

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	4,933.18
% change	-1.51%
DS30 Index	1,736.19
% change	-1.25%
DSES Index	1,155.49
% change	-1.20%
Turnover (BDT mn)	5,024.28
Turnover (USD mn)	59.81
% change	23.43%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,697
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	44.01
% change	-1.34%

Source: Dhaka Stock Exchange

## International market snapshot

	Last closing
Dow Jones Industrial Average	26,909.43
% change	0.28%
Nikkei 225	21,597.76
% change	0.96%
FTSE 100	7,326.44
% change	0.80%

Source: Bloomberg

## Exchange rate

Currency	BDT
USD	84.50
EUR	93.32
GBP	103.36
INR	1.18

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range (%)	Weighted Average (%)
09-Sep-2019	4.00-5.50	5.03
08-Sep-2019	4.50-5.50	5.04

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	61.21	+0.66%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,494.03	-0.21%
Cotton, USD/lb	59.72	+0.59%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### Source-tax on bank deposits up 16.18pc in FY 2019

The collection of tax at source from bank depositors posted a gain in fiscal year (FY) 2018-19, showing 16.18-per cent growth over that of the corresponding period in FY '18. This rise in the source-tax collection is attributable to an increase in the number of bank depositors and the rate of interest. The National Board of Revenue (NBR) collected Tk 65.77 billion in taxes at source in FY 2018-19 compared to that of Tk 56.61 billion in FY 2017-18. It received tax at a rate of 10 per cent on the interest income of the bank depositors having a taxpayer identification number (TIN). However, the rate of tax at source is 15 per cent in the case of depositors having no TIN. The bank deposits amounting to Tk 0.1 million or less are required to pay source-tax at 10 per cent.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/source-tax-on-bank-deposits-up-1618pc-in-fy-2019-1568223365>

### Export earning from jute falls slightly

Export earnings from jute have fallen significantly due to devaluation of the dollar in the global market, the US-China trade war, the absence of a strategic marketing strategy and the high cost of raw jute production. According to the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB), jute and jute goods fetched USD 130.57 million in the July-August period of FY2019-20, down from USD131.14 million recorded during the same period in FY2018-19. This marks a negative growth of 0.43 per cent.

<http://www.theindependentbd.com/post/215044>

## Bank & NBFIs

### BB extends Tk2,183cr liquidity support to nine commercial banks

Nine commercial banks received Tk2,183 crore liquidity support from Bangladesh Bank (BB) in the last couple of days. The central bank said the liquidity support was provided at 6% flat annual interest rate under the REPO (Repurchase Agreement) facility. In separate REPO auctions, seven primary dealer (PD) banks received Tk1,791.77 crore and two non-PD banks received Tk391.87 crores.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/2019/09/12/bb-extends-tk2-183cr-liquidity-support-to-nine-commercial-banks>

### Banks asked to deduct 5pc source tax on saving tools up to Tk 5 lakh

Bangladesh Bank asked all scheduled banks operating in the country to take necessary steps on deduction of source tax at the rate of 5 per cent on interest income from investment on savings instruments worth up to Tk 5 lakh with effect from August 28. The National Board of Revenue on August 28 issued a gazette notification slashing the tax from 10 per cent imposed in the budget for the current fiscal year 2019-2020.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/84220/banks-asked-to-deduct-5pc-source-tax-on-saving-tools-up-to-tk-5-lakh>

## **BB to give banks euro loans from reserves**

Bangladesh Bank is set to give loans to local banks' offshore banking units (OBU) to offset the negative returns that it now gets for its liquid euro assets -- a move that can be viewed as making the best out of a bad situation. Interest rates went negative in the eurozone in June 2014 and the European Central Bank is widely expected to lower the negative interest rates even further today. At present, the Euro Interbank Offered Rate (Euribor) ranges from -0.358 percent to -0.452 percent. Meanwhile, OBUs of domestic banks have borrowed from banks in the eurozone at 2-5 percent interest rate, and the interest payments are counted as outflows of foreign exchange from Bangladesh. As of June, €412 million has been borrowed by local banks' OBUs from the eurozone.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/bangladesh-bank-give-banks-euro-loans-reserves-1798756>

## **PM opens Community Bank**

Community Bank Bangladesh yesterday began its journey with a view to reaching out the growth centres across the country. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina opened the bank, owned by Bangladesh Police Welfare Trust. The bank commenced the business operation of its branch in Gulshan. Five more branches will be set up within a month and a half.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/pm-opens-community-bank-1798753>

## **Telecom**

### **BTRC to issue VSAT licences for utilisation of country's own satellite**

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission has drafted guidelines on granting licences to operate VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) for providing internet connectivity by using satellite, a very expensive technology for the use of internet connectivity. Before the installation of the country's first submarine cable in May, 2006, the country was fully dependent on the VAST-based internet connectivity. However, the country has phased out the VSAT-based internet connections, except a few, taking security concern into consideration.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/84221/btrc-to-issue-vsate-licences-for-utilisation-of-countrys-own-satellite>

## **Capital Market**

### **Bourses extend trading suspension period**

Country's bourses have extended the suspension period of trading of shares of People's Leasing and Financial Services Limited (PLFSL) for another 15 days. The management of the Dhaka Stock Exchange and the Chittagong Stock Exchange have extended the suspension period 15 days more effective from Thursday. It was the third time the bourses extended the suspension period of trading of shares of the company as the company is under liquidation process.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/bourses-extend-trading-suspension-period-1568221902>

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