

## Weekly Market Update

### Capital Market Overview

The market closed in red this week. The benchmark index DSEX (-0.70%) lost -37.69 points and closed the week at 5,316.25 points. The blue-chip index DS30 (-1.51%) lost -31.07 points and stood at 2,019.71 points. The Shariah-based index DSES (-0.64%) lost -6.90 points and stood at 1,073.66 points. The large cap index CDSET (-1.47%) lost -16.21 points and closed at 1,088.87 points. DSEX, DS30, DSES and CDSET showed YTD returns of +9.27%, +8.97%, +7.29%, +8.37%, respectively.

**Total Turnover During The Week (DSE):** BDT 11.0 billion (USD 90 million)  
**Average Daily Turnover Value (ADTV):** BDT 5.5 billion (Δ% Week: +11.4%)  
**Market P/E:** 15.4x

### Daily Index Movement during the Week

The market performed two sessions this week. It started negatively on Tuesday (-1.29%) but turned positive on Wednesday (+0.59%).

### Sectoral Performance

Financial sectors posted mixed performance this week. Mutual Fund booked the highest gain of 10.51% followed by General Insurance (+2.20%), and Life Insurance (+1.65%). Bank experienced the highest loss of 1.92% followed by NBF1 (-1.70%).

Most of the non-financial (large-cap) sectors registered negative performance this week. Telecommunication experienced the highest loss of 3.14% followed by Fuel & Power (-0.79%), Food & Allied (-0.63%), Pharmaceutical (-0.36%), and Engineering (+0.32%).

### Macroeconomic Arena

Bangladesh raises jet fuel price by around 80%. Remittance inflow surges to USD 2.8 Bn in 23 days of March. Bangladesh expects \$1.3b IMF instalment in July. Ctg Port handles 2.5m tonnes of cargo, 55,000 TEUs during Eid holidays. Ordinance placed in parliament destined to embrace demise. Trade deals, LDC deferment top agenda at WTO summit. Bangladesh faces \$4.8b surge in annual energy import bill. Oil rises as markets assess supply risks after Iran denies US talks. Oil prices plunge after Trump says US, Iran discussing deal to end hostilities. Middle East conflict putting pressure on Bangladesh economy: Khasru. IMF delegation due March 23, next tranche likely in June. Remittances surge ahead of Eid despite tensions.

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### Stock Market Arena

EXCHANGE | Most listed firms pay less than 5% dividends for FY25. EXCHANGE | Delays in MF conversion, liquidation trap investors' funds. MKFOOTWEAR | MK Footwear secures \$10m export deal with Chinese firm. GP | Grameenphone forecasts Q1 revenue dip amid Middle East tensions. IDLC | IDLC Finance profit up 21pc on higher investment returns. RUNNERAUTO | Runner Automobiles ties up with China's BYD in EV push. PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank FinTech gets nod from Central Bank to operate MFS. SSSTEEL | Eastern Bank seizes SS Steel chairman's Banani house over BDT 1.12 Bn default. REGULATOR | BSEC launches probe into 4 intermediaries over market irregularities. BIFC | Bangladesh Industrial Finance shares surge 633% since 14 Jan. EXCHANGE | Mamun Agro seeks promotion to DSE main board from SME platform.

## DSEX ended in Red (-0.70%) in the week

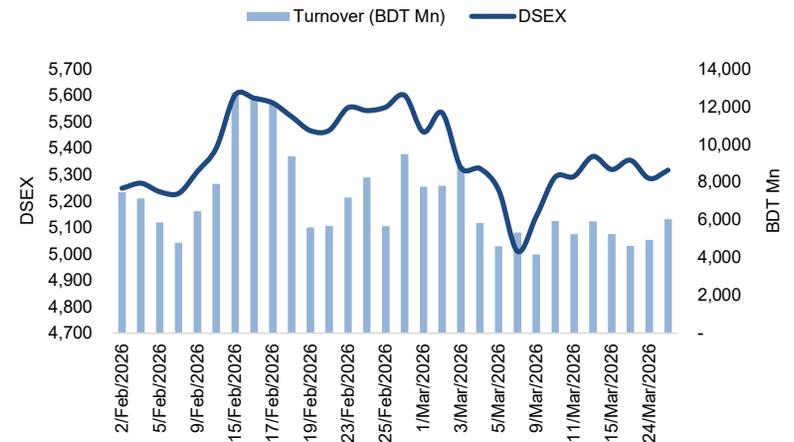
Table 1: Index

Index	Closing*	Opening*	Δ(Pts)	30-Dec-2025	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
DSEX	5,316.25	5,353.94	-37.69	4,865.34	-0.70%	9.27%
DS30	2,019.71	2,050.78	-31.07	1,853.54	-1.51%	8.97%
DSES	1,073.66	1,080.56	-6.90	1,000.72	-0.64%	7.29%
CDSET	1,088.87	1,105.08	-16.21	1,004.81	-1.47%	8.37%

Table 2: Market Statistics

		This Week	Last Week	% Change
Mcap	Mn BDT	6,981,725	7,065,382	-1.18%
	Mn USD	57,073	57,757	
Turnover	Mn BDT	10,963	9,839	11.43%
	Mn USD	90	80	
Average Daily Turnover	Mn BDT	5,481	4,919	11.43%
	Mn USD	45	40	
Volume	Mn Shares	639	477	34.10%

Figure 1: DSEX & Turnover in Last Four Weeks



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**Table 3: Top Ten Gainers**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ABB1STMF	3.6	3.0	+20.0%	861	109.5	NM	0.4x
IFIC1STMF	3.6	3.0	+20.0%	656	38.8	NM	0.4x
HFL	11.2	9.4	+19.1%	1,020	23.4	NM	0.4x
RUNNERAUTO	40.4	34.1	+18.5%	4,587	191.5	26.4x	0.6x
POPULAR1MF	3.3	2.8	+17.9%	987	51.4	NM	0.4x
PHPMF1	3.3	2.8	+17.9%	930	38.7	NM	0.4x
EBLNRBMF	3.3	2.8	+17.9%	740	46.9	NM	0.4x
FBFIF	3.4	2.9	+17.2%	2,639	23.8	NM	0.4x
TRUSTB1MF	3.4	2.9	+17.2%	1,032	32.2	NM	0.4x
1JANATAMF	3.4	2.9	+17.2%	986	44.7	NM	0.4x

**Table 4: Top Ten Losers**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
FAREASTFIN	3.3	3.7	-15.4%	541	13.2	NM	NM
FASFIN	3.2	3.7	-13.5%	477	22.1	NM	NM
PLFSL	3.3	3.8	-13.2%	942	35.1	NM	NM
TUNGHAI	3.7	4.2	-11.9%	395	10.7	NM	NM
FAMILYTEX	3.8	4.3	-11.6%	1,346	72.6	NM	0.3x
ILFSL	3.5	3.9	-10.3%	776	28.3	NM	NM
BAYLEASING	5.4	5.9	-8.5%	761	15.7	NM	NM
METROSPIN	9.9	10.8	-8.3%	611	8.4	NM	2.5x
REGENTTEX	4.6	5.0	-8.0%	592	4.0	NM	0.2x
PREMIERLEA	3.6	3.9	-7.7%	479	16.2	NM	NM

**Table 5: Top Ten Most Traded Shares**

Company Name	Close*	Open*	Δ%	Mcap**	Turnover**	PE	PB
ACMEPL	19.2	17.2	+11.6%	2,592	373.5	NM	1.2x
BRACBANK	71.4	75.3	-5.2%	142,152	323.5	9.1x	1.4x
CITYBANK	31.3	31.8	-1.6%	47,614	256.5	3.6x	0.8x
SAPORTL	48.7	49.2	-1.0%	11,535	253.8	21.4x	1.4x
INTECH	40.4	42.6	-5.2%	1,265	247.6	NM	NM
ORIONINFU	359.6	359.8	-0.1%	7,321	229.9	NM	22.6x
SEAPEARL	40.8	40.5	+0.7%	4,927	227.8	NM	2.9x
ROBI	30.1	31.7	-5.0%	157,662	219.4	16.8x	2.3x
DOMINAGE	41.6	39.1	+6.4%	4,268	199.0	NM	2.4x
RUNNERAUTO	40.4	34.1	+18.5%	4,587	191.5	26.4x	0.6x

**Table 6: Most Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
ACTIVEFINE	7.7	+40.0%	1,848	NM	0.3x
CONFIDCEM	64.2	+30.5%	5,537	5.3x	0.7x
CITYBANK	31.3	+28.3%	47,614	3.6x	0.8x
BBSCABLES	19.1	+25.7%	4,044	NM	0.7x
LANKABAFIN	15.4	+25.2%	8,298	38.5x	0.8x
ISLAMIBANK	40.9	+24.7%	65,849	NM	0.9x
SHASHADNIM	19.3	+23.7%	2,722	20.1x	0.5x
BARKAPOWER	8.2	+22.4%	1,931	7.7x	0.4x
BANKASIA	22.1	+21.4%	28,343	5.4x	0.8x
HEIDELBCEM	248.2	+14.9%	14,024	50.0x	3.3x

\*BDT

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**Table 7: Sector Indices**

Sector Name	Week Close*	Week Open*	Year Open*	Δ% Week	Δ% YTD
Bank	1,570.1	1,600.9	1,367.20	-1.92%	+14.84%
NBFI	1,012.3	1,029.9	860.23	-1.70%	+17.68%
Mutual Fund	554.2	501.5	478.27	+10.51%	+15.87%
General Insurance	3,132.6	3,065.2	2,879.11	+2.20%	+8.80%
Life Insurance	1,879.6	1,849.1	1,691.42	+1.65%	+11.13%
Telecommunication	4,429.9	4,573.4	4,431.51	-3.14%	-0.04%
Pharmaceutical	2,987.0	2,997.7	2,764.29	-0.36%	+8.06%
Fuel & Power	1,049.6	1,057.9	996.11	-0.79%	+5.37%
Cement	1,977.7	1,992.6	1,739.18	-0.75%	+13.72%
Services & Real Estate	1,035.6	1,039.9	949.82	-0.42%	+9.03%
Engineering	2,420.8	2,413.1	2,290.78	+0.32%	+5.67%
Food & Allied	12,500.6	12,580.2	12,942.72	-0.63%	-3.42%
IT	1,887.9	1,902.6	1,703.25	-0.78%	+10.84%
Textile	1,138.8	1,149.2	1,060.76	-0.91%	+7.36%
Paper & Printing	4,619.5	4,627.0	4,485.61	-0.16%	+2.98%
Tannery	1,919.3	1,895.3	1,806.05	+1.26%	+6.27%
Jute	10,960.3	10,867.9	11,805.57	+0.85%	-7.16%
Ceramics	410.1	402.7	370.10	+1.84%	+10.81%
Miscellaneous	3,923.4	3,933.2	3,881.56	-0.25%	+1.08%

**Table 8: Sector Trading Matrix**

Sector Name	Daily Avg this Week	Daily Avg last Week	% Change	% of Total Turnover	PE	PB
Bank	690.8	758.8	-8.95%	+13.08%	10.3x	0.8x
NBFI	180.5	231.7	-22.09%	+3.42%	NM	1.0x
Mutual Fund	411.1	60.8	+576.17%	+7.78%	NM	0.5x
General Insurance	254.1	154.7	+64.24%	+4.81%	14.4x	1.3x
Life Insurance	231.9	144.9	+60.08%	+4.39%	NM	NM
Telecommunication	141.1	130.5	+8.14%	+2.67%	12.6x	3.6x
Pharmaceutical	628.8	650.5	-3.33%	+11.91%	11.8x	1.5x
Fuel & Power	189.4	183.2	+3.36%	+3.59%	9.4x	0.6x
Cement	78.2	57.1	+36.93%	+1.48%	18.5x	2.1x
Services & Real Estate	282.6	292.4	-3.35%	+5.35%	20.2x	0.4x
Engineering	691.1	418.1	+65.30%	+13.08%	15.3x	0.8x
Food & Allied	312.8	326.1	-4.07%	+5.92%	32.8x	3.5x
IT	283.6	304.7	-6.95%	+5.37%	27.9x	1.5x
Textile	452.8	496.2	-8.74%	+8.57%	NM	0.8x
Paper & Printing	109.6	81.1	+35.13%	+2.07%	NM	1.3x
Tannery	41.0	31.9	+28.77%	+0.78%	NM	1.4x
Jute	5.4	5.6	-4.17%	+0.10%	NM	NM
Ceramics	121.1	85.2	+42.21%	+2.29%	NM	1.2x
Miscellaneous	175.3	214.0	-18.07%	+3.32%	88.7x	1.7x

**Table 9: Least Appreciated YTD in BRAC EPL Universe**

Company Name	Close*	YTD %Δ	Mcap**	PE	PB
BATBC	227.2	-8.6%	122,688	21.0x	2.2x
UCB	9.7	-6.7%	15,039	NM	0.4x
GP	248.2	-3.8%	335,144	11.3x	6.0x
DOREENPWR	26.9	-3.2%	4,872	6.4x	0.5x
MJLBD	89.3	-1.3%	28,286	10.4x	1.7x
UNILEVERCL	2,154.3	+0.2%	41,523	52.3x	18.5x
SQUARETEXT	48.6	+0.2%	9,586	9.3x	0.9x
BERGERPBL	1,403.8	+1.4%	68,935	20.7x	3.7x
ESQUIRENIT	20.6	+1.5%	2,779	NM	0.3x
WALTONHIL	382.7	+1.5%	127,524	11.4x	1.1x

## Important News: Business, Economy & Sector

### Bangladesh raises jet fuel price by around 80%

- Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) has raised the price of jet fuel for domestic flights to BDT 202.29 per litre from BDT 112.41.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/bangladesh-raises-jet-fuel-price-by-around-80-%>

### Remittance inflow surges to USD 2.8 Bn in 23 days of March

- Bangladesh's remittance inflows have maintained a powerful upward trajectory during Eid-UI Fitr, recording a robust 7.4% monthly growth in 23 days of March 2026, compared to the same period last year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/remittance-inflow-surges-to-28-bn-in-23-days-of-march>

### Bangladesh expects \$1.3b IMF instalment in July

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury said that the government expects to receive the next instalment of USD 1.3 Bn from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) by July.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/bangladesh-expects-13b-imf-installment-july-finance-minister-1392931>

### Ctg Port handles 2.5m tonnes of cargo, 55,000 TEUs during Eid holidays

- Despite a nationwide holiday for financial institutions, operations at the Chittagong Port Authority continued largely uninterrupted during the Eid break, handling over 2.5 mn tonnes of cargo and nearly 55,000 TEUs of containers in seven days.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/ctg-port-handles-25m-tonnes-cargo-55000-teus-during-eid-holidays-1393056>

### Ordinance placed in parliament destined to embrace demise

- A much-contended move to bifurcate the National Board of Revenue (NBR) looks poised to cease automatically as the finance ministry finds the relevant ordinance promulgated by the interim administration incomplete.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/ordinance-placed-in-parliament-destined-to-embrace-demise>

### Trade deals, LDC deferment top agenda at WTO summit

- Bangladesh will prioritize bilateral trade negotiations, deferment of its graduation from least developed country (LDC) status, among other issues, at the World Trade Organization's (WTO) 14th Ministerial Conference

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/trade-deals-ldc-deferment-top-agenda-wto-summit-4134696>

### Bangladesh faces \$4.8b surge in annual energy import bill

- Bangladesh's annual fossil fuel import bill is projected to soar by USD 4.8 Bn, a 40% increase from 2025 levels. The financial shock of oil, gas, and coal prices will cost the equivalent of 1.1% of Bangladesh's 2024 GDP if current elevated levels hold for a year. The country spends roughly USD 12 Bn annually on energy imports, according to government data.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-faces-48b-surge-annual-energy-import-bill-4134686>

### Oil rises as markets assess supply risks after Iran denies US talks

- Oil prices rose in early trade on Tuesday on supply fears, as Iran denied it had held talks with the United States to end the war in the Gulf, contradicting President Donald Trump, who said a deal could be reached soon. Brent futures rose 1.1% to USD 101 a barrel at 0001 GMT, while WTI climbed 1.8%, to USD 89.71.

<https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/oil-rises-markets-assess-supply-risks-after-iran-denies-us-talks-2026-03-24/>

### Oil prices plunge after Trump says US, Iran discussing deal to end hostilities

- Oil prices dropped about 11% on Monday after U.S. President Donald Trump said he would postpone any military strikes against Iranian power plants for five days and cited constructive talks to resolve hostilities in the Middle East, hours before a deadline that threatened to escalate the four-week-old war. Brent futures fell 10.9% to settle at USD 99.94 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate lost 10.3% to settle at USD 88.13.

<https://asia.nikkei.com/spotlight/iran-tensions/oil-prices-plunge-after-trump-says-us-iran-discussing-deal-to-end-hostilities>

### **Middle East conflict putting pressure on Bangladesh economy: Khasru**

- Finance and Planning Minister has said that the ongoing conflict in the Middle East is creating pressure on Bangladesh's economy and added that finding alternative sources of fuel and maintaining regular supply remain the government's primary challenges.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/middle-east-conflict-putting-pressure-bangladesh-economy-khasru-1392171>

### **IMF delegation due March 23, next tranche likely in June**

- Bangladesh may receive around USD 1.3 Bn in the next tranche of the ongoing loan program from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in June. However, the government will have to demonstrate visible progress in several key economic reform measures, including making the exchange rate more market-based, increasing revenue collection, gradually reducing subsidies, and addressing structural weaknesses in the banking sector. To discuss these issues, a three-member high-level delegation will arrive in Dhaka on a two-day visit starting March 23.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/405726/imf-delegation-due-march-23-next-tranche-likely>

### **Remittances surge ahead of Eid despite tensions**

- Remittance inflows have surged sharply in the run-up to Eid-ul-Fitr, providing a crucial boost to the country's external sector despite mounting geopolitical tensions in key migrant-destination regions. The country received nearly USD 2.50 Bn in remittances during the first 15 days of this month, registering a robust 47.10% growth.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/remittances-surge-ahead-of-eid-despite-tensions>

### **Bangladesh eyes more than USD 2 Bn in fresh funds to mitigate fuel, LNG crisis**

- The Prime Minister's adviser on finance and planning has said that he expected about USD 1.3 Bn from the International Monetary Fund under an existing programme, along with an additional USD 250 Mn to USD 500 Mn on top of roughly USD 500 Mn in budgetary support from the ADB.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladesh-eyes-more-2-billion-fresh-funds-mitigate-fuel-lng-crisis-4133271>

### **Eid economy surges past 300,000C**

- Data from the Bangladesh Shop Owners Association (BSOA) suggest that the size of the Eid economy will exceed BDT 3.0 Tn, as Eid-centered transactions in recent years ranged between BDT 2.0-2.5 Tn.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/405724/eid-economy-surges-past-300-000c>

### **UN crisis report within March to decide Bangladesh's LDC delay request: ERD officials**

- The UN Committee for Development Policy (UN CDP) is preparing a "crisis assessment" report, evaluating Bangladesh's request to delay graduation from the Least Developed Country category by three years, which is expected to be released within March. If the CDP finds evidence of such a crisis, it may recommend extending, which would then be forwarded to the UN Economic and Social Council for consideration.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/un-crisis-report-within-march-decide-bangladeshs-ldc-delay-request-erd-officials-1390606>

### **Trade deficit widens as import bill climbs**

- Bangladesh's trade deficit widened in 7MFY26 as imports increased while export earnings declined, adding pressure on the country's external balance. Merchandise trade gap rose to USD 13.8 Bn in 7MFY26 compared with USD 11.74 Bn in 7MFY25. Payments for intermediate goods increased 4.8%, fertiliser imports surged by 71%, petroleum imports by 31.6%, and imports of capital goods rose by 2.6%.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/trade-commerce/294194/trade-deficit-widens-as-import-bill-climbs>

### **Dhaka, Delhi move to fast-track CEPA talks**

- Bangladesh and India accelerate negotiations to conclude a comprehensive economic deal aimed at strengthening bilateral trade, lowering tariff-and non-tariff barriers, attracting investment and deepening economic integration, sources say. Under the proposed arrangement, Bangladesh hopes to secure improved access for sectors such as ready-made garments, pharmaceuticals and agricultural products to the Indian market, while also attracting greater Indian investment into its special economic zones.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/dhaka-delhi-move-to-fast-track-cepa-talks>

### Policy Exchange report urges rethink of tobacco tax structure

- Policy Exchange has unveiled a new report on tobacco taxation, calling for an evidence-based policy framework that more effectively balances revenue generation with public health imperatives. Policy Exchange estimates that a transition from the current ad valorem system to a specific tax regime on tobacco products could generate over BDT 220 Bn in additional revenue over the next decade, beyond baseline growth.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/policy-exchange-report-urges-rethink-tobacco-tax-structure-1389061>

### Qatar LNG: Iran attacks hit 17pc capacity for five years

- Iranian attacks have knocked out 17% of Qatar's LNG export capacity, threatening supplies to Europe and Asia.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/qatar-lng-iran-attacks-hit-17pc-capacity-for-five-years>

### Govt to buy 2 more spot LNG cargoes in late April

- State-run Rupantarita Prakritik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) has floated tenders to buy two LNG cargoes from the spot market for delivery over April 15-16, and April 21-22 windows. This is the third tender floated by RPGCL this year to secure supplies amid the ongoing Middle East war.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/govt-to-buy-2-more-spot-lng-cargoes-in-late-april>

### RMG | Apparel exports to US dip 0.9pc in Jan amid global sourcing shift

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to USA faced a setback in January, as America's overall garment imports dropped significantly. Bangladesh earned USD 791.77 Mn from RMG exports to the US in January 2026, registering a 0.9% YoY decline. Bangladesh shipped 264.04 million square metres of apparel to the US in January 2026, representing a 1.18% increase.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/apparel-exports-to-us-dip-09pc-in-jan-amid-global-sourcing-shift>

### RMG | Bangladesh sees 25% drop in RMG exports to EU

- In January 2026, Bangladesh's apparel exports to the EU plummeted by 25.25% to EUR 1.43 Bn while volumes dropped 17.49% to 104.63 Mn kg. Industry stakeholders attribute this significant drop to dwindling consumer demand in Europe, cautious procurement policies by retailers, and increasing pressure on apparel prices. Analysts suggest that European buyers are now attempting to source products at lower prices.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/business/405976/bangladesh-sees-25%25-drop-in-rmg-exports-to-eu>

### STEEL | Steel manufacturers eye market diversification

- Bangladesh's iron and steel exports have experienced significant fluctuations over the past five fiscal years, with India remaining the dominant destination, raising concerns over market concentration and stagnation. In FY25, export receipts recovered modestly to USD 13.86 Mn, indicating only a partial rebound amid weak external demand. Industry insiders attributed the volatility to shifting regional demand, pricing challenges, and supply-side constraints, including higher raw material and energy costs.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/steel-manufacturers-eye-market-diversification>

### CONSUMER | Eid fails to lift electronics sales amid weak demand

- Sales of electronics and home appliances are witnessing an unusual slowdown even close to Eid-ul-Fitr, showing only marginal improvement and remaining near regular-day levels instead of the customary festive surge. One major player in consumer electronics has told that sales are about 30% below expectations this year. Chief marketing officer of Walton Hi-Tech Industries Plc has said profit margins have not improved, attributing this to a sharp rise in the cost of importing raw materials and components.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/eid-fails-lift-electronics-sales-amid-weak-demand-4132271>

### BANK | Bank deposits grow 10.45% in January

- Bank deposits grew by 10.45% YoY in January 2026, which managing directors of private banks view as a positive sign. CEO of Mutual Trust Bank told that the growth was largely driven by rising remittance inflows.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bank-deposits-grow-1045-january-1389576>

### BANK | 18 banks report BDT 1.98 Tn provision shortfall

- Eighteen banks reported a staggering provision shortfall of BDT 1.98 Tn at the end of December 2025, driven by years of weak loan recovery and a surge in non-performing loans. Among these banks include Islami Bank, Janata Bank, IFIC Bank, National Bank, Rupali Bank, Agrani Bank, Premier Bank, BASIC Bank, United Commercial Bank, NRBC, Standard Bank, Bangladesh Commerce Bank, NRB Bank and Mercantile Bank. Beyond these, another 20 banks reported zero shortfall or surplus, largely due to regulatory deferrals.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/banking/294378/18-banks-report-tk-198-lakh-crore-provision-shortfall>

## Important News: Stocks

### EXCHANGE | Most listed firms pay less than 5% dividends for FY25

- The stock market's performance depends on how well-listed companies perform, but many firms disappointed shareholders in the last fiscal year, offering low dividends mainly due to weak sales and profits. Out of 158 listed companies that published FY25 financial reports and announced dividends, 80 companies provided dividends of less than 5%, 47 gave no dividend, 49 firms declared more than 10% dividends, and 24 companies offered 10%.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/most-listed-firms-pay-less-5-dividends-fy25-4134691>

### EXCHANGE | Delays in MF conversion, liquidation trap investors' funds

- Delayed conversion or liquidation of close-ended mutual funds (MFs) is preventing investors from recovering their investments on time and leaving funds idle for extended periods.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/delays-in-mf-conversion-liquidation-trap-investors-funds-1774366602>

### MKFOOTWEAR | MK Footwear secures \$10m export deal with Chinese firm

- MK Footwear PLC has signed a major export agreement with China-based Jinjiang Akia Sports Co Ltd aiming to boost its international business with an estimated annual export value of up to USD 10 Mn.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-industrial-finance-shares-surge-633-14-jan-1390531>

### GP | Grameenphone forecasts Q1 revenue dip amid Middle East tensions

- Grameenphone Limited has forecast a slight decline in its financial performance for the first quarter of 2026, citing global geopolitical tensions and ongoing domestic economic challenges.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/grameenphone-forecasts-q1-revenue-dip-amid-middle-east-tensions-1393316>

### IDLC | IDLC Finance profit up 21pc on higher investment returns

- IDLC Finance posted more than 21% YoY growth in profit in 2025, largely driven by strong returns from investments in government securities, marking the company's highest profit in four years. The NBF1 reported a consolidated profit of BDT 2.43 Bn for 2025.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/idlc-finance-profit-up-21pc-on-higher-investment-returns>

### RUNNERAUTO | Runner Automobiles ties up with China's BYD in EV push

- Runner Automobiles has approved a landmark supply and manufacturing agreement with China's electric vehicle giant BYD Auto Industry Company. The deal would facilitate technology transfer, allowing Runner to gain access to advanced EV platforms, battery systems, and manufacturing expertise-areas where BYD has established global dominance.

<https://today.thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock-corporate/runner-automobiles-ties-up-with-chinas-byd-in-ev-push-1774366839>

### PRIMEBANK | Prime Bank FinTech gets nod from Central Bank to operate MFS

- Prime Bank FinTech Limited, a subsidiary of Prime Bank PLC., has been awarded a license to operate Mobile Financial Services (MFS) in the country.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/trade/prime-bank-fintech-gets-nod-from-central-bank-to-operate-mfs>

### SSSTEEL | Eastern Bank seizes SS Steel chairman's Banani house over BDT 1.12 Bn default

- Eastern Bank PLC has seized the Banani residence of SS Steel Limited Chairman in an attempt to recover defaulted loans amounting to BDT 1.12 Bn, in what banking officials describe as an unprecedented step in Bangladesh's financial sector.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/eastern-bank-seizes-ss-steel-chairmans-banani-house-over-tk112cr-default>

### REGULATOR | BSEC launches probe into 4 intermediaries over market irregularities

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has launched investigations into four capital market intermediaries - NRBC Bank Securities Limited, Premier Leasing Securities Limited, Green Delta Securities Limited, and LankaBangla Investments Limited. BSEC director and spokesperson told that the Commission had identified multiple inconsistencies in the operations of these firms, particularly relating to negative equity, margin lending practices, financial reporting, and corporate governance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-launches-probe-4-intermediaries-over-market-irregularities-1390406>

**BIFC | Bangladesh Industrial Finance shares surge 633% since 14 Jan**

- In just two months, shares of Bangladesh Industrial Finance Company (BIFC), a non-bank financial institution (NBF), skyrocketed by over 600%, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-industrial-finance-shares-surge-633-14-jan-1390531>

**EXCHANGE | Mamun Agro seeks promotion to DSE main board from SME platform**

- Mamun Agro Industries, currently listed on the SME platform on the Dhaka Stock Exchange, has formally sought enlistment on the main board of the bourse, citing compliance with regulatory criteria, including paid-up capital exceeding BDT 500 Mn and more than three years of trading history.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mamun-agro-seeks-promotion-dse-main-board-sme-platform-1389626>

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