

Stock Market & Company

Stocks gain on bargain hunting, turnover hits 2-month high

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- Dhaka stocks advanced on Tuesday with the turnover hitting a two-month high as investors went for buying shares of banks, non-bank financial institutions and textile companies after the recent price fall.
- DSEX, the key index of Dhaka Stock Exchange, added 0.61 per cent, or 28.68 points, to close at 4,722.30 points on Tuesday after gaining 5.19 points in the previous session.
- The market started rising from the very beginning on Tuesday and maintained the momentum until the end of the session as investors went for buying shares of textile companies, banks and NBFIs, market operators said. They said that share prices of most of the companies came down to the bottom level after relentless fall in the share prices that attracted a section of investors to the scrips.
- Turnover on the DSE advanced to Tk 560.36 crore on Tuesday from Tk 444.07 crore in the previous day. Share prices of some of the large capitalised companies including Square Pharmaceuticals, Grameenphone, BRAC Bank, British American Tobacco declined on the day.
- National Tubes led the turnover chart with its shares worth Tk 13.44 crore changing hands on Tuesday. City Bank, Kattali Textile, LankaBangla Finance, Beacon Pharmaceuticals, Premier Bank, Sonar Bangla Insurance, Meghna Petroleum, Dutch-Bangla Bank and SK Trims Industries were the other turnover leaders.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/91843/stocks-gain-on-bargain-hunting-turnover-hits-2-month-high>

Economy and Industry

PLFS receives only Tk 5 crore from borrowers

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- People's Leasing and Financial Services (PLFS) Limited has received around Tk 5 crore from borrowers in five months since the government's approval for the liquidation of the ailing non-bank financial institution.
- The borrowers of PLFS have provided the amount voluntarily as the liquidator, appointed by the court, is yet to launch drive for the recovery of defaulted loans.
- Of the Tk 1,131 crore outstanding loans of PLFS, Tk 748 crore or 66.14 per cent of the total loans has become non-performing loans.
- The finance ministry on June 26 this year allowed the Bangladesh Bank to go for liquidation of PLFS due to the entity's failure in repaying depositors' money following massive irregularities in loan disbursement.
- Based on approval from the finance ministry and subsequent approval from the High Court, the central bank started the process of liquidation of PLFS.
- Meanwhile, the BB in November issued a letter to the chartered accountancy firm to complete the auditing of People's Leasing by December this year as many of its depositors were in dire need for money.

<http://www.newagebd.net/article/91838/plfs-receives-only-tk-5-crore-from-borrowers>

Ecneec okays 6 projects worth Tk 7,312cr

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- The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecneec) yesterday approved six projects involving Tk 7,312.55 crore. One of them was Tk 5,950 crore worth Dhaka and Western Zone Transmission Grid Expansion Project, which will be implemented by June 2024 to meet the increasing demand of power by strengthening the existing transmission infrastructure.
- Of the cost, Tk 4,212.30 crore will come from the Asian Development Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank as project loan.
- The Power Grid Company of Bangladesh will implement the project in different upazilas of 17 districts. In yesterday's meeting, the planning ministry presented a book, which incorporated 478 directives of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina given at Ecneec meetings during January 2009 to June 2019.
- Planning Minister MA Mannan handed over the book to the premier and the officials of different ministries and divisions during the meeting at the NEC conference room in the city's Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/ecneec-okays-6-projects-worth-tk-7312cr-1832305>

International

Analysts raise Asian firms' 2020 earnings forecasts

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- Analysts have raised their estimates for Asian firms' 2020 earnings, data showed, as hopes of a Sino-U.S. trade deal as well as expected recovery in economic growth backed by central bank easing measures bolstered sentiment.
- Refinitiv data showed analysts raised estimates for large and mid-cap firms by 0.8 percent over the past month. They now expect earnings to grow 13 percent in 2020, compared with an estimated 4.5 percent in 2019.
- The data showed Indian firms are likely to lead the region with earnings growth of 36 percent in 2020, followed by South Korea and Vietnam.
- Chinese firms' earnings are estimated to grow 14 percent. Asian shares have seen a strong rally after tepid growth last year, mostly due to an anticipated earnings recovery in 2020, analysts said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/analysts-raise-asian-firms-2020-earnings-forecasts-1832293>

Alibaba shares surge on Hong Kong debut

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- Chinese online retail giant Alibaba surged Tuesday as it drew back the curtain on a Hong Kong listing the firm described as a vote of confidence in the embattled city.
- The long-delayed trading day got off to a glitzy start with chief executive officer Daniel Zhang joined on stage at a stock exchange ceremony by dignitaries including city Financial Secretary Paul Chan and former Hong Kong chief executive Tung Chee-hwa.
- Soon after the gong was sounded, Asia's most valuable company soared almost eight percent, a bright start after a blockbuster initial public offering that has raised at least \$11 billion, making it the city's biggest in nearly a decade.
- The listing comes as a major boost to Hong Kong, which has been wracked by months of sometimes violent protests and the China-US trade war, sending the economy into recession.
- Alibaba listed at HK\$176 -- below an HK\$188 indicative ceiling originally announced -- but briefly hit a high of HK\$189.50 in mid-morning business. The stock pared the gains to end the day HK\$187.60, up 6.6 percent.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/alibaba-shares-surge-hong-kong-debut-1832302>

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