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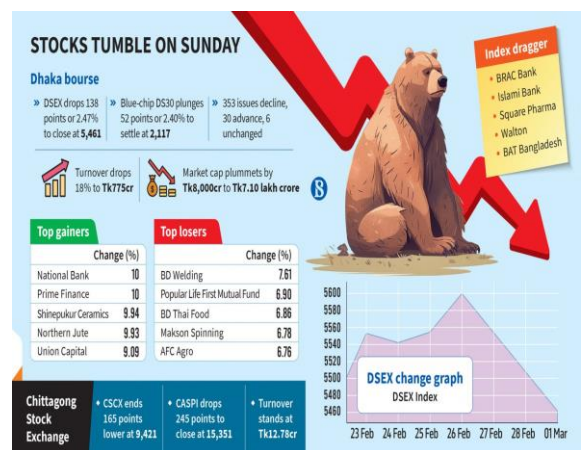
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Stock Market & Company

DSEX plunges 138 points as Middle East tensions rattle investors

The Business Standard, Mar 01, 2026

- Stocks at the Dhaka bourse tumbled yesterday as escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East rattled investors, triggering broad-based selloffs and snapping the market's recent upward momentum.
- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) plunged 138 points, or 2.47%, to close at 5,461. The blue-chip DS30 index also suffered a steep decline, shedding 52 points, or 2.40%, to settle at 2,117.
- Market breadth remained overwhelmingly negative, with 353 issues declining against only 30 advances, while six securities remained unchanged.
- Turnover dropped 18% to Tk775 crore, reflecting cautious participation as investors largely chose to stay on the sidelines.
- The market capitalisation of the premier bourse plummeted by around Tk8,000 crore to Tk7.10 lakh crore in a single session.
- Major index draggers included BRAC Bank, Islami Bank, Square Pharma, Walton and BAT Bangladesh, whose declines weighed heavily on the benchmark indices.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-plunges-over-100-points-middle-east-tensions-spook-investors-1373756>

Protection rules on cards: Whistleblowers to get 25% of BSEC penalties

The Business Standard, Mar 01, 2026

- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has initiated the formulation of rules to ensure legal protection for whistleblowers, aiming to encourage greater disclosure of information about the capital market.
- Market insiders say that these rules to protect whistleblowers and provide incentives are being introduced for the first time in the capital market's history.
- In addition to providing protection, the draft rules propose that whistleblowers who provide information will receive 25% of the penalties as an incentive if the capital market regulator imposes fines on any capital market stakeholders.
- To formulate the rules, the regulator published draft rules namely "Capital Market Related Information Disclosure and Whistleblower Protection Rules, 2026" in its website and sought public opinions within two weeks, by 15 March.

- The draft rules define a whistleblower as any person associated with the board of directors, an executive member, trustee board member, auditor, or lawyer of any market intermediary registered with the BSEC, or of any listed company, mutual fund, alternative investment fund, or special purpose vehicle (SPV).

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/protection-rules-cards-whistleblowers-get-25-bsec-penalties-1374141>

Ring Shine Textile faces EPZ lease cancellation over \$16.19m in dues

The Business Standard, Mar 01, 2026

- The Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) has begun proceedings to cancel six additional lease agreements of Ring Shine Textile Limited for failure to clear outstanding dues.
- The Dhaka EPZ office recently issued a notice expressing its intention to terminate the lease of Plots No 157–163. Earlier, on 20 February 2025, BEPZA had cancelled leases for Plots No 231-236 on similar grounds.
- As of January 25, 2025, Ring Shine's outstanding dues to BEPZA stood at approximately \$16.19 million, against a deposit of only \$254,945. Despite repeated reminders, the company has not cleared the arrears. The last payment of \$30,000 was made on 17 May 2025. BEPZA has warned that the leases may be cancelled without further notice if a satisfactory response is not received within seven days.
- Yesterday, the company's share price closed at Tk3.10 on the Dhaka Stock Exchange.
- Ring Shine attributed the delays to a global market slowdown and liquidity constraints in the textile sector. It has submitted a restructuring proposal under a policy support framework of Bangladesh Bank, offering to settle 50-60% of principal dues through the sale of idle assets, with the remainder to be repaid over 10 years without surcharge.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ring-shine-textile-faces-epz-lease-cancellation-over-1619m-dues-1374521>

Economy & Industry

Bangladesh in economic high risks despite signs of stability

The Financial Express, Mar 01, 2026

- Bangladesh is in higher economic risks than regional peers, despite signs of macroeconomic stabilisation, on five counts of weaknesses as measured by an international watchdog.
- Bangladesh economic forecast
- In latest ratings by Oxford Economics, Bangladesh has ranked 141st out of 164 economies, with an overall economic risk score of 7.1, well above the Asia-Pacific average of 5.1.
- The agency has evaluated Bangladesh across five categories - market demand, market cost, exchange rate, sovereign credit and trade credit - highlighting structural vulnerabilities despite signs of macroeconomic stabilisation.
- The country recorded a market-demand score of 7.0 out of 10, significantly higher than the regional average of 5.1, reflecting vulnerabilities in domestic demand conditions.
- Demand remains exposed to regulatory uncertainties, delays in development projects and concerns over the maintenance of critical infrastructure.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bangladesh-in-economic-high-risks-despite-signs-of-stability>

Year-round tax return filing in the offing

The Financial Express, Mar 01, 2026

- The government is considering allowing individual taxpayers to submit income tax returns throughout the year, replacing the existing system of fixed deadlines that are routinely extended.
- A new provision is likely to be included in the National Budget for FY 2026-27 to make the process more flexible and encourage timely compliance through incentives rather than repeated extensions.
- Speaking to The Financial Express, National Board of Revenue (NBR) Chairman Abdur Rahman Khan said the return submission process would be made more taxpayer-friendly by removing stringent time-bound conditions for all.
- Instead, the NBR plans to introduce incentives for those who file their returns early, he said.
- According to the proposal, there would be four tiers for individual tax return submissions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/year-round-tax-return-filing-in-the-offing>

Exports to Malaysia jump fivefold in a decade

The Financial Express, Mar 01, 2026

- Bangladesh's exports to Malaysia have increased more than fivefold over the past decade, rising from \$56 million to nearly \$300 million, reflecting stronger bilateral trade ties, said Mohd Shuhada Othman, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Bangladesh.
- He said future cooperation would prioritise high-tech collaboration, particularly in semiconductors, and deeper engagement in the global halal economy.
- The envoy made the remarks at the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Bangladesh-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI) at the Sheraton Dhaka on Saturday. He commended BMCCI for strengthening trade and investment relations and supporting Malaysia's position as the ninth-largest foreign investor in Bangladesh. He also unveiled the chamber's new logo as chief guest.
- Shabbir A Khan, President of BMCCI, highlighted the chamber's progress since its founding in 2001, describing the Silver Jubilee logo as a symbol of resilience and future growth. He paid tribute to the 12 founding members and acknowledged the contributions of former leaders.
- Over the past 25 years, BMCCI has promoted bilateral business through investment forums, trade fairs, business delegations, seminars and symposiums.

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International

Oil prices jump, stocks skid on Middle East turmoil

The Daily Star, Mar 02, 2026

- Oil prices surged on Monday and shares slid as military conflict in the Middle East looked set to last weeks, sending investors flocking to the relative safety of the dollar and gold.
- Brent jumped 4.5% to \$76.07 a barrel, though it had briefly topped \$82.00 at one stage, while U.S. crude climbed 3.9% to \$69.59 per barrel. Gold rose 1.0% to \$5,327 an ounce.
- Military strikes by the United States and Israel on Iran showed no sign of lessening, while Iran responded with missile barrages across the region, risking dragging its neighbours into the conflict.
- President Donald Trump suggested to the Daily Mail the conflict could last for four more weeks, while posting that attacks would continue until U.S. objectives were met.

- All eyes were on the Strait of Hormuz where around a fifth of the world's seaborne oil trade flows and 20% of its liquefied natural gas. While the vital waterway has not yet been blocked, marine tracking sites showed tankers piling up on either side of the strait wary of attack or maybe unable to get insurance for the voyage.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/oil-prices-jump-stocks-skid-middle-east-turmoil-4118446>

Iran war: Oil market in biggest crisis in decades

The Daily Star, Mar 02, 2026

- Global energy markets face one of their gravest shocks in decades as joint US and Israeli strikes on Iran and Tehran's retaliatory missile attacks across the Gulf disrupt oil exports from the world's most important producing region.
- The scale of the disruption will likely be determined by the duration of the conflict, but for now the threat and the uncertainty are already enough to severely impact flows from the region that accounts for 20 percent of global oil supplies.
- Barring a swift resolution, oil prices will likely see steep increases when trading opens on Monday morning. Benchmark Brent crude oil prices rose in recent weeks to around \$70 a barrel, their highest since August 2025 as investors braced for military confrontation in the Middle East.
- The United States and Israel carried out military strikes on Iran on Saturday, targeting senior leaders and plunging the Middle East into a widening conflict. US President Donald Trump said the attacks would eliminate a security threat to the United States and give Iranians an opportunity to topple their rulers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/iran-war-oil-market-biggest-crisis-decades-4118231>

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