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Stock Market & Company

[DSE turnover jumps by 10% today](#)

The Business Standard, March 06, 2023

- As investors' participation increased on Monday, turnover at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) jumped by 10% to Tk727.38 crore, which is the highest among the last 16 trading sessions. Earlier on 8 February, the DSE turnover was Tk748.45 crore.
- For the second straight session, DSEX, the broad-based index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), increased by 0.14% or 9.27 points to settle at 6259 points. Among the traded stocks, 100 scrips advanced, 65 declined and 178 remained unchanged.
- After a month-long bearish run, stocks gained positive momentum at the beginning of the current week as investors' confidence began to recover following the clear indication regarding not withdrawing the floor prices immediately.
- Dominance Stell was the top gainer on Monday considering today's (Monday) and Sunday's closing prices of the ten stocks. It gained 9.88% or Tk1.6 each share and closed at Tk17.80 each, followed by City General Insurance by 9.33% and National Feed Mills by 8.69%.
- Meanwhile, Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills was the top loser as it lost 8.89% to Tk133.3 each, followed by Meghna Pet by 7.27% to Tk30.6 each and Shympur Sugar Mills by 5.11% to Tk72.4 each.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dse-turnover-crosses-tk200-crore-first-hour-trading-595134>

SS Steel's profit plunges 98pc on costlier raw materials, imports

The Financial Express, March 07, 2023

- SS Steel Limited's net profit plunged 98 per cent year-on-year in the first half of the current fiscal year despite an impressive growth in revenue.
- It blamed the decline in profit on a sharp rise in production cost, rendered by costlier raw materials and foreign currency transaction loss.
- Its consolidated revenue rose 140 per cent year-on-year to Tk 7.62 billion in the six months through December 2022, thanks to subsidiaries.
- But higher expenditure on raw materials and the devaluation of the taka against the dollar ate up a larger chunk of profit.
- The company's cost of sales skyrocketed to Tk 7.01 billion in the six months to December 2022, from Tk 2.25 billion in the same period a year earlier.
- As a result, the steel maker's profit dropped to Tk 6.01 million in July-December 2022, from Tk 449 million a year earlier. The consolidated net operating cash flow per share of SS Steel turned negative at Tk 8.13 in July-December 2022 while it was positive at Tk 0.79 for July-December 2021.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/ss-steels-profit-plunges-98pc-on-costlier-raw-materials-imports>

Oimex Electrode remains in the red in H1, FY23

The Financial Express, March 07, 2023

- Oimex Electrode managed to reduce loss in October-December (Q2), FY23, compared to the same quarter of the previous year. It has reported a loss of Tk 0.24 per share for the second quarter of the ongoing fiscal year, down from Tk 0.41 per share a year ago.
- The loss was Tk 0.53 per share for the six months through December 2022, cut down from Tk 0.77 per share for the same period of the year before. Oimex Electrode, a manufacturer of electrode, nails and galvanised wire, brought down loss from the first quarter to the second quarter of the FY23. Its loss per share was Tk 0.28 in Q1.
- The company has reported a net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) of Tk (0.37), a negative value, for July-December 2022, which was Tk (0.53) for July-December 2021. Its net asset value (NAV) fell 4.5 per cent to Tk 11.19 by the end of 2022 from June that year.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/oimex-electrode-remains-in-the-red-in-h1-fy23>

Lankan Alliance to issue IPO

The Daily Star, March 07, 2023

- Lankan Alliance Finance, a joint venture financial institution licensed by Bangladesh Bank with multinational collaboration, is going to make an initial public offering (IPO) with UCB Investment as the issue manager.
- Tanzim Alamgir, managing director of UCB Investment, and Kanti Kumar Saha, CEO of Lankan Alliance Finance, signed an agreement at the latter's headquarters in Dhaka recently, said a press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/lankan-alliance-issue-ipo-3264961>

Gemini Seafood, Lenk Frozen Foods ink deal to expand trade

The Daily Star, March 07, 2023

- Gemini Seafood Limited (GSFL) has signed a collaboration agreement with Lenk Frozen Foods (Asia) Co Ltd (LENK) to promote the best seafood practices, expand their global market presence, and improve backward linkage.
- This collaboration agreement represents a significant milestone in the development of sustainable seafood practices in Bangladesh and both teams are dedicated and excited to work together to promote such best practices all across the value chain, according to the press release.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/gemini-seafood-lenk-frozen-foods-ink-deal-expand-trade-3264971>

Sea Pearl, Sonali Paper see big transactions in block market

The Business Standard, March 06, 2023

- Sea Pearl Beach Resort and Spa, and Sonali Paper and Board Mills saw big transactions in the block market of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Monday. Out of Tk71.14 crore traded on the block market, around 43% or Tk30.58 crore trade was of the two companies.
- On Monday, Sonali Paper and Board Mills' 2.73 lakh shares were traded, worth Tk16.76 crore, where the maximum share price was Tk650 and the minimum price was Tk572.10 each. Sea Pearl Beach Resort's 5.01 lakh shares were traded on the block market worth Tk13.82 crore, where the maximum and minimum range was Tk315.90 and Tk265.20 respectively.
- On Sunday's trading session, a total of Tk93.61 crore was traded on the block market, of which Sea Pearl Beach Resorts' trade was Tk56.73 crore, of which maximum and minimum price was Tk280 and Tk251 respectively.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sea-pearl-sonali-paper-see-big-transactions-block-market-595570>

ICAB fines BSEC panel auditor for professional misconduct

The Business Standard, March 06, 2023

- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) council last month took disciplinary action against three partners of Ashraf Uddin and Co, which is a panel auditor of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), for professional misconduct.
- According to an ICAB report, the council has imposed a monetary penalty of Tk1 lakh against Ashraf Uddin Ahmed, fined Enamul Kabir and Mohiuddin Ahmed Tk3 lakh each, and asked the duo to abstain from audit activity for one year.
- The council also said failure to deposit the fine within the next three months starting on 22 February will carry a one-year suspension on audit activities of all three partners. They are A Manna and Co's proprietor Abdul Mannan, Amal and Leena's proprietor Amal Krishna Das, Shafiq Mizan Rahman and Augustine's managing partner AKH Mizanur Rahman, and Masud Altaf and Co's proprietor Altaf Hossain Masud.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/icab-fines-bsec-panel-auditor-professional-misconduct-595562>

Economy & Industry

No more higher rate for delayed export proceeds encashment

The Business Standard, March 06, 2023

- From now on, traders will get the exchange rate for export proceeds encashment as of the date at which the proceeds should have been realised – meaning that exporters will no longer enjoy the higher exchange rate for delayed realisation.
- "To bring discipline in the realisation of export proceeds, it has been decided to initiate appropriate measures in cases where export proceeds are not realised within the prescribed period," said a Bangladesh Bank circular issued yesterday.

- Explaining the circular, a senior central bank official, wishing to remain unnamed, told The Business Standard that many exporters have been delaying encashment to gain higher exchange rates amid rising dollar prices, which has now become a trend.
- The decision has been made following repeated complaints from banks over the delay in bringing export proceeds to the country, the official said.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/no-more-higher-rate-delayed-export-proceeds-encashment-595594>

Rising foreign debt to create trouble

The Daily Star, March 07, 2023

- The increasing foreign debt will create problems for Bangladesh unless structural problems in the country's financial sector are addressed, said economists at an inter-department dialogue at the University of Dhaka yesterday. "The ongoing IMF credit programme will not become effective if discipline in the financial sector cannot be improved," said Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir, chairperson of the department of development studies at the university.
- Citing how the Covid-19 pandemic exposed structural problems in the economy, Titumir said Bangladesh has long been facing different crises such as the lack of corporate governance in banks and money laundering. "The volume of the country's deficit and debt is not the major problem," he said, adding that the main thing is whether the funds are being invested in productive sectors.
- By the end of December 2022, the country's total private sector foreign debt amounted to \$24.1 billion in contrast to \$12.52 billion in 2018. The government took initiatives to mobilise foreign funds by issuing sovereign bonds during the period of Finance Minister AMA Muhith.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rising-foreign-debt-create-trouble-3265046>

International

Dollar slips

The Daily Star, March 07, 2023

- The dollar steadied on Monday as investors awaited testimony from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell ahead of the February jobs report at the end of the week that will likely influence how much more the US central bank will raise interest rates.
- The dollar index, which measures the performance of the US currency against six others, was last flat on the day at 104.63, having lifted off a session low of 104.34. The index clocked a weekly loss for the first time since January, last week.
- After delivering jumbo hikes last year, the Fed has raised interest rates by 25 basis points at its last two meetings. But a slew of resilient economic data has fed a belief among investors that the central bank might have to switch back to half-point rises.
- Futures imply a 76 per cent chance the Fed will raise interest rates by 25 basis points at its meeting on March 22, with a 24 per cent chance of a 50 bps increase. The spotlight will be firmly on the February jobs report scheduled for Friday and Powell's testimony to Congress on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- The dollar has risen by around 2 per cent since then, largely at the expense of the Japanese yen, which has lost over 5 per cent in value against the US currency in that time. The euro, which has lost around 3 per cent against the dollar since early February, was last flat on the day at \$1.0635, while sterling was down 0.4 per cent at \$1.200.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/dollar-slips-3264951>

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