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Stock Market & Company

Turnover leaders grab 30.72pc of weekly transaction

The Financial Express, March 06, 2022

- Top 10 turnover leaders in last week posted an aggregate amount of transaction worth Tk 11.51 billion. During the week, the companies grabbed 30.72 per cent of the weekly turnover of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- In last week, the premier bourse posted a total turnover of Tk 37.46 billion which was 6.07 per cent less against the previous week. Three companies' turnover ranged between Tk 1.12 billion and Tk 3.77 billion.
- Bangladesh Export Import Company topped the scrip wise weekly turnover chart with a value of Tk 3.77 billion. The company contributed 10.08 per cent in weekly market turnover. Bangladesh Shipping Corporation posted a turnover of Tk 1.81 billion and grabbed 4.84 per cent of weekly market transaction.
- Sonali Paper & Board Mills posted a turnover of Tk 1.12 billion, Fortune Shoes Tk 999.09 million, Orion Pharma Tk 916.76 million, British American Tobacco Bangladesh Company Tk 692.26 million, Saif Powertec Tk 554.09 million, Anwar Galvanizing Tk 546.73 million, Union Bank Tk 545.99 million and Dragon Sweater and Spinning Tk 542.70 million in last week.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/turnover-leaders-grab-3072pc-of-weekly-transaction-1646537523>

BSEC to inspect SF Textile factory before amalgamation

The Newage, March 03, 2022

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has formed a committee to inspect factory and production facilities of SF Textile Industries Limited after listed FAR Chemical Industries Limited proposed taking over the textile company.
- The committee will conduct the inspection and submit report to the commission within seven days. Earlier on November 1, 2021, FAR Chemical Industries informed the Dhaka Stock Exchange that its board of directors decided to take over SF Textile Industries, a non-listed public limited company, with its all assets and liabilities as per Companies Act, 1994 subject to approval of the shareholders and relevant regulatory authorities as required. SF Textile Industries is an allied concern of FAR Chemical Industries Limited.
- Far Chemical recommended 1 per cent cash dividend for the year ending on June 30, 2021 after incurring a loss of Tk 3.49 crore against profit of Tk 7.21 crore in the previous year. The company declared loss per share of Tk 0.16 for July-December 2021 against loss of Tk 0.03 per share for July-December 2020.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/164330/bsec-to-inspect-sf-textile-factory-before-amalgamation>

Only 1.85 lakh investors hold shares worth over Tk 5 lakh each

The Newage, March 05, 2022

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission has found that 1.85 lakh beneficiary owners' accountholders hold investments worth Tk 5 lakh or above. The BSEC has recently collected data from the Central Depository of Bangladesh about investments in individual beneficiary owners' account.
- After analyzing data of CDBL, the BSEC observed that 1.12 lakh BO accounts hold more than Tk 10 lakh followed by 62,463 accounts held more than Tk 20 lakh, 43,126 accounts held more than Tk 30 lakh, 33,093 accounts held Tk 40 lakh and 27,030 accounts had more than Tk 50 lakh.
- Around half of the active BO (beneficiary owner) accounts have not played any role in daily transactions over the years as those accounts either have zero balance or have never been used in share trading. According to the CDBL, the number of active accounts was above 25.3 lakh as on June 30, 2021.
- Of those accounts, more than 14.11 lakh had a share balance while 8.08 lakh accounts were active with zero balance and the remaining 3.17 lakh accounts were never used. As a result, 11.3 lakh or 44.36 per cent of the active accounts played no role in daily share trading during the fiscal year 2020-21.
- The number of BO accounts plunged to 20.65 lakh on March 3 against 25.3 lakh on June 30 last year. Therefore, more than 90 per cent of the total number of BO accounts hold less than Tk 5 lakh investment.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/164538/only-185-lakh-investors-hold-shares-worth-over-tk-5-lakh-each>

Banco Securities deposits Tk 100m

The Financial Express, March 04, 2022

- Banco Securities on Thursday deposited Tk 100 million into the account of Dhaka bourse to settle claims of the brokerage firm's clients. Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) M. Shaifur Rahman Mazumdar has confirmed this while talking to the FE.
- The premier bourse has also asked the Banco Securities to submit a detailed plan on as to how it will settle all claims so far lodged by the clients. The securities regulator and Dhaka bourse continued an effort to help settle the claims of the clients of three broker firms including Banco Securities.
- On June 15, 2021 the DSE suspended trading at Banco Securities and sued its owners for embezzling its clients' funds. Apart from filing case, bank accounts of the brokerage firm, its chairman and directors were frozen.
- "The DSE received Tk 100 million on Thursday. The company will submit a detailed plan within a week on settlement of the claims," said the DSE's COO. Recently, the DSE has requested the clients of three stock brokers to submit complaints regarding embezzlement of their money or shares or both within May 15, 2022.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/banco-securities-deposits-tk-100m-1646364510>

BSEC orders United Airways to regularise general meetings, complete audits

The Business Standard, March 05, 2022

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) directed United Airways (BD) Ltd to regularise its annual general meetings (AGMs) and complete audits that are pending for the last four fiscal years. The commission issued a letter in this regard last week.
- An audit firm from the BSEC's panel auditors will complete the audits for the company's financial statements for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 fiscal years. In June last year, the BSEC delisted the company from the main board of stock exchanges and sent its shares to the over-the-counter (OTC) market because of the company's weak fundamentals.
- On 28 February 2021, the commission recast the company's board of directors to revive its operations. The BSEC nominated seven independent directors including aviation expert and Editor of Bangladesh Monitor Kazi Wahidul Alam as chairman and removed former Managing Director Tasbirul Alam Chowdhury from the board.
- Now, the firm's operations have been closed since September 2014 through an emergency press conference. The airline officials announced an indefinite suspension of all domestic and international flights of United Airways.
- The firm did not have the money to cover the cost of operating flights at that moment. Later, the company resumed its domestic flights through Dhaka-Saidpur.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-orders-united-airways-regularise-general-meetings-complete-audits-380383>

Listed firms asked to update their websites

The Business Standard, March 05, 2022

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) directed all the listed companies to update their information on their respective websites. The commission recently sent a letter to managing directors of the bourses, asking them to take necessary steps to update the recent or current annual reports, audited financial reports, and lists of board members on the companies' websites.
- The BSEC also asked the stock exchanges to send a report on the development within the next seven days. The directive came in the wake of allegations from a number of shareholders that there is a lack of information and inaccuracies on the websites of some companies. Besides, some did not even upload their annual reports on their websites.
- For instance, in the first week of December last year, there was a lack of information and inaccuracies on the website of SS Steel, a listed company in the engineering sector. The DSE sought an explanation from the company.
- The websites of Eastern Cables, Aman Feed, and Kay & Que did not have annual reports for FY21. The companies were asked to explain why they did not have the latest annual reports on their websites. As of Saturday, all three companies updated their annual reports on their respective websites.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/listed-firms-asked-update-their-websites-380380>

Inquire prize bond results online

The Business Standard, March 05, 2022

- The finance ministry has launched a software to help people find out the results of the draw of prize bonds easily. "Inquiring the results manually is quite strenuous. As a result, the popularity of prize bonds has gradually declined," Abu Hena Md Rahmatul Muneem, senior secretary of the ministry's Internal Resources Division, told the inauguration in Dhaka Saturday.
- People will have to browse www.irdbd.online to know the results. The results can be inquired in two ways. The prize bond numbers can be searched by typing in Bengali or English in the search box on the website. To search multiple numbers, the numbers must be separated with a comma (,). Besides, to search a series of numbers, a hyphen (-) must be used between the first and last numbers of the series.

- The second way is to inquire about the results by uploading Microsoft Excel files. If someone has many prize bonds, they will have to write bond numbers in a Microsoft Excel sheet and upload it to the site to browse the results. People also can subscribe to this website for automated mail notification after each draw. The website now offers lottery results for the past two years.
- At present, there are 67 series of prize bonds available in the country. Awards are given to 46 bonds in each series every three months. In a lottery, a total of 3,082 prize bonds are awarded in all series.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/inquire-prize-bond-results-online-380401>

Economy & Industry

Insurance sector rebounds strongly

The Daily Star, March 04, 2022

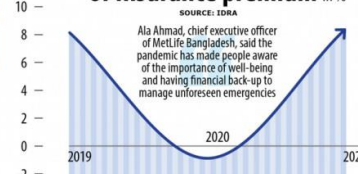
- The insurance industry rebounded strongly in 2021 after getting hit by the coronavirus pandemic thanks to the contraction of excessive commission to agents and digitisation of services. Total gross premium of life and non-life insurance grew 8.45 per cent year-on-year to Tk 14,392 crore in 2021, according to the Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA).
- However, premium fell 0.89 per cent to Tk 13,271 crore in 2020 due to pandemic. One company's data was excluded due to a lack of data and most of the data for the year 2021 was unaudited.
- The unaudited data of 2021 may differ from the audited data and one insurer in 2021 (non-life) has been excluded as data is not available. For 2020, two insurance companies data are unaudited (life insurers), says the IDRA.
- In 2012, the IDRA issued a circular barring insurance companies from paying more than 15 per cent of the premium as commission to their agents.
- However, most insurers disregarded the directive, prompting the regulator to issue a notice in late 2019, instructing them to comply for the sake of the sector's welfare.

AT A GLANCE

- Gross premium of life, non-life ins rose **8.45%** in last one year
- It grew to Tk **14,392**cr in 2021 from Tk **13,271**cr a year ago
- Insurance industry contributes only **0.4%** to GDP
- In Bangladesh, there are 33 life insurance companies
- 46** non-life ins companies active
- 49** are listed with stock market



GROWTH RATE of Insurance premium in %



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/insurance-sector-rebounds-strongly-2975321>

IMF suggests Bangladesh monitor inflation, normalise monetary policy

The Business Standard, March 04, 2022

- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) says Bangladesh needs to closely monitor inflation developments and stand ready to normalise monetary policy, while it concluded the Article IV consultation with Bangladesh. The IMF has projected the headline consumer price index (CPI) inflation at 5.9% in FY22, driven by higher international commodity prices.
- The Washington-based organisation, which basically works to foster global monetary cooperation, remarks that Bangladesh has made substantial progress in its first 50 years of independence. Since 2010, per capita real GDP growth, averaging 5% annually, has resulted in a steady decline in poverty, with increasing access to education and healthcare, IMF said in its annual talks with Bangladesh.
- It also said macroeconomic policies in recent years have been successful in keeping inflation stable, debt-to-GDP low, and external buffers adequate. IMF directors recognised Bangladesh's impressive economic growth and social development.

- For FY22, the IMF projected 6.6% economic growth supported by a robust rebound in exports and stimulus packages. The IMF hailed Bangladesh for quickly and decisively addressing the economic fallout of the pandemic with the support packages worth Tk1.9 trillion (or 6% of GDP).
- But it noted the risks, including from the uncertain path of the pandemic, low vaccination rates, and vulnerabilities to climate change. It also projected the fiscal deficit to peak at 6.1% of GDP in FY22 as the authorities increased pandemic-related spending.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/imf-executive-board-concludes-2021-article-iv-consultation-bangladesh-379747>

International

US says looking for ways to cut use of Russian oil

The Daily Star, March 06, 2022

- The White House is looking for ways to reduce US consumption of Russian oil while protecting American families from price hikes, an administration spokeswoman said Friday. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sent oil prices soaring to their highest levels since 2014.
- While Western allies' severe financial sanctions on Moscow have so far exempted oil transactions, pressure has been building for new sanctions targeting Russia's main source of cash -- oil exports. "We are looking at ways to reduce the import of Russian oil while also making sure that we are maintaining the global supply needs out there," White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters.
- "We are very focused on minimising the impact to families," she said. Amid reports buyers are already shunning oil from Russia, futures prices on Friday were above \$115 a barrel.
- The US Commerce Department on Friday announced additional restrictions on Russian industry, including barring exports of key refining equipment to "limit Russia's ability to raise revenue from the sale of its refined products, including gasoline, that it can use to support its military efforts." White House chief economic adviser Brian Deese told financial channel CNBC on Friday that the administration is keeping close tabs on the global oil market.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/us-says-looking-ways-cut-use-russian-oil-2976531>

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