

Daily News Brief

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Index Update

Symbol	Last Day	Point Change	% Change
DSEX	5188.27	23.57	0.5%
DSES	1182.96	5.35	0.5%
DS30	1960.80	7.88	0.4%

Market Performance

Particulars	Last Day	Prev. Day	% Change
Turnover (BDT mn)	4943.12	4565.50	8.3%
Trade Volume (mn)	128664602	118540332	8.5%
Total No of Trade	93379	91352	2.2%

Market Value

Particulars	Last Day	Prev. Day	% Change
Market Cap. (BDT mn)	4522790.66	4510333.44	0.3%
Market P/E	13.86	13.51	2.6%

Global Equity Market Update

Particulars	Close Value	Price Change	% Change
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	33,745.40	-55.2	-0.2%
S&P 500 Index	4,127.99	-0.81	0.0%
NASDAQ Composite	13,850.00	-50.19	-0.4%

Global Commodity Market Update

Particulars	Close Price	Price Change	% Change
Brent Crude (ICE) (USD/bbl.)	63.59	0.31	0.5%
Natural Gas (NYMEX) (USD/ MMBtu)	2.55	-0.01	-0.4%
Gold Spot (USD/t oz.)	1,732.06	-0.70	0.0%
Copper (USD/lb.)	401.15	-0.70	-0.2%

National Economy

Pandemic intensifies financial stability risks

The ongoing pandemic has exacerbated Bangladesh's financial stability risks because of high levels of non-performing loans, weak capital buffers, poor bank governance and risk management, the World Bank said in its latest report. "Reduced profitability, weaker asset quality, and lower credit growth can have large second-round repercussions on the real economy," the report predicts.

News link: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/pandemic-intensifies-financial-stability-risks-2076849>

Stimulus for Small Firms: Disbursement to run till June

Bangladesh Bank yesterday extended the deadline for disbursing a Tk 20,000 crore stimulus package for cottage, micro, small and medium enterprises (CMSME) by another three months to June. The extension comes in response to a slow pace in the lending of loans from the package.

News link: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/disbursement-run-till-june-2076833>

Bangladesh recovery beckons: WB

Bangladesh's economy is showing nascent signs of recovery backed by a rebound in exports, strong remittance inflows, and the ongoing vaccination programme. This has been reflected in a new World Bank report, "Bangladesh Development Update- Moving Forward: Connectivity and Logistics to strengthen Competitiveness," launched on Monday.

News link: <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh-recovery-beckons-wb-1618210222>

Bangladesh's upper poverty rate hits 30pc: WB report

Bangladesh's upper poverty rate has reached 30 per cent of the population as an adverse impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Bank said in its latest report released on Monday.

News link: <https://www.newagebd.net/article/135215/bangladeshs-upper-poverty-rate-hits-30pc-wb-report>

Bangladesh's economic recovery or collapse depends on vaccination pace: WB

The recovery or collapse of Bangladesh's economy depends on three major factors – the pace of the ongoing Covid-19 vaccination campaign, the extent and duration of mobility restrictions, and how quickly the world economy recovers, says a report of the World Bank.

News link: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/bangladeshs-economic-recovery-or-collapse-depends-vaccination-pace-wb-230848>

RMG

ML Dyeing to set up Tk63cr spinning unit

ML Dyeing Limited, a listed yarn dyeing company of Far Group, will

set up a factory in Gazipur to start its spinning business. The company will invest Tk62.58 crore for the business expansion. Currently, ML Dyeing is engaged in the dyeing business of yarns for export-oriented sweater companies.

News link: <https://www.tbsnews.net/companies/ml-dyeing-set-tk63cr-spinning-unit-230803>

Bank & NBF

Banks to stay closed, ATMs open

Bangladesh Bank yesterday said banks would have to keep all their branches closed from the morning of April 14 to midnight of April 21 when strict restrictions on movement would be in place as part of its efforts to contain the coronavirus pandemic. However, the BB asked banks to keep open their branches, sub-branches and booths located in areas within land and sea ports and airports through discussions with the customs and port authorities.

News link: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/banks-stay-closed-atms-open-2076837>

Banks to remain open till 3pm on April 13

Bangladesh Bank yesterday instructed banks to impose account maintenance fees on small depositors once a year. Small depositors, meaning those whose deposits amount to up to Tk 10 lakh, will enjoy the facility, according to a central bank notice.

News link: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/bb-stands-small-depositors-2076293>

Bangladesh Bank extends CMSME package execution time to June 30

The Bangladesh Bank on Monday extended for the fifth time the deadline for the implementation of Tk 20,000-crore stimulus package meant for cottage, micro, small and medium entrepreneurs as more than one-fourth of the package's fund is yet to be disbursed. To this end, the central bank issued a circular on the day, extending the loan disbursement deadline for the package to June 30, 2021.

News link: <https://www.newagebd.net/article/135213/bangladesh-bank-extends-cmsme-package-execution-time-to-june-30>

Leather sector businesses get 3 more months

The Bangladesh Bank on Monday extended the special loan rescheduling facility by three months for the leather sector entities relocated in the Savar Leather Industrial Park on the outskirts of Dhaka. A BB circular issued on the day extended the application submission deadline to June 30, 2021.

News link: <https://www.newagebd.net/article/135212/leather-sector-businesses-get-3-more-months>

Cheap money chases good borrowers

Lending offer at a 7% interest rate, dangled by the head of a corporate banking division at a leading private commercial bank, has met with a refusal from several big clients as they are getting offers at a 5% rate from other private banks.

News link: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/cheap-money-chases-good-borrowers-230869>

Fuel & Power

Local power solution providers up their game

Bank branches will remain open from 10am to 3pm on April 13 to give people more time to settle transaction before the beginning of a seven-day countrywide restriction on movement from April 14. The central bank took the decision today to extend the banking hour by two hours, which was supposed to end at 1pm amid lockdown.

News link: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/banks-remain-open-till-3pm-april-13-2076649>

12.5kg govt LPG cylinder Tk 591, 12kg private ones Tk 975: Energy commission

Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission (BERC) fixed the retail prices of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) today. Now, the retail price of 12.5kg LPG cylinder provided by the state-owned Liquid Petroleum Gas Limited (LPGL) will cost Tk 591 while the 12kg variety of private companies will cost Tk 975.

News link: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/125kg-govt-lpg-cylinder-tk-591-12kg-private-ones-tk-975-energy-commission-2076413>

Capital Market

Stock markets to remain shut for 7 days

Like banks and other financial institutions, the stock markets will also remain closed from 14 to 20 April during the lockdown. Rezaul Karim, executive director and spokesperson of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), confirmed the news to The Business Standard.

News link: <https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stock/stock-markets-remain-shut-7-days-230728>

International Economy

Asian markets retreat as traders await earnings season

Equities fell in Asia on Monday as investors awaited the next earnings season with high hopes for strong reports and outlooks as the recovery progresses, while the head of the Federal Reserve reiterated his view that the economy was improving but warned the virus still posed a risk. Another record close on the Dow and the S&P 500 in New York was not enough of a catalyst to fuel buying in early trade, while a forecast-beating jump in US producer prices acted as a reminder that inflation will likely run hot for a few months.

News link: <https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/asian-markets-retreat-traders-await-earnings-season-2076765>

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