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POLITICS

- PM and BNP Chairperson Tarique Rahman held his first formal meeting with movement-allied party leaders at the State Guest House Jamuna (20 Jul), discussing governance coordination, alliance strategy and commitments made during the anti-government movement; a dinner followed for alliance leaders.
- JSD skipped the meeting, saying separate political engagement with BNP ahead of national consensus on the July Charter, referendum and state reforms risked creating confusion about its position, while affirming it would join any state-organised national dialogue.
- BNP's continued distancing from the July Charter-backed reform agenda (flagged 20 Jul by The Diplomat) remains a live controversy through the week, keeping the Constitution Reform Council's standing in question.
- BNP-Jamaat friction persists over local government seat allocations and reform-council participation, sustaining intra-coalition arbitration and public sparring.

ECONOMY

- DSEX opens the week flat at 5,858 (20 Jul, +1.9pts) before a volatile mid-week: index briefly tops 5,900 intraday on 22 Jul before a late sell-off drags it to 5,871 (-27pts) on insurance-margin jitters.
- Sell-off deepens 23 Jul as DSEX falls 67pts (1.15%) to 5,804, a second straight loss wiping out roughly Tk6,211cr in market capitalisation on proposed margin-loan rule changes and profit-taking.
- Weekly close: DSEX down 96pts (1.63%) to 5,804.30, snapping a three-week gaining streak as foreign and institutional investors turn net sellers; losing streak extends into 26 Jul (down to 5,784) amid a domestic energy crunch and Middle East-linked global risk aversion.
- Remittances climb to \$2.018bn in the first 20 days of July (+23.1% y/y) and \$2.17bn by 22 days (+23.4% y/y), continuing FY27's strong start and cushioning the external sector.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

- Talks on Bangladesh's proposed purchase of up to 24 Chinese J-10CE fighter jets (~\$2.2bn) continue to advance toward a targeted August 2026 signing, drawing sustained Indian strategic commentary given the aircraft's prior high-profile use by Pakistan.
- The Anti-Corruption Commission prepares formal responses to queries raised by Dubai Police as part of ex-IGP Benazir Ahmed's extradition process, after UAE authorities gave in-principle consent pending clarification on the cases against him.
- Rohingya-response diplomacy continues amid a persistent \$45.2m emergency funding gap in the 2026 Joint Response Plan, even as the Cox's Bazar monsoon-emergency response is scaled up by IOM and partners.
- Bangladesh sustains parallel engagement with both the Myanmar junta and the Arakan Army over the unresolved status of detained fishermen and Rohingya, as border-management complexity persists.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- BGB maintains a high-alert posture along the Myanmar frontier as the border-fencing initiative (270km, with thermal imaging, night-vision and drone surveillance) advances amid continued Arakan Army-related friction.
- The Benazir Ahmed extradition file moves into UAE judicial review, with the Anti-Corruption Commission compiling case documentation for Dubai Police as the dual-criminality assessment proceeds.
- BGB sustains nationwide anti-narcotics operations alongside continued vigilance against alleged cross-border 'push-in' attempts.
- Political-violence monitoring continues to flag recurring BNP-Jamaat local 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 still 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 remains 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, given the aircraft's prior high-profile operational use by Pakistan and its implications for regional airpower balance.
- BGB sustains its high-alert posture and modernisation efforts along the Myanmar frontier under the Forces Goal 2030 programme, including the advancing border-fencing initiative.

HEALTH

- DGHS reports three dengue deaths and 372 fresh cases in 24 hours on 20 Jul, pushing the cumulative 2026 death toll and caseload steeply higher through the week as monsoon conditions sustain mosquito breeding.
- Barishal and Chattogram divisions continue to record the heaviest caseloads; DGHS data show men account for roughly 61.6% of infections nationwide so far this year.
- Health officials reiterate that Dhaka's dengue caseload could climb further through July and August, with hospitals directed to keep beds reserved for dengue patients as admissions rise.
- The Cox's Bazar monsoon emergency continues to strain health services in Rohingya camps, compounding an already-underfunded 2026 Joint Response Plan.

EDUCATION

- SSC and equivalent results, originally slated for 20 Jul, are pushed further back; boards now expect to finalise results by 28–29 Jul, after which the education ministry will set the final publication date.
- The Bangladesh Inter-Education Board Coordination Committee cites 'recent unrest' among the factors behind the delay, affecting roughly 1.857 million candidates who sat the exams.
- 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.
- The government's 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

- The Cox's Bazar monsoon emergency continues into a third week, with IOM scaling up its response alongside government and humanitarian partners as more than 1.1 million people remain affected nationwide.
- The 2026 Rohingya Joint Response Plan continues to face a \$45.2m emergency funding gap across shelter, WASH and protection, even as targeted agreements ease pressure in specific sectors.
- 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.
- Recovery and shelter-repair efforts in Rohingya camps continue amid warnings that fragile, deforested hillsides remain highly vulnerable to further landslides through the rest of the monsoon season.

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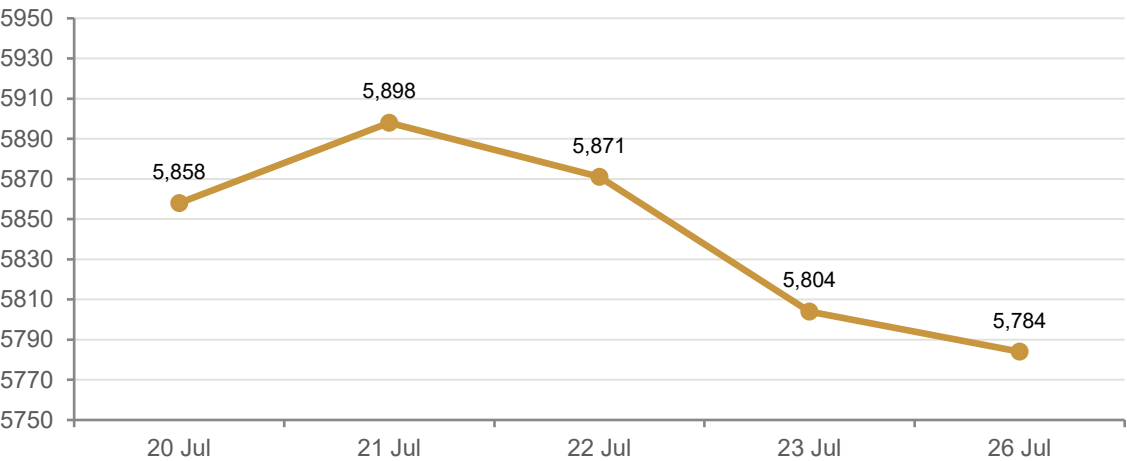
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1	20 Jul	DSE ends nearly flat as DSEX gains 1.9 points to 5,858 amid margin-rule caution	Economy	BSS News
2	20 Jul	Three more die of dengue, 372 fresh cases recorded in 24 hours	Health	BSS News
3	20 Jul	SSC results likely after July 28 as boards miss July 20 deadline	Education	The Daily Star
4	21 Jul	BNP to seek allies' advice in running govt after first Jamuna meeting with movement partners	Politics	Prothom Alo
5	21 Jul	Remittance inflow rises 23.1pc to \$2.018bn in first 20 days of July	Economy	BSS News
6	22 Jul	Late-session sell-off drags DSEX as insurance margin row rattles investors	Economy	The Business Standard

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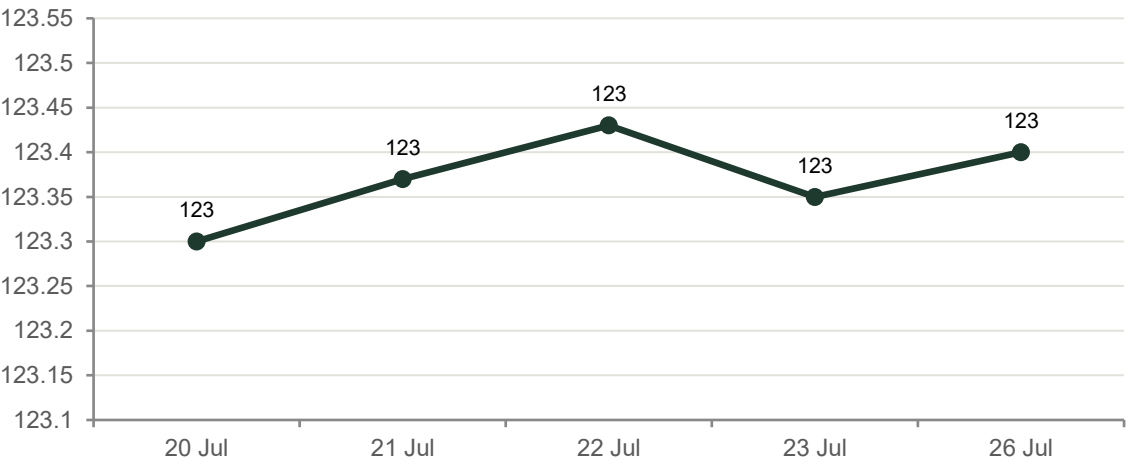
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7	23 Jul	Margin rule concerns deepen sell-off as DSEX loses 95 points in two days	Economy	<i>The Business Standard</i>
8	23 Jul	Remittance inflow rises 23.4pc to \$2.17bn in first 22 days of July	Economy	<i>BSS News</i>
9	23 Jul	Benazir's extradition: ACC preparing response to Dubai Police	Foreign Affairs	<i>The Daily Star</i>
10	24 Jul	DSEX snaps three-week gaining streak as foreign, institutional investors lead sell-off	Economy	<i>The Business Standard</i>
11	26 Jul	Dhaka stocks slip for third day as energy crisis, global risks weigh	Economy	<i>The Business Standard</i>
12	17 Jul	Monsoon emergency exposes growing humanitarian needs across Cox's Bazar	Society	<i>Norwegian Refugee Council</i>

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DSEX Index (20 Jul – 26 Jul 2026)

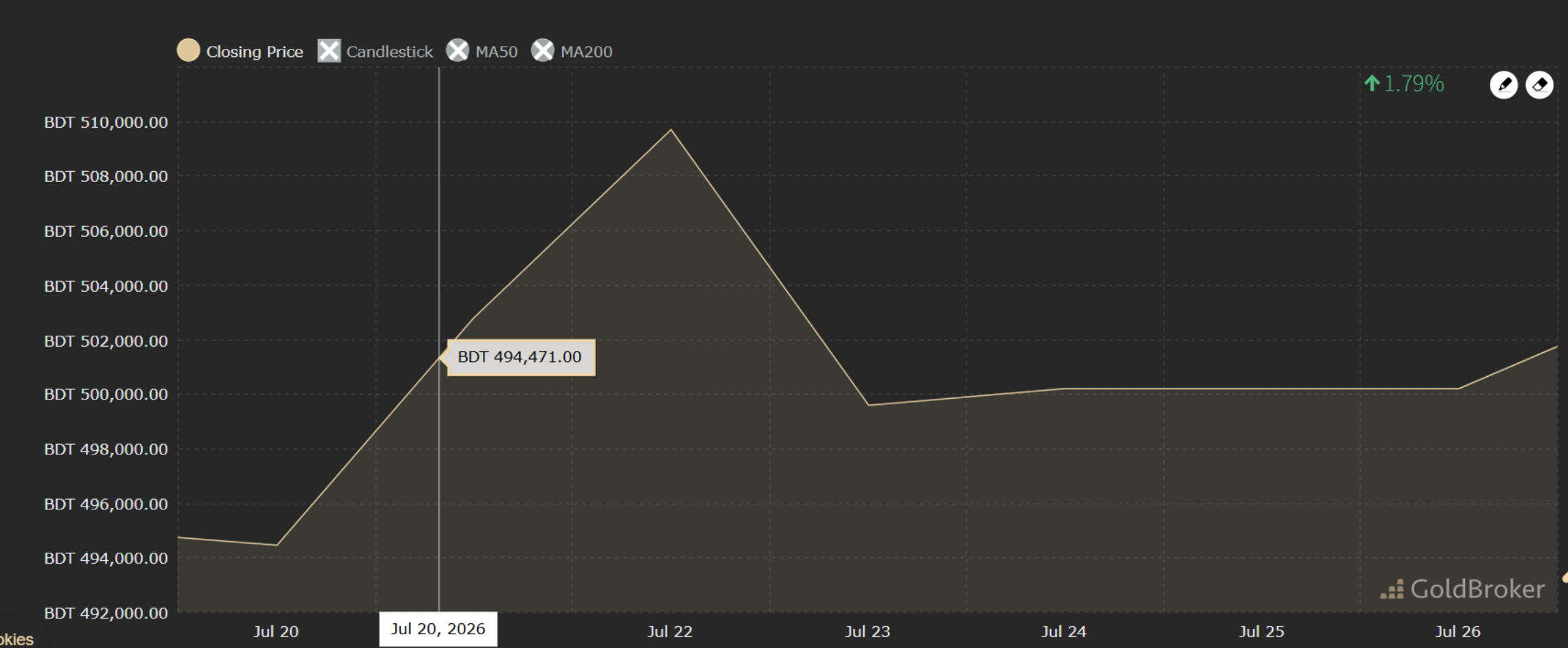


USD to BDT Exchange Rate (20 Jul – 26 Jul 2026)



BANK POLICY / LENDING RATE

Gold Price BDT



Silver Price BDT

