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Stock Market & Company

Turnover hits 22-month high on new BSEC hopes

The Business Standard, June 07, 2026

- Bangladesh's stock market continued to surge today (7 June) as investors welcomed BSEC's new leadership, with turnover jumping 13% to 22-month high in the first trading session following the new appointment on hopes of long-awaited capital market reforms.
- Masud Khan was appointed as chairman while three others were as commissioners at the BSEC on Thursday last following the resignation of the previous chairman and its four commissioners.
- According to Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) data, the benchmark index DSEX closed 41 points higher, after opening with a stronger gain of 74 points.
- While the turnover at the bourse surged to Tk1,529 crore marking the highest turnover since 11 August 2024. On 11 August at DSE, turnover was Tk2,010 crore, on that day DSEX surged 91 points, the data showed.
- Meanwhile, majority stocks traded on the bourse saw price increase. Of the traded 393 stocks, 184 advanced, while 160 stocks declined and 49 stocks remained unchanged.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/turnover-hits-22-month-high-new-bsec-hopes-1456676>

BSEC chief vows 'aggressive' push for direct listing of big firms to deepen market

The Business Standard, June 07, 2026

- Masud Khan, the newly appointed chairman of the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission, has announced an aggressive strategy to bring high-quality companies to the stock market through direct listing, describing the move as essential for building stronger institutions and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the private sector.
- Speaking as the chief guest at the 10th Anniversary Gala Night of the CFA Society Bangladesh yesterday (6 June), Masud said the regulator would actively encourage state-owned enterprises, multinational companies and fundamentally strong local corporates to join the capital market.
- "Once you create a listed company, you bring in more professionals, and ultimately, you solve the issues of succession and sustainability," he said.
- "Private sector companies often collapse when ownership changes, but listing turns a company into a lasting institution. I personally think we are going to be very aggressive in a direct listing. We will identify good companies and tell them: go for it."

- The BSEC chairman pointed out that many well-governed entities, such as banks and MNCs, already maintain transparent accounts and do not necessarily need to raise fresh capital through an Initial Public Offering (IPO). For such firms, he suggested that direct listing is the most logical route to enter the capital market.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bsec-chief-vows-aggressive-push-direct-listing-big-firms-deepen-market-1456701>

Beximco, Islami Bank set to exit floor price regime today

The Business Standard, June 08, 2026

- Restrictions on last two stocks under floor price regime may end as BSEC signals broader market reforms and greater exchange autonomy
- The floor prices imposed on the shares of Beximco Limited and Islami Bank Bangladesh PLC—the last two stocks still under trading restrictions—are likely to be withdrawn today, according to sources familiar with the matter.
- The Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) communicated the policy decision during a courtesy meeting with the board of directors of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) yesterday.
- Speaking to TBS after the meeting, DSE Chairman Mominul Islam said discussions focused on most of the commitments announced by the new BSEC chairman during his first press briefing.
- "The commission has expressed a positive stance toward empowering the stock exchanges. Discussions covered deregulation, automation, market surveillance, IPO-related matters and several other important issues," he said.

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Standard Islami Bank director to receive 50.58 lakh shares as family gift

The Business Standard, June 07, 2026

- Ferozur Rahman, a sponsor director of Standard Islami Bank, is set to receive a significant boost to his shareholding in the lender through a series of gifts from his immediate family members.
- According to a regulatory filing with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), Rahman will receive a total of 50.58 lakh shares outside the bourse's trading system.
- The transfer process is expected to be completed within the next 30 working days, effective from 3 June.
- Following the announcement on the DSE, the bank's share price inched up by 2.22% to reach Tk4.50 on Sunday.
- At this prevailing market price, the total valuation of the shares being transferred stands at approximately Tk2.27 crore.

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Shares of firms linked to new BSEC chair surge on debut day

The Business Standard, June 07, 2026

- **Shares of companies linked to newly appointed BSEC Chairman Masud Khan surged on his first trading day in office, reflecting strong investor interest.**
- Crown Cement and Unilever Consumer Care, where Khan held key positions prior to joining the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC), recorded gains during the session.
- According to data from the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), Crown Cement's share price increased 10% to Tk57.2, hitting the upper circuit breaker and triggering a trading halt.
- Premier Cement also rose 10% to Tk51.7. Khan previously served as Group CEO of Crown Cement Group, whose sponsors also hold directorship positions in Premier Cement.
- Meanwhile, shares of Unilever Consumer Care increased 3.13% to Tk2,132 as of 10:25am. Khan earlier served as chairman and an independent director of Unilever Consumer Care.

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Economy & Industry

Govt to unveil 5-yr corporate tax roadmap, with rates unchanged

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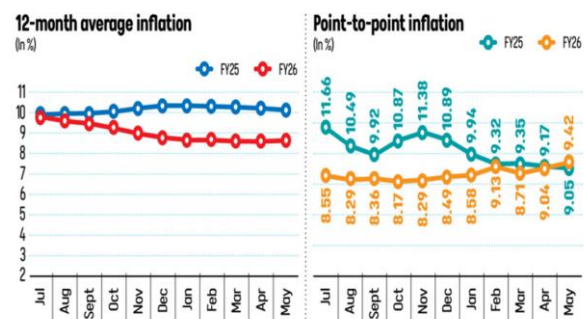
- The government is set to announce corporate tax rates for the next five years, offering the long-term policy certainty businesses and investors have long sought for.
- Tax rates, however, are unlikely to increase. Finance ministry officials familiar with the matter say the government plans to keep rates unchanged until fiscal year 2030-31.
- Finance Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury is expected to go further in his first national budget, due on June 11, by introducing a broader three-year predictable tax framework, extending beyond the two years already announced by the interim government.
- Prime Minister Tarique Rahman approved the proposal in principle on May 14 during a high-level meeting at the Secretariat, according to finance ministry officials who attended.
- Under the proposed roadmap, listed companies would pay a corporate tax rate of 22.5 percent, while non-listed firms would be taxed at 27.5 percent. Both categories could qualify for reduced rates of 20 percent and 25 percent, respectively, if all income is channelled through banking transactions.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/govt-unveil-5-yr-corporate-tax-roadmap-rates-unchanged-4193061>

Inflation hits 16-month high, further spike feared

The Daily Star, June 06, 2026

- Bangladesh's overall inflation climbed to a 16-month high of 9.42 percent in May, driven largely by a sharp rise in food prices that is squeezing household budgets, particularly for low- and middle-income families.
- According to data released by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), food inflation rose to 9.06 percent in May from 8.39 percent in April, reflecting higher prices of essential commodities. Non-food inflation also increased, reaching 9.71 percent from 9.57 percent in April.
- Rural areas bore the brunt of the rise, with inflation climbing to 9.48 percent from 9.05 percent the previous month. Urban inflation rose from 9.02 percent to 9.25 percent.
- A BBS official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the increase was spread across a range of commodities rather than concentrated in any single category of items.



<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/inflation-hits-16-month-high-further-spike-feared-4193056>

International

Bitcoin drops below \$60,000

The Daily Star, June 07, 2026

- Bitcoin dropped below \$60,000 on Friday, its lowest level since October 2024, just before Donald Trump's election, which propelled it to a record high.
- The currency fell by about 6 percent around 1615 GMT, to \$59.7709, before paring its losses slightly.
- The election of Trump, a staunch advocate of cryptocurrencies, to the White House for a second term in November 2024 sparked a wave of enthusiasm in the sector, sending the price of bitcoin soaring to nearly \$110,000.
- The current dip has been caused by factors including one corporate selloff, according to Emma Bernau, a consultant at Euroagency.
- A surprise sale by Strategy -- one of bitcoin's most prominent corporate holders -- rattled confidence. The firm revealed it had sold 32 BTC from its reserves, the first such disposal in several years.

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