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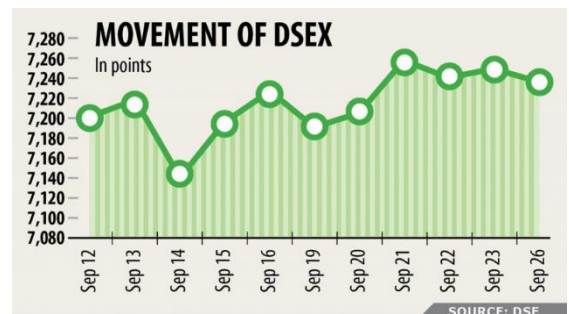
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## Stock Market & Company

### Profit takers, optimistic investors rule the roost

The Daily Star, September 27, 2021

- Bangladesh's stock market has been going through ups and downs thanks to an ongoing "psychological game" between profit takers and optimistic investors. This trend has continued for the last few weeks due to the psychological game among profit takers and their more optimistic counterparts.
- The DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), fell 13 points, or 0.18 per cent, to 7,237 points yesterday.
- However, turnover at the Dhaka bourse rose 22 per cent to Tk 2,259 crore while it was Tk 1,852 crore a day earlier.
- Aamra Networks topped the gainers' list, rising 9.92 per cent, followed by Tosrifa Industries, Khan Brothers PP Woven Bag Industries, Evince Textiles, and Zaheen Spinning Mills.
- CVO Petrochemical Industries shed the most, falling 4.21 per cent, followed by Fu-Wang Ceramic Industries, Dominage Steel, Daffodil Computers, and Safko Spinning Mills. At the DSE, 113 stocks rose, 230 declined and 33 remained unchanged.
- Stocks of Orion Pharmaceuticals traded the most, worth Tk 142 crore, followed by Beximco Limited, LafargeHolcim Bangladesh, Shahjibazar Power and Delta Life Insurance.
- The Chattogram Stock Exchange (CSE) edged down on the day, while the CASPI, the general index of the port city bourse, dropped 19 points, or 0.09 per cent, to 21,126. Among 317 traded stocks, 113 advanced, 172 fell and 32 remained unchanged.



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/stock/news/profit-takers-optimistic-investors-rule-the-roost-2184961>

## Summit Power declares 35pc cash dividend for 2021

The Financial Express, September 26, 2021

- The board of directors of Summit Power has recommended a 35 per cent cash dividend for the year ended on June 30, 2021. The board of directors of the company held a meeting on Sunday and approved the audited financial statements for the year ended on June 30, 2021 and recommended the dividend.
- The record date is set on October 24, according to a discourse posted the company's website after the meeting as a price sensitive information.
- The power generation company has also reported consolidated earnings per share (EPS) of Tk 5.25, consolidated net asset value (NAV) per share of Tk 34.45 and consolidated net operating cash flow per share (NOCFPS) of Tk 8.53 for the year ended on June 30, 2021 as against Tk 5.17, Tk 31.50 and Tk 9.42 respectively for the same period of the previous year.
- The company also disbursed 35 per cent cash dividend for the year ended on June 30, 2020. In 2019, it also provided a 35 per cent cash dividend.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/summit-power-declares-35pc-cash-dividend-for-2021-1632676382>

## Bangladesh market sees highest number of IPOs in a decade

The Financial Express, September 26, 2021

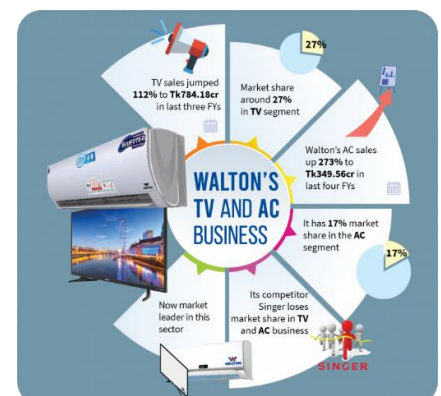
- Private companies have offloaded primary shares worth Tk 10 billion in nine months during January-September 2021, the highest amount in a decade, amid virus-induced sluggish economic activities. The country's capital market witnessed 11 initial public offerings (IPOs) in the first nine months of the calendar year, boosting the market capitalisation significantly and enhanced the market strength.
- This is the highest fund collection through IPOs since 2011, when six companies and five mutual funds raised an aggregate amount of Tk 16 billion during the period under review, according to statistics with the Dhaka Stock Exchange.
- Five companies - Energypac Power Generation, Mir Akther Hossain, Lub-rref (Bangladesh), Index Agro Industries and Baraka Patenga Power- used the book-building method. Six other companies raised funds using the fixed-price method.
- They are Desh General Insurance, eGeneration, Taufika Foods & Agro Industries, NRB Commercial Bank, Sonali Life Insurance and South Bangla Agriculture & Commerce Bank.
- It was also the five-fold highest amount compared to the same period last year. In 2020, four companies fetched Tk 1.98 billion --- Walton Hi-Tech Industries (Tk 1.0 billion), ADN Telecom (Tk 570 million), Express Insurance (Tk 260.79 million) and Associated Oxygen (Tk 150 million).

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh-market-sees-highest-number-of-ipos-in-a-decade-1632633177>

## Walton grows riding on TV and AC business

The Business Standard, September 26, 2021

- With a 66% share of the refrigerator market already in its hand, Walton is now inching towards sealing the leading positions in television and air conditioner sales as well. Over the last four consecutive financial years till FY21, AC business jumped by 273% to Tk349.56 crore and TV sales grew by 112% to Tk784.18 crore during the period, according to Walton's audited financial statements.
- Walton made a Tk5,000 crore new investment plan last year. It has submitted its plan to Bangladesh Economic Zones Authority to acquire 300 acres of land at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Shilpa Nagar in Chattogram. The newly-built facility will be its second unit along with its current manufacturing facility in Chandra, Gazipur. The investment will be made over a period of eight years.



- **Stock performance:** Walton got listed on the stock exchanges in 2020. Its share price fell by 1.59% and closed at Tk1,296 at the end of the Sunday's trading session. For the last fiscal year, it declared a 250% cash dividend to general shareholders and a 170% cash dividend to sponsors and directors.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/corporates/walton-grows-riding-tv-and-ac-business-307888>

## Abdul Kadir Molla becomes SBAC Bank chairman

The Business Standard, September 26, 2021

- Renowned entrepreneur and industrialist Abdul Kadir Molla has been elected the new chairman of South Bangla Agriculture and Commerce (SBAC) Bank Limited. He was unanimously elected chairman of the bank on Sunday at the 126th board meeting held at the bank's head office in Motijheel, says a press release.
- He has been a sponsor director since the inception of the bank in 2013. Prominent businessman of the country, Abdul Kadir Molla is the founder, chairman and managing director of the Thermex Group Limited, which is the forefront of the garment sector.
- The fully export-oriented group has more than 14 international standard affiliates named Thermax Spinning Ltd, Thermax Knit Yarn Ltd, Thermax Yarn Dyeing Ltd, Thermax Woven Dyeing Ltd, Adury Apparels Ltd, Adury Knit Composite Ltd etc.

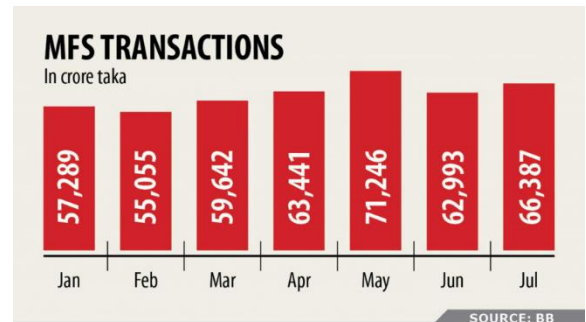
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## Economy & Industry

### MFS transactions on the rise

The Daily Star, September 27, 2021

- Transactions through mobile financial services in Bangladesh rose 5.4 per cent year-on-year to Tk 66,387 crore in July as people's habit to use the cashless mode of payments persists despite the reopening of the economy and easing of coronavirus restrictions.
- Transactions amounted to Tk 63,000 crore in the same month a year ago and Tk 62,993 crore in June this year, data from the Bangladesh Bank showed. On average, Tk 2,141 crore was transacted every day in July.
- There are 15 banks that operate MFS services in Bangladesh. Besides, Nagad Ltd, the digital financial service of the Bangladesh Postal Office, also provides mobile banking service.
- Inward remittance channelled through MFS providers increased 67 per cent year-on-year to Tk 282 crore in July, BB data showed.
- Salary disbursement stood at Tk 3,403 crore, down from Tk 4,586 crore a year ago, while users paid utility bills worth Tk 992 crore, against Tk 878 crore in July last year.
- The number of registered mobile banking accounts stood at 10.27 crore at the end of July, while active accounts numbered 4.12 crore. There are 11.42 lakh agents across the country.



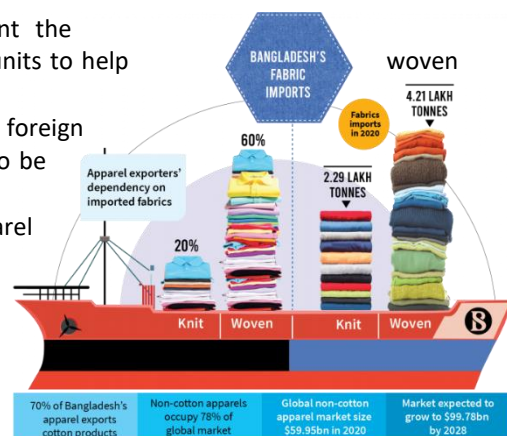
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### Non-cotton fabric begs for more investment

The Business Standard, September 27, 2021

- Bangladesh's textile makers feel the urgency to increase local capacity in man-made fibre to cope with the fast-changing global fashion with consumers switching from cotton to blended fabrics. Since Bangladesh is still focused on cotton fabrics, woven apparel makers need to depend on imports to meet around 60% demand for non-cotton fabrics.

- Leading spinners, who are planning to invest in non-cotton fibre, want the government to extend policy support for capital-intensive synthetic fabric units to help exporters diversify their products and stay competitive.
- For now, joint-ventures between local and technologically advanced foreign companies can be a solution, they also say, adding that thus, there will also be opportunities for local research to develop high-value yarns.
- Spinners say their supplies of woven and manmade fabrics to apparel manufacturers are still very low when compared to demands as setting up facilities for manufacturing such fabrics needs a big investment that they cannot go for in the absence of necessary policy support on the government's part.
- According to Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA), local spinning millers meet 80% of the demand for export-oriented knitted fabrics, while they account for only 40% of woven fabric supplies.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/non-cotton-fabric-begs-more-investment-307927>

## International

### China steps up funding oversight of Evergrande property projects

The Daily Star, September 27, 2021

- Several local governments in China have set up special custodian accounts for property projects of its most indebted developer, Evergrande, to protect funds earmarked for housing projects from being diverted, media outlet Caixin said.
- Reeling under \$305 billion of debt, Evergrande missed a payment deadline on a dollar bond last week, and its silence on the matter has set global investors wondering if they will have to swallow large losses when a 30-day grace period ends. [read more](#)
- The special accounts have been set up since late August in at least eight provinces where Evergrande has the most unfinished projects, the Chinese outlet said on Sunday, citing a source close to the developer's management team.
- These include Anhui, Guizhou, Henan, Jiangsu and cities in the southern Pearl River Delta, it added. The custodian accounts aim to ensure homebuyers' payments are used to complete Evergrande's housing projects, and not diverted elsewhere, such as to creditors, Caixin said.
- In some southern cities, such as Zhuhai and Shenzhen, the offices of the housing regulator, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development, were also involved in overseeing and reviewing fund use by Evergrande's projects, it said.
- Evergrande and the housing ministry did not immediately respond to requests for comment. In recent months, the cash-strapped developer, which epitomises the borrow-to-build business model, has stopped repaying some investors and suppliers and halted building work at many projects across China.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/asia/china/news/china-steps-funding-oversight-evergrande-property-projects-2184941>

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