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Stock Market & Company

DSE turnover dips below Tk 5.0b-mark

The Financial Express, April 07, 2022

- Stocks witnessed another flat session on Thursday when daily transactions declined on lower demand. At the end of the session, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), settled at 5,688, advancing 2.07 points or 0.03 per cent over the previous day.
- However, the two other indices stayed in the red. The DS30 index, comprising blue chips, fell 2.80 points to finish at 1,990 and the DSE Shariah Index lost 0.64 point to close at 1,303.
- Trading activities dipped below Tk 5.0 billion-mark as total turnover of the session stood at Tk 4.91 billion, which was 13.55 per cent lower than the previous session's turnover of Tk 5.68 billion.
- A total number of 115,431 trades were executed in the day's trading session with trading volume of 112.10 million shares and mutual fund units.
- The gainers took a modest lead over the losers as out of 342 traded issues, 155 advanced, 141 declined and 46 issues remained unchanged on the DSE trading floor.
- Monno Ceramic Industries topped the DSE turnover chart for the second straight session with shares worth Tk 371 million changing hands, closely followed by Dutch-Bangla Bank, Premier Bank, BDCOM Online and Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company. Pragati Insurance was the day's best performer, posting 8.50 per cent gain while Meghna Condensed Milk was the day's worst loser, losing 8.67 per cent.
- However, the port city bourse, Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), finished marginally lower with its CSE All Share Price Index - CASPI – losing 26 points to settle at 17,395 and the Selective Categories Index - CSCX –shedding 15 points to finish at 10,537.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/dse-turnover-dips-below-tk-50b-mark-1649301790>

DPS face sanctions for not paying annual fees

The Newage, April 06, 2022

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday imposed five restrictions, including suspension of free limit and initial public offering quota facility, on depository participants who have not paid central depository services and annual management fees for a long time.
- The BSEC issued a directive in this regard on the day. The DPS which are in arrears with CDS and annual management fees, the BSEC, in addition to disciplinary actions as per rules, will impose five restrictions on the houses.
- The five restrictions on the non-compliant DPS are that the stock exchange must suspend free limit facility, IPO quota facility as eligible investor, dividend against ownership of stock exchanges, renewal of registration of TREC holder company and depository participant, and opening new branch and booth, the directive said.
- The DPS are supposed to pay CDS and annual management fees to commission, National Board of Revenue and Central Depository Bangladesh. The regulator came up with the decision as it observed that a number of DPS have dues for a long time and are reluctant to pay back the outstanding despite repeated warnings, it said.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/167418/dps-face-sanctions-for-not-paying-annual-fees>

Meghna Insurance subscription opens on 11 May

The Business Standard, April 06, 2022

- The subscription of the initial public offering (IPO) of Meghna Insurance Company Ltd will open on 11 May and continue till 18 May. Earlier, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) allowed the company to raise Tk16 crore from the stock market.
- The insurer will issue 1.6 crore ordinary shares at a face value of Tk10 each. It will invest Tk2.4 crore in government treasury bonds, Tk3.2 crore in listed securities, and Tk9.52 crore in fixed deposit receipts (FDRs).
- Asian Tiger Capital Partners Investments, Prime Bank Investment, and UCB Investment are the issue managers for the IPO. In the January-March quarter of 2021, its net profit was Tk2.67 crore, which was Tk5.24 crore a year ago.
- During the time, its earnings per share (EPS) stood at Tk1.83 and net asset value per share at Tk16.41. As of March 2021, the company's total income was Tk5.84 crore and total assets stood at Tk109.74 crore. Its weighted average EPS for the last five years stood at Tk0.56.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/meghna-insurance-subscription-opens-11-may-398554>

Walton buys 3 Italian brands to make 4.8m compressors a year

The Business Standard, April 07, 2022

- Walton became the first company to start manufacturing refrigerators and freezers in the country in 2008 by importing compressors from the famous Italian brand Acc and now the Bangladeshi electronics giant has bought the compressor brand itself. With the procurement of the more than 50-year-old ACC compressor brand, Walton is now on course to gain a major foothold in European countries.
- The agreement for the sale of the machinery, trademarks, and patents of the compressor built for 50 years in ACC that goes to the Walton group in Bangladesh was signed on Friday in the municipality of Mel, Italy.
- With this agreement, around thirty ACC workers will be engaged between now and the end of the year in the disassembly and assembly of machinery in Bangladesh and will also be there to accompany the workers in the first uses of the line, says a report published in an online news outlet, Breaking Latest News.
- In its price-sensitive information provided to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Wednesday, Walton Hi-Tech Industries PLC announced the purchase of two more brands – Zanussi Elettromeccanica (ZEM) and Verdichter (VOE) – from Italia Wanbao-ACC.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/walton-buys-3-italian-brands-make-48m-compressors-year-398746>

Economy & Industry

Bangladesh's GDP to grow at 6.9% in 2021-22: ADB

The Daily Star, April 06, 2022

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has forecasted that Bangladesh's gross domestic product (GDP) would continue to maintain the similar strong growth at 6.9 percent this fiscal year (2021-22) as it did in the previous FY. The projection has been revealed in the latest ADB report, titled "Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022", released this morning.
- The ADB held stepped-up budget spending, a strong expansion in exports and slight improvement in agricultural output behind the growth projection. "With large available funding, public investment will increase to support the implementation of priority large infrastructure projects," it forecasted.
- Forecasting that GDP growth in FY2023 is expected to edge up to 7.1 percent, ADB in its report mentioned that private consumption would continue to be the main contributor to growth, buoyed by a modest increase in remittances.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/bangladeshs-gdp-grow-69-2021-22-adb-2999196>

Call money rate rising due to liquidity crisis

The Business Standard, April 06, 2022

- Banks have been facing a crisis of foreign currencies due to an increase in imports. Consequently, the banks' effort to raise foreign currencies caused a liquidity crisis, which in turn has driven up the interbank call money rate recently. An interbank call money market is a short-term money market that allows large financial institutions, such as banks, to borrow and lend money at interbank rates.
- On Tuesday, the overnight rate in the call money market was 4.70%, an increase from the previous day's rate of 4.65%, the highest in 19 months. Earlier, from 12 August to 26 August 2020, the call money rate was 4.70-4.76%.
- According to industry insiders, the flow of remittances has been low in the current fiscal year, so the banks have to buy dollars with cash to provide for the increased imports in the country. Besides, increased demand for loans from traders ahead of Ramadan and Eid has also driven the call money rate up.
- State-owned banks Rupali and Janata, are among the biggest lenders in the call money market, but they themselves borrowed money from here recently. Agrani and Sonali banks also lend money to other financial institutions, but that amount is very little.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/banking/call-money-rate-rising-due-liquidity-crisis-398022>

International

Dubai utility DEWA readies Gulf's largest IPO since 2019

The Newage, April 06, 2022

- The Dubai Electricity and Water Authority said Wednesday it had raised 22.3 billion dirhams (\$ 6.1 billion) for the Gulf's second-largest IPO since 2019. The 18 per cent stake in the emirate's state-owned DEWA is the biggest IPO in the Gulf region since that of Saudi oil giant Aramco.
- Some nine billion shares will be listed from April 12 on the Dubai stock exchange, with the price set at 2.48 dirhams (\$ 0.68). The deal, in which more than 65,000 institutional and retail investors participated, values the company at 124 billion dirhams (\$ 33.9 billion), the statement said.
- The record for the largest public listing in the Gulf, and in the world, is held by Saudi oil company Aramco, which raised \$ 29.4 billion by listing 1.7 per cent of its shares on the Riyadh Stock Exchange in December 2019.
- The emirate, which is less oil-rich than its neighbours, has diversified its economy by focusing on finance, tourism and trade. But it is facing increased competition in the region, notably from Saudi Arabia, which is also seeking to reduce its dependence on hydrocarbons.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/167415/dubai-utility-dewa-readies-gulfs-largest-ipo-since-2019>

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