

## Bangladesh market snapshot

	Last closing
DSEX Index	5,133.93
% change	0.01%
DS30 Index	1,839.54
% change	0.18%
DSES Index	1,176.48
% change	0.23%
Turnover (BDT mn)	4,060.00
Turnover (USD mn)	48.33
% change	-13.23%
Market Capitalization (BDT bn)	3,847
Market Capitalization (USD bn)	45.80
% 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	94.04
GBP	104.65
INR	1.23

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Money Market

Date	Call Money Rate Range	Weighted Average (%)
25-July-2019	2.75-5.00	4.39
24-July-2019	1.75-5.00	3.67

Source: Bangladesh Bank

## Commodities

	Price	% Change
Brent Crude (Oil), USD/bbl	63.25	-0.33%
Gold Spot, USD/t oz	1,420.66	+0.12%
Cotton, USD/lb	63.46	-1.67%

Source: Bloomberg

## Economy

### Monetary policy to beef up capital mkt

The central bank is set to unveil its first half-yearly (H1) monetary policy for the current fiscal year, 2019-20, on Wednesday, with the policy rates likely to remain unchanged. The monetary instrument is also expected to continue its policy support for the country's moribund stock market. The policy rates, including CRR (cash reserve requirement), SLR (statutory liquidity ratio), Repo and Reverse Repo, may remain unchanged for H1 of FY'20. The central bank is also finalising the next MPS giving priority to employment generation through boosting investments in the productive sectors.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/monetary-policy-to-beef-up-capital-mkt-1564335013>

### Tk 10b non-concessional loans await approval

More than Tk 10 billion worth of two non-concessional foreign loans for two projects awaits approval from the government's highest committee concerned. The loans would be used in Sreepur 150-MW HFO (heavy fuel oil)-based Power Plant Project and Panguchi River Bridge Project in Bagerhat district. The total engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) cost of the power plant project is euro 68,890,974.00 and over Tk 2.06 billion.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/tk-10b-non-concessional-loans-await-approval-1564332086>

### BFIDC to set up factory in Ctg to export furniture

A move is underway to set up a state-of-the-art export-oriented furniture factory in the country with Saudi investment. The factory will be set up at Kalurghat in Chattogram on a land of the Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation (BFIDC) under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The BFIDC will supply raw materials from its rubber gardens for manufacturing modern furniture in the plant. The BFIDC has 17 rubber gardens on 36,654 acres of land in Chattogram, Sylhet, Tangail and Sherpur districts.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade-market/bfidc-to-set-up-factory-in-ctg-to-export-furniture-1564332200>

### Technical glitch makes VAT registration uncertain

Businesses are facing difficulties to get registered with the VAT net after technical glitch in the server even as the July 31 deadline looms. A number of businessmen have complained to the VAT offices that they cannot get access to the server to obtain Business Identification Number (BIN) or re-enter necessary information as asked by the National Board of Revenue (NBR). Currently, there are 166,000 e-BIN holders who have obtained the new VAT registration numbers, known as e-BIN.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/technical-glitch-makes-vat-registration-uncertain-1564335192>

**Export of plastic products rises as new markets emerge**

Shipments of plastic products rose 22 percent year-on-year to \$120 million in fiscal 2018-19, something manufacturers and traders attribute to the emergence of new export destinations. In fiscal 2017-18, the export had seen a 16 percent year-on-year drop when China stopped importing PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottle scrap. New buyers are coming from Europe, particularly Germany-based supermarkets which source household plastic products from Bangladesh, aiding the export rise. Currently there are around 100 plastic product manufacturers who also aid export earnings of almost \$800 million per year through direct and indirect backward linkage supplies to different sectors, especially the apparel sector, Jashim Uddin noted.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/export-plastic-products-rises-new-markets-emerge-1778539>

**Insurance****Insurers agree not to give over 15pc commission**

General insurance companies have decided not to provide over 15 percent commission to agents to comply with a regulatory notice issued in 2012. Moreover, they would also stay vigilant to ensure that the peers are compliant. The Insurance Development & Regulatory Authority (Idra) had issued the notice against the backdrop of some insurers going as far as to offer 60 percent.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/insurers-agree-not-give-over-15pc-commission-1778527>

**Telecom****Teletalk to take LG's billion-dollar loan**

The government has decided to take a billion-dollar loan from Korean company LG U+ for expanding Teletalk's network coverage and making the state-run operator's infrastructure 5G compatible. The Korean company has offered \$1.2 billion as loan last year and the proposal was placed before Prime Minister's ICT Affairs Adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy in a meeting recently, where he gave the green signal. The proposal's pros are that Bangladesh will not need to take any sovereign guarantee for the loan and the interest rate is only 3 percent and the tenure of the loan 25 years.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/teletalk-take-lgs-billion-dollar-loan-1778545>

**Tannery****Non-leather footwear: an emerging export frontier**

Non-leather footwear has opened up a new avenue of export opportunity for the country when the second largest export earner after apparel — leather and leather goods — is going through crises over non-compliance issues and the need for product diversification is at its peak. Synthetic footwear and sports shoes have drawn the attention of global buyers and brands and earned \$271.53 million registering a sharp rise by 11.24% in the fiscal year 2018-19. In the FY18, export earnings from the synthetic shoes were \$244 million. On the other hand, leather footwear export

earnings rose by 7.50% to \$608 million, while export earnings from leather and leather goods witnessed a 6.06% negative growth to \$1.01 billion, which was \$1.08 billion in last fiscal year.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/economy/2019/07/28/non-leather-footwear-an-emerging-export-frontier>

## Capital Market

### Coppertech gets DSE listing nod

The country's premier bourse has finally given the go-ahead to enlist the much-anticipated Coppertech Industries. The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) sent a letter to the company on Sunday, approving its listing proposal. The company will make its debut trading very soon on the DSE by completing some formality.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/first-page/coppertech-gets-dse-listing-nod-1564335233>

## Stock

### UCB signs deal with Novoair

The United Commercial Bank Limited (UCB) has signed an agreement with Novoair on the bank premises recently. Under the agreement, All UCB Credit & Debit Cardholders will enjoy 10 per cent discount on base fare of domestic and International tickets.

<http://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/ucb-signs-deal-with-novoair-1564331587>

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