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Stock Market & Company

Stocks end week lower at DSE, CSE

The Financial Express, Wed Sept 04, 2025

- The benchmark DSEX index of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) shed 17 points, while the Shariah-based DSES was down 3 points and the blue-chip DS30 index lost 13 points at the close of trading.
- Out of 392 issues traded on the DSE, prices advanced for 175, declined for 145 and remained unchanged for 72.
- Despite the overall fall in indices, most stocks in the A, B and Z categories ended higher. Among the 216 A-category issues, the group with the strongest dividend record, 99 gained, 89 fell and 28 closed flat.
- The DSE's block market saw trades of Tk 330 million in shares of 33 companies, led by Orion Infusion with Tk 220 million in transactions.
- The turnover at the DSE stood at Tk 13.38 billion, down from Tk 13.97 billion in the previous session.
- Of the 238 issues traded, 108 advanced, 108 declined and 22 remained unchanged.
- The turnover at the port city bourse fell sharply to Tk 120 million, compared with Tk 210 million a day earlier.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/stocks-end-week-lower-at-dse-cse>

Govt moves to expedite Tk 38,000cr bad loan cases

The Daily Star, Fri Sept 05, 2025

- As part of the initiative, 100 lawsuits involving Tk 38,000 crore in bad loans have been identified. Many of these cases have been stuck in courts for years, preventing lenders from taking action against defaulters.

- The institutions involved include Janata Bank, Sonali Bank, Agrani Bank, Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Rupali Bank, the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh, BASIC Bank, Bangladesh Development Bank, Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank, and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission.
- The amounts tied up in litigation are staggering. Janata Bank alone has Tk 15,151 crore locked in its ten biggest cases, followed by Sonali Bank with Tk 5,676 crore, Agrani Bank with Tk 3,979 crore, and Rupali Bank with Tk 3,747 crore.
- Distressed loans across the banking sector hit a record Tk 756,526 crore in 2024, according to Bangladesh Bank. This included Tk 345,765 crore in defaults, Tk 348,461 crore in rescheduled loans, and Tk 62,300 crore in written-off loans.
- A task force on economic reforms reported earlier this year that Tk 178,277 crore was stuck in 72,543 cases as of February 2024.

TOP FOUR BANKS WITH HIGHEST LOAN AMOUNTS STUCK IN LAWSUITS

Banks Loans stuck (In crore taka)

Janata	15,151
Sonali	5,676
Agrani	3,979
Rupali	3,748



SOURCE: FINANCE MINISTRY

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-moves-expedite-tk-38000cr-bad-loan-cases-3978976>

Robi partners with Starlink to bring satellite internet to Bangladesh

The Financial Express, Fri Sept 05, 2025

- As part of the agreement signed on Thursday, Robi will be able to offer two service tiers of Starlink — Local Priority and Global Priority — catering to both fixed and portable use cases.
- Once introduced, these solutions are expected to support critical digital applications such as video conferencing, e-learning, cloud computing, and digital commerce, thereby helping bridge the digital divide across the country.
- Robi plans to distribute Starlink services through its enterprise sales channels and authorised retail outlets, along with community-sharing Wi-Fi solutions to promote affordable internet access in rural areas.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/robi-partners-with-starlink-to-bring-satellite-internet-to-bangladesh>

Ananda Shipyard to export 5,500-ton multipurpose vessel to Turkey

The Business Standard, Sat Sept 06, 2025

- According to company sources, the "Wes Wire" has been built with advanced design and international-standard technology. The vessel measures 341 feet in length, 55 feet in breadth and 25 feet in depth. It is powered by a 2,735-horsepower engine, enabling it to carry 5,500 tons of cargo at a speed of 12 knots per hour. The vessel is suitable for transporting a wide variety of cargo, including steel coils, coal, fertilisers, food grains and hazardous materials.
- Spread over 900,000 square feet, Ananda Shipyard has the capacity to build eight vessels of up to 10,000 tons at a time, along with dredgers and technologically advanced vessels. With round-the-clock operations, the shipyard has set an important benchmark in Bangladesh's shipbuilding sector, officials said.
- Earlier, in July this year, Western Marine Shipyard, based in Chattogram, announced the export of two tugboats to the United Arab Emirates. The 80-ton bollard pull ASD tug "Gaya" and the 65-ton bollard pull AHT tug "Khalid" earned the company \$1.6 million in export revenue.

- Currently, the country has more than 30 large shipyards, several of which directly export vessels to international markets. Within Asia's shipbuilding industry, after China, South Korea and Japan, Bangladesh is gradually making its presence felt. The country is earning an increasing reputation in building medium-sized cargo vessels, container ships, tankers and dredgers.
- The domestic ship market is growing at 10–15% annually, whereas exports are increasing at a comparatively slower pace of 5–6% per year. The country's local shipbuilding industry is valued at about \$1 billion annually.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/ananda-shipyard-exports-5500-ton-multipurpose-vessel-turkey-1229831>

Economy & Industry

RMG exports to US rise to \$5b in Jan-July

New Age, Thu Sept 05, 2025

- In a single month of July, the US imported RMG items worth \$729.86 million from Bangladesh, a 4.97 per cent higher from \$695.27 million in July of 2024, the Otexa data stated.
- According to the Otexa data, the North American country imported apparel items worth \$45.80 billion in January-July of 2025, a 4.98 per cent higher from \$43.62 billion of the same period of 2024.
- Best clothing retailers
- In terms of volume, Bangladeshi RMG exports to the US also experienced positive growth of 20.34 per cent to 1.6 billion square metres in the first seven months of 2025, up from 1.33 billion square metres in the same period in 2024.
- The close competitor of Bangladesh bagged \$3.3 billion in January-July of 2025, registering a 16.1 per cent growth from \$2.85 billion in the first seven months of 2024, Otexa data stated.
- RMG exports from Indonesia and Cambodia were \$2.67 billion and \$2.37 billion in the January-July of 2025, with a market share of 5.59 per cent and 5.24 per cent, respectively, making them the fifth and sixth largest RMG suppliers to the US.
- According to the OTEXA data, Bangladesh's apparel exports to the US in 2024 were \$7.34 billion, and in 2023, it was \$7.29 billion.

<https://www.newagebd.net/post/apparel/275220/rmg-exports-to-us-rise-to-5b-in-jan-july>

New telecom licensing policy approved, capping foreign ownership

The Daily Star, Fri Sept 05, 2025

- The policy simplifies the sector by consolidating more than 20 types of licences into three main categories: national infrastructure, international connectivity, and network access service providers.
- Under the previous system, voice and internet services in Bangladesh had to pass through multiple intermediary operators, a structure long criticised by experts for inefficiency and higher costs.
- Under the new framework, operators of International Internet Gateways (IIG), Interconnection Exchanges (ICX), National Internet Exchanges (NIX), and International Gateways (IGW) will be phased out as their existing licences expire.
- Bangladesh currently hosts around 20 IGWs, over 30 IIGs, and more than 20 ICXs, with almost all licences due to expire by 2027.
- The new licensing regime allows existing licensees to obtain licences under the updated framework, provided they meet prescribed eligibility criteria and comply with the conditions outlined in the respective licensing guidelines.

- Foreign ownership in the network access licence category, which includes telecom operators, is capped at 85 percent, ensuring at least 15 percent domestic participation through joint ventures, public listings, or BTRC-approved structures.
- Domestic investors may hold up to 100 percent equity without restriction. Existing operators have three years to offload 15 percent of their shares.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/new-telecom-licensing-policy-approved-capping-foreign-ownership-3978981>

Three banks agree to merge, two oppose

The Daily Star, Wed Sept 04, 2025

- Those that agreed are First Security Islami Bank PLC (FSIB), Global Islami Bank PLC (GIB), and Union Bank PLC, according to officials familiar with the matter. Exim Bank of Bangladesh and Social Islami Bank PLC (SIBL) resisted the merger.
- The central bank has decided to merge the banks under the Bank Resolution Ordinance 2025, citing the fragile financial health of the institutions.
- Banks that agreed to merger are First Security Islami Bank, Global Islami Bank, and Union Bank
- The central bank, in response, instructed the lender to clarify how it would return depositors' money, recover defaulted loans, repay Tk 8,500 crore borrowed from the central bank, and address its large capital shortfall.
- The audits showed that non-performing loan ratios stood at 96.37 percent at First Security Islami, 97.80 percent at Union, 95 percent at Global Islami, 62.30 percent at Social Islami, and 48.20 percent at Exim Bank.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/three-banks-agree-merge-two-oppose-3978941>

International

Robust growth in RMG export to US, outlook looks better

The Financial Express, Sat Sept 06, 2025

- Bangladesh's apparel export to the United States posted a robust 21.68-percent growth in the first seven months of 2025 and exporters expect a better tomorrow as Trump tariff turmoil changes trade equations.
- Readymade garment exports from Bangladesh during the January-July period singly fetched US\$4.98 billion, marking the 21.68-percent growth, according to the data released Tuesday by OTEXA, an affiliate of the US Department of Commerce.
- Bangladesh earned US\$ 4.09 billion by trading out its main export item to the US in the same period of 2024.
- During the period, Bangladesh shipped 1.59 billion square meters of garments, 20.34-percent higher than 1.32 billion square meters sent in the corresponding period of last year.
- Vietnam, during the first seven months of 2025, led the apparel export to the US, having shipped RMG items worth US\$9.45 billion, accounting for a growth of about 17 per cent.
- China dropped to the second position with US\$6.92 billion worth of apparel shipments with a 21.07-percent year-on-year negative growth, highlighting the effects of renewed tariff barriers and ongoing geopolitical tensions.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/robust-growth-in-rmg-export-to-us-outlook-looks-better>

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