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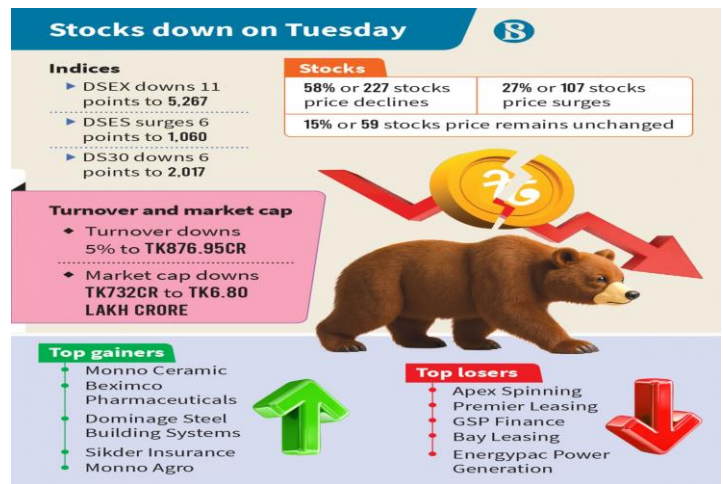
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Stock Market & Company

58% of stocks decline amid late-hour sell-offs

The Business Standard, May 05, 2026

- Stocks today (5 May) witnessed sell-offs, with prices declining for 58% of the scrips traded on the bourse, dragging down the DSEX, the benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), by 11 points.
- A day after returning to positive territory on Monday snapping a two-session losing streak, stocks ended on the red.
- According to data of EBL Securities, among the top ten index draggers, eight were banking stocks, with City Bank leading the decline by shaving off 5 points.
- On the upside, Beximco Pharmaceuticals emerged as the top index gainer, contributing 11 points, followed by Beacon Pharmaceuticals, United Commercial Bank, Dominage Steel Building Systems, and Uttara Bank, the EBL data showed.
- With a decline of 11 points, DSEX closed at 5,267 points, while DSES, the shariah index, surged 6 points to 1,060, and DS30, the blue-chip index, fell 6 points to 2,017, the DSE data showed.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/58-stocks-decline-amid-late-hour-sell-offs-1430656>

Summit Alliance Port reports 26% fall in export freight earnings in July-March

The Business Standard, May 05, 2026

- Summit Alliance Port Limited, one of the country's leading inland container terminals and logistics operators, reported a 26% decline in export freight earnings in the July-March period of FY26, weighed down by weaker export container handling and a challenging global trade environment.
- In its unaudited financial statement for the first nine months of the fiscal year, the company said export freight income fell to Tk310.64 crore. The downturn in exports dragged overall performance, with consolidated revenue – covering both export and import container freight and handling – falling 18% to Tk499.88 crore.
- Net profit declined sharply by 31% to Tk38.27 crore, while consolidated earnings per share dropped to Tk1.62 at the end of March 2026, compared to Tk2.34 in the same period of the previous fiscal year.

- The company attributed the weaker performance largely to its subsidiary Container Transportation Services Limited (CTSL), which faced lower cargo volumes, higher operating costs, and pressure from geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.
- It also cited subdued export activity and heightened competition in the freight forwarding segment, which compressed margins despite efforts to expand services.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/summit-alliance-port-reports-26-fall-export-freight-earnings-july-march-1430661>

Dhaka Bank to auction Deshbandhu Polymer's assets to recover Tk52cr debt

The Business Standard, May 04, 2026

- Dhaka Bank PLC has announced an auction to sell the mortgaged land, factory machinery, and other assets of Deshbandhu Polymer Limited to recover outstanding dues amounting to Tk52.10 crore.
- The move comes as the listed company, a manufacturer of woven polypropylene bags, continues to struggle with a severe liquidity crisis and a near-total collapse in its production and sales performance.
- According to an auction notice issued recently by the bank's local office, Deshbandhu's total liability stood at Tk52.10 crore as of 21 April 2026, including accumulated interest.
- The bank is proceeding with the sale of the mortgaged properties under the authority of the Artha Rin Adalat Ain, 2003 (Money Loan Court Act), after the borrower failed to settle its liabilities despite multiple opportunities.
- Dhaka Bank officials stated that Deshbandhu had availed various credit facilities, including letters of credit (LCs), term loans, and cash credit (hypo) from the bank since 2007.
- However, the company failed to maintain its repayment schedule. Furthermore, the borrower could not benefit from debt rescheduling facilities as it was unable to provide the mandatory down payments required by the central bank's policy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/dhaka-bank-auction-deshbandhu-polymers-assets-recover-tk52cr-debt-1430646>

Economy & Industry

Bangladesh Bank raises car loan ceiling to Tk 8 million for electric, hybrid vehicles

The Financial Express, May 05, 2026

- In a major move to promote eco-friendly transportation, Bangladesh Bank has doubled the personal loan ceiling and significantly increased the limit for car loans, specifically targeting electric and hybrid vehicles.
- According to a circular issued by the central bank on Tuesday (May 5), a person can now avail a personal loan of up to Tk 4 million (40 lakh), up from the previous limit of Tk 2 million (20 lakh), UNB reports.
- To encourage the use of environmentally friendly vehicles, the central bank has introduced a specialized credit facility for electric and hybrid cars. Under the new guidelines, customers can now secure auto loans up to Tk 80 lakh for these categories. For conventional fuel-run vehicles, the maximum loan limit has been set at Tk 60 lakh.
- The central bank has also relaxed the debt-equity ratio to make financing more accessible. For conventional cars, the ratio remains at 60:40 (60 percent loan and 40 percent down payment). However, for electric and hybrid vehicles, the ratio has been enhanced to 80:20, allowing buyers to finance up to 80 percent of the vehicle's value through bank loans.
- The circular clarified that while determining an individual's total 'credit exposure,' any auto loans taken by their dependent family members will also be included in the calculation.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bb-raises-car-loan-ceiling-to-tk-8-million-for-electric-hybrid-vehicles>

Net FDI rises 39.36% in 2025 as intra-company loans increase: BB report

The Business Standard, May 06, 2026

- Foreign direct investment (FDI) in Bangladesh has rebounded once again. In 2025, net FDI increased by 39.36% compared with the previous year.
- Net FDI in the outgoing year stood at nearly \$1.77 billion, up from \$1.27 billion in 2024.
- These figures were revealed in Bangladesh Bank's latest report published yesterday (5 May).
- According to the report, FDI inflows to Bangladesh had declined over the past three years but rebounded in 2025. Total FDI inflows in 2025 were \$4.69 billion, while FDI outflows stood at \$2.92 billion.
- "The inflows of FDI have contributed significantly to the economic development of Bangladesh. Due to political instability, the inflow of FDI had slowed during the middle two quarters in 2024."
- Net FDI refers to the total inflow of foreign direct investment into a country minus the outflows of investment during a specific period.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/bangladesh-seeks-expanded-ADB-support-global-crises-raise-energy-costs-3bn-4167501>

International

Brent holds near \$114 a barrel

The Daily Star, May 06, 2026

- Brent crude futures retreated on Tuesday but held near \$114 a barrel following fresh hostilities in the Middle East, while investors monitored developments in the US-Israeli conflict with Iran.
- The US and Iran launched new attacks in the Gulf on Monday as they wrestled for control over the Strait of Hormuz with duelling maritime blockades, shaking a fragile truce.
- Brent crude futures eased 93 cents, or 0.8 percent, to \$113.51 per barrel at 0719 GMT after settling up 5.8 percent on Monday. US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude fell \$2.16, or 2 percent, to \$104.26, after gaining 4.4 percent in the previous session.
- "Prices continue to trade in a highly volatile range, driven largely by ongoing tensions in the Strait of Hormuz," said Phillip Nova's senior market analyst Priyanka Sachdeva.
- "While prices have eased slightly in recent sessions, this is not due to any real improvement in fundamentals, but rather a temporary relief after the US launched 'Project Freedom'," she added.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/brent-holds-near-114-barrel-4168496>

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