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Stock Market & Company

Dhaka stocks edge up as small-cap cos rise

New Age, October 16, 2023

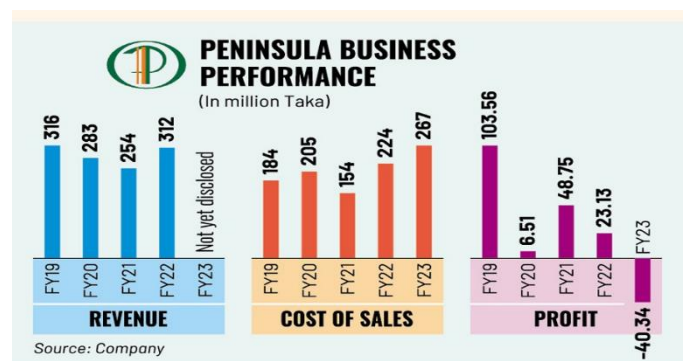
- Dhaka stocks inched up on Monday after a decline in the previous session, as the buying of small-capitalized companies' shares by a section of investors kept the market slightly up on the day, market operators said.
- DSEX, the key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, gained 2.00 points, or 0.03 percent, and settled at 6,265.15 points on Monday after losing 6.19 points on the previous day.
- Investor confidence remains subdued since the market has yet to show any positive trigger to bounce back to persistent positive momentum amid a bleak macroeconomic environment and rising political tensions, it added.
- Market operators said that the heightened political tensions ahead of the national election kept investors cautious on the trading floor.
- Out of the 319 issues traded on Monday, 66 advanced, 78 declined and 175 remained unchanged.
- The DSE Shariah index gained 1.76 points, or 0.13 percent, to close at 1,358.74 points on Monday.
- The DS30 index decreased by 2.45 points, or 0.11 percent, to finish at 2,136.43 points on the day.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/215126/dhaka-stocks-edge-up-as-small-cap-cos-rise>

Peninsula in the red for first time since listing

The Financial Express, October 16, 2023

- The Peninsula Chittagong's earnings turned negative for the first time in FY23 after its listing on the stock exchanges mainly for an escalation in finance expenses and cost of goods sold.
- It reported a loss of Tk 0.34 per share for FY23, as opposed to a profit of Tk 0.19 per share for the previous fiscal year, according to a stock exchange filing on Sunday.
- Yearly income plunged also because the listed hotel has



been pouring money into the construction of a second five-star hotel adjacent to Hazrat Shah Amanat International Airport in Chattogram, said company secretary Mohammed Nurul Azim.

- The company will hold an annual general meeting virtually on December 18. The record date is November 9.
- Its net asset value per share stood at Tk 28.88 for FY23, down from 29.47 a year earlier.
- The net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) went up to Tk 0.97 in FY23, from Tk 0.32 a year ago due to control over inventories and improvement in receivables, while payment to suppliers decreased.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/peninsula-in-the-red-for-first-time-since-listing>

BSRM's strong comeback in Q4 relied on record revenue

The Financial Express, October 16, 2023

- Bangladesh Steel Re-Rolling Mills (BSRM) came back strongly in the final quarter of FY23, as the global market for raw materials cooled down.
- The steelmaker gained a profit of Tk 2.42 billion in the fourth quarter, riding on record revenue and increased selling prices of rods.
- The largest steel manufacturer reported a 44 percent year-on-year increase in revenue to Tk 115 billion, the highest ever, for FY23, thanks to a hike in MS rod prices.
- The MS rod, the key construction material, became 15 percent costlier in FY23, compared to the previous fiscal year in the wholesale market.
- BSRM Steels, a concern of Bangladesh Steel Re-Rolling Mills, also reported a 9.14 percent drop in profit year-on-year to Tk 2.98 billion for FY23.
- The board declared a 25 percent cash dividend for FY23, down from 30 percent for the year before.
- The company will hold an annual general meeting on December 28. The record date is November 8.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bsrms-strong-comeback-in-q4-relied-on-record-revenue>

Summit Power eyes upward adjustment of income, with power price hike

The Financial Express, October 16, 2023

- Summit Power has sought more time to disclose its earnings for FY23 on the ground that it awaits adjustment of the electricity price by the government to overcome loss of profit rendered by currency devaluation.
- The plea has already been granted by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, extending the deadline from 28 October to 31 December.
- The private power producer said it would publish financial data for FY23 and the first quarter of FY24 together on 31 December.
- An Analyst, who is very familiar with the power business and knows about the company, said Summit Power was buying time maybe because their financial performance for FY23 would look bad and that would create jitter in the stock market.
- For the nine months through March of FY23, Summit Power has shown a profit of Tk2.1 billion, unaudited, which is 39 percent lower than the same period of the previous year.
- It reported Tk5.6 billion in profit for FY21 and Tk4.1 billion for FY22 and disbursed 35 percent and 20 percent cash dividends for the years respectively.

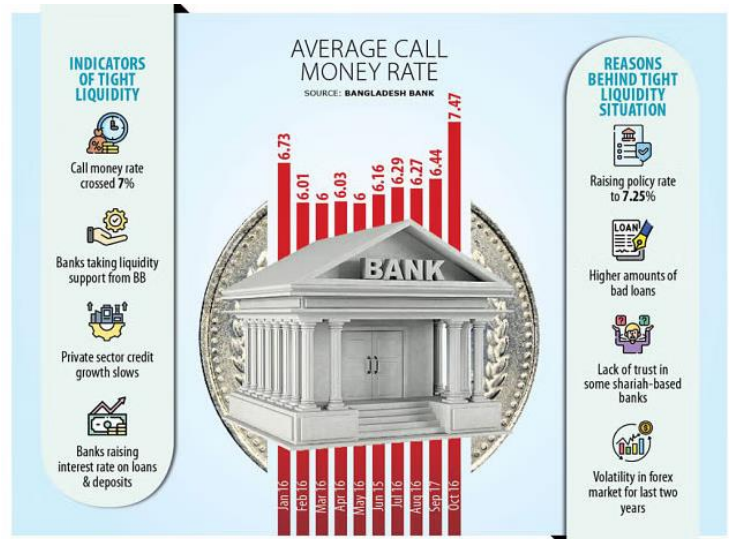
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Economy & Industry

Banks suffering for growing liquidity stress

The Daily Star, October 17, 2023

- A majority of banks in Bangladesh, including some Shariah-based ones, are facing difficulties to run their activities due to a liquidity crisis, according to industry people.
- The liquidity crunch deepened further as the central bank recently raised the policy rate to tackle ongoing inflationary pressure in the country.
- As such, these lenders are now dependent on the call money market, a short-term money market, and Bangladesh Bank to secure funds for meeting their payment obligations.
- The average call money rate crossed the 7 percent mark on October 5, when the banking regulator raised the policy rate by 75 basis points to 7.25 percent to step up its fight against inflation.
- Average inflation rose 9.63 percent in September, way above the government's target of 6 percent for the current fiscal year.



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/banks-suffering-growing-liquidity-stress-3445351>

Locally made TVs dominate market

The Daily Star, October 17, 2023

- Locally manufactured and assembled televisions now dominate the country's TV market, with an enormous 90 percent market share, which is a significant change from just 12 years ago, when Bangladesh was fully dependent on imports.
- This growth is thanks to necessary policy support from the government and investments from local and multinational companies.
- The market has been increasing by around 12 percent since the tax cut, thanks to the availability of electricity in both urban and rural areas as well as the increase in purchasing power of the people.
- Over the last 12 years, multinational companies, namely Samsung, LG, Singer, and Sony, have also come forward to invest in Bangladesh and grab the market along with local entrepreneurs.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/locally-made-tvs-dominate-market-3445401>

RMG exports to new markets grow by 24.93pc in Q1

New Age, October 16, 2023

- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the non-traditional markets witnessed a 24.93-per cent growth in the first quarter (July-September) of the current financial year 2023-24 against a dismal growth of export earnings from the country's major markets in the period.
- The United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom and Canada are the major export markets for Bangladesh while other countries, including Australia, Japan, India, China, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates and Brazil, are considered as non-traditional or new markets.

- The country's apparel exports to the new markets in July-September of FY24 grew by 24.93 percent to \$2.24 billion compared with those of \$1.79 billion in the same period of FY23, according to Export Promotion Bureau data.
- According to the data, the share of Bangladesh's apparel exports to the non-traditional markets has been increasing gradually.
- RMG exports to South Korea in July-September of FY24 increased by 37.01 percent to \$179.61 million compared with those of \$131.10 million in the same period of FY23.
- Bangladesh's apparel exports to the UAE in the first quarter of FY24 increased by 44.18 percent to \$90.55 million compared with those of \$62.80 million in the same period of FY23.
- RMG exports to the UK, the third largest export destination for the Bangladesh, in the first quarter of FY24 grew by 21.35 percent to \$1.44 billion compared with those of \$1.19 billion in the same period of FY23.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/215148/rmg-exports-to-new-markets-grow-by-2493pc-in-q1>

International

Australia outlines plan to regulate crypto exchanges

New Age, October 16, 2023

- Australia plans to protect people from cryptocurrency collapses by forcing the platforms to get a financial services license, the government said Monday.
- Any crypto exchange or digital asset platform with more than Aus\$5 million (US\$3.2 million) in aggregate assets would have to comply, the Treasury said in a proposal paper.
- Cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin rely on decentralized cryptography to secure transactions instead of the traditional banking system.
- Collapses of digital asset platforms, both locally and globally, have seen Australians lose their assets or be forced to wait their turn amongst long lines of creditors,' the Treasury said.
- 'These reforms seek to reduce the risk of these collapses happening, by lifting the standard of their operations and increasing their oversight.'
- The government invited feedback on its proposal by December 1, with further consultation due in 2024 on proposed legislation.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/215153/australia-outlines-plan-to-regulate-crypto-exchanges>

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