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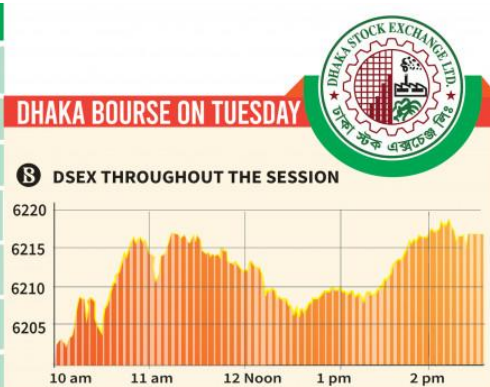
## Stock Market & Company

### 78 stocks find buyers in two days as market starts to recover

The Business Standard, February 28, 2023

- A total of 78 stocks have returned to spontaneous trading at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) over the last two sessions as the regulator's assurance of not withdrawing the floor price and the maximum 1% fall limit in a day immediately helped increase some buying appetite.
- Following the turnaround from a four-week losing streak on Monday, the DSEX, the broad-based index of the DSE, further advanced 0.29% to close at 6,216.95 points on Tuesday.
- And the DSE turnover surpassed Tk400 crore for the first time since 15 February.
- Amid a panic that the securities regulator might withdraw the floor price, the highest ever number of 337 of the 399 DSE scrips got stuck at the lowest price limit on Sunday as no buyer was interested in bidding for those stocks.
- But on the very next day, the DSE had buyers for 86 scrips, up from 62 at the pessimistic close on Sunday. However, in the last two days, out of the 167 scrips under 1% bottom restriction, the number of the scrips having active bidders increased to their highest ever number of 80 during the closing bell on Tuesday, which went down to 15 on Sunday.
- Unlike the recent down days, winners significantly outnumbered the losers on Tuesday as 106 scrips advanced and 56 declined.

| KEY INDICATORS  |   |
|---|---|
|  | DSEX 0.29% up to 6,217                  |
|  | DSES 0.24% up to 1,360                  |
|  | DS30 up by 0.1% to 2,221                |
|  | Turnover jumped 61% to Tk420.7cr        |
|  | 106 scrips advanced, 56 declined        |
|  | 45 scrips emerge from 1% bottom circuit |
|  | 9 scrips come out of floor              |



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/78-stocks-find-buyers-two-days-market-starts-recover-592278>

## Market suffers on evening rumours: BSEC chairman

The Business Standard, February 28, 2023

- Rumours about the removal of the floor price are affecting the country's stock market, according to Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Professor Shibli Rubayat-ul-Islam.
- "With some positive news, when the market normalises a little, in the evening social media is buzzing with rumours of the floor price being lifted. And it is spread in such a way that some general investors believe these things," he said.
- "General investors get panicked and sell shares. None of us say anything, but people spread these rumours," he added on Tuesday at the Brokerage House Trust Regional Equity Limited's opening ceremony.
- Professor Shibli Rubayat-ul-Islam said, "We are faring well in all aspects but there is a problem in the secondary market. But what are we to do because we don't trade." He claimed that the stock market will improve starting next March, when dividend declarations from banks will start arriving.
- The chairman said that the business climate in Bangladesh is not like before. Everyone competes to grab a bigger share of the same market. Qualified people can earn more in Bangladesh than abroad.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/market-suffers-evening-rumours-bsec-chairman-592250>

## IPDC Finance reports negative cash flow despite highest earnings in 7 years

The Financial Express, March 01, 2023

- Non-banking financial institute IPDC Finance has reported a negative cash flow for the year ended in December 2022 despite the fact that its earnings for the period were the highest in the last seven years. The company posted a net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) of Tk (11.26), a negative value, for 2022, which was Tk 17.12 in the previous year.
- In a disclosure, the company said loan disbursement was higher than deposits, resulting in the negative cash flow from operating activities.
- "Loans/leases and advances were grown while deposits experienced de-growth," reads the disclosure.
- The IPDC made a profit of Tk 902 million in 2022, which was Tk 881 million the year before. The company's earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk 2.43 for 2022, the highest since 2017.
- The NAV per share stood at Tk 18.33 for 2022, which was Tk 17.12 in 2021. The company recommended a 10 per cent cash dividend for 2022, the lowest in four years since 2018.



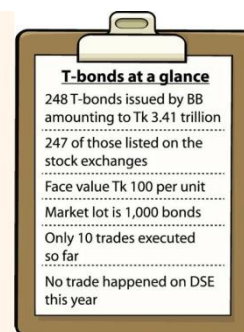
<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/ipdc-finance-negative-cash-flow-despite-highest-earnings-in-7-years>

## T-bonds trading on bourses: Supply runs dry against high demand

The Financial Express, March 01, 2023

- Although trading of Treasury bonds began on the country's stock exchanges four months ago, transactions are yet to gain momentum mainly due to supply shortage. Only 10 trades amounting to Tk 5.99 million of T-bonds have taken place since the debut trading in October last year.

- General investors are unable to buy T-bonds since banks and other financial institutions hold almost all of those and are reluctant to sell the bonds on the stock exchanges, market insiders say.
- T-bonds in Bangladesh: There are 248 Treasury bonds now, with tenures ranging from 2 to 20 years. They pay at the coupon rate of 2-15 per cent annually against the face value of Tk 100 each bond.
- The longer the tenure the higher the interest rate is. For example, at the end of November 2022, the yield on 2-year T-bonds was 7.49 per cent while the rates were 7.81 per cent for 5-year bonds, 8.25 per cent for 10-year bonds, 8.67 per cent for 15-year bonds and 8.72 per cent for 20-year bonds.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/t-bonds-trading-on-bourses-supply-runs-dry-against-high-demand>

## Fu Wang Foods posts 55% profit growth

The Daily Star, March 01, 2023

- Fu Wang Foods Ltd posted a 55 per cent increase in profit to Tk 1.55 crore in the July-December half of the current financial year. This compared to Tk 99.76 lakh profit the food manufacturer made in the same half a year ago.
- The company reported earnings per share of Tk 0.14 for the first half of 2022-23, up from Tk 0.09 in the July-December of 2021-22, according to the audited financial statements. The net operating cash flow per share of Fu Wang Foods fell to Tk 0.08 in July-December of FY23 from Tk 0.40 a year earlier.
- The net asset value, however, rose to Tk 3.74 on December 31 from Tk 3.46 on June 30. The board of directors recommended a 0.50 per cent interim cash dividend for the half that ended on December 31, said Fu Wang Food in a post on the Dhaka Stock Exchange.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/organisation-news/news/fu-wang-foods-posts-55-profit-growth-3259996>

## Economy & Industry

### Pvt sector credit growth dips further to 12.62pc

The New Age, February 28, 2023

- The private sector credit growth dropped in January 2023 due to liquidity stress and an unfavourable business environment resulting from the ongoing economic crisis in the country. According to Bangladesh Bank data, the private sector credit growth dropped to 12.62 per cent in January 2023 from 12.89 per cent in December 2022.
- In November 2022, the growth was 13.97 per cent. According to the central bank data, the amount of excess liquidity in banks dropped to Tk 1.37 lakh crore in January 2023 compared with that of Tk 1.45 lakh crore in December 2022.
- The liquidity in excess of statutory liquidity ratio was Tk 2.03 lakh crore in June 2022. The central bank sold \$7.62 billion directly to banks in FY22 amid a shortage of the greenback on the market.
- The private sector credit growth reached 14.07 per cent in August, hitting nearly the BB monetary policy target of 14.1 per cent for FY23. The BB reduced the private sector credit growth target for FY23 to 14.01 from 14.8 per cent of FY22 to control inflationary pressure.
- According to the Bangladesh Bank data, the government borrowing from commercial banks increased to Tk 2.02 lakh crore at the end of January 2023, which was Tk 1.81 lakh crore in December 2022.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/195642/pvt-sector-credit-growth-dips-further-to-1262pc>

## Garment export to US falls

The Daily Star, March 01, 2023

- Bangladesh's garment exports to the United States of America (US) declined in January this fiscal year, suffered by dip in shipments of knitwear items to the biggest market. Exporters sent \$4.98 billion worth of garments in the July-January period of the current fiscal year (2022-23), down 1.98 per cent from \$5.08 billion the same period a year ago, data compiled by the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) showed.
- Woven garment exports grew 6.7 per cent while shipments of knitwear slumped 17.6 per cent during the period. Until December this fiscal year, export receipts for apparels shipped to the US, which bought nearly one fifth of the overall earnings from clothing exports last year, was positive.
- This is first time in four years that apparel exports to the US declined amid fears of recession. High inflation in the US is a factor behind the decline, said Mohiuddin Rubel, director of BGMEA. If this continues, overall export earnings may become negative.
- During July-January of FY23, apparel exports to the European Union (EU) increased by 15 per cent to \$13.73 billion, up from \$ 11.94 billion the same period a year ago, according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau. Germany, being the largest European market fetched \$4.06 billion with only 0.83 per cent year-on-year growth.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/garment-export-us-falls-3260031>

## International

### Adani to repay up to \$790m share-backed loans by March

The Daily Star, March 01, 2023

- India's Adani Group plans to prepay or repay share-backed loans worth \$690 million to \$790 million by March-end, two people with knowledge of the matter told Reuters, as the conglomerate seeks to burnish its credit profile after a short-seller attack.
- The plan comes even as the group holds a fixed-income roadshow this week in Singapore and Hong Kong to shore up investor confidence amid share price falls and a regulatory probe. Adani Green Energy Ltd also plans to refinance its 2024 bonds via an \$800 million, three-year credit line, said the people, who declined to be identified as they were not authorised to speak with media.
- The group presented both plans to bondholders in Hong Kong on Tuesday, the people said. The three-day roadshow is scheduled to end on Wednesday.
- An Adani group spokesperson did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Chief Financial Officer Jugeshinder Singh told Bloomberg News the group is not looking to refinance debt or raise capital.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/lc-restrictions-cut-fruit-imports-38-3259696>

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