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Stock Market & Company

Stocks drop after 2-day gain

Newage, September 22, 2021

- Dhaka stocks dropped on Wednesday after a two-day gain as investors went for profit taking. DSEX, the key index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, decreased by 0.23 per cent, or 16.72 points, to close at 7,241.84 points on Wednesday after gaining 66.75 points in the previous two sessions.
- Share prices of Runner Automobiles Limited plunged by 2.47 per cent on Wednesday following the media report that Brummer & Partners (Bangladesh) Limited, a foreign strategic partner of the company, decided to sell off its entire shares of 24.93 per cent in Runner Automobiles.
- Turnover on the DSE increased to Tk 2,150.68 crore on Wednesday from Tk 1,910.03 crore in the previous session. Of the 374 scrips traded on the DSE on Wednesday, 209 declined, 125 advanced and 42 remained unchanged.
- Among the prominent companies, share prices of BEXIMCO, LafargeHolcim, British American Tobacco, Beximco Pharmaceuticals and Beacon Pharmaceuticals dropped on Wednesday.
- Average share prices of general insurance, miscellaneous, energy and bank sectors dropped by 1.9 per cent, 1.1 per cent, 0.6 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively. DS30, a composition of 30 large capitalised companies, also decreased by 0.47 per cent, or 12.79 points, to close at 2,673.19 points on Wednesday.
- Shariah index DSES shed 0.28 per cent, or 4.44 points, to settle at 1,582.52 points. Orion Pharmaceuticals led the turnover chart with its shares worth Tk 133.24 crore changing hands on the day.
- BEXIMCO, Maksons Spinning Mills, Beximco Pharmaceuticals, Delta Life Insurance, Active Fine Chemicals, LankaBangla Finance, Pacific Denims, LafargeHolcim Bangladesh and Saif Powertec were the other turnover leaders on the day.

<https://www.newagebd.net/article/149818/stocks-drop-after-2-day-gain>

IBN SINA declares 47pc cash dividend for 2021

The Financial Express, September 22, 2021

- The board of directors of The IBN SINA Pharmaceutical Industry has recommended a 47 per cent cash dividend for the year ended on June 30, 2021. The record date is October 18, the company said in a filing with the DSE on Wednesday.
- The drugmaker has also reported consolidated EPS of Tk 15.66, consolidated NAV per share of Tk 68.69 and consolidated NOCFPS of Tk 17.67 for the year ended on June 30, 2021, as against Tk. 12.56, Tk. 56.88 and Tk. 15.92 respectively for the same period of the previous year.
- The company has informed that it will construct a sales depot at Fatullah in Narayanganj at a cost of Tk 15 million only excluding registration fees and other relevant charges. There will be no price limit on the trading of the shares of the company today following its corporate declaration.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/ibn-sina-declares-47pc-cash-dividend-for-2021-1632288863>

MTB Unit Fund declares 14% and Alliance Sandhani Life Unit Fund declares 9.5% cash dividend

The Business Standard, September 22, 2021

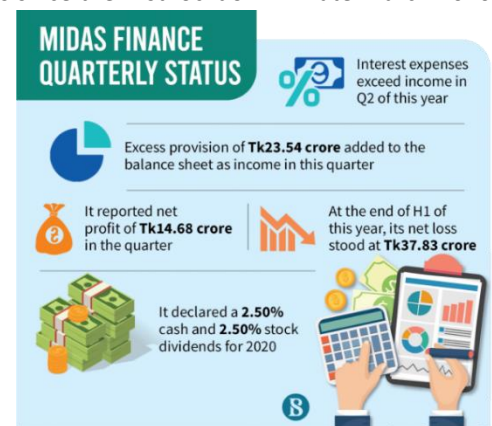
- MTB Unit Fund declares 14% and Alliance Sandhani Life Unit Fund declares 9.5% Cash Dividend for FY 2020-2021, states a press release. The unit holders who had the units of these funds till 30 June, 2021 will get the declared dividend.
- The decision was taken at a recent meeting of the trustees of the two funds.
- Alliance Capital Asset Management Limited is in charge of asset management of these two funds. Bangladesh General Insurance Company is acting as the trustee and BRAC Bank Limited is acting as the custodian.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/mtb-unit-fund-declares-14-and-alliance-sandhani-life-unit-fund-declares-95-cash>

Reverse provision helps Midas Finance return to profit in Q2

The Business Standard, September 22, 2021

- Midas Financing Ltd returned to profit from loss in the April-June quarter this year as the non-banking financial institution added excess provisioning against classified loans to its balance sheet as income. At the end of this quarter, its net profit stood at Tk14.68 crore, which was a loss of Tk2.52 crore at the same period a year ago.
- Like its industry counterparts, Midas Financing deferred the loan classifications since the first lockdown in late March 2020 as instructed by the central bank.
- The Bangladesh Bank has extended the ongoing moratorium on the repayment of loan instalments for non-bank financial institutions till 31 December this year.
- The central bank further adds that such loans will not be considered classified if borrowers repay 50% of their instalments within 31 December 2021. In such a case, loan recipients have to repay the remaining loan instalments within the next one year.
- But in the first quarter, the company incurred a loss of Tk52.51 crore due to keeping additional provision as its classified loans surged. That is why, at the end of the first half of this year, its net loss stood at Tk37.83 crore and loss per share was Tk2.72.
- The big quarterly loss pushed the net asset value per share down to Tk8.97 at the end of June this year, which was Tk11.69 as on 31 December 2020.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/reverse-provision-helps-midas-finance-return-profit-q2-306175>

Krishibid Feed QIO subscription opens 10 Oct

The Business Standard, September 22, 2021

- The subscription of qualified investor offer (QIO) by Krishibid Feed Limited will open on 10 October and run till 14 October. The company got QIO consent from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) on Tuesday. Earlier, the company received approval from the BSEC to raise Tk22 crore from the capital market through a QIO.
- The feed maker will issue 2.20 crore general shares at Tk10 each. The company will be listed on the SME platforms of local stock exchanges and only eligible investors can buy these shares. The company is primarily engaged in manufacturing, sales, and distribution of all sorts of feed for poultry, fish, and cattle.
- Krishibid Feed will use the QIO proceeds to construct factory buildings, buy a plant and machinery, repay bank loans, and buy diesel generators and delivery vans. According to the company's financial statements, its earnings per share (EPS) was Tk1.67 till 31 December 2020. The net asset value without revaluation reserve was Tk18.47.

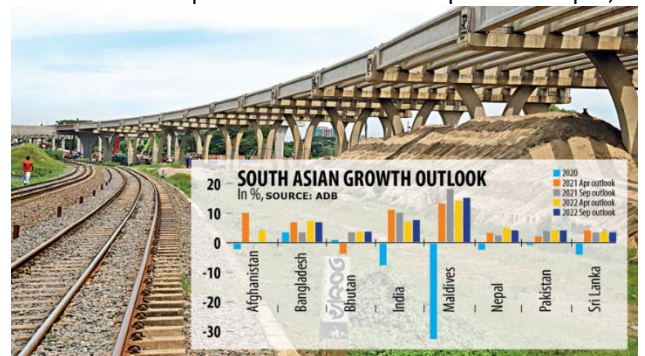
<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/krishibid-feed-qio-subscription-opens-10-oct-306178>

Economy & Industry

ADB lowers growth forecast

The Daily Star, September 23, 2021

- The Asian Development Bank has trimmed its economic growth projection for Bangladesh to 6.8 per cent for 2021-22, a reflection of the impacts of the containment measures reinstated at the start of the fiscal year to bring down coronavirus infection rates.
- The Manila-based lender revised the growth projection in its latest Asian Development Outlook 2021 Update. In April, it forecast a 7.2 per cent gross domestic product (GDP) growth. The government has also set a similar target for 2021-22, up from a 5.47 per cent provisional estimate in the last fiscal year.
- The World Bank has projected that Bangladesh's GDP growth would be 5.1 per cent in FY22.
- The growth projection reflects a strong recovery supported by strengthening manufacturing, continued expansion in the global economy, and effective government recovery policies, said the ADB in the report.
- With continued robust growth expected in major country destinations, export earnings should reach pre-pandemic levels, it said.
- The projected GDP of Bangladesh is the third-highest in South Asia. The Maldives is forecast to attain an economic growth of 15 per cent and India 7.5 per cent. Nepal may post a GDP growth of 4.1 per cent, Pakistan 4 per cent, and Sri Lanka 3.4 per cent.



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/adb-lowers-growth-forecast-2182166>

DESCO signed agreement with Oculin Tech BD Ltd

The Business Standard, September 22, 2021

- Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO) and Oculin Tech BD Ltd. signed a contract agreement on 16 September for a project titled 'Upgradation of Master Information Center (MIC) of DESCO on Turn Key Basis'
- Mr. Md. Selim Uddin, Chairman of DESCO and Additional Secretary, Power Division, was present as the Chief Guest of this event. Mr. Bikash Dewan, Managing Director, DPDC participated as Special Guest and Mr. Md Kausar Ameer Ali, Managing Director of DESCO, was present as Chairperson of the event. DESCO board members & other officials were also joined virtually, says a press release.

- In this project, Oculin Tech will develop a Tier III Certified MIC infrastructure with design specifications from Uptime Institute and DESCO will facilitate their existing and upcoming applications including AMI, SCADA, GIS in MIC. This MIC will also have a recovery site which will be active-active mode with fully automated and highly secured. This DC-DR will be application Centric Infrastructure (ACI) which will ensure overall network optimization, business continuity and multi-location acceleration.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/energy/desco-signed-agreement-oculin-tech-bd-ltd-upgradation-master-information>

International

Asian investors soothed by Evergrande bond plan

The Daily Star, September 23, 2021

- Asian investors trod carefully on Wednesday but nerves appeared to be settled by news that troubled Chinese property giant Evergrande had agreed a plan to repay interest on one of its key bonds, for now avoiding a default that many fear could hammer the domestic and global economy.
- However, confidence remains at a premium as traders await a crucial meeting of the Federal Reserve, where it could announce a timetable to start tapering its vast monetary easing programme.
- That comes against the ever-present backdrop of spiking coronavirus infections and slowing global growth, as well as a brewing battle over the US debt ceiling that, if not resolved, could see a default in the world's top economy, potentially sparking another financial catastrophe.
- In Asia, eyes were on mainland Chinese markets as investors returned to work from a four-day weekend to catch up with Monday's rout fanned by feverish talk that one of the country's biggest developers was close to collapse.
- While Tuesday saw a little more stability return to trading floors, there remained a lot of uncertainty and there is a hope that the government will at some point break its silence and give an idea about how it intends to deal with the crisis.
- With debts topping \$300 billion and no way to make cash, there had been an expectation that it would not be able to meet its interest obligations Thursday on two bonds -- one offshore and one domestic -- which would put it effectively in default.
- However, Wednesday got off to a positive start with news it had agreed a plan to repay interest on the local note, providing much-needed relief, though there was no news on the overseas payments.
- There was also some cheer from a huge cash injection into financial markets by the central People's Bank of China that eased any liquidity concerns.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/industries/investments/news/asian-investors-soothed-evergrande-bond-plan>

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