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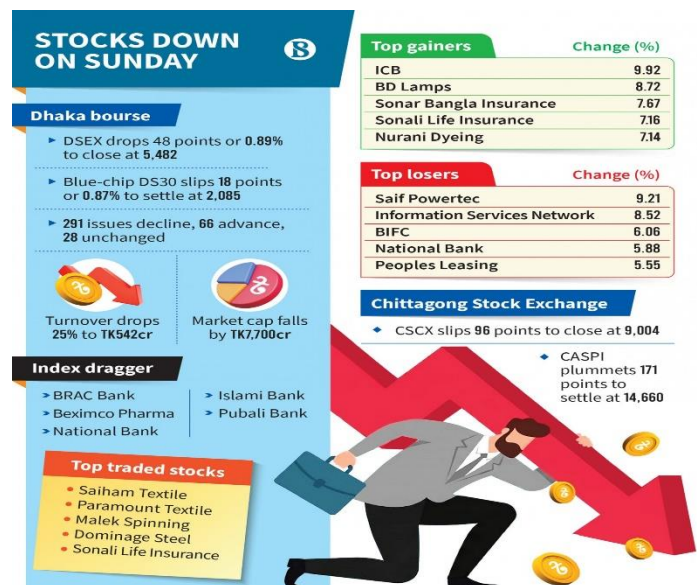
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Stock Market & Company

Selling pressure drags DSEX down as investors tread carefully on earnings

The Business Standard, Oct 04, 2026

- Dhaka stocks opened the week on a downbeat note for a second consecutive session as risk aversion gripped investors, pushing benchmark indices sharply down on both bourses amid caution over ongoing fiscal year-end earnings disclosures and broader economic headwinds.
- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) surrendered 48 points, or 0.89%, to settle at 5,482 points. The blue-chip DS30 index followed suit, slipping 18 points, or 0.87%, to close at 2,085 points.
- Market capitalisation on the premier bourse witnessed a significant contraction of Tk7,700 crore, while daily trading turnover plunged by 25% to Tk542 crore.
- Market breadth deteriorated heavily across the floor, with 291 issues declining against 66 advancing, while 28 scrips remained unchanged.
- In its daily review, EBL Securities noted that trading commenced on a dismal note as persistent selling pressure dominated from the opening bell. Although the market briefly recovered after the initial plunge, sustained selling pressure kept most scrips in negative territory throughout the session.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/selling-pressure-drags-dsex-down-investors-tread-carefully-earnings-1562616>

Sea Pearl shareholders have proposed cash dividend to 0.50% at high court-ordered AGM

The Business Standard, Oct 04, 2026

- Shareholders of Sea Pearl Beach Resort & Spa Limited have approved a reduced 0.50% cash dividend for general investors at the company's long-delayed 16th Annual General Meeting (AGM), half the 1% payout previously recommended by its board of directors.

- According to a company filing with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (4 October) the dividend was revised at the AGM held on 12 September 2026.
- The AGM was convened following a High Court verdict passed on 21 June, which allowed the luxury hospitality company to hold the meeting through a hybrid platform combining physical attendance and virtual participation.
- The meeting resolved a months-long delay for the company's fiscal year 2024–25 corporate disclosures. The AGM was originally scheduled for 28 December 2025, with a record date of 27 November 2025, but was abruptly postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.
- Following the receipt of the certified court judgment in early August, the company's board met on 20 August to finalise the rescheduled meeting timeline.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/sea-pearl-shareholders-have-proposed-cash-dividend-050-high-court-ordered-agm-1562621>

Akij Resources, new investors to take over Dominage Steel as DSE approves 30% stake transfer

The Business Standard, Oct 04, 2026

- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) has approved the transfer of a 30.01% stake in Dominage Steel Building Systems Limited outside the regular trading system, paving the way for a change in ownership, management and operational control by Akij Resources Limited and two individual investors.
- According to a disclosure published on the premier bourse, the exchange approved the off-market transaction following a Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) directive issued on 27 August and subsequent instructions on 28 September.

DOMINAGE STEEL SHARE TRANSFER AT A GLANCE

TRANSFEROR	SHARES	STAKE	TRANSFeree
Muhammad Shamsul Islam, Chairman	12,041,988	11.74%	Akij Resources Ltd
Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, MD	12,041,988	11.74%	Akij Resources Ltd
Sujit Saha, Director	2,431,914	2.37%	Akij Resources Ltd
Abul Kalam Bhuyan, Director	80,055	0.08%	Akij Resources Ltd
Abul Kalam Bhuyan, Director	2,052,000	2.00%	Sheikh Jashim Uddin
Rakibul Islam, Director	80,055	0.08%	Akij Resources Ltd
Rakibul Islam, Director	2,052,000	2.00%	Faria Hossain

Source: DSE

- Under the arrangement, 3.078 crore shares held by the company's sponsor-directors will be transferred to the incoming investors as a "Matched Transaction" in demat form at the closing price on 30 September 2026. The entire transaction was completed today (4 October).
- Akij Resources acquired the largest portion, taking 1.20 crore shares (11.74%) each from Sponsor-Director and Chairman Muhammad Shamsul Islam and Sponsor-Director and Managing Director Mohammad Rafiqul Islam. Director Sujit Saha transferred 24.31 lakh shares (2.37%) to Akij Resources.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/akij-resources-new-investors-take-over-dominage-steel-dse-approves-30-stake-transfer>

Capital market to be transformed within a year: Finance Minister

The Financial Express, Oct 04, 2026

- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury on Sunday said the face of Bangladesh's capital market will change completely within the next year, with the market becoming far stronger.

- “If there is no accident and the capital market keeps running the way it is now, a huge positive change will come in the market within the next year,” Khosru said at World Investor Week 2026, organised by the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) at Khamarbari in the capital.
- The minister said the capital market is in a much better position than in the past and investors are regaining confidence.
- He added that many large foreign companies have also shown interest in investing in Bangladesh’s stock market.
- “I was not confident about how I could approach big foreign companies with the capital market in this state. But when I talked to them, they expressed interest. They are constantly keeping track of Bangladesh. They trust the current leadership of Bangladesh. They will come to the Bangladesh market soon,” he said.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/capital-market-to-be-transformed-within-a-year-finance-minister>

IPO drought to end as quality companies enter capital market soon: BSEC chief

The Business Standard, Oct 04, 2026

- The capital market regulator plans to cut the approval time for initial public offerings (IPOs) to three months from nearly 18 months, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Masud Khan said today (4 October).
- Several quality companies, including a foreign-owned firm, are also expected to submit IPO applications soon, he said, expressing hope that the prolonged drought in new listings will end.
- "We cannot allow the IPO drought to continue," Masud said, adding that the BSEC has identified complexities in the existing process and taken initiatives to reform the rules.
- He was speaking at the opening of a weeklong programme organised by the BSEC in line with the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO)'s World Investor Week at the Krishibid Institution Bangladesh auditorium in Dhaka.
- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury attended the event as chief guest. Tanvir Shahriar Ghani, special assistant to the prime minister for investment and capital market affairs; Financial Institutions Division Secretary Nazma Mobarek; and Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority (IDRA) Chairman Mir Nadia Nivin also attended.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/ipo-approval-take-no-more-3-months-bsec-chairman-1562561>

Economy & Industry

Why fewer than 1% people in Bangladesh invest in stocks

The Daily Star, Oct 05, 2026

- Stock market participation remains low in Bangladesh, with around 17 lakh beneficiary owner (BO) accounts against a population of nearly 18 crore, representing less than 1 percent.
- However, the number of BO accounts does not reflect the actual number of investors, as many maintain multiple accounts to hold shares, mutual funds, bonds and other securities in electronic form.
- Industry insiders estimate that the actual number of people investing in the stock market is no more than 2 lakh. If so, participation could be below 0.1 percent.
- The low number of BO accounts in a country with more than 19 crore bank accounts reflects people’s limited appetite for stocks, mutual funds and bonds.

BY THE NUMBERS

7 lakh BO
accounts
or 18 crore
people

Actual
investor
participation
below 0.1%

Stock
participation:
6% in India,
26% in Nepal

BO accounts
topped 33
lakh before
2010 crash

Only 10-15
companies
deliver good
returns

- A comparison with neighbouring Asian countries highlights how far Bangladesh lags behind. Around 6 percent of India's population participates in the stock market, while the figure is as high as 26 percent in Nepal. However, India's 6 percent represents more than 10 times Nepal's 26 percent in absolute numbers.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/why-fewer-1-people-bangladesh-invest-stocks-4290601>

Foreign transactions in capital market rise 37.6pc in 8 months

The Business Standard, Oct 03, 2026

- Foreign investors' participation in Bangladesh's capital market is increasing amid reform initiatives and efforts to simplify investment procedures, with their total transactions rising 37.6 percent in the first eight months of this year compared to the same period last year.
- The total value of foreign investors' transactions from January to August this year reached Tk 3,701.29 crore, compared to Tk 2,687.39 crore during the corresponding period in 2025, according to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- The transactions increased by around Tk 1,013.90 crore year-on-year. Moreover, the volume of foreign transactions during the first eight months of 2026 reached nearly 94 percent of the total transactions recorded throughout 2025.
- Market insiders attribute the rise in foreign participation to a range of reform initiatives, including preparations to upgrade Bangladesh's capital market from frontier market status to emerging market status, engagement with international index providers, simplification of procedures for foreign investors and efforts to shorten the settlement cycle.
- DSE Managing Director Nuzhat Anwar told BSS on Saturday that the increase in foreign transactions was not attributable to any single initiative by the DSE.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/bangladesh/foreign-transactions-in-capital-market-rise-376pc-in-8-months>

International

Speakers call for greater regional partnership to tackle energy crisis

The Daily Star, Oct 04, 2026

- Experts and trade body leaders on Sunday said now is the time to adopt a regional trade partnership in energy among the South Asian nations such as Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Bhutan to face the challenges of geopolitical tension.
- The severe fallout from the trade war between USA and China, US-Israel war on Iran, Ukraine war with Russia, and weak capacity of the World Trade Organization (WTO) has put global trade in a critical juncture.
- For instance, South Asian nations have been suffering from energy crisis because of supply disruption stemmed from war and geopolitical tension. At the same time, the nations of this region have to buy energy at high prices.
- "We can build regional power hub involving Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Bhutan to face the global disruption in trade," said Dibya Mani Rajbhandari, former member of parliament of Nepal, at a roundtable discussion on rewiring global trade held on the sideline of the three-day long Bay of Bengal Conversation 2026 organised by the Centre for Governance Studies (CGS) at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in Dhaka.
- Apart from energy sector connectivity, Rajbhandari also called for partnership in trade and investment among the South Asian nations for offsetting the impacts of the geopolitical tension.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/speakers-call-greater-regional-partnership-tackle-energy-crisis-4290551>

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