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## Stock Market & Company

### Dhaka stocks hit 2-month low

The Newage, March 06, 2022

- Dhaka stocks dropped for the third day on Sunday with the key index hitting a more-than-two-month low as investors increased share sales amid an escalation in the Russia-Ukraine war. DSEX, the key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, lost 0.86 per cent, or 57.88 points, to close at 6,638.63 points on Sunday.
- Sunday's index was the lowest after December 26, 2021 when it was at 6,629.87 points. The DSEX lost 115.14 points in the last three sessions. Among the large capitalised companies, share prices of British American Tobacco Company, Beximco Pharmaceuticals, Grameenphone, Square Pharmaceuticals and LafargeHolcim Bangladesh plunged on the day.
- Average share prices of general insurance, engineering, telecommunication and non-bank financial institution declined by 2.1 per cent, 1.6 per cent, 1.4 per cent and 1 per cent respectively.
- The turnover on the DSE increased slightly to Tk 651.56 crore on Sunday compared with that of Tk 644.55 crore in the previous session. The DS30 index comprising of 30 large capitalised companies decreased by 24 points to finish at 2,438.94 points and the DSE Shariah index lost 10.96 points to close at 1,431.02 points.
- BEXIMCO topped the turnover chart with its shares worth Tk 70.87 crore changing hands. Fortune Shoes, British American Tobacco, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation, Sonali Paper and Board Mills, Keya Cosmetics, Renata Limited, Fareast Life Insurance, Orion Pharma and Queen South Textiles were the other turnover leaders.
- Prime Finance First Mutual Fund was the day's best performer, posting a gain of 9.87 per cent, while Shurwid Industries Limited was the worst loser, shedding 7.01 per cent.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/164621/dhaka-stocks-hit-2-month-low>

### 5 bodies step up to aid T-bond trading

The Newage, March 06, 2022

- Five bodies, including the Bangladesh Bank and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, have reached an agreement to facilitate the trading of government treasury bonds on the Dhaka Stock Exchange smoothly.
- The BB, the BSEC, the Dhaka Stock Exchange, the Chittagong Stock Exchange and the Central Depository of Bangladesh signed a memorandum of understanding in the past week regarding the matter. Now, there are 221 treasury bonds with tenure ranging from 5-20 years listed on the DSE.

- Government bonds are traded between institutional shareholders, including banks and financial institutions. The general investors would be able to invest in the government securities easily once the trading of the government securities on the DSE begins.
- DSE chief operating officer Shaifur Rahman Mazumder told New Age that a MoU was signed among the bodies to ensure smooth and uninterrupted trading of treasury bonds on the DSE platform. The five bodies have separate functions in the trading operation of the treasury bills and each body would play its role in the operation as per a consensus reached previously, he said.
- On October 14, 2021, the DSE successfully experimented the first trading of a treasury bond using its trading system after 16 years.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/164623/5-bodies-step-up-to-aid-t-bond-trading>

## Mozaffar Spinning to invest Tk90cr for second phase expansion

The Business Standard, March 06, 2022

- Mozaffar Hossain Spinning Mills Limited, a concern of SIM Group, will invest Tk90 crore for a second phase expansion by installing new machines and setting up a captive power plant at its factory premises to produce yarns for import substitution.
- It produces export-oriented woven fabrics cotton yarns and supplies them to the garments industry. Currently, the mill can spin up to 40-count cotton yarn in the range of cotton to blended yarns such as polyester, lycra and others.
- After the company disclosed the information in a stock exchange filing on Sunday, its shares closed 2.16% higher at Tk33.10 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). The shares witnessed a 40% jump since January. The company said it will install 10,200 ring spinning units, which will produce eight tonnes of high-end value-added blended yarn per day.
- Financial performance: Mozaffar Hossain Spinning's business bounced back strongly from the Covid-19 shocks in the first half of fiscal 2021-22. During the July-December period, its revenue jumped 251% to Tk124.32 crore, from a year earlier.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mozaffar-spinning-invest-tk90cr-second-phase-expansion-380845>

## Krishibid Seed QIO subscription opens on 20 March

The Business Standard, March 06, 2022

- The qualified investor offer (QIO) subscription of Krishibid Seed Ltd - a sister concern of the Krishibid Group - will open on 20 March and run till 24 March. In January, the agro-based firm secured the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission's approval to raise Tk11.6 crore through a QIO in the SME platform of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- The company will issue 1.16 crore general shares at a face value of Tk10 each. Krishibid Seed was incorporated in 2016. It produces and imports different kinds of quality seeds, like vegetables, maize, rice, wheat, oil, pulse, grass, and potato.
- The company will use its QIO fund to construct cold storage, a storage building, and a seeds research and development section. In the July-September period of the ongoing fiscal, its earnings per share stood at Tk0.6, and net asset value per share without revaluation at Tk12.6.
- The company will not be allowed to issue bonus shares for the first three years of its listing in the DSE SME platform. SBL Capital Management Limited is the issue manager of the company.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/krishibid-seed-qio-subscription-opens-20-march-380857>

## Economy & Industry

### Audit firms asked to report NBFIs anomalies instantly

The Daily Star, March 07, 2022

- The Bangladesh Bank has instructed chartered accounting firms to immediately inform it about any major financial anomalies they unearth while carrying out audits into non-bank financial institutions (NBFIs).
- On February 28, the central bank issued a letter to NBFIs where it gave the instruction to 43 chartered accountant firms in tandem. The firms are listed with the BB to audit into 34 NBFIs operating in the country. A copy of the letter was also sent to the firms.

- The move comes as a good number of NBFIs are struggling to survive due to large-scale scams committed in recent years. But the inspection teams of the central bank could not detect the scandals in time.
- As per rules, the audit firms have to submit the annual audit report to the central bank after the completion of the exercise. But, the reports have failed to highlight financial forgeries. As a result, unscrupulous directors, senior executives and borrowers embezzled thousands of crores of taka from a number of NBFIs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/audit-firms-asked-report-nbfi-anomalies-instantly-2977281>

## Govt eyes Tk9,180cr from 180MHz spectrum auction

The Business Standard, March 06, 2022

- The government eyes a minimum revenue of Tk9,180 crore by auctioning 180MHz spectrum for 5G and other technology from 2.3GHz and 2.5GHz on 31 March. Empowered by the government, the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) has set a floor price per MHz spectrum at \$6 million.
- However, the price per spectrum could go up during the auction, as in the last auction the price increased from \$27 million to \$46.75 million per MHz. Mobile phone operators will have to apply by 14 March to participate in the auction, according to the Instruction Radio Frequency Auction 2022 issued by the telecom regulator.
- This time BTRC will auction 60MHz spectrum in six blocks from 2.3GHz (2300-2400 MHz) bands and 120MHz spectrum in 12 blocks from 2.6GHz (2500-2690 MHz) bands. Last year, the government earned the highest Tk7,634 crore by assigning a total of 27.4MHz spectrum from 1800MHz and 2100MHz bands.
- Earlier in 2018, the government earned around Tk3,940 crore by selling 16.6MHz of the spectrum to Banglalink and Grameenphone. Apart from the government's revenue, the mobile phone service would also improve following the new frequency allocation by reducing user density per MHz spectrum.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/govt-plans-earn-tk9180-auctioning-180-mhz-spectrum-380638>

## International

### Global banks face costly, arduous process to exit Russia

The Daily Star, March 07, 2022

- Global banks face an arduous and costly process if they decide to close businesses in Russia, banking sources and experts say, complicating decisions over whether they should withdraw. Sanctions placed on Russia following its week-old invasion of Ukraine and retaliation from Moscow have raised questions over how much longer banks can continue.
- One banking source raised particular concerns about how banks navigate an order on rouble lending and the implications for foreign companies in Russia. Banks are also weighing the risk to their reputations in staying there.
- While banks have not yet announced exits, at least one global lender with operations in Russia is creating an in-house team and working with outside lawyers and consultants to determine whether and how it could exit before making public announcements, one banking source said.
- Banks would need to work out the implications of that for their operations and whether it prohibited overseas companies in Russia - from countries that sanctioned Moscow - from accessing rouble credit facilities, which would deal a blow to them being able to operate in the country, that source said. The source questioned whether foreign banks could continue to operate in Russia given the circumstances.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/global-banks-face-costly-arduous-process-exit-russia>

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