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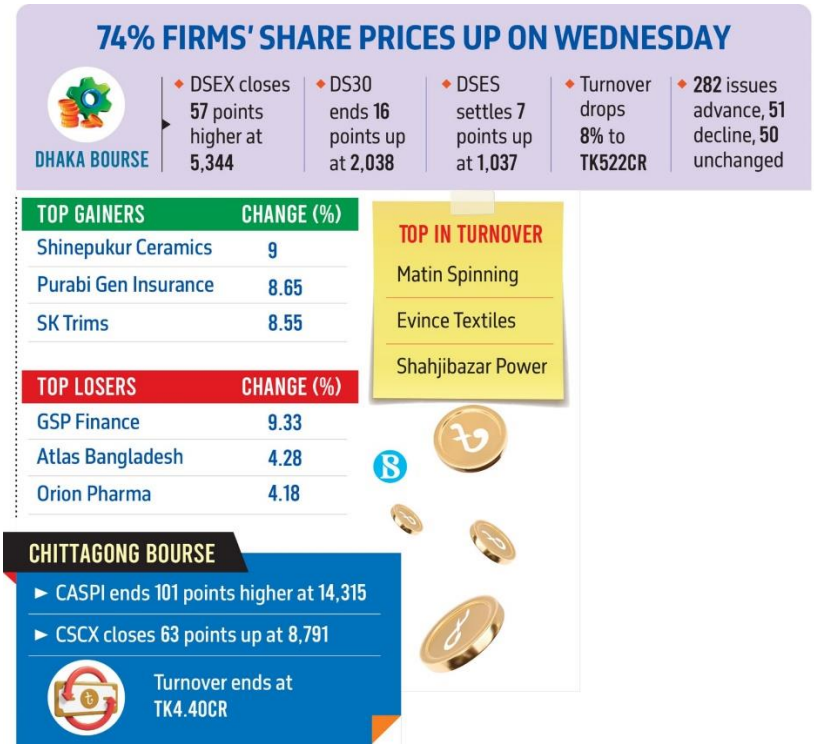
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Stock Market & Company

Stocks rebound after 4-day slide as BSEC eases restrictions on frozen BO accounts

The Business Standard, Nov 04, 2026



- The stock market staged a broad-based recovery today (4 November), with nearly 74% of traded securities advancing, as the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) decided to ease restrictions on selected beneficial owner (BO) accounts that had remained frozen for more than two years.
- The regulatory move, which allows affected investors to resume share trading and inject fresh funds into their accounts, boosted investor sentiment. Bargain hunting in fundamentally sound stocks that had suffered significant corrections in recent sessions also contributed to the market rebound.
- The Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) benchmark DSEX gained 57.32 points, or 1.08%, to close at 5,341.63, snapping a four-session losing streak.
- The blue-chip DS30 index rose 16 points to 2,037.62, while the Shariah-based DSES advanced seven points to 1,036.88.
- According to EBL Securities, the market opened on a positive note, supported by modest buying interest. However, intermittent selling pressure trimmed some of the early gains. Buying momentum gradually regained strength in the second half of the session, while a late-session surge in purchases pushed the indices further upward, helping the market close firmly in positive territory.
- The brokerage firm said bargain hunting in recently battered stocks helped restore some investor confidence. However, persistent uncertainties and lingering caution continued to weigh on overall market sentiment.

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Pharma Aids declares 35% cash dividend for FY26

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- Pharma Aids, a leading glass ampoule manufacturer for Bangladesh's pharmaceutical industry, reported a 37% year-on-year increase in profit to Tk8.75 crore in FY2025-26, with earnings per share (EPS) rising to Tk28.05.
- Buoyed by the higher earnings, the pharmaceutical and chemical sector company recommended a 35% cash dividend for shareholders, up from 30% in the previous fiscal year.
- However, following the earnings and dividend announcement, Pharma Aids' share price fell 3.85% to Tk521 at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).
- Regarding the dividend payouts, the company said that the 35% cash dividend is recommended keeping in mind the necessity of funds for land acquisition and construction of new factory buildings as part of the upcoming BMRE project.
- According to its disclosure, the net asset value per share stood at Tk163.31 and the net operating cash flow per share stood at Tk24.57, which was Tk138.58 and Tk12.74 each for the year ended on 30 June 2025.

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City Bank's profit rises 20% to Tk867cr in Jan-Sep

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- City Bank's consolidated profit after tax rose 20% year-on-year to Tk867.38 crore in the first nine months of 2026, up from Tk722.19 crore in the same period last year.
- The bank's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) also increased to Tk4.96 for January-September 2026, compared with Tk4.13 in the corresponding period of 2025.
- The bank disclosed its third-quarter financial performance at a digital earnings webcast held today (4 November), attended by existing and prospective investors, researchers, analysts and other capital market participants from around the world.
- Md Mahbubur Rahman, additional managing director and chief financial officer of City Bank, presented the financial results, while Mashrur Arefin, managing director and chief executive officer, outlined the bank's current and future strategies.
- Mesbaul Asif Siddiqui, deputy managing director and head of wholesale banking, and Mohammad Firoz Alam, chief risk officer, also attended the webcast.

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Nahee Aluminum MD to gift 40 lakh shares worth Tk15.92cr to sons

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- Monira Noman, managing director of Nahee Aluminum Composite Panel, has announced plans to gift 40 lakh shares of the company, worth Tk15.92 crore at the current market price, to her two sons.
- Her sons, Hasin Noman Mahee and Fahim Noman Nahee, both general shareholders of the company, will receive 20 lakh shares each.
- According to disclosures filed with the stock exchanges, the shares will be transferred outside the exchange's trading system within 30 working days from Monday.
- Monira Noman held 85.45 lakh shares, representing a 12.50% stake in the company, as of October, according to its shareholding report.
- Nahee Aluminum shares closed at Tk39.80 each on Wednesday, down 2.45% from the previous session.

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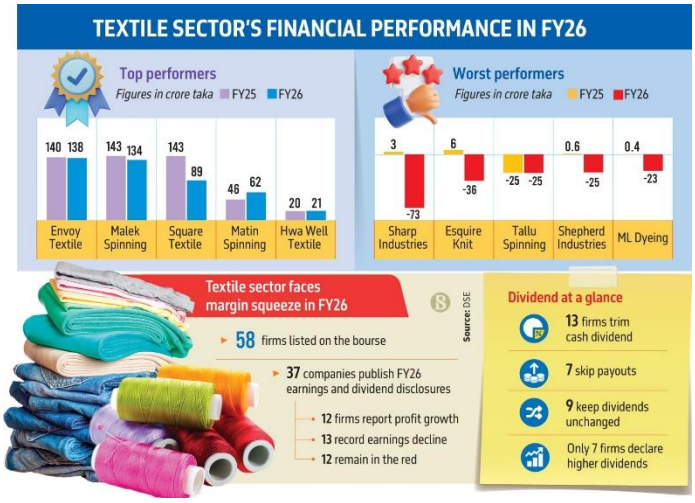
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Textile firms struggle to protect margins as energy, labour costs bite in FY26

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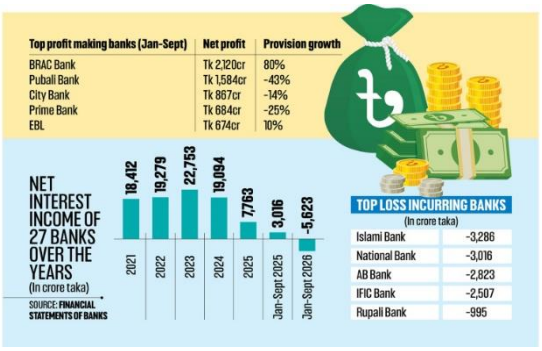
- Country's listed textile companies faced mounting pressure on profitability in FY26 as energy shortages, rising production costs, and liquidity constraints squeezed margins, with more than half of the firms reporting lower earnings or losses.
- According to the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) data, of the 58 textile companies listed on the stock market, 37 have disclosed their financial results and dividend decisions for FY26. Twelve companies reported profit growth, while 13 saw earnings decline and another 12 remained in the red.
- The pressure on earnings was also reflected in dividend declarations. Thirteen companies reduced their cash dividends compared with the previous year, seven announced no dividend, and nine kept payouts unchanged. Only seven companies declared higher dividends.
- The results show a mixed picture across the sector. While a handful of companies managed to improve earnings, several established manufacturers reported substantial declines or slipped into losses.

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Economy & Industry

Banks' lending income turns negative for first time in 6 years

The Daily Star, Nov 04, 2026



- Combined net interest income at the country's listed commercial banks turned negative in the first nine months of this year, for the first time in at least six years, as demand for new loans stayed weak and non-performing loans weighed heavily.
- Income from investments, especially government bonds, carried much of the load during the period for the banks, according to their financial statements.
- A Daily Star analysis shows that 27 listed lenders reported negative net interest income of Tk 5,624 crore in the January-September period this year. In the same period last year, the amount was a positive Tk 3,016 crore.
- Interest income should be the bread and butter of banks, since lending is their core business. But private-sector credit demand has fizzled out, and a huge stock of bad loans is straining the balance sheets of many lenders, according to banking experts.
- They said banks are putting more money into government bonds because lending has become less attractive.

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Labour minister assures security, calls on RMG workers to resume work from Thursday

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- Labour and Employment Minister Ariful Haque Choudhury today (4 November) urged readymade garment (RMG) workers to return to their workplaces Thursday (5 November)and factory owners to reopen closed units, assuring them of government support and security to restore normal operations in the sector.
- "Workers should return to their workplaces from Thursday and factory owners should reopen their factories. The government will provide all necessary support and ensure security," he said.
- The minister made the call at a press conference following a high-level tripartite meeting among government representatives, garment factory owners and labour leaders at the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- Prime Minister's Adviser and PMO Spokesperson Mahdi Amin also spoke at the press conference.
- On the death of a garment worker during the recent unrest, Ariful expressed deep condolences and said local administration officials, including the Deputy Commissioner and Upazila Nirbahi Officer, visited the bereaved family following instructions from Prime Minister Tarique Rahman.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/rmg/labour-minister-assures-security-calls-rmg-workers-resume-work-tomorrow-1593131

International

Gold jumps more than 2%

The Daily Star, Nov 04, 2026

- Gold prices rose over 2 percent on Wednesday, bolstered by a weaker US dollar after Democrats seized control of both the Senate and House in US midterm elections, while investors await non-farm payrolls data for clues to the Federal Reserve's policy path.
- Spot gold climbed 2.4 percent to $4,021.68 per ounce by 0718 GMT, while US gold futures for December delivery rose 2.3 percent to $4,031.20.
- We've seen gold benefit from the fact that yields and the dollar have dropped, and that's because of this opinion that the gridlock that could emerge between the executive and the legislature in the US now could slow the amount of spending in the US, said Kyle Rodda, senior financial market analyst at Capital.com.
- Global stocks slumped, and the dollar hit a one-month low on Wednesday as Democrats scored a decisive win in the US midterm elections, fuelling fears the Democratic sweep could disrupt the data-centre buildout that has powered the AI trade and hurt tech spending. A softer dollar makes greenback-priced bullion more affordable for buyers overseas.
- Additionally, the demand for protection against a potentially more unpredictable and confrontational Trump administration looks to be providing a compelling backdrop for gold buyers, said Chris Weston, head of research at Pepperstone.

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