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## Stock Market & Company

### Stocks retreat on week's first trading day

The Financial Express, Feb 08, 2026

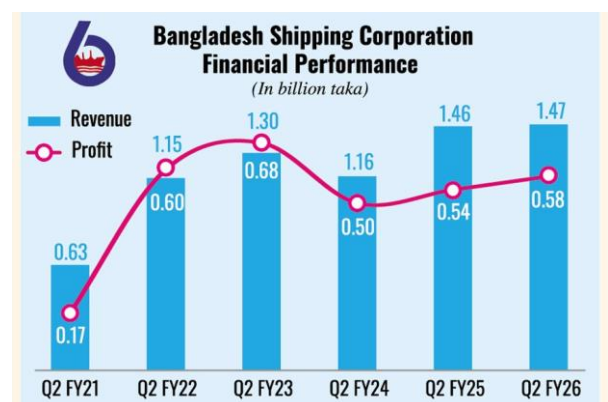
- Stocks in Bangladesh closed lower on Sunday, the first trading day of the week, with both the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) and Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE) posting index declines amid a reduced turnover.
- At the DSE, the benchmark DSEX shed 5 points by the end of the session. The Shariah-based DSES fell 6 points, while the blue-chip DS30 slipped 3 points.
- Market breadth was evenly split, with prices of 162 companies advancing against declines in 162 others, while 69 issues remained unchanged.
- The turnover at the DSE dropped by more than Tk 1.0 billion from the previous session, with shares and units worth Tk 4.78 billion traded, down from Tk 5.87 billion on Thursday.
- In the block market, shares of 48 companies worth Tk 180 million changed hands, with Fine Foods Limited topping the list after selling shares worth Tk 40 million.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/stocks-retreat-on-weeks-first-trading-day>

### Shipping Corporation posts 8pc profit growth in Q2 on higher freight rates

The Financial Express, Feb 09, 2026

- The Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC) posted an 8 per cent year-on-year growth in profit to Tk 578 million in the October-December quarter last year, driven mainly by higher revenue earnings.
- The revenue increase during the quarter, compared to the same period a year earlier, resulted from a surge in freight charges on both local and international routes, the company said in its earnings notes.
- "We have earned higher revenue due to the increased freight charges on the international routes," said Commodore Mahmudul Malek, managing director of the BSC, while speaking to The Financial Express over the phone.
- He added that a reduction in costs through cost-effective measures taken by the current management also contributed to the profit growth.



- During the quarter ended December last year, the Corporation's revenue rose slightly by 1 per cent year-on-year to Tk 1.47 billion, while operating expenses declined by more than 4 per cent to Tk 716 million.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/shipping-corporation-posts-8pc-profit-growth-in-q2-on-higher-freight-rates>

## Genex Infosys director to transfer 30 lakh shares to City Bank

The Business Standard, Feb 08, 2026

- The transfer will be executed outside the trading system of the exchange and is scheduled to be completed within the next 30 working days, effective from 3 February.
- The share transfer will take place under Regulation 47(1)(d) of the Dhaka Stock Exchange (Listing) Regulations, 2015, which allows certain transactions to be conducted outside the trading platform. The provision permits off-market transfers in specific circumstances, including cases related to confiscation or loan default, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulatory approval.
- Genex Infosys' share price edged down slightly following the announcement. Today, the company's shares closed 0.38% lower at Tk26.20 on the DSE.
- This is not the first instance of sponsor-level share transfers involving Genex Infosys in recent weeks. Earlier, on 18 January, another director of the company, Chowdhury Fazle Imam, transferred 8.07 lakh shares, while a corporate director Oracle Services Limited transferred 9.92 lakh shares to Dhaka Bank, also under the same regulatory provision.
- Meanwhile, Genex Infosys' financial performance showed mixed trends in the first half of the ongoing fiscal year. For the July–December period of FY26, the company's consolidated revenue declined by 6% year-on-year to Tk96.96 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/genex-infosys-director-transfer-30-lakh-shares-city-bank-1355511>

## Political links spark rally in Kay & Que, Monno Group shares

The Business Standard, Feb 08, 2026

- Shares of several politically linked companies drew strong buying interest on the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) yesterday, with Kay & Que (Bangladesh) Limited and three Monno Group firms ranking among the session's top gainers.
- Kay & Que topped the gainers' chart, surging 8.74% to close at Tk434 per share.
- Market participants attributed the sharp rise to speculative sentiment following the company's chairman, Abdul Awal Mintoo, to contest the 2026 parliamentary election from the Feni-3 constituency.
- Mintoo, a former president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and a vice chairman of the BNP, is a prominent figure whose political developments often influence investor interest in his associated firms.
- Similarly, Monno Group companies enjoyed a notable rally. Monno Agro Industries advanced 7.11% to close at Tk364.1, while Monno Fabrics gained 6.73% to end at Tk22.2. Monno Ceramics also added 4.12%, finishing the day at Tk83.3 per share.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/political-links-spark-rally-kay-que-monno-group-shares-1355486>

## Mutual Trust Bank to raise Tk 3.46b in Tier-1 capital

The Financial Express, Feb 09, 2026

- The board of directors of Mutual Trust Bank has approved a proposal to raise Tk 3.46 billion in Tier-1 capital to further strengthen the bank's core capital base.
- The decision was taken at the bank's recent board meeting, according to a press release issued on Sunday.
- The money to be raised is equivalent to 32 per cent of MTB's current paid-up capital of Tk 10.81 billion.

- The proposed Tier-1 capital raise is subject to approval from the relevant regulatory authorities—the Bangladesh Bank and the Bangladesh Securities and Exchange Commission (BSEC).
- “The move was driven by the need to further strengthen the bank’s risk-based capital position amid a changing economic and regulatory environment,” said Syed Mahbubur Rahman, managing director and CEO of Mutual Trust Bank.
- Tier-1 capital is a bank’s core, highest-quality capital, comprising primarily common equity, disclosed reserves (retained earnings), and non-cumulative perpetual preferred stock, used to absorb losses without requiring the bank to cease trading.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/stock/bangladesh/mutual-trust-bank-to-raise-tk-346b-in-tier-1-capital>

## Economy & Industry

### Fleet expansion pays off as Shipping Corporation sees growth in revenue and profit

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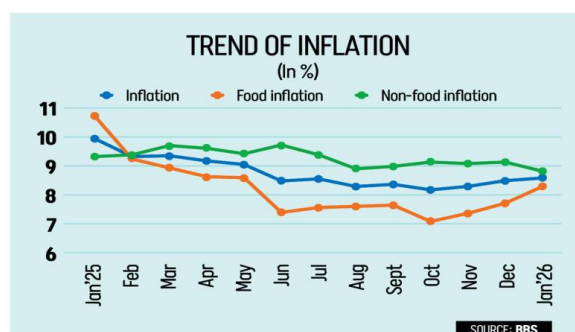
- With the expansion of its fleet, Bangladesh Shipping Corporation (BSC), a state-owned ocean-going vessel management authority, witnessed a year-on-year 21% jumps in revenue, and 7% in profit in the second quarter (Q2) of the current fiscal year.
- The corporation's board approved its quarterly and half-yearly financial statements for the July-December period today (8 February).
- According to its price-sensitive information, in Q2, Shipping Corp's revenue surged to Tk176.91 crore while its profit grew to Tk57.81 crore with an earnings per share (EPS) of Tk3.79. It, in the first quarter of the fiscal year, witnessed a slump by 13% in its profit as its income tax expenses surged significantly.
- Regarding the growth in its financials, the corporation said its revenue for the second quarter of 2025-26 increased due to the increase in freight rate in the international shipping sector.
- In this context, BSC's net earnings per share increased compared to the previous year, it said.
- In a strategic move to grow its presence in the shipping sector and boost government revenue income, the corporation, for the first time, purchased two new ocean-going vessels entirely with its own funds, investing approximately Tk900 crore.

<https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/economy/bangladesh/bigger-economic-challenges-await-next-govt-salehuddin>

### Rising food prices squeeze households ahead of Ramadan

The Daily Star, Feb 09, 2026

- With Ramadan beginning in just over a week, a period when demand for essentials typically surges, households are facing mounting pressure from rising prices.
- Food inflation, which matters most to ordinary Bangladeshis, climbed to 8.29 percent in January, up nearly 0.6 percentage points from December, according to the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS).
- Prices of essential food items have been rising steadily in recent months, emerging as the main driver of overall inflation. After easing to 7.08 percent in October from 7.64 percent in September, food inflation rose in each of the following three months.
- Overall inflation followed a similar trajectory. After registering a 0.19 percentage point decline in October, headline inflation resumed its upward trend, reaching 8.58 percent in January, BBS data show.



- Non-food inflation, by contrast, eased by 0.32 percentage points in January to 8.81 percent, reflecting lower price pressures in areas such as clothing, transport, housing and other services.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/economy/news/rising-food-prices-squeeze-households-ahead-ramadan-4101446>

## International

### S Alam fined Tk 42.8cr over oil price rigging

The Daily Star, Feb 09, 2026

- The Bangladesh Competition Commission (BCC) has fined S Alam Super Edible Oil Ltd Tk 42.84 crore for artificially inflating cooking oil prices by restricting supply and colluding with dealers and rivals to manipulate the market in 2022.
- Following demands from businesspeople, the government raised edible oil prices by Tk 38 per litre on May 5, 2022. Yet supply remained tight, leaving consumers struggling.
- The BCC later launched an investigation into the import, production and pricing of cooking oil during that period, and filed charges against the company later that month.
- In its final order, issued last Tuesday, the commission found that S Alam Super Edible Oil Company had violated the Competition Act of 2012 by restricting output and conspiring with distributors and other firms to control the market, reads a press statement.
- It violated Section 15's sub-section 1 and sub-section 2's clauses a(i) and b of the law, which prohibit agreements that harm competition or create monopolies and oligopolies, particularly those that fix abnormal prices or limit production and supply.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/s-alam-fined-tk-428cr-over-oil-price-rigging-4101401>

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