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POLITICS

- The Diplomat (20 Jul) reports BNP has distanced itself from the July National Charter-backed reform agenda, declining to take the oath of office as members of the Constitution Reform Council and effectively sidelining the February 2026 referendum outcomes.
- HRSS's monthly tally (covering June, released 2 Jul) records nine deaths and 346 injuries in 58 political-violence incidents nationwide, including eight BNP-Jamaat clashes; similar friction continues into mid-July.
- Education Minister ANM Ehsanul Hoque Milon defends the government's push to raise the education system to global standards, a recurring cabinet talking point through the week.
- BNP-Jamaat coalition tensions persist over local government seat allocations and reform-council participation, keeping intra-coalition arbitration and public sparring active.

ECONOMY

- DSEX extends its rally for a fifth straight session on 15 Jul to 5,926 — its highest close since August 2024 — before profit-taking pulls it back to 5,900 on 16 Jul and 5,856 on 19 Jul amid a margin-rules row.
- Remittances hit \$1.427bn in the first 13 days of July (+19.5% y/y), extending FY26's record \$35.56bn tally as expatriate inflows remain a key external-sector cushion.
- USD/BDT holds in a narrow 123.20–123.30 band through the week, with Bangladesh Bank's reference rate little changed as reserves stay near \$34.5bn.
- The Daily Star's 1 Jul review notes FY26 exports slipped 0.58% to about \$48bn even as remittance growth outpaced 17%, underscoring a widening gap between the two external-sector engines.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed says (16 Jul) Bangladesh is awaiting a prompt response from the UAE and India on extraditing ex-IGP Benazir Ahmed and three Sharif Osman Hadi murder suspects, having filed all required documents well within deadlines.
- Talks on Bangladesh's proposed purchase of up to 24 Chinese J-10CE fighter jets (~\$2.2bn) continue to draw regional attention, with India's defence establishment monitoring the programme alongside a related economic-corridor proposal.
- Rohingya-response diplomacy continues amid a \$45.2m emergency funding gap flagged by NRC (17 Jul) following deadly mid-July landslides and flooding in Cox's Bazar.
- Dhaka continues to position its post-referendum reform posture for international partners even as BNP's charter reversal draws scrutiny from foreign observers.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- Home Minister Salahuddin Ahmed briefs press (16 Jul) that Bangladesh submitted extradition documents for ex-IGP Benazir Ahmed within three days of his 12 June UAE arrest, despite a 30-day window, and is now awaiting the UAE's decision.
- Salahuddin also raises concern over alleged 'push-in' attempts by India along the border, urging that any list of undocumented Bangladeshi nationals be shared through diplomatic channels for verification.
- BGB maintains high alert along the Myanmar frontier amid continued Arakan Army-related tension, alongside sustained anti-narcotics operations nationwide.
- Political-violence monitoring (HRSS, ACLED) continues to flag recurring BNP-Jamaat clashes as a persistent internal-security concern heading into the next electoral cycle.

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DEFENCE

- Negotiations on the J-10CE fighter-jet package continue to advance, with officials targeting a signing by August 2026 and phased deliveries from late 2026 or early 2027 under the Forces Goal 2030 programme.
- Each J-10CE airframe is valued at roughly \$40 million, with the wider ~\$2.2bn package covering training, logistics, spares and long-term sustainment support from China.
- India's defence establishment continues monitoring the proposed deal and Bangladesh's related economic-corridor proposal, given the aircraft's prior high-profile use by Pakistan.
- BGB sustains its high-alert posture along the Myanmar frontier amid persistent Arakan Army-related friction, alongside continued modernisation efforts under Forces Goal 2030.

HEALTH

- DGHS reports two dengue deaths and 391 new hospitalisations in 24 hours on 15 Jul, taking the year's dengue toll past 30 deaths, with Barishal and Khulna divisions worst affected.
- Health officials continue to warn that Dhaka's dengue caseload could climb further through July and August as monsoon conditions sustain mosquito breeding.
- Mobile courts continue larvae-source inspections nationwide, with hospitals directed to keep beds reserved for dengue patients as admissions climb.
- The Cox's Bazar monsoon emergency — landslides and flooding since early July — continues to strain health services in Rohingya camps, compounding an already-underfunded 2026 Joint Response Plan.

EDUCATION

- Bangladesh Inter-Education Board Coordination Committee confirms (18 Jul) that SSC and equivalent results for 2026, covering roughly 18.57 lakh candidates, will not be published on the previously announced 20 July date, citing 'recent unrest' among other factors.
- Boards now expect to finalise SSC results by 27–28 July, after which the education ministry will set the final publication date.
- HSC, Alim and equivalent examinations continue under full syllabus through the week, with theory papers running to 8 August and practicals from 15 August for around 1.2 million candidates.
- Government recruitment drive for 15,000 secondary-level teacher vacancies and the UGC distance-learning rollout for 80,000 students continue to progress under the FY27 education budget.

SOCIETY

- HRW (13 Jul) reports mid-July landslides in Rohingya refugee camps killed at least 17 people and displaced more than 3,000, urging donors to fund shelter and site-maintenance risk reduction.
- NRC (17 Jul) says relentless monsoon rainfall has triggered landslides, floods and windstorms killing over 50 people and affecting 1.1 million nationwide, with Cox's Bazar's Rohingya camps among the worst hit.
- The 2026 Rohingya Joint Response Plan faces a \$45.2m emergency funding gap across shelter, WASH and protection, even as IOM and KSrelief sign a \$2.5m WASH agreement to ease pressure.
- Family Card scheme enrollment for the first tranche of 40 lakh low-income households (Tk 14,500cr, FY27) continues alongside flood-response deployments in low-lying and haor regions.

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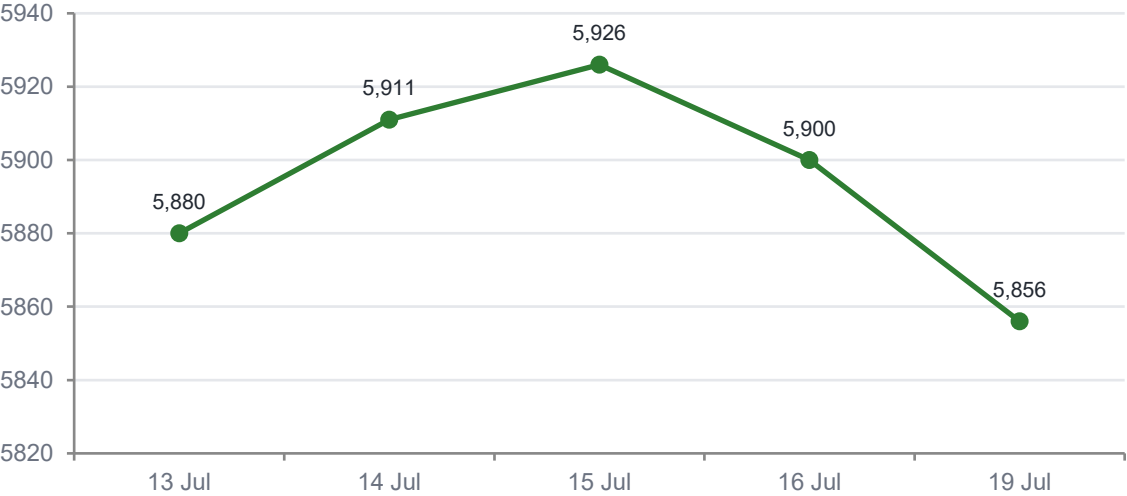
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1	13 Jul	Remittance inflow rises 23.8% to \$1.325b in first 12 days of July	Economy	BSS News
2	13 Jul	Human Rights Watch: Landslides deadly for Rohingya refugees	Society	Human Rights Watch
3	14 Jul	Stocks extend rally for fourth straight session as DSEX tops 5,900 for first time in 23 months	Economy	BSS News
4	15 Jul	Two die of dengue, 391 hospitalised in 24 hours	Health	The Business Standard
5	15 Jul	DSEX extends rally to fifth session, settles at 5,926	Economy	The Business Standard
6	16 Jul	Stocks snap rally as profit-taking drags DSEX down to 5,900	Economy	BSS News

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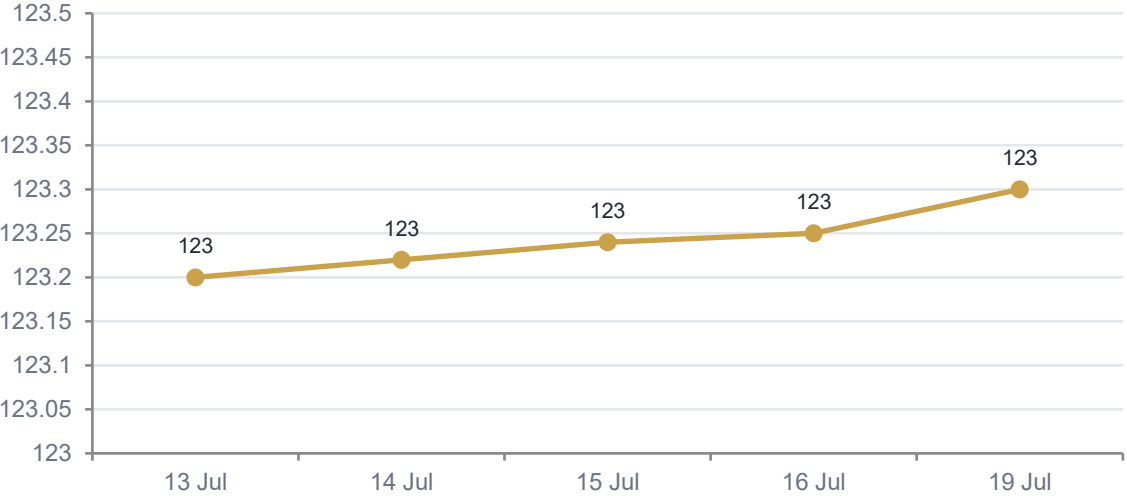
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7	16 Jul	Bangladesh awaits UAE, India response on Benazir, Hadi murder suspects' extradition	Internal Security	Dhaka Tribune
8	17 Jul	Monsoon emergency exposes growing humanitarian needs across Cox's Bazar	Society	Norwegian Refugee Council
9	18 Jul	DSEX hits near two-year high as reform hopes spark liquidity surge	Economy	The Business Standard
10	18 Jul	SSC results not to be published on July 20	Education	Dainik Shiksha
11	19 Jul	Stocks open week lower on broad-based selling pressure as DSEX falls to 5,856	Economy	BSS News
12	20 Jul	2 years after Bangladesh's July Revolution: BNP distances itself from the July Charter reform agenda	Politics	The Diplomat

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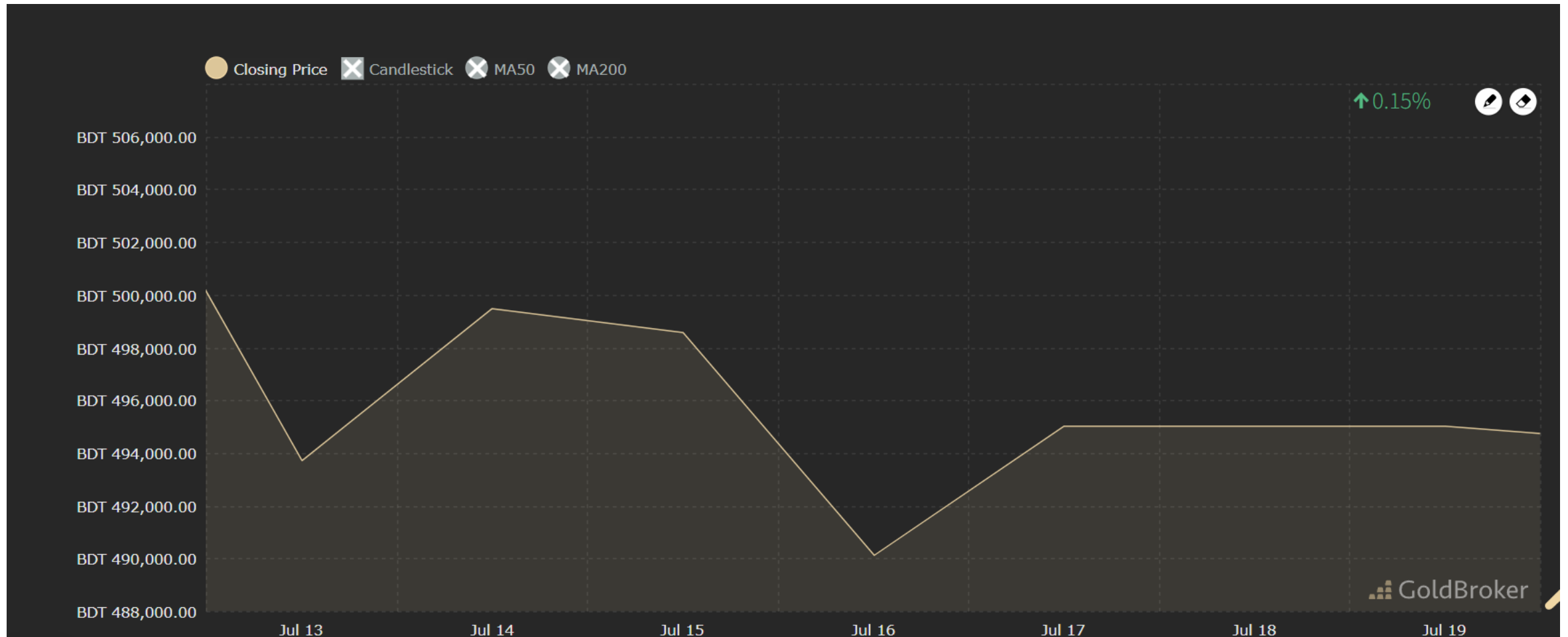
DSEX Index (13 Jul – 19 Jul 2026)



USD to BDT Exchange Rate (13 Jul – 19 Jul 2026)



Gold Price



Silver Price

