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Stock Market & Company

Turnover hits one-year high as Dhaka stocks extend rally

The Business Standard, Wed Sept 03, 2025

- Turnover, a key indicator of market participation, jumped by 9.35% from the previous session to reach Tk1,397 crore. This marks the highest daily turnover since 11 August 2024, when the trading value peaked at Tk2,010 crore.
- The benchmark DSEX index extended its rally for a second consecutive session today, gaining 10 points to settle at 5,631, its highest level in 11 months. The blue-chip DS30 index rose marginally by 0.72 points to finish at 2,195, while the shariah-based DSES index inched up 0.54 points to 1,233.
- Investor sentiment remained cautiously upbeat, with 184 issues advancing against 165 declining, while 47 remained unchanged.
- The sectoral performance painted a mixed picture. Ceramic stocks rose the most, advancing by 3.4%, followed by mutual funds at 2.2% and non-bank financial institutions at 1.8%. On the flip side, travel services slid 1.4%, the broader services sector dropped 1.1%, and engineering declined 0.6%.
- The upbeat mood was also reflected in the Chattogram Stock Exchange (CSE), where indices closed higher with increased turnover. The CSCX index gained 53 points to reach 9,671, and the CASPI index jumped 78 points to 15,731. Turnover on the port city bourse surged 43% to Tk21.11 crore.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/turnover-hits-one-year-high-dhaka-stocks-extend-rally-1228391

Undersubscription forces Navana Pharma to repay bond investors before maturity

The Financial Express, Tue Sept 02, 2025

- Navana Pharmaceuticals has decided to repay the subscribed amount of its partially convertible bond earlier than maturity, without any conversion, due to undersubscription.
- The drug manufacturer managed to raise only Tk 80 million of its targeted Tk 1.50 billion through bond issuance, aimed at paying off bank loans.



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- Company secretary Lorens Shamol Mollick said the board of directors, in a meeting on Monday, decided to pay back the subscribed portion of the bond as the funds collected did not serve the purpose.
- The bond repayment decision is subject to approval from the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, according to a filing on the stock exchange on Tuesday.
- As per its original plan, Navana Pharma was supposed to convert 60 per cent of the bond, or Tk 900 million, into shares.
 It had announced that 20 per cent of the bond would be converted into shares each year starting from the third year,
 while the remaining amount would be repaid to investors upon maturity in the fifth year.

https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/undersubscription-forces-navana-pharma-to-repay-bond-investors-before-maturity

Walton declares 175% cash, 10% stock dividend for FY25

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- In the last fiscal year, its earnings per share dropped by 24% to Tk34.22, compared to the previous year.
- The company said, profit declined mainly due to lower revenue, higher finance costs and increased distribution expenses.
- Meanwhile, the company also decided to merge Walton Digi-Tech Industries Limited, which engaged to produce laptop, desktop, mobile, printers, electric bikes and IT accessories.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/walton-declares-175-cash-10-stock-dividend-fy25-1228246

Economy & Industry

Govt eyes 1.5 lakh jobs from Moheshkhali industrial hub

The Daily Star, Wed Sept 04, 2025

- Over the next 30 years, the project is expected to create 1.5 lakh direct jobs and add \$150 billion directly to the GDP.
- The Moheshkhali-Matarbari Integrated Development Initiative (Midi), a flagship state-backed project, will lead the transformation of the island, an upazila under the southeastern district of Cox's Bazar.
- The initiative is backed by \$60 billion in projected investment, including targeted foreign direct investment.
- A study by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica) estimated that the Moheshkhali-Matarbari region could attract \$60 billion to \$65 billion in investment over 20 to 30 years, including nearly \$5 billion in FDI. It projected a direct GDP impact of up to \$75 billion, with the overall contribution reaching \$150 billion, according to the report.
- The initiative is also expected to save \$6 billion annually on the balance of payments by cutting imports through domestic production.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-eyes-15-lakh-jobs-moheshkhali-industrial-hub-3977676



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BB to settle \$1.5b ACU payments for July-Aug

New Age, Wed Sept 03, 2025

- According to International Monetary Fund guidelines, Bangladesh's gross reserves stood at \$26.45 billion on Wednesday, while the central bank's conventional calculation placed the figure at \$31.43 billion.
- After the ACU settlement, the reserves are expected to fall to about \$30 billion.
- The ACU is a regional settlement arrangement through which participating countries Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Iran, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka clear payments for intra-regional trade on a net multilateral basis via their central banks.
- BB officials said that Bangladesh Bank bought about \$1 billion from banks since April, including nearly \$495 million in July alone.

https://www.newagebd.net/post/economy/275036/bb-to-settle-15b-acu-payments-for-july-aug

City Bank, bKash, TransUnion get primary nod for private credit bureaus

The Daily Star, Wed Sept 04, 2025

- The Bangladesh Bank received a total of 22 applications for private credit bureaus and shortlisted 13 before issuing letters of intent (LoIs) to the successful five.
- The approved applicants are Credit Info BD Credit Bureau, TransUnion Credit Bureau, bKash Credit Bureau, City Credit Bureau, and First National Credit Bureau, Arief Hossain Khan, executive director of Bangladesh Bank, told The Daily Star.
- In time, credit bureaus will also help reduce default rates and average interest rates, facilitated by increased credit information, which will lead to higher-quality lending.
- The minimum paid-up capital of a credit bureau will be Tk 10 crore.
- The central bank guidelines also state that the number of directors will not exceed 11.
- They state that at least two directors must have 10 years of experience in the banking industry.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/city-bank-bkash-transunion-get-primary-nod-private-credit-bureaus-3978036

International

US limits TSMC chipmaking tool shipments to China

The Daily Star, Thu Sept 04, 2025

- President Donald Trump's administration has revoked Taiwanese semiconductor giant TSMC's authorization to export US chipmaking equipment to China without a license, further restricting access to US technology in the country.
- The move comes as the US Commerce Department moved to end the "validated end-user" (VEU) program allowing select foreign semiconductor manufacturers to export US-origin goods and tech license-free to make chips in China.
- "TSMC has received notification from the US Government that our VEU authorization for TSMC Nanjing will be revoked effective December 31, 2025," said a spokesperson for Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company on Tuesday.
- TSMC is the world's largest contract maker of chips that are used in everything from smartphones to missiles, and counts Nvidia and Apple among its clients.

https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/us-limits-tsmc-chipmaking-tool-shipments-china-3977556



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