

Stock Market

Stocks dip for 4th day amid institutional investors' slow trade

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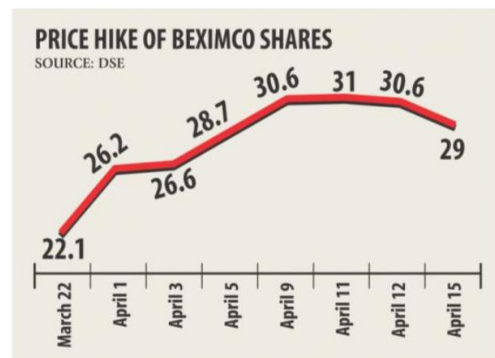
- Dhaka stocks on Sunday extended its losing streak to fourth consecutive sessions as many of the investors, especially institutional ones, remained on slow trading allowing market to fall after booking profits in the previous three trading sessions.
- The key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, DSEX, dropped 0.68 %, or 39.52 points, to close at 5,773.60 points on Sunday.
- The core index lost 105 points in the last four trading sessions.
- The market began with positive momentum, with DSEX gaining 30 points within half an hour but it started to fall soon after and dipped firmly as the time progressed.
- Market operators said that many of the institutional investors booked profits in the previous three sessions after the DSEX had gained 390 points in eight trading sessions, with an one profit-taking, beginning from March 28 following the government announcement of a number of measures to increase money supply in the financial market.
- These investors are now waiting on the sidelines for market to fall further so that they could buy shares at cheaper rate again, they said.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/39078/stocks-dip-for-4th-day-amid-institutional-investors-slow-trade>

Beximco's shares soar upon rumour

New Age, April 16, 2018

- Beximco Limited's share price soared nearly 40 % in 10 working days upon rumours that the business giant has struck up a partnership with the Bangabandhu-1 satellite that is scheduled for launch on May 4.
- On March 28, each Beximco share traded for BDT 22.10, which rose to BDT 31 on April 11, according to the Dhaka Stock Exchange
- Between April 1 and April 15, 12.28 crore shares of Beximco changed hands on the DSE, generating a turnover of BDT 374.87 crore.
- On April 8, the company denied the existence of any price-sensitive information that has not been disclosed yet.
- Contacted by The Daily Star, Beximco reiterated the same, adding that there is no relation between the company and the satellite, which is fully owned by the government.
- A vested quarter had spread the rumour among small investors that Beximco will be hugely benefitted from sending the satellite to orbit.



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/beximcos-shares-soar-upon-rumour-1562920>

Economy

Banks have no deposit crisis

The Daily Star, April 16, 2018

- Anis A Khan, managing director of Mutual Trust Bank, said state-run banks are sitting on a pile of deposits whereas private commercial banks are running after funds that led to a severe liquidity shortage.
- He spoke at the launch of the MTB Student Banking, a new product designed to attract long-term deposits, at the MTB Tower at Bangla Motor in Dhaka.
- Khan said private banks are meeting the major portion of credit demand of the economy as state-run banks have limitations in lending due to their agreement with the Bangladesh Bank. As a result, private banks' appetite for deposits is rising, he added.
- Khan said about BDT 10,000 crore was available in the banking system after the one % point cut in cash reserve ratio (CRR) that came into force yesterday.
- On April 3, the central bank slashed the CRR to 5.5 % from 6.5 %.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/banking/banks-have-no-deposit-crisis-1562917>

Current account deficit hits fresh record at \$6.32b

Dhaka Tribune, April 16, 2018

- Deficit in the country's current account increased to \$6.32 Bn in the first eight months of the current fiscal year 2017-2018 setting a fresh record due to sharp increase in import payments against moderate growths in export earnings and remittance inflow.
- The country's trade deficit also hit all time high of \$ 11.732 Bn in July-February of FY 18, rising by 92.67 % from \$ 6.089 Bn in the same period in the fiscal year 2016-17.
- The current account deficit in July-February of the last fiscal year 2016-2017 was \$963 Mn while the previous highest deficit was recorded in FY2010-2011 with \$1.68 Bn.
- Current account deficit was \$ 5.347 Bn in July-January of the year 2017-2018.
- Bangladesh Bank in the monetary policy for the second half of the fiscal 2017-18 planned to limit current account deficit within \$ 4.7 Bn.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/39079/current-account-deficit-hits-fresh-record-at-632b>

International

Asia shares mixed, oil down amid Syria fallout

Reuters, April 16, 2018

- Asian share markets were mixed and oil prices fell on Monday as relief U.S.-led strikes on Syria looked unlikely to escalate was tempered by concerns at Russia's potential reaction to new sanctions from Washington.
- With the situation in the Middle East still fluid, moves were modest and in both directions. EMini futures for the S&P 500 ESc1 nudged up 0.38 %, while Japan's Nikkei .N225 added 0.2 %.
- Yet MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS slipped 0.4 % as Chinese blue chips .CSI300 took an early 0.7 % dip.
- The United States, France and Britain launched 105 missiles targeting what the Pentagon said were three chemical weapons facilities in Syria in retaliation for a suspected poison gas attack in Douma on April 7.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-global-markets/asia-shares-mixed-oil-down-amid-syria-fallout-idUSKBN1HN00T>

Hong Kong Plows \$1.2 Bn Into Defending Currency to Little Effect

Bloomberg, April 16, 2018

- The Hong Kong dollar remains stuck at the weak end of its currency band, even after the monetary authority plowed \$1.2 Bn into defending the peg.
- The city's dollar traded near HK\$7.85 per greenback at 12:23 p.m. local time, the level that can spur buying by the de facto central bank. The Hong Kong Monetary Authority has spent HK\$9.7 Bn (\$1.2 Bn) mopping up local dollars since the weak end of the band was reached on Thursday for the first time since 2005. The pace of intervention shows outflows are bigger than people had thought, according to China Everbright Bank Co.
- "The pace of HKMA's buying is a bit faster than we expected," said Ngan Kim Man, deputy head of treasury at China Everbright Bank's Hong Kong branch. Outflows are likely to accelerate as the U.S. further tightens monetary policy, which will finally boost short-end rates in Hong Kong, Ngan said.

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-16/hong-kong-s-currency-defense-tops-1-2-Bn-to-little-effect>

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