

Stock Market

Stocks gain for 3rd day on institutional supports

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- Dhaka stocks gained for the third day on Sunday as a section of investors continued injecting fresh funds in the market while many others remained on the sidelines amid the rising activities on the political front ahead of the 11th parliamentary elections. DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, added 0.37 %, or 19.86 points, to close at 5,278.97 points on Sunday. The DSEX gained 74.6 points in last three sessions.
- ICB so far has collected BDT 700 crore of BDT 2,000 crore of bonds' proceeds from the investors and started injecting the funds from October 7 in the capital market as per the condition of bonds' approval. Moreover, the DSE members also started investing their share sales proceeds in the market to improve the market sentiment.
- DSE received BDT 947 crore from a Chinese consortium by selling its 45,09,44,125 shares at BDT 21 each. DSE began disseminating the sales proceeds to its members from October 29. The average share prices of bank, telecommunication and pharmaceuticals increased by 0.73 %, 0.61 % and 0.58 % respectively. Before the three-day gains, the DSEX had lost 95 points in five consecutive sessions.
- DSE on Sunday withdrew the suspension on trading of the shares of Khulna Power Company Limited as Summit Corporation Limited, a corporate sponsor-director of the company, decided to sell the remaining 1,59,04,435 shares out of 1,80,64,235 shares it decided to sell in the block market.
- DS30, the blue-chip index of DSE, also added 0.49 %, or 9.20 points, to close at 1,868.30 points. Shariah index DSES increased by 0.40 %, or 4.95 points, to finish at 1,215.41 points. Khulna Power Company led the turnover chart with its shares worth BDT 33.41 crore changing hands. SK Trims Industries, BBS Cables, Shepherd Industries, Shasha Denims, United Power Generation Company, IFAD Autos, Intech Limited, Saiham Cotton and Prime Textile Spinning Mills were the other turnover leaders.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/55771/stocks-gain-for-3rd-day-on-institutional-supports>

Kattali Textile makes debut

The Financial Express, November 12, 2018

- Kattali Textile Limited has commenced its journey today (Monday) on Dhaka and Chittagong Stock Exchanges under "N" category, officials said. Kattali Textile has been listed as 53th listed company under textile sector in the DSE. The textile sector accounted for about 4.0 % market capitalisation of the prime bourse.
- The DSE trading code for Kattali Textile is "KTL" and DSE company code is 17480 while the CSE scrip code is "KTL" and scrip ID is 12068. Kattali Textile, which received the IPO approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on June 26, raised a fund worth BDT 340 mn from the capital market under the fixed price method.
- The initial public offering (IPO) subscription of the company ended on September 13. The proceeds from the IPO subscriptions of Kattali Textile will be utilised for constructing its factory building and employees' dormitory, purchase machinery for an extended unit, install electric transformers and generators, repay bank loans and bear the IPO expenses.
- The company's net asset value (NAV) per share was BDT 20.48 (without revaluation) as on June 30, 2017 while the earning per share was BDT 1.94. The NRB Equity Management is acting as the issue manager for the company's IPO.

<http://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/kattali-textile-makes-debut-1541999798>

Z-category cos jump abnormally

The Financial Express, November 12, 2018

- The share prices of some 'Z' category companies rose abnormally on Sunday though the companies have recommended no dividend for the year ended on June 30, 2018. The companies are Jute Spinners, Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills, Savar Refractories, Meghna Pet Industries, Shyampur Sugar Mills, Samata Leather Complex, Dulamia Cotton Spinning Mills and Alltex Industries.
- The share prices of these companies rose between 7.05 % and 10 % on the day on Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE). Except Jute Spinners, the other companies have recommended 'No' dividend for the year ended on June 30, 2018. The share price of Jute Spinners jumped to BDT 127.60 on Sunday with a rise of 10 % or BDT 11.60 on the DSE. A total of 4,316 shares changed hands through 32 trades. The company will hold its board meeting today (Monday).
- The share price of Zeal Bangla Sugar Mills advanced 9.83 % or BDT 3.50 to close at BDT 39.10 each. Some 14,295 shares changed hands through 44 trades on the DSE. The share price of Savar Refractories rose 7.05 % or BDT 7.30 to close at BDT 110.70 on Sunday. A total of 5,748 shares were transacted through 67 trades on the DSE.
- The share price of Meghna Pet Industries rose 9.74 % or BDT 1.50 to close at BDT 16.90. Of other 'Z' category companies, the share price of Shyampur Sugar Mills rose 9.72 % to close at BDT 31.60, Samata Leather Complex 9.71 % to close at BDT 57.50, Dulamia Cotton Spinning Mills 8.76 % to close at BDT 36.10 and Alltex Industries 8.75 % to close at BDT 8.70.

<http://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/z-category-cos-jump-abnormally-1541998984>

Shurwid Industries to expand factory building

The Financial Express, November 12, 2018

- Shurwid Industries will invest BDT 40 mn to expand its factory building along with setting up a solar panel with metering facilities. Engineer Mahmudul Hasan, chairman of Shurwid Industries, said the factory building would be expanded vertically
- Shurwid Industries, presently a 'Z' category company, was listed on the stock exchanges in 2014. The company's sponsor-directors hold 9.99 % shares, while general investors hold 90.01 % shares as of October 31, 2018. The company's share price closed at BDT 29 each on Sunday with a loss of 4.62 % or BDT 1.40 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

<http://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/shurwid-industries-to-expand-factory-building-1541999278>

Dhaka Bank CEO reappointed

The Daily Star, November 11, 2018

- Dhaka Bank has recently witnessed the reappointment of Syed Mahbubur Rahman as managing director and CEO. Rahman joined the bank as managing director on November 08, 2015. He will now stay in office till November 7, 2021, says a press release from the bank.
- Rahman has 30 years' experience in banking services and credit. Prior to joining Dhaka Bank, he was serving in the same capacity at Brac Bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/news/dhaka-bank-ceo-reappointed-1659265>

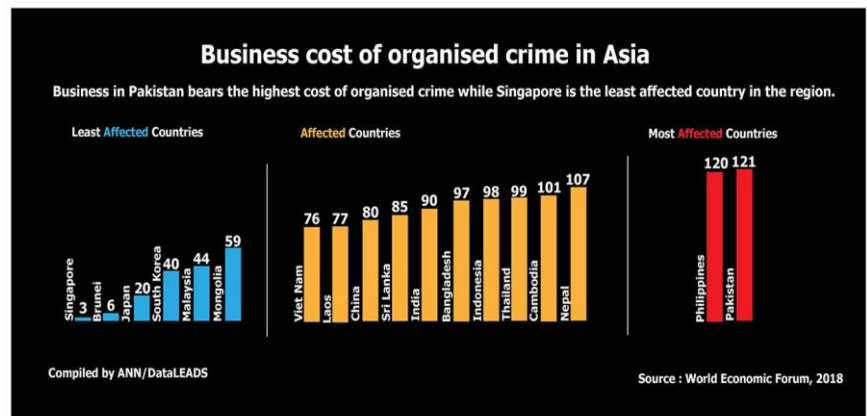
Economy

Bangladesh less affected by organised crime in South Asia

Business in Pakistan bears the highest cost of organised crime while Singapore least

The Daily Star, November 11, 2018

- Bangladesh has been ranked among the countries in South Asia which are less affected by organised crimes. The four South Asian countries- Nepal (107), Bangladesh (97), India (90) and Sri Lanka (85), are among the group of the countries that have been less affected by organised crime as compared to Pakistan, according to data published by World Economic Forum.



- The organised crime takes heavy toll on business in Asia. In a data survey by World Economic Forum of 140 countries, two most affected countries in the region are Pakistan and Philippines.
- With the political instability in the country, Pakistan ranked 121 out of 140 countries has been a safe haven for criminals. It has been easy for the criminal gangs to operate in certain areas without fear of being hounded by the police. The conflict at the Afghanistan border has made the country vulnerable to organised crime as well.
- Philippines (120) is the second most affected country in the region with organised crime taking a toll on business operations. Illegal trafficking, drug mafia, extortion, loan sharking, corruption take a significant toll on business environment in the country. Quenzen city has the highest number of crimes in the country followed by Manila and Cebu city.
- Countries of the greater Mekong region like Cambodia (101), Thailand (99) and Laos (77) are affected by organised crimes especially those related to human trafficking and prostitution. Migrant smuggling is one of the serious concerns in these countries that create hurdles for establishing businesses. Organised crime in India includes illicit financial flow, money laundering, betting, trafficking and murder among other offences.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/bangladesh-less-affected-by-organised-crime-country-in-south-asia-1658983>

Rising exports check Q1 trade deficit growth at 5.5pc

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- Growth in the country's trade deficit slowed down to 5.53 % in the July-September period of the fiscal year of 2018-2019 compared with 133 % growth in the same period of the previous fiscal year due mainly to a notable growth in export earnings in the quarter.
- In July-September of FY19, the country's current account deficit also declined to \$1.354 bn from \$1.819 bn in the same period of the previous fiscal year. As per the Bangladesh Bank data released on Sunday, trade deficit — the gap between import payments and export earnings — increased to \$3.85 bn in July-September of FY19 from \$3.65 bn in the same period of FY18.

- The country's trade deficit had widened by 133 % or \$2.08 bn to \$3.65 bn in the first quarter of FY18 from \$1.56 bn in the same period of FY17. In Q1, import payments grew by 11.48 % while export earnings increased by 14.01 %, the central bank data showed.
- Country's export basket needs to be diversified as it is mostly dependent on readymade garments, said Salehuddin, adding that the government should also focus on increasing remittance earnings. Country's export earnings in the first quarter (July-September) of the current financial year (2018-19) increased to \$9.94 bn compared with that of \$8.66 bn in the same period of FY18 due to a huge growth in export of RMG products in the month of September.
- The earnings in July-September of FY19 were 6.54 % higher than the target of \$9.33 bn set by the government for the period, data showed. BB officials said that trade conflict between the US and China facilitated Bangladesh achieving higher export earnings.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/55765/rising-exports-check-q1-trade-deficit-growth-at-55pc>

Honda starts its manufacturing in Bangladesh

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- Bangladesh Honda Private Limited (BHL), the Japanese Honda Motor Company's joint venture in Bangladesh, has started motorcycle manufacturing in Bangladesh at its new factory in the Abdul Monem Economic Zone at Gazaria under Munshiganj district.
- Industries minister Amir Hossain Amu on Sunday inaugurated the new plant as the chief guest at a function, said a press release here. Speaking on the occasion, Amu traced back the existing relations between Bangladesh and Japan and said Japan lent support to Bangladesh's Liberation War.
- Honda, along with its partner BSEC under the Ministry of Industries, has invested a total of Taka 2.3 bn on buildings, equipment, facilities, and a land area of 25 acres for the new factory. It will have an initial annual production capacity of 100,000 units of motorcycles.
- In line with market trends, BHL plans to continue to invest in expanding its production capacity to 200,000 units by 2021, and will build its full-phase factory on the remaining two-thirds of the property to accommodate future market growth.
- The Bangladesh Honda Limited is committed to offering the highest-quality products at reasonable prices while contributing to society by providing people with the joy and freedom of mobility. Through these efforts, BHL will strive to be a company that society wants to exist in Bangladesh. Driven by strong passion, the company will take on new challenges to fulfill this mission.
- Honda is a well known name in the motorcycle market of Bangladesh. Many people in the country still call motorcycles as Honda. The concerned people said that Honda will increase their production capacity in new factories. The factory will increase the value addition in the country and the price of the motorcycle is expected to reduce the concerned people.

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UAE's Cozmo Travel now in Bangladesh

The Daily Star, November 12, 2018

- Cozmo Travel, one of the largest and leading travel agencies in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), yesterday launched its services in Dhaka to hook business from the growing number of Bangladeshi travelers. Jamal Abdunazar, chief

executive officer of Cozmo, opened the company's footprint at Pan Pacific Sonargaon Dhaka. Saed Mohammed Al Muhairi, UAE ambassador to Bangladesh, attended as chief guest.

- The Sharjah-headquartered travel management company has partnered with local RAS Holidays, an enterprise of MGH Group, to provide total travel solutions -- from planning to ticketing services, hotel bookings, the UAE visit visa, global visa process and organising activities at destinations around the world and the UAE.
- Pointing out travel and tourism potentials among the Middle East, the UAE and Bangladesh, he said 11.3 % of the UAE GDP came from the travel and tourism sector in 2017 and it was expected to rise by 4.9 % this year. Cozmo, a fully-owned enterprise of low-cost airline Air Arabia, has around three dozen branch offices in different gulf countries.
- Kazi Wahidul Alam, editor of The Bangladesh Monitor; Bikramjit Ghosh, country manager of Air Arabia; Santosh Bikram Rana, business development manager of Cozmo Travel, and Abdur Rahim, director and chief operating officer of RAS Holidays, were present among others.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/tourism/news/uaes-cozmo-travel-now-bangladesh-1659262>

BB extends application submission deadline for software export subsidy

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- Bangladesh Bank has extended time to apply for getting subsidy on export of software, ITES and hardware in the fiscal year 2017-2018 by 30 days. The central bank on Sunday issued a circular extending the time.
- As per the circular, the time was extended for the exporters of software, information technology enabled services (ITES) and hardware in FY 2017-18 who failed to submit applications for subsidy within the period of repatriation of export prices before February 8, this year.
- Exporters will be able to submit applications within the next 30 days to respective bank branches, the circular said. The BB in a circular on February 8 this year, announced 10 % subsidy for exporters on export of software, ITES and hardware from own factories or institutions.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/55769/bb-extends-application-submission-deadline-for-software-export-subsidy>

International

10yrs after recession, Americans wake up to rising prices

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- After years of low, low prices, fed by near-zero interest rates in a convalescing economy, Americans are waking up to costlier consumer living. Everyday household staples like diapers, toothpaste, shampoo and dishwashing liquid — not to mention soft drinks, cookies, chocolate, cat litter and autos — have all started getting more expensive, a trend expected to continue early next year.
- Announced by companies during the most recent earnings season, these price hikes have typically ranged from two % to 10 %. They also stand in stark contrast to the usually unending sales and promotions from major retailers like Walmart and Amazon.
- The higher prices aim to pad revenues for companies like Apple, which has just raised sticker prices for its new MacBook Air laptops and iPads by 20 % and 25 %. But for a growing number of businesses, they also represent a response to mounting transportation costs. A stronger US dollar is similarly cutting into foreign earnings — while a tight labour supply is at last pushing up wages.

- US auto giant General Motors upped the average price of its SUVs, crossovers and pickups by \$800, something the company ties to rising costs for steel and aluminium — commodities on which President Donald Trump slapped steep new import duties this year.
- American manufacturers are now paying eight % more for aluminium than they did a year ago and 38 % more for steel as local producers increase their prices. The 10 % duties Trump imposed in September on \$200 bn in Chinese goods are also a drag for importers. Half of the company's products will cost more next year. For the moment, Americans are willing to pay more, with consumer confidence near record highs, businesses believe. GDP is indeed expanding above trend and wages climbed nicely in October.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/55774/10yrs-after-recession-americans-wake-up-to-rising-prices>

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