

BANGLADESH WEEKLY

29 June – 5 July 2026

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WEEKLY OVERVIEW | POLITICS · ECONOMY · FOREIGN AFFAIRS · INTERNAL SECURITY

POLITICS

- Government imposes fresh FY27 austerity measures, restricting new vehicles, buildings, land acquisition and most foreign travel to curb inflation
- Cabinet committee formed to amend the Visa Policy; PM Tarique Rahman chairs weekly cabinet meeting
- PM unveils cover of a three-volume book on Ziaur Rahman ahead of the founding president's legacy programme
- Government bans use of the PM's image on official banners and billboards, citing personality-cult concerns
- BNP-Jamaat coalition tensions persist over local government seat allocations; intra-coalition arbitration continues

ECONOMY

- DSEX crosses 5,700 for the first time in 22 months; closes the week at 5,744, up 1.61% on reform-led rally
- Remittances hit a record \$35.56bn in FY26, up 17.3% y/y, though June inflow eased to \$2.81bn
- Merchandise exports dip 0.58% to \$48bn in FY26 despite a strong 25.9% June rebound led by RMG
- Government cuts LPG and auto gas prices as part of the same austerity/relief package
- Bangladesh Bank sets 1% minimum MDR for merchant payments under the National Payment Switch

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman meets Iranian ambassador, conveys condolences over Khamenei's death
- Bangladesh sent a delegation led by Speaker Hafiz Uddin Ahmad to Khamenei's state funeral in Tehran
- Malaysia reopens its labour market for Bangladeshi workers following the PM's June visit
- India says it is monitoring Bangladesh's reported China fighter-jet talks and economic-corridor proposal
- PM Tarique Rahman greets Trump on the US 250th Independence Day, pledges deeper bilateral ties

INTERNAL SECURITY

- Extradition process for ex-IGP Benazir Ahmed continues as UAE's 30-day diplomatic window (from 12 June arrest) nears expiry
- ICT chief prosecutor says UAE is likely to extradite Benazir Ahmed to Bangladesh within the next month
- Home Minister Salahuddin says the Awami League is "buried" politically and has no future in Bangladesh
- Authorities reiterate zero-tolerance stance on terrorism and continued anti-narcotics operations nationwide
- BGB maintains high alert along the Myanmar frontier amid continued Arakan Army-related tension

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DEFENCE

- Bangladesh-China talks on up to 24 J-10CE fighter jets (~\$2.2bn) advance following PM's Beijing visit; signing targeted for August
- India's defence establishment says it is monitoring the proposed J-10CE deal and a related economic-corridor proposal
- Reports note continued modernisation of Lalmonirhat airbase near the Indian border under Forces Goal 2030
- BGB sustains high-alert posture along the Myanmar frontier amid persistent Arakan Army-related friction
- Bangladesh reaffirms it will pursue a China-Myanmar economic corridor only if it protects national interest

HEALTH

- Dengue cases climb sharply through the week, crossing 6,800 cumulative cases with 20+ deaths so far in 2026
- DGHS warns dengue cases in Dhaka could double in July and triple-to-quadruple by August
- Mobile courts continue larvae-source inspections; hospitals directed to reserve free beds for dengue patients
- Cholera, typhoid and hepatitis-E preparedness measures remain active across flood-prone divisions
- Field hospital network at district level remains on standby amid continued monsoon conditions

EDUCATION

- HSC, Alim and equivalent exams begin 2 July under full syllabus; about 1.2 million candidates sit across 11 boards
- Theory papers run 2 July–8 August, with practicals to follow from 15 August
- SSC 2026 results processing continues; publication expected around 20 July for roughly 18.57 lakh candidates
- UGC distance-learning platform rollout continues, targeting 80,000 students across 22 remote upazila clusters
- Recruitment drive for 15,000 secondary-level teacher vacancies proceeds under the FY27 education budget

SOCIETY

- Family Card scheme enrollment continues for the first tranche of 40 lakh low-income households (Tk 14,500cr, FY27)
- Fresh FY27 austerity measures restrict non-essential government spending amid persistent inflation concerns
- Monsoon flooding continues to affect low-lying and haor regions; disaster response teams remain deployed
- Kutupalong fire recovery continues; UNHCR's emergency funding appeal remains active for displaced Rohingya
- Public discussion continues around banking-sector distressed-loan resolution and Islami Bank's restructuring plan

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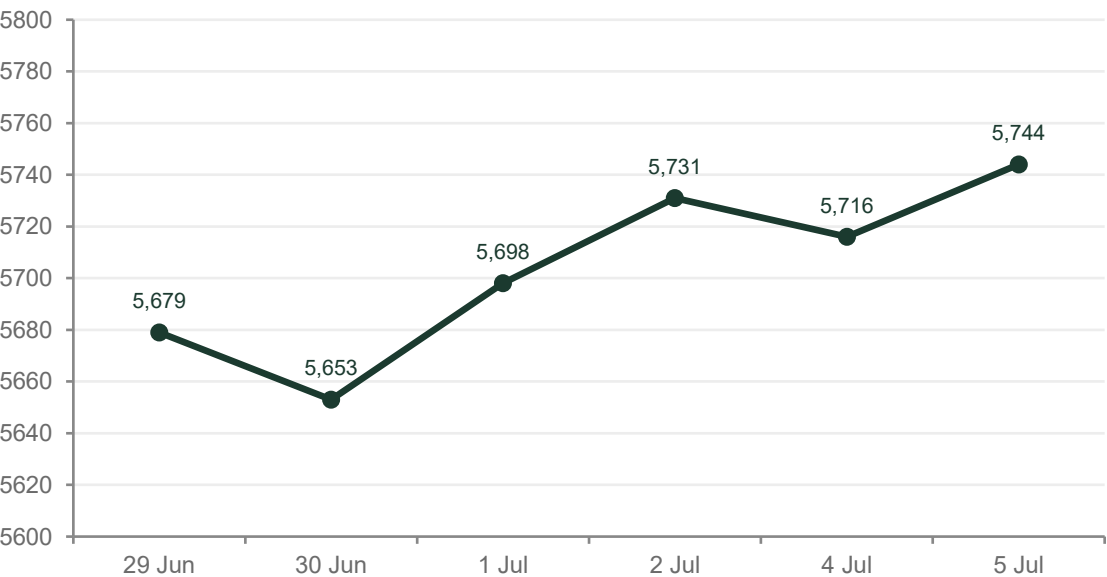
No	Date	Sector	News Headline	Source
1	29 Jun	Economy	<u>June exports rebound, but FY26 earnings edge down 0.58% to \$48b</u>	<i>The Business Standard</i>
2	30 Jun	Economy	<u>DSEX posts strongest H1 rally in years as reform hopes lift investor confidence; DSEX closes FY26 at 5,762.83, up 19.11%</u>	<i>The Bangladesh Today</i>
3	1 Jul	Economy	<u>Remittance inflow hits record \$35.56bn in FY26, up 17.3% year-on-year</u>	<i>BSS News</i>
4	1 Jul	Health	<u>One more dies of dengue, 163 hospitalised in 24 hours as cases climb</u>	<i>BSS News</i>
5	1 Jul	Health	<u>Bangladesh warns of dengue surge as monsoon weather aids mosquito spread</u>	<i>Bernama/Media Selangor</i>
6	2 Jul	Education	<u>HSC, Alim and equivalent exams begin under full syllabus for 1.2 million candidates</u>	<i>The Daily Star</i>
7	2 Jul	Politics	<u>Cabinet committee formed to amend Visa Policy as PM chairs weekly cabinet meeting</u>	<i>BSS News Flash</i>
8	3 Jul	Foreign Affairs	<u>Foreign minister meets Iranian envoy, conveys condolences over Khamenei's death</u>	<i>The Daily Star</i>
9	3 Jul	Economy	<u>Remittances hit record \$35.5b in FY26, but growth slows from FY25's pace</u>	<i>The Daily Star</i>
10	4 Jul	Foreign Affairs	<u>Tarique greets Trump on US Independence Day, pledges stronger bilateral ties</u>	<i>The Business Standard</i>

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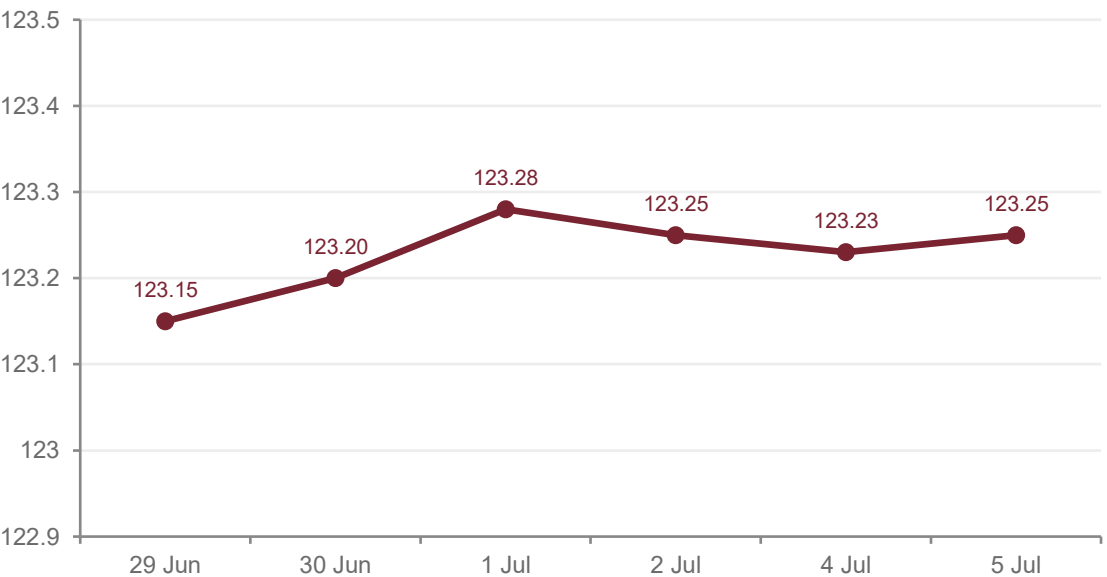
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11	4 Jul	Internal Security	Home Minister: Awami League 'buried in Delhi', has no future in Bangladesh	<i>The Daily Star</i>
12	3 Jul	Defence	India says monitoring Bangladesh's reported China fighter-jet talks, corridor proposal	<i>The Business Standard</i>
13	Ongoing	Defence	Bangladesh accelerates talks on up to 24 Chinese J-10CE fighter jets valued at approximately \$2.2 billion	<i>Defence Security Asia</i>
14	5 Jul	Economy	DSEX hits 22-month high on reform hopes; benchmark index gains 1.61% to close week at 5,744	<i>The Financial Express</i>
15	5 Jul	Health	271 fresh dengue cases detected overnight; cumulative cases for the year rise to 6,871	<i>BSS News</i>
16	5 Jul	Internal Security	Extradition proceedings for ex-IGP Benazir Ahmed continue as UAE's 30-day window nears expiry	<i>Dhaka Tribune</i>
17	1 Jul	Economy	Bangladesh Bank caps NPSB merchant charge at 1% to boost cashless transactions	<i>The Business Standard</i>
18	Ongoing	Society	Family Card scheme enrollment continues for 40 lakh low-income households under Tk 14,500cr FY27 allocation	<i>The Daily Star</i>
19	Ongoing	Politics	Government imposes fresh FY27 austerity measures on vehicles, buildings, land and foreign travel	<i>The Daily Star</i>
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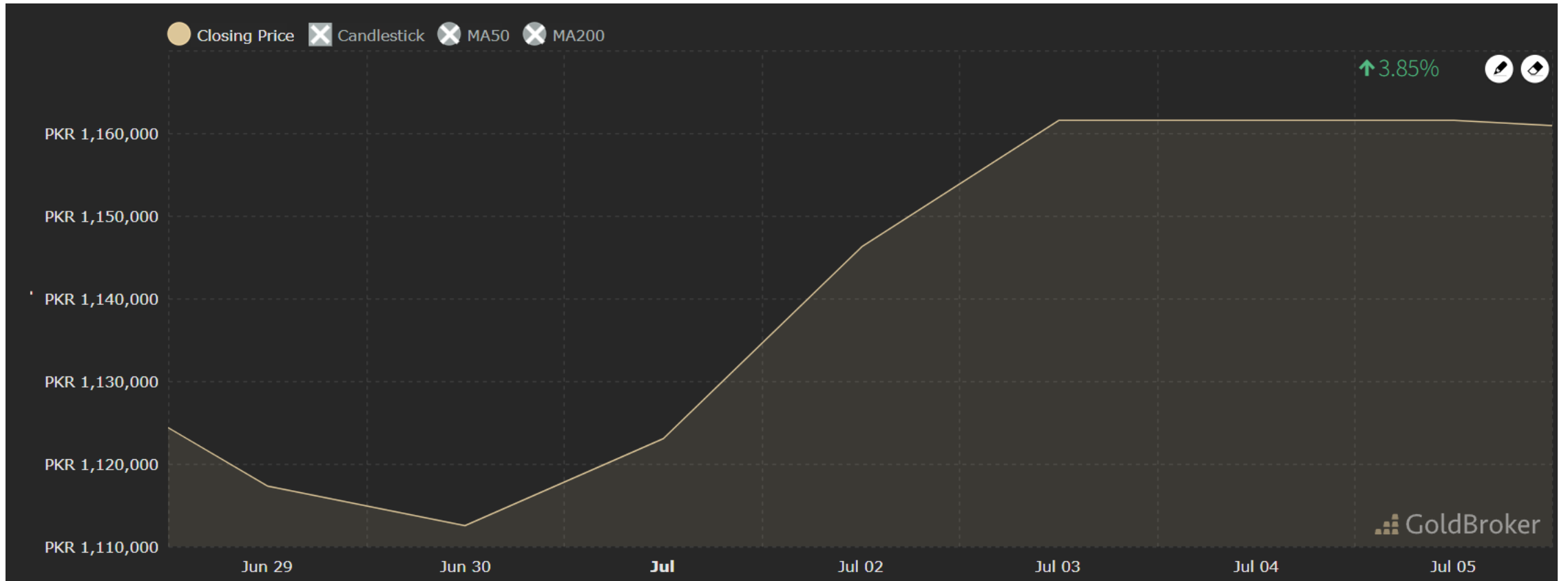
DSEX Index (29 Jun – 5 Jul 2026)



USD to BDT Exchange Rate (29 Jun – 5 Jul 2026)



Gold Price PKR



Silver Price PKR

