repayment of loans for 'sick' industries and rescheduling facility for small and medium factories.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/89004/bgmea-wants-tk-649cr-loan-waiver-for-133-factories>

E-commerce

E-commerce transactions soar by 54pc in FY19

E-commerce transactions through the banking channel increased by 54.26 per cent or Tk 508 crore in last fiscal year 2018-2019 compared with that in the previous fiscal year as customers became used to shopping through e-commerce sites. As per the Bangladesh Bank data released on Sunday, e-commerce in terms of value through the banking channel increased to Tk 1,441.1 crore in FY19 from Tk 936.1 crore in FY18. However, transactions through the banking channel constitute a minor part of the total e-commerce transactions as the majority of e-commerce and f-commerce businesses and the customers still prefer cash-on-delivery mode of payment.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/89003/e-commerce-transactions-soar-by-54pc-in-fy19>

Others

Undervest exporters to get 4pc cash incentive

The Bangladesh Bank on Sunday announced 4 per cent cash incentive against export of undervest from the country. A BB circular issued on the day said that undervest would be included in the list of handloom items for which the central bank earlier announced 4 per cent export cash incentive. Undervest exporters would be entitled to avail 4 per cent cash incentive for the period between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020, said the central bank. In another circular, the BB clarified that the C-type

industries owned by local entrepreneurs and located in hi-tech parks and economic zones would get cash incentive irrespective of export destination.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/89007/undervest-exporters-to-get-4pc-cash-incentive>

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