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Key News

Stock Market & Company

DSEX stages dramatic 95-point turnaround to end in green

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- The country's premier bourse, the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), witnessed a classic "V-shaped" recovery today (7 September), with the benchmark index staging a remarkable 95-point turnaround in the final hour of the trading session.
- After a harrowing mid-session slump that saw the DSEX plunge below the psychological 5,500-point threshold, a surge of institutional buying interest helped the market erase its massive losses and settle on a positive note, according to the market insider.
- The trading day began with significant volatility, and by 12:30pm, the DSEX had plummeted by 67 points, hitting an intraday low that triggered panic among retail participants. However, the momentum shifted abruptly in the afternoon. Between 12:30pm and 1:58pm, the broad index climbed sharply, recovering all lost ground and adding enough momentum to close at 5,567 points, up 8 points from the previous session.
- Market insiders observed that the final-hour boost was primarily orchestrated by institutional investors and high-net-worth individuals. These "bargain hunters" identified the mid-session crash as an attractive entry point, moving in to accumulate fundamentally strong shares at multi-month lows. This professional intervention provided a much-needed lifeline to the market's faltering momentum.
- According to the daily market review by EBL Securities, the capital bourse finally found its footing after a prolonged downturn. The session was defined by a fierce tug-of-war between sellers and buyers. While intensified selling pressure dominated the first half of the day, the late-session buying spree in heavyweight scrips allowed the benchmark index to reverse its nearly 70-point intraday loss.

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Six months in, new govt yet to break IPO drought

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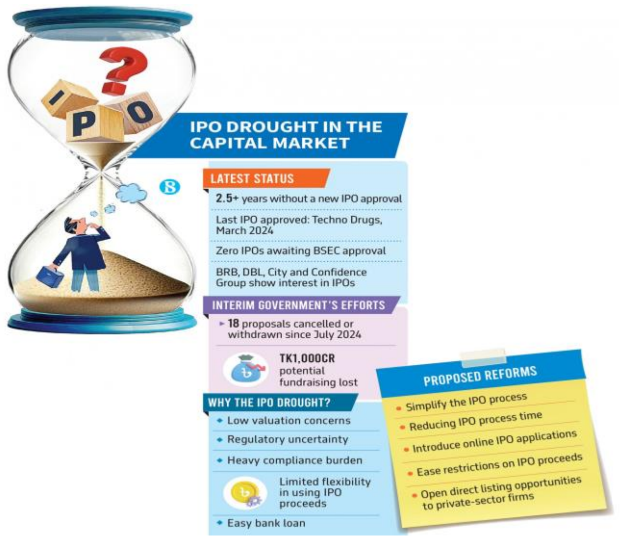

- The initial public offering (IPO) drought is showing no sign of easing. More than two years after the last approval, the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC) has yet to greenlight a new share offering, despite various initiatives to revive the capital market.The commission last approved an IPO in March 2024 for Techno Drugs. Even now, six months after the new government took office and three months into the new BSEC commission's tenure, no company has formally applied to raise funds through an IPO.
- This renders the prospect of a new company listing on the stock exchange in the near future increasingly unlikely.
- Market stakeholders had anticipated fresh IPO filings with the start of the new fiscal year, as companies seeking capital must submit audited financial statements covering the preceding 180 days.
- The prolonged drought has effectively blocked a key avenue for businesses to raise long-term expansion capital, forcing growing reliance on bank loans and internal revenues.

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CVO Petrochemicals shuts factory for maintenance

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- CVO Petrochemical Refinery, a listed company, has temporarily shut its factory for emergency maintenance from 7 September to 30 September, according to a disclosure published on the stock exchanges today (7 September).
- The company's board decided to suspend operations for around three weeks, with the shutdown period subject to further review.
- The company said the shutdown was necessary due to "unavoidable operational circumstances" and to ensure operational efficiency and the sustainable continuation of its business.
- "After carefully considering the prevailing operational conditions, the management of the company has determined that the temporary shutdown is necessary," the disclosure said.
- The company said it is taking necessary measures to address the situation and resume operations as soon as possible.

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NRBC Bank sponsor to gift 30 lakh shares to brother

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- Rafikul Islam Mia Arzoo, a sponsor and former vice chairman of NRBC Bank PLC, has announced plans to gift 30 lakh shares of the bank to his brother, Aktarul Islam.
- According to a regulatory disclosure filed with the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) today (7 September), the transfer will be executed off-market (outside the trading system of the exchange) within the next 30 working days, effective from 2 September.
- Rafikul Islam previously served as chairman of the bank's Audit Committee. The recipient, Aktarul Islam, also known as Akhtarul Islam Bachchu, is already a shareholder and placement holder of the bank.

- NRBC Bank is currently traded in the "Z" category on the stock exchanges after failing to declare dividends for shareholders for two consecutive years.
- The bank's share price rose by 3.45% today to close at Tk8.90.

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Economy & Industry

Govt considers production costs, reasonable profit in setting medicine prices

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- The government considers production or import costs, raw material prices, taxes and duties, distribution costs, market prices and reasonable profit margins when setting and approving medicine prices, Health and Family Welfare Minister Sardar Md Sakhawat Husain told parliament today (7 September).
- The government fixes the prices of most medicines listed under the country's primary healthcare programme, with these prices serving as benchmarks, he said in a written reply to a question from reserved women's seat-5 lawmaker Newaz Halima Arly during the question-answer session of parliament.
- The government has fixed prices for different doses and forms of 117 medicines on the primary healthcare list. Pharmaceutical companies must submit proposals in a prescribed format to set their maximum retail prices within the specified price limits.
- After reviewing the applications, the authorities approve the proposed prices and issue price certificates, he said.
- For medicines outside the primary healthcare list, prices are referred to as "indicative prices". The manufacturers themselves set the prices of these medicines and subsequently apply to the Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA) for price certificates for VAT payment purposes.

https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/industry/govt-considers-production-costs-reasonable-profit-setting-medicine-prices-1536181

Ensure transparency in infrastructure contracts to attract US investment: US envoy

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- The United States has called for greater transparency and open competition in Bangladesh’s major infrastructure projects, saying a level playing field would help boost investor confidence and attract more US companies to the country.
- US Ambassador to Bangladesh Brent T. Christensen made the remarks during a meeting with Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir at the office of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) in Dhaka today.
- The meeting also discussed ways to expand bilateral trade, increase US investment in Bangladesh, strengthen cooperation in the energy sector, and improve the country’s business environment.
- Speaking about the proposed floating storage and regasification unit (FSRU) project, Christensen stressed the need for a transparent and competitive process in awarding major infrastructure contracts, according to a statement from the commerce ministry.
- US companies are keen to work in Bangladesh, he said, adding that ensuring open competition would further strengthen the confidence of foreign investors.
- The commerce minister, in response, said US companies would receive the highest priority if they could demonstrate the ability to deliver FSRU facilities within the shortest possible timeframe.

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Inflation falls to 10-month low of 8.26%

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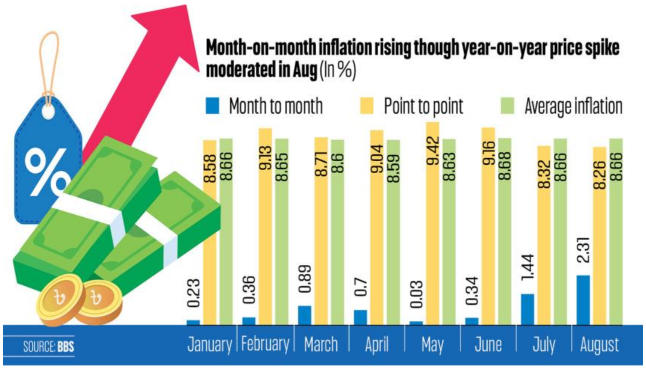

- Inflation fell for the second consecutive month in August, dropping to 8.26 percent, its lowest level in the past ten months, according to the data published by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- Food inflation fell sharply, while non-food inflation edged up. In August, food inflation stood at 7.02 percent, down from 7.16 percent in July, according to BBS data.
- Non-food inflation, meanwhile, rose to 9.32 percent last month from 9.28 percent in July.
- Point-to-point inflation of 8.26 percent means goods or services that cost Tk 100 in August last year cost Tk 108.26 in August this year.
- The government has set a target of keeping annual average inflation at 7.5 percent in fiscal year 2026-27, which began on 1 July.
- AHM Shafiquzzaman, president of the Consumers Association of Bangladesh, said the latest figures do not reflect the reality of price increases.

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International

Oil extends gains after US and Iran strike ships

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- Oil prices extended gains on Monday as tit-for-tat strikes between the US and Iran on vessels sailing in the Strait of Hormuz and other areas heightened concerns of a prolonged supply disruption from the Middle East.
- Brent crude futures climbed 79 cents, or 0.82 percent, to $97.07 a barrel by 0512 GMT while US West Texas Intermediate crude was at $92.28 a barrel, up 80 cents, or 0.87 percent.
- Brent rose 7.8 percent last week while WTI gained nearly 10 percent after the US and Iran resumed attacks and caused a reduction in oil flows through the Hormuz strait where a fifth of the world's oil supply used to transit.
- US forces struck three Iranian oil tankers on Saturday, US Central Command said, including one off the coast of Kharg Island, near Iran's key oil export hub.
- The navy of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said on Saturday it targeted three oil tankers that were travelling through unauthorized routes in the Strait of Hormuz as well as three additional US vessels in other areas.
- The Saturday attacks represented a "major escalation in the maritime conflict", maritime intelligence firm Marisks said.

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