

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,421.62
% change	-0.16%
DS30 Index	1,929.09
% change	0.22%
DSES Index	1,244.69
% change	-0.09%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,697.54
Turnover (USD mn)	55.92
% change	-9.20%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,998
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	47.60
% change	-0.16%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,536.82
% change	-0.04%
Nikkei 225	21,338.17
% change	1.19%
FTSE 100	7,386.22
% change	-0.41%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	96.09
GBP	107.29
INR	1.23

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range	Weighted Average (%)
30-June-2019	3.75-5.00	4.54
27-June-2019	3.75-5.00	4.52

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	64.89	-0.26%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,388.82	0.33%
Cotton, USD/lb	66.81	-0.24%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### Trade with China trebles in a decade

Bilateral trade between Bangladesh and China trebled to nearly \$12 billion in the past decade thanks to the soaring imports by industrialists and businesses. Trade between the two nations, which was \$3.51 billion in 2008-09, rose to \$12.38 billion in 2017-18. And in the first nine months of the just concluded fiscal year trade stood at about \$11 billion, with the balance heavily tilted towards China. Analysts and entrepreneurs said Bangladesh gets duty-free access for nearly 5,000 items but businesses cannot take full advantage of the opportunity owing to the country's small export basket.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/trade-china-trebles-decade-1765534>

### Banks to transfer incentive to accounts of remitters

Banks will transfer incentive to the bank accounts of remitters or their beneficiaries like they do in case of exporters as the maiden budget allocation for the hard-working migrant workers became available. A finance ministry official told The Daily Star that it would send a guideline to the central bank regarding the incentive on remittance. For the first time, the government has introduced an incentive, which is 2 percent, on the money remitted by expatriate Bangladeshis with a view to encouraging the inflow of remittance through legal channels. The government has allocated Tk 3,060 crore for the purpose in the current fiscal year. Banks will pay an additional 2 percent to the remitters when they disburse the money to the bank accounts of the recipients.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/banks-transfer-incentive-accounts-remitters-1765522>

## Bank & NBFIs

### Operating profits of PCBs rise despite NPLs

Operating profits of the country's private commercial banks (PCBs) showed an upturn in the first six months (H1) of this calendar year (2019) although the volume of classified loans in the banking sector is on the rise. Of 40 PCBs, 19 marked an upward trend in operating profits, while no bank witnessed downturn, according to provisional data for the six-month period from January to June. Un-audited operating profits, however, do not indicate the actual financial position of the banks, as they have to leave aside funds for provisioning bad debts and taxes payable to the government.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/operating-profits-of-pcb-rose-despite-npls-1562003899>

### MFS transactions hit record high

Transactions through the mobile financial service platform hit a record Tk 42,236.23 crore in May as discounts offered by the major MFS providers to tempt Eid shoppers to pay through their channel appear to have worked. The amount is an increase of 20.8 percent from the previous month. Eid has surely been a big factor behind the spike in

transactions but there were few other factors as well. The central bank's move in May to increase the MFS transaction limits also seemed to have helped log in the highest number for a single month. At the end of May, the total number of registered MFS accounts reached 7.05 crore, of which 3.21 crore are actively using the service. At the end of April there were only 2.91 crore active accounts.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/mfs-transactions-hit-record-high-1765525>

#### **Fuel & Power**

##### **Tk 11,000cr deal inked for Matarbari power project**

Japan will provide Bangladesh with Tk 11,000 crore for the Matarbari Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Project at Moheshkhali in Cox's Bazaar. The two countries signed Exchange of Notes and loan agreement to this end at a ceremony at Economic Relations Division (ERD) yesterday. The objective of the project is to meet the growing demand of electricity and to ensure stable power supply by installing a 1200 MW (600MW X 2 unit) Ultra Super Critical Coal-Fired Power Plant.

<http://www.theindependentbd.com/post/205499>

#### **Textile**

##### **BGMEA, BKMEA membership must for garment subcontracting factories**

The government has finalised the subcontracting guidelines for the country's readymade garment sector, making it mandatory for the subcontracting factories to have membership of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association and Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/77193/bgmea-bkmea-membership-must-for-garment-subcontracting-factories>

#### **Capital Market**

##### **BSEC revokes mandatory listing provisions for large cap companies**

Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has revoked the mandatory listing provision for companies having paid-up capital above Tk50 crore, squeezing scopes for bringing in more large corporations in the stock market. Experts and market operators have said the latest decision will further squeeze entries of local large companies in the capital market.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/stock/2019/07/01/bsec-revokes-mandatory-listing-provisions-for-large-cap-companies>

#### **Stocks**

##### **Remit EIs' subscription money into account of Coppertech**

The securities regulator has suggested remitting the subscription money of eligible investors (EIs) into the account of much-talked-about Coppertech Industries Ltd. The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) made the suggestion in a letter to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Sunday. The BSEC suggestion came at a time when the DSE is awaiting the FRC's (Financial Reporting Council) report on the accounting standards followed in preparing the financial statement of the

Coppertech Industries. The DSE has not yet approved the company's listing proposal and has urged the securities regulator to extend the timeframe for its listing until the dissemination of the FRC's report.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/last-page/remit-eis-subscription-money-into-account-of-coppertech-1562004798>

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