

BANGLADESH WEEKLY

6 – 12 July 2026

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

POLITICS

- Ministry cancels earlier order mandating Zia, Khaleda and Tarique Rahman biography books be kept in primary schools (6 Jul)
- PM Tarique Rahman continues weekly cabinet oversight; austerity measures on vehicles, buildings, land and foreign travel remain in force through the week
- HRSS June monitoring report (released early July) records 9 killed and 346 injured in 58 political-violence incidents, sharpening opposition criticism of law-and-order record
- BNP-Jamaat coalition tensions persist over local government seat allocations and the scope of anti-Awami League crackdowns; intra-coalition arbitration continues

ECONOMY

- DSEX opens the week at 5,799 (6 Jul, +0.22%) as DSE market cap crosses Tk7 lakh crore for the first time in 3+ months
- Index retreats to 5,781 (7 Jul, -0.31%) and 5,770 (8 Jul, -0.19%) on blue-chip profit-taking after the recent rally
- Market rebounds to 5,804 (9 Jul, +0.6% over the week) and extends gains to 5,849 (12 Jul, +0.78%) as reform optimism returns
- Bangladesh Bank's new H1 FY27 Monetary Policy Statement (unveiled 30 Jun) holds the repo rate at 10% for a fifth straight review, targeting 7.5% inflation
- FY26 remittances close at a record \$35.56bn (+17.3% y/y), even as June inflow eased to \$2.81bn on a slower H2-June pace

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Malaysia formally reopens its labour market to Bangladeshi workers from 7 July, Expatriates' Welfare Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury confirms, crediting PM Tarique Rahman's recent visit
- Government continues to press Beijing on the ~\$2.2bn, up to 24-jet J-10CE fighter package, with a signing still targeted for August
- India's defence and diplomatic establishment continues monitoring the proposed fighter deal and a related China-Myanmar economic-corridor proposal
- Dhaka reiterates it will pursue any China-Myanmar economic corridor only where it protects Bangladesh's national interest

INTERNAL SECURITY

- UAE's 30-day diplomatic window for the extradition of ex-IGP Benazir Ahmed (arrested 12 Jun in Dubai) lapses around 12 Jul without a final handover; government says it is awaiting UAE's response
- Home Minister Salahuddin reiterates Bangladesh submitted all extradition documents within 3 days of the 30-day deadline; case proceeds under corruption and passport-fraud statutes
- Authorities maintain a zero-tolerance stance on terrorism and continue anti-narcotics operations nationwide
- BGB sustains 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) continue advancing after PM Tarique Rahman's June Beijing visit; signing still targeted for August 2026
- Analysts flag the deal as a strategic shift in the Bay of Bengal air-power balance, with deliveries phased across FY2026-27
- India's defence establishment continues monitoring the proposed fighter package and the related economic-corridor proposal
- BGB sustains high-alert posture along the Myanmar frontier amid persistent Arakan Army-related friction

HEALTH

- Dengue cases keep climbing: DGHS weekly bulletin (week 28, to 12 Jul) records 350 new cases and 1 death, pushing 2026 cumulative cases to 8,323 and deaths to 25
- Cumulative caseload rises from 6,871 (5 Jul) to 8,323 (12 Jul), an increase of over 1,400 cases in a week, with Barishal and Chattogram divisions worst-affected
- DGHS continues to warn Dhaka cases 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; field-hospital network remains on standby amid continued monsoon conditions

EDUCATION

- HSC, Alim and equivalent exams continue under full syllabus (started 2 Jul) for roughly 1.2 million candidates across 11 boards; theory papers run to 8 August
- Practical exams for HSC/Alim scheduled to follow from 9–15 August
- SSC 2026 results processing continues; Education Minister confirms publication for 20 July, covering roughly 18.57 lakh candidates
- UGC distance-learning platform rollout and the 15,000-post secondary-teacher recruitment drive continue 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 allocation)
- Fresh FY27 austerity measures continue to restrict non-essential government spending amid persistent inflation, still running near 9.4% y/y
- HRSS report on June human-rights record fuels public debate over post-election law-and-order performance and mass Awami League-linked arrests
- Kutupalong-area Rohingya camp recovery and UNHCR emergency-funding appeal remain active; monsoon flooding continues to affect low-lying and haor regions

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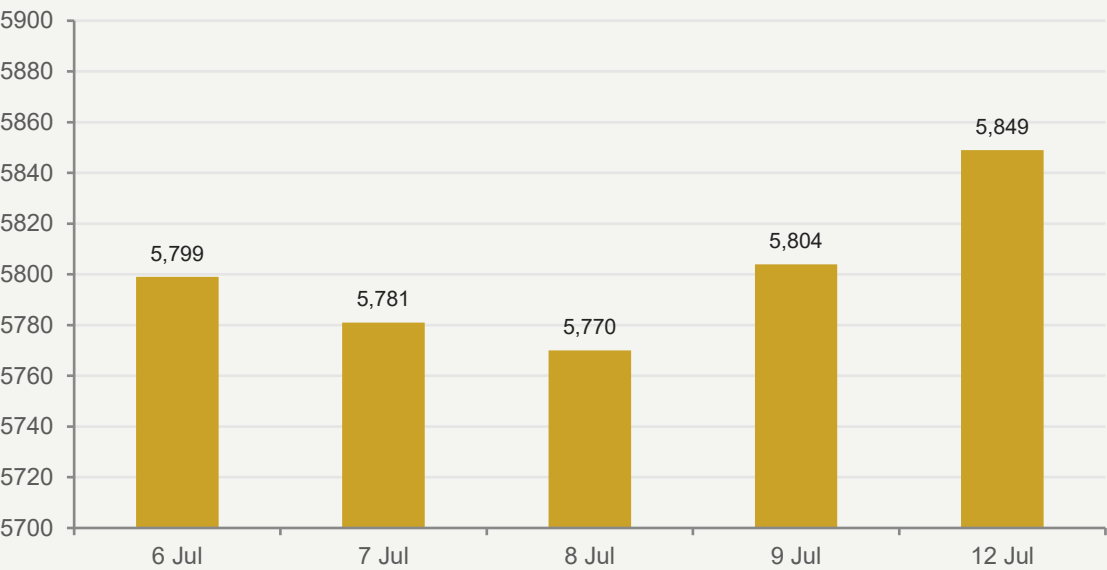
No.	Date	Sector	News Headline	Source
1	6 Jul	Politics	Ministry cancels order to keep Zia, Khaleda, Tarique books in primary schools	<i>The Daily Star</i>
2	6 Jul	Economy	DSE market cap crosses Tk7 lakh crore for first time in over three months as DSEX gains 12 points to 5,799	<i>The Business Standard</i>
3	7 Jul	Foreign Affairs	Malaysia reopens labour market for Bangladeshi workers from Monday following PM's visit	<i>BSS News</i>
4	7 Jul	Economy	DSE retreats into correction as DSEX falls 18.2 points to 5,781 on profit-taking in major stocks	<i>BSS News</i>
5	8 Jul	Economy	DSE extends losing streak for second session as DSEX falls 11 points to settle at 5,770	<i>BSS News</i>
6	8 Jul	Economy	DSE suspends trading in Zeal Bangla Sugar as DSEX ends in the red for a second day	<i>The Business Standard</i>
7	9 Jul	Economy	DSEX reclaims the 5,800-point mark for the first time in 22 months as reform windfalls fuel investor optimism	<i>The Business Standard</i>
8	12 Jul	Economy	Stocks extend winning streak on reform optimism as DSEX gains 45 points to close at 5,849; turnover hits two-year high	<i>The Business Standard</i>
9	ongoing	Health	Dengue cases keep climbing as DGHS mobile courts continue larvae-source inspections nationwide	<i>Prothom Alo</i>
10	12 Jul	Health	DGHS dengue dashboard: cumulative 2026 cases reach 8,323 with 25 deaths as week-28 toll adds 350 cases	<i>DGHS Dengue Dashboard</i>

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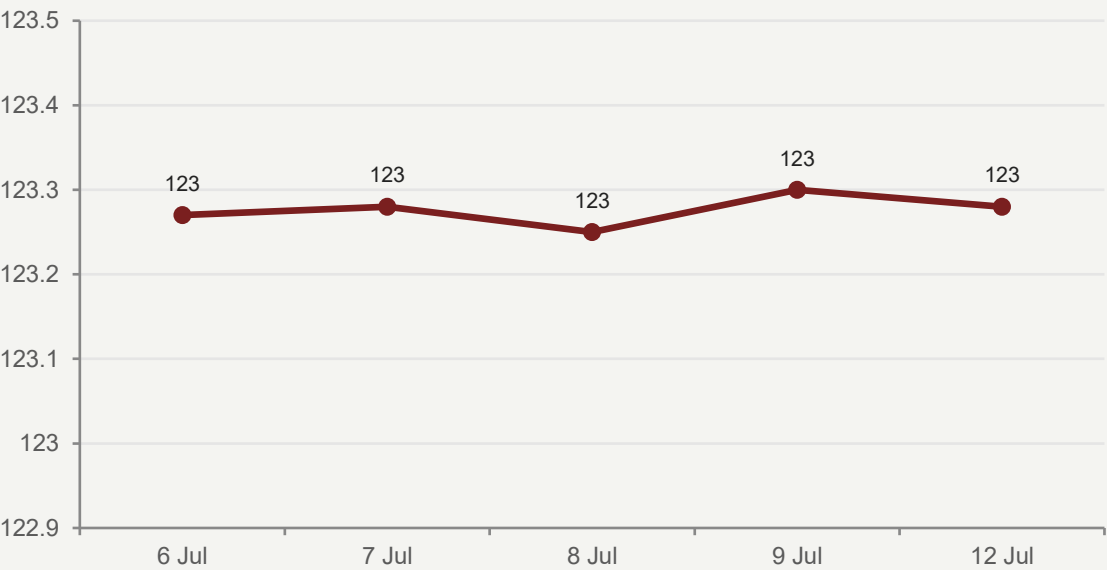
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11	2 Jul – ongoing	Education	HSC, Alim and equivalent exams continue under full syllabus for 1.2 million candidates across 11 boards	<i>Alormela / Education Board</i>
12	ongoing	Education	Education Minister confirms SSC 2026 results will be published on 20 July for roughly 18.57 lakh candidates	<i>The Daily Star</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	ongoing	Internal Security	UAE's 30-day extradition window for ex-IGP Benazir Ahmed nears expiry; government awaits final response	<i>Daily Sun</i>
15	ongoing	Internal Security	ICT chief prosecutor: UAE likely to extradite Benazir Ahmed to Bangladesh within the next month	<i>Dhaka Tribune</i>
16	1 Jul	Economy	Remittance inflow hits record \$35.56bn in FY26, up 17.3% year-on-year despite a softer June	<i>BSS News</i>
17	30 Jun – ongoing	Economy	Bangladesh Bank holds policy repo rate at 10% in new H1 FY27 Monetary Policy Statement, targets 7.5% inflation	<i>The Daily Star</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	early Jul	Society / Politics	HRSS June monitoring report: 9 killed, 346 injured in 58 political-violence incidents amid mass Awami League-linked arrests	<i>HRSS / albd.org coverage</i>
20	ongoing	Foreign Affairs	India's defence establishment says it is monitoring Bangladesh's China fighter-jet talks and corridor proposal	<i>Defence Security Asia</i>

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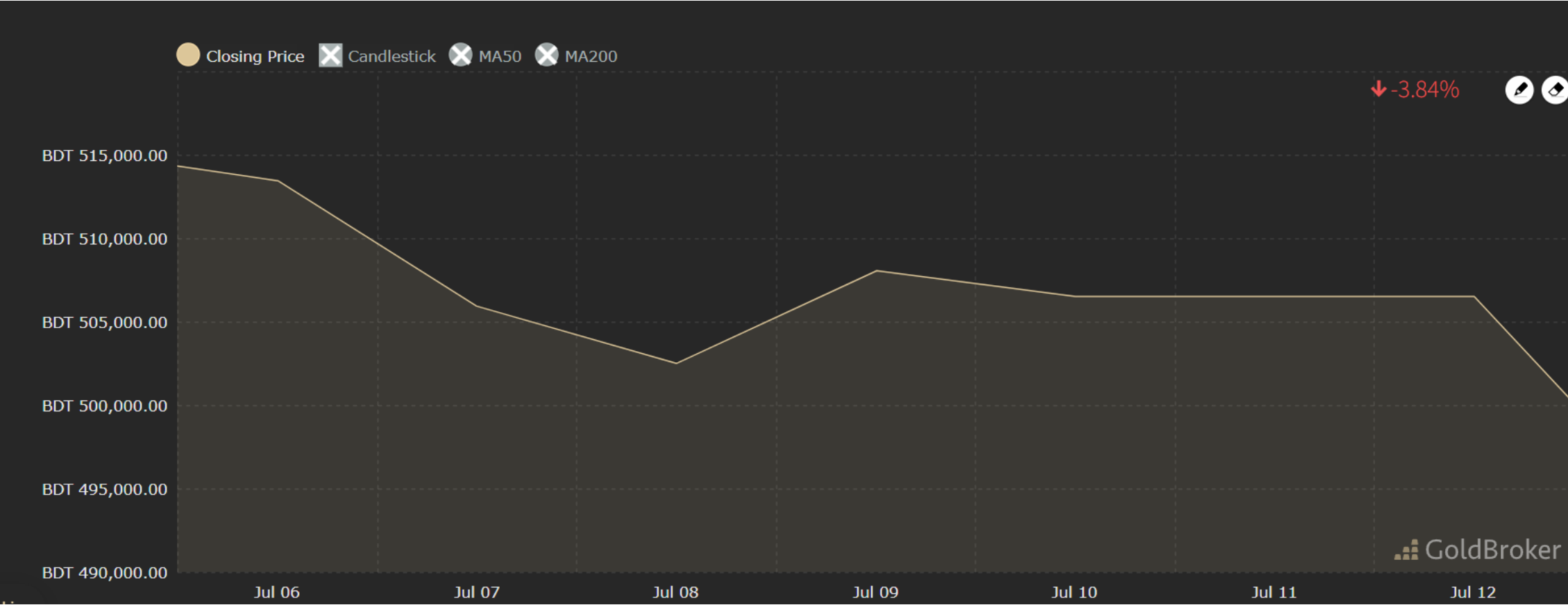
DSEX Index (6 – 12 Jul, 2026)



USD to BDT Exchange Rate (6 – 12 Jul, 2026)



Gold Price BDT



Silver price BDT

