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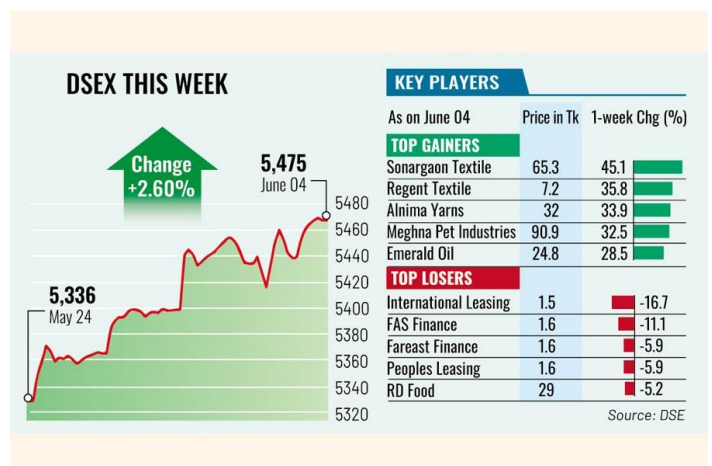
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Stock Market & Company

DSEX tops 5,400 after three months on reform hopes, blue-chip rally

The Financial Express, June 06, 2026

- The benchmark index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) crossed the 5,400-point mark this week for the first time in three months, buoyed by strong buying in blue-chip stocks and renewed investor optimism following a series of regulatory and policy developments.
- The broad DSEX index soared 139 points, or 2.60 per cent, to close the week at 5,475. The blue-chip DS30 index also advanced 38 points to finish at 2,068, while the Shariah-based DSES index gained 27 points to close at 1,109.
- Over the past three consecutive weeks, the benchmark has accumulated a total gain of 170 points.
- The rally unfolded across four trading sessions this week, as the market remained closed on Sunday due to extended Eid holidays. All four sessions closed in the green, marked by heightened investor participation.
- Market insiders noted that investors largely shrugged off recent headwinds, such as a fresh hike in electricity tariffs and stricter dividend policies for banks.



<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/dsex-tops-5400-after-three-months-on-reform-hopes-blue-chip-rally>

DSEX hits 3-month high as reform hopes fuel market rally

The Business Standard, June 06, 2026

- The country's premier stock market extended its post-Eid rally last week, with the benchmark DSEX index soaring 210 points to close at a three-month high of 5,475 amid growing investor optimism over planned reforms in the capital market.
- The sustained upward trend added Tk11,156 crore to the market capitalisation of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) in just five trading sessions, driven largely by bargain hunting in undervalued stocks and expectations of regulatory restructuring.

- According to the weekly market review by EBL Securities, the market maintained strong momentum throughout the week, with the benchmark index gaining more than 30 points in each trading session.
- Despite concerns over recent hikes in fuel and electricity prices, investors remained focused on repeated political commitments to strengthening and developing the capital market, the brokerage said.
- Investor sentiment received a further boost in the week's final session following reports of long-awaited reforms to the securities commission. The prospect of appointing experienced and professional individuals to the regulator was viewed as a positive step towards improving market oversight, transparency and integrity, according to EBL Securities.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/dsex-hits-3-month-high-reform-hopes-fuel-market-rally-1455851>

What challenges lie ahead for the new BSEC leadership?

The Business Standard, June 06, 2026

- A newly appointed leadership team at the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has taken charge, inheriting a capital market struggling with a two-year IPO drought and weakened investor confidence.
- The commission – led by a new chairman and three commissioners after the resignation of the previous board – faces the immediate task of restoring stability in a market where nearly one-fourth of listed companies are now classified as "junk".
- Market participants are calling for stronger transparency, strict enforcement of securities laws, tougher action against manipulation, and the listing of high-quality multinational and state-owned enterprises to rebuild trust.
- Following the August 2024 mass uprising and the formation of an interim government, a new commission was appointed to oversee the market. During its tenure, the previous regulator introduced reforms including crude changes, enforcement actions against manipulation, and fines exceeding Tk1,500 crore, though recovery remained minimal. Bond issuance was encouraged, but IPO activity stayed frozen, limiting fresh capital inflows.
- Three months into the BNP-led government, Masud Khan was appointed chairman alongside three commissioners. With over 45 years of corporate experience, Khan acknowledged the scale of the challenge in a Facebook post, citing the need to restore investor confidence, deepen the market, and meet high stakeholder expectations.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/what-challenges-lie-ahead-new-bsec-leadership-1455846>

BSEC chairman pledges to restore investor confidence, undertake long-term market reforms

The Financial Express, June 06, 2026

- Newly appointed Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) Chairman Masud Khan has pledged to restore investor confidence and undertake long-term reforms to build a transparent, fair and resilient capital market, acknowledging that the country's stock market is currently passing through a challenging period.
- "I am truly overwhelmed by the outpouring of warm wishes, congratulations, and messages of support that I have received over the past few days. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you," Masud Khan said in a post on his social media platform on Saturday, days after being appointed as the head of the market regulator.
- Expressing gratitude for the opportunity to lead the commission, he said he was deeply humbled and privileged to serve as chairman of the BSEC at a critical juncture for Bangladesh's capital market.
- Masud Khan noted that restoring investor confidence, enhancing market depth and meeting stakeholders' expectations would be among the key challenges facing the commission.
- He acknowledged that reviving the market and placing it on a strong and sustainable footing would not be easy.
- The newly appointed chairman said accepting the responsibility was a difficult decision, particularly given the experiences of previous commissions and the complex challenges associated with reforming and developing the capital market.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/bsec-chairman-vows-market-reforms-investor-confidence-restoration>

Economy & Industry

Leather industry losing momentum amid policy neglect, compliance failures: Experts

The Business Standard, June 06, 2026

- Bangladesh's leather industry, once considered a promising avenue for export diversification and industrial growth, is gradually losing its competitive edge due to policy neglect, environmental compliance failures, financing constraints and weak institutional support, industry leaders and experts said at a policy dialogue today (6 June).
- The observations came during a webinar titled "Is the Future of Bangladesh's Leather Industry Losing Its Momentum?" organised by the Power and Participation Research Centre (PPRC).
- Participants said that despite offering up to 80% value addition potential and playing a significant role in export earnings and employment generation, the sector continues to grapple with longstanding structural challenges.
- Speaking at the event, Md Tipu Sultan, chairman of the Bangladesh Finished Leather, Leathergoods and Footwear Exporters' Association (BFLLEA), said environmental facilities promised during the relocation of tanneries from Hazaribagh to Savar's Hemayetpur remain incomplete.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/leather-industry-losing-momentum-amid-policy-neglect-compliance-failures-experts>

RMG exports to non-traditional markets decline 5.95% in Jul-May

The Daily Star, June 06, 2026

- Garment exports to non-traditional markets declined by 5.95 percent year-on-year to \$5.68 billion in the July–May period of the outgoing fiscal year, according to data from the Export Promotion Bureau (EPB) compiled by the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) today.
- Bangladesh considers all markets non-traditional except the USA, the European Union (EU), Canada and the UK.
- During this period, garment exports to the EU declined by 4.88 percent to \$17.36 billion, while exports to the USA decreased by 0.04 percent to \$7.03 billion.
- However, RMG shipments to Canada grew slightly by 2.27 percent to \$1.23 billion during this period, while exports to the UK fell by 0.50 percent to \$4.02 billion.
- Overall, Bangladesh's RMG exports reached \$35.31 billion during the July–May period of fiscal year 2025–26, registering a 3.41 percent year-on-year decrease.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/rmg-exports-non-traditional-markets-decline-595-jul-may-4191981>

NCC Bank eyes digital push, higher SME growth

The Daily Star, June 07, 2026

- NCC Bank PLC is targeting diversification, digital transformation and stronger risk management to drive its next phase of growth, said Managing Director and CEO M Shamsul Arefin.
- In an interview with The Daily Star on the bank's 33rd anniversary, he outlined a roadmap centred on expanding SME and retail lending, accelerating digital banking services, strengthening asset quality, embracing artificial intelligence and increasing support for sustainable financing.
- The bank began its journey as an investment company in 1985 and operated through 16 branches until 1992. It became a full-fledged private commercial bank in 1993 with a paid-up capital of Tk 39 crore. Today, that figure stands at Tk 1,154 crore. Arefin said the lender's transformation from a merchant bank into a commercial bank, coupled with its strategic move into larger corporate clients and trade finance, has been instrumental in shaping its growth trajectory.
- "In its early years, the bank focused primarily on SME financing and mid-sized corporate clients, which helped build a loyal customer base and establish a strong customer-centric culture. However, over the last seven to eight years, NCC

Bank has strategically repositioned itself by venturing into large-scale corporate clients, export-oriented industries, trade finance, and a broader range of business segments,” he said.

- While maintaining its presence in corporate and export-oriented sectors, NCC Bank plans to place greater emphasis on SMEs, retail banking and agriculture to achieve more balanced growth and deepen financial inclusion, he said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/ncc-bank-eyes-digital-push-higher-sme-growth-4192216>

International

Depleted oil inventories raise spectre of fresh price spike

The Daily Star, June 07, 2026

- Global oil inventories are running dangerously low as a deal to re-open tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has proven elusive, and industry executives and analysts warn there could be another oil price shock in the coming weeks, severe enough to upset broader financial markets.
- Some fear the next move higher for oil prices would pose a risk to economic growth, bond yields and the bull market for stocks. “We’re approaching unheard of inventory levels. I mean, really, really low levels. You can debate whether that’s going to hit those really low levels in two weeks or three weeks. But once you get to that point, you’ll see prices shoot up,” Neil Chapman, Exxon Mobil senior vice president, said at the Bernstein conference in New York on May 28.
- Chapman said that if inventory levels get much lower, dated Brent, which is used to price more than 60 percent of globally traded crude, could rise to \$150 or \$160 a barrel.
- Crude inventories and strategic reserve releases have kept oil prices somewhat under control in the four months that the war with Iran has kept supplies from reaching much of the world. Crude futures have been trading below \$100 a barrel despite the strait remaining effectively closed.
- For days, US President Donald Trump has said a deal to reopen the strait is imminent. But so far it has been elusive, and warnings from the oil industry have gotten sharper.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/depleted-oil-inventories-raise-spectre-fresh-price-spike-4192201>

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