

## Stock Market

### Stocks dip for 2nd day as nervy trading continues

New Age, June 24, 2019

- Dhaka stocks dropped for the second day on Sunday amid a decline in share prices of two-thirds of the traded scrips and a plunge in turnover as investors were worried about possible steps the government would take to review the proposed taxes on the listed companies' reserve and stock dividend.
- DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, lost 0.21 %, or 11.73 points, to close at 5,395.62 points on Sunday after losing 15.77 points in the previous two sessions. The turnover at the bourse plunged to BDT 338.20 crore on Sunday from BDT 445.67 crore in the previous session.
- The DSEX lost 87 points after the budget declaration. The average share prices of textile sector dropped by 1.26 %, that of non-bank financial institutions by 0.57 % and that of energy sector by 0.35 %.
- The average share prices of bank and telecommunication sectors gained 0.22 % and 0.17 % respectively that saved the market from a significant fall on the day.
- DS30, the blue-chip index of DSE, gained 0.12 %, or 2.32 points, to close at 1,896.72 points. DSE Shariah index DSES lost 1.84 %, or 1.84 points, to close at 1,231.42 points. United Power Generation Company led the turnover chart with its shares worth BDT 16.57 crore changing hands.
- Central Insurance Company gained the most on the day with a 10-% increase in its share prices while Popular Life Insurance was the worst loser, shedding 4.65 %.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/76315/stocks-dip-for-2nd-day-as-nervy-trading-continues>

### Coppertech listing time with DSE expires

The bourse seeks more time to make decision

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- The scheduled time for listing of little-known Coppertech Industries Ltd with the Dhaka Stock Exchange expired on Sunday amid controversy over fabrication of the company's financial statements, said DSE officials.
- The DSE on Thursday requested the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission to extend the time for making a decision on listing Coppertech until the investigation of Institute of Chartered Accountant Bangladesh into its financial anomalies ends.
- The listing of Coppertech has remained pending with DSE amid allegations that the company's financial data was fabricated to give rosy picture of the company in the initial public offering documents.
- The DSE on May 27 sought BSEC's opinions on listing of Coppertech Industries with the bourse as the company is facing allegations of financial data fabrication.
- The ICAB on May 30 decided to send its investigation and disciplinary committee the auditor's report on Coppertech Industries for probing allegations of financial data fabrication against the company.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/76316/coppertech-listing-time-with-dse-expires>

## 10 cos in capital market make up loan defaulters' list

The Financial Express, June 24, 2019

- As many as 10 companies in the capital market and one brokerage firm are among the top 300 loan defaulters, whose names were revealed in parliament on Saturday. These 11 companies have swallowed a total of BDT 19.80 bn in default loans and one of them is among top 25 loan defaulters.
- Of the 11 companies, seven are listed with the stock exchanges, while three are being traded on the OTC (over-the-counter) market. And the remaining one is a brokerage firm -- Far East Stock & Bond.
- The companies which are listed with the stock exchanges are The Dacca Dyeing & manufacturing Company, United Airways (BD), Emerald Oil Industries, Keya Cosmetics, Appollo Ispat Complex, Bangladesh Industrial Finance Company, and FAS Finance & Investment.
- Of these companies, FAS Finance is an 'A' category company and Appollo Ispat a 'B' category company while the remaining five companies are in the 'Z' category. The three companies which are being traded on the OTC market are Lexco, Monno Fabrics and Apex Weaving.

<http://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/10-cos-in-capital-market-make-up-loan-defaulters-list-1561347681>

## Economy

### Jute refinance fund hiked by BDT 100cr, to run till 2024

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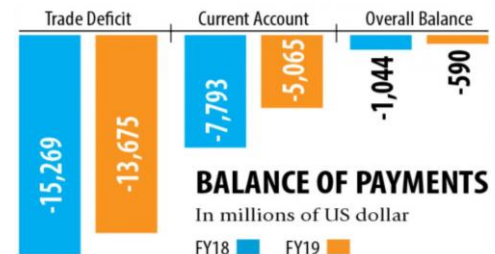
- Bangladesh Bank on Sunday enhanced the size of the refinance scheme for the jute sector by BDT 100 crore and extended its tenure for another five years. The central bank issued a circular in this regard on the day which also reduced the applicable interest rate for the borrowers — jute millers and exporters.
- Under the new circular, banks, as like the earlier policy, would get fund from the central bank at bank rate, while the jute millers and exporters would get fund from the refinance scheme at 8 % instead of existing 9 %. Enhanced size of the revolving fund would become BDT 300 crore.
- BB launched the refinancing scheme with a fund of BDT 200 crore in 2014 to support jute sector for bringing back its glorious past. After the extension of tenure of the fund, banks would be able to get fund for the jute sector till June, 2024.
- Eighteen private and public commercial banks were nominated for channelling the fund to the public and private jute mills, raw jute traders and exporters.
- The banks are — Sonali Bank, Rupali Bank, Agrani Bank, Janata Bank, Basic Bank, United Commercial Bank, IFIC Bank, National Bank, Prime Bank, AB Bank, Mercantile Bank, Uttara Bank, Bank Asia, Standard Bank, One Bank, The City Bank, NRBC Bank and Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/76311/jute-refinance-fund-hiked-by-BDT-100cr-to-run-till-2024>

## Current account deficit shrinks 35pc to \$5b

The Daily Star, June 24, 2019

- Bangladesh's current account deficit continues to pose risks to macroeconomic stability despite its 35 % fall in the first 10 months of the outgoing fiscal year. The gap stood at \$5 bn between July last year and April this year, according to central bank data.
- The current account records a nation's transactions with the rest of the world -- specifically its net trade in goods and services.
- But, there is a little scope for decreasing imports as it increased 3.88 % year-on-year to \$47.10 bn during the July-April period. Between July and April, trade deficit also narrowed 10.43 % year-on-year to \$13.67 bn.



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/current-account-deficit-shrinks-35pc-5b-1761562>

## International

### Under Trump, currencies likely to become next global battleground

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- President Donald Trump's renewed focus on what he calls 'unfair' exchange rates could presage a new global battlefield that has the potential to do great damage to the world economy.
- Trump has spent two years attacking the underpinnings of the global trading system, launching multi-front tariff wars on allies and adversaries alike while complaining that the United States has been taken advantage of.
- Under a proposed new rule that could come into effect as early as next month, the US may impose punitive tariffs on any country it determines is manipulating its currency to make its products more competitive than American goods.
- Economists warn this opens the door to a damaging global currency war pitting everyone against everyone. If Trump follows this new path, likely with the backing of Commerce Secretary and trade hardliner Wilbur Ross, the United States would be vulnerable to retaliation when the Federal Reserve eventually cuts the benchmark interest rate as Trump has demanded they do.
- Central banks use interest rate cuts to spur a sluggish economy, weakening a currency's value in exchange for boosting exports, which then power economic growth.

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