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## Stock Market & Company

### DSEX crosses 6600-mark on buying spree

The Financial Express, April 20, 2022

- Stocks extended the rally for the second straight session on Wednesday as investors showed their buying interest in major sector issues riding on regulatory moves. The market opened higher and the upbeat trend sustained until the end of the session with no sign of reversal.
- DSEX, the prime index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), went up by 76.34 points or 1.16 per cent to settle at 6,606. DSEX recovered 124 points in the past two consecutive sessions.
- Two other indices also ended higher with the DSE30 Index, comprising blue chips, rising 27.71 points to finish at 2,463 and the DSE Shariah Index (DSES) rose 10.72 points to close at 1,454.
- Turnover, a crucial indicator of the market, stood at Tk 6.05 billion on the country's premier bourse, which was 0.85 per cent higher than the previous day's tally of Tk 6.0 billion.
- Beximco topped the turnover list with shares of Tk 537 million changing hands, followed by JMI Hospital Requisite Manufacturing (Tk 433 million), IPDC Finance (Tk 352 million), Bangladesh Submarine Cable (Tk 351 million) and Bangladesh Building Systems (Tk 137 million). JMI Hospital Requisite Manufacturing continued to top the gainer list, posting a 9.98 per cent gain, while Aramit was the day's worst loser, losing 1.99 per cent.
- The Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) also ended higher with the CSE All Share Price Index - CASPI - rising 218 points to settle at 19,450 and the Selective Categories Index - CSCX - rose 130 points to close at 11,669.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/dsex-crosses-6600-mark-on-buying-sprees-1650449475>

## BSEC now sets lower circuit breaker at 5pc

The Newage, April 20, 2022

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday raised the lower circuit breaker to 5 per cent from 2 per cent with effect from today. The BSEC issued an order in this regard on the day.
- On March 8, the BSEC restricted share prices of each company from falling beyond 2 per cent, which was 10 per cent previously. Share prices of no company can now fall below 5 per cent of the closing price of the previous session while it can rise by the maximum 10 per cent set in the previously issued rules, according to the BSEC directive.
- The directive also said that the upper limit would remain unchanged adding that the directive was for a short period of time. BSEC officials said that the regulator would lift the restrictions once the market got back its momentum.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/168587/bsec-now-sets-lower-circuit-breaker-at-5pc>

## 4 state-run banks urged to invest fresh funds in stock market

The Newage, April 20, 2022

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday urged four state-run banks to inject fresh funds into the stock market. The four state-run banks are Sonali Bank, Agrani Bank, Janata Bank and Rupali Bank.
- The BSEC issued separate letters to the four banks, requesting them to take necessary steps to make fresh investments through their own portfolios. The banks were also asked to provide information regarding investments from your own portfolio as of April 18 as early as possible, the letter said.
- The BSEC in the letter said that the four banks were playing an important role in the capital market by investing through various means. The Investor-base in the Bangladesh capital market is mostly dominated by retail investors, whose size is around 80 per cent of the total investors.
- It is expected that the institutional investors should dominate trading activities instead of retail ones to improve the stability of the country's stock market. Against the backdrop, the Bangladesh Bank on February 10, 2020 approved banks to form a Tk 200 crore special fund each to invest in the stock market, which will not be included in the calculation of capital market exposure limit.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/168589/4-state-run-banks-urged-to-invest-fresh-funds-in-stock-market>

## Sonali Paper gets BSEC nod to issue rights shares

The Business Standard, April 20, 2022

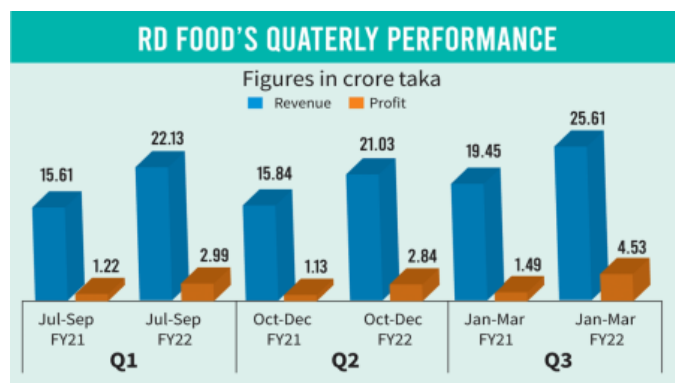
- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Wednesday allowed Sonali Paper and Board Mills – a concern of the Younus Group of Industries – to issue rights shares at a ratio of 1R:2 (1 right share against 2 existing shares held) at Tk10 per share.
- The company will issue 1.1 crore ordinary shares at Tk10.1 crore and use this fund to purchase machinery. The firm will not be able to raise its paid-up capital through stock dividends for the next five years. The BSEC relaxed a rule relating to issuing the right shares of the company to comply with the regulatory obligation to maintain a minimum paid-up capital of Tk30 crore.
- As per the guidelines, a company cannot issue the right shares within three years of listing on the main board of the stock exchanges and Sonali Paper got relisted on the bourses only one year ago. Currently, the company's paid-up capital is Tk21.96 crore.
- Earlier, the regulator appointed SH Khan & Co Chartered Accountants as a special auditor for the company to look into its assets that were revalued in 2016. The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) transferred the company to the over-the-counter (OTC) market in October 2009 due to continued poor performance.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sonali-paper-gets-bsec-nod-issue-rights-shares-406762>

## RD Food's sales, profit return to a near pre-pandemic level

The Business Standard, April 20, 2022

- The business of Rangpur Dairy and Food Products has returned to almost the pre-pandemic level as its profit grew 169% and sales jumped 35% in the first nine months of the current fiscal year. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the manufacturer of dairy and non-dairy products from milk, which got listed on the capital market in 2011, witnessed a drop in sales and profit in the last fiscal year.
- Quarterly data showed that the sales and profits of RD Foods started to increase at the beginning of the current fiscal year, and continued the upward trend through March.
- During the July-March period, its revenue increased by 68.77 crores, up from Tk50.91 crore a year ago, while the profit rose by 168% to Tk10.37 crore from Tk3.85 crore.
- According to the company officials, in the third quarter of fiscal 2021-22, it saw a 204% growth in profit to Tk4.53 crore, and revenue jumped by 32% to Tk25.61 crore.
- At the same time of fiscal 2020-2021, its profit was Tk1.49 crore, and its revenue was Tk25.61 crore. In September last year, the company decided to invest Tk7 crore for buying machinery and was expected an annual revenue increase of 15-18% following the investment.

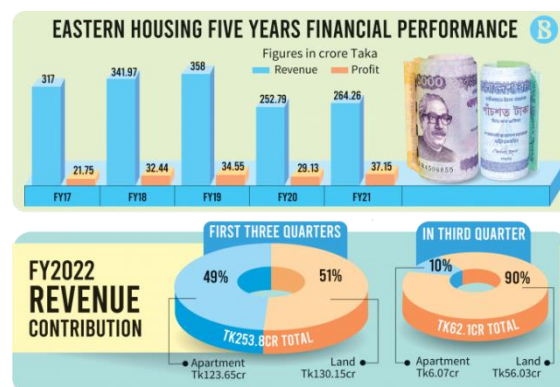


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## Eastern Housing's Jul-Mar revenue grows 74%

The Business Standard, April 20, 2022

- The apartment business has helped Eastern Housing, a concern of Islam Group, post a 74% year-on-year growth in revenue in the July-March period of the current fiscal year. Its revenue stood at Tk253.80 crore, up from Tk145.45 crore a year ago.
- The net profit stood at Tk36.71 crore and earnings per share at Tk3.93, which are 31% higher than the same period in the previous year.
- However, one of the country's pioneers in the real estate sector is focusing more on land development than the apartment business. It is focused on constructing commercial buildings.
- This is reflected in the company's third-quarter report. In the January-March period, its land sales increased 25% to Tk56 crore, where it earned Tk6 crore from the apartment.
- Meanwhile, the company has two ongoing housing projects for middle-income people. Meanwhile, Dhiraj Malakar, managing director at Eastern Housing, said in the company's fiscal 2020-21 report, "Intending to provide affordable apartments for the middle-income group, we have commenced construction work of two projects. We expect that the company will earn Tk300 crore by selling these flats."
- Riding on the positive earnings, Eastern Housing's share price increased 2.82% to close at Tk54.70 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange on Wednesday.



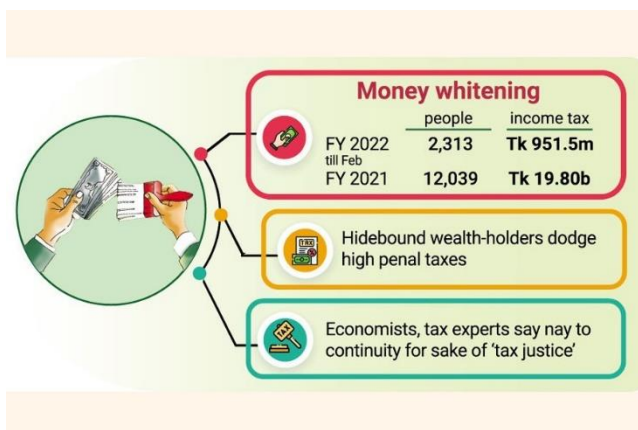
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## Economy & Industry

### Black money mostly skips whitening scheme

The Financial Express, April 21, 2022

- Government's tightened money-whitening scheme for the current fiscal fails to rope in the hidebound wealth-holders because of high penal taxes charged for the seal of legitimacy. Economists and tax experts opine against continuation of the controversial fiscal measure in the upcoming budget for the sake of "tax justice" as the government gets a paltry amount of revenue in return.
- Only 2,313 persons had availed the facility until February this fiscal year paying Tk 951.5 million in income tax, according to a recently compiled data of the National Board of Revenue (NBR).
- Last year, the government received a record response -- the highest since independence -- to the money-whitening scheme with some 12,039 people having mainstreamed their undisclosed income by paying Tk 19.80 billion in taxes.
- In the budget for current FY (2021-22), the government jacked up the tax to 27.5 per cent -- the highest tax rate for individual taxpayers -- for legalising undisclosed income. It was a 10-per cent flat rate last fiscal (FY 2020-21).
- As per the Finance Act 2021, no authority will raise any question about sources of the tainted money if it is disclosed under the scheme, which, according to the economists, attracts ill-gotten money to get whitened, discouraging regular tax payment by honest taxpayers.
- In the current FY, until February, some 2,258 taxpayers had paid Tk 922.9 million under section 19A availing special tax treatment in respect of undisclosed property, cash, savings certificates etc, according to NBR data.



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### National budget on June 9: Finance Minister

The Daily Star, April 20, 2022

- The budget of the upcoming fiscal year will be presented on the national parliament on June 9, Finance Minister AHM Mustafa Kamal said today.
- The initial size of the budget is set at Tk 677,864 crore and the target for revenue income is Tk 431,657 crore.
- The minister shared the information in a press briefing after a meeting of the cabinet committee on public purchase.
- When asked about the possibility of increasing the tax-free income limit from Tk 3 lakh, the minister said the details of the issue are yet to be set.
- But the government will surely take step, which will bring comfort to the lives of the general people, he said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/national-budget-june-9-kamal-3008591>

## International

### Netflix shares plunge on lost subscribers

The Newage, April 20, 2022

- Netflix shares plunged more than 35 per cent early Wednesday following disappointing results, while the Dow pushed higher in a mixed open for US stocks. The streaming giant caught Wall Street off guard for the second quarter in a row, reporting a drop in subscribers for the first time in a decade.
- The company blamed the quarter-over-quarter erosion to suspension of its service in Russia due to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine. The drop in shares was reminiscent of the prior quarter, when a weak subscriber outlook sent Netflix shares diving. Netflix' plunge especially weighed on the Nasdaq, which was down 0.7 per cent at 13,522.73.
- About 25 minutes into trading, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 0.5 per cent to 35,084.97, while the broad-based S&P 500 edged up less than 0.1 per cent to 4,464.19. Analysts said the bargain-hunting that drove Tuesday's rally was still on view on Wednesday, boosted by strong results from Dow members IBM and Procter & Gamble. — AFP

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