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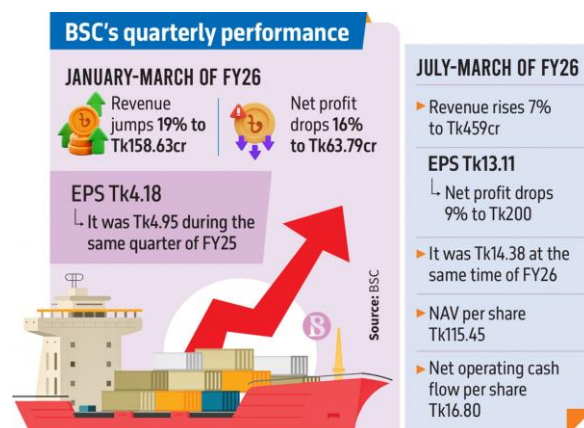
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Stock Market & Company

Bangladesh Shipping Corporation profit drops 16% in Jan-Mar

The Business Standard, May 09, 2026

- Bangladesh Shipping Corporation reported a 16% year-on-year decline in net profit for the January-March quarter of FY2025-26, as a sharp fall in interest income from fixed deposits offset strong revenue growth.
- According to the company's unaudited financial statements, quarterly revenue rose 19% to Tk158.63 crore. However, net profit dropped to Tk63.79 crore from the corresponding period last year, with earnings per share (EPS) falling to Tk4.18 from Tk4.95.
- The state-run shipping company said income from Fixed Deposit Receipts (FDRs) plunged 60% to Tk25.51 crore during the quarter after it utilised a large portion of its cash reserves to finance fleet expansion.
- In September 2025, the BSC board approved the purchase of two bulk carriers from China at a cost of \$76.7 million, or around Tk935 crore – the first vessel acquisition funded largely through the company's own resources. To finance the move, BSC withdrew nearly Tk700 crore from its FDR accounts, while the remaining amount was arranged through borrowing.
- For the first nine months of FY26, BSC's revenue increased 7% to Tk459 crore, though cumulative net profit declined 9% to Tk200 crore.



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bangladesh-shipping-corporation-profit-drops-16-jan-mar-1434481>

IDLC Finance profit jumps 22% in Q1 on Treasury bond, stock market gains

The Business Standard, May 09, 2026

- IDLC Finance PLC, the country's leading non-bank financial institution, reported a 22% year-on-year increase in its consolidated net profit for the first quarter of 2026, primarily driven by robust returns from government securities and subsidiary operations.
- According to the company's unaudited financial statements, its consolidated net profit stood at Tk62.24 crore for the January-March period, up from Tk50.87 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

- The significant bottom-line growth pushed the company's consolidated earnings per share (EPS) to Tk1.43 at the end of the first quarter, compared to Tk1.17 during the same period in 2025.
- In its financial disclosure, IDLC attributed this performance to a sharp increase in investment income and higher earnings from its brokerage and exchange commissions. Specifically, the firm earned Tk91.58 crore from investments in Treasury bonds and realised Tk34.71 crore as capital gains from the stock market.
- However, the quarter also presented some challenges as the company navigated a shifting interest rate environment. IDLC reported that its net interest income decreased by Tk9 crore, while other operating income also saw a decline of Tk4 crore. On the cost side, operating expenses rose by Tk7 crore.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/idlc-finance-profit-jumps-22-q1-treasury-bond-stock-market-gains-1434471>

Robi profit skyrockets 85% to Tk232cr in Q1 on data surge, cost discipline

The Business Standard, May 09, 2026

- Robi Axiata PLC has reported a stellar start to 2026, with its net profit after tax skyrocketing by 85% year-on-year to reach Tk232.3 crore in the first quarter ended 31 March.
- The country's second-largest mobile operator attributed this significant bottom-line growth to a combination of AI-driven personalised service offerings, a robust surge in data consumption, and a highly disciplined approach to cost management, according to a press release.
- According to the company's financial disclosure, Robi's revenue for the January-March period rose by 8% year-on-year to Tk2,531.2 crore. This top-line growth, coupled with operational efficiencies, pushed the earnings per share (EPS) to Tk0.44, up from the Tk0.24 recorded in the same quarter of the previous year.
- The company's net asset value (NAV) per share stood at Tk13.78, while the net operating cash flow per share was recorded at Tk0.97 for the quarter.
- A major driver of this performance was the continued expansion of Robi's digital footprint. By the end of March, the operator's active subscriber base reached 5.74 crore, with data users accounting for 4.45 crore of that total.

ROBI POSTS EARNINGS GROWTH IN Q1



➤ Revenue rises 8% to TK2,531CR	➤ Net profit jumps 85% to TK232CR	➤ EPS stands at TK0.44
➤ NAV per share TK13.78	➤ Net operating cash flow per share TK0.97	

Subscribers in Q1

- Active subscribers stand at **5.74CR**
- Data subscribers **4.45CR**
- 4G subscribers **4.03CR**



<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/robi-profit-skyrockets-85-tk232cr-q1-data-surge-cost-discipline-1434461>

Linde Bangladesh posts 36.52% profit growth in Q1

The Business Standard, May 07, 2026

- Linde Bangladesh, a listed multinational producer of industrial and medical gases, posted a 36.52% year-on-year increase in profit in the first quarter of the current calendar year, supported by higher sales and lower operating expenses.
- According to disclosures published today (7 May), the company posted a profit of Tk10.99 crore in the January-March quarter of 2026, with earnings per share (EPS) of Tk7.22. This compares with a profit of Tk8.05 crore and EPS of Tk5.29 in the same period of 2025.
- Its revenue rose 9.44% to Tk59.19 crore in the quarter, up from Tk55.03 crore a year earlier.
- The company also reported improvements in net operating cash flow per share and net asset value per share. According to the disclosure, net operating cash flow per share rose to Tk2.10 due to higher cash generation from operating activities, while net asset value per share increased to Tk217.53 on the back of profits earned during the period.

- Previous financial disclosures showed that the company's profit fell sharply to Tk34.39 crore in 2025, with EPS of Tk22.60, compared with Tk642 crore in 2024.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/linde-bangladesh-posts-3652-profit-growth-q1-1432841>

Bank Asia plans Tk1,000cr bond issue to boost capital

The Financial Express, May 07, 2026

- Bank Asia has decided to raise Tk1,000 crore by issuing a green sustainable subordinated bond to strengthen its regulatory capital base and finance environmentally sustainable projects.
- In a disclosure issued today (7 May), the private sector lender said its board approved the issuance of the "Green Sustainable Subordinated Bond" at a meeting held yesterday (6 May).
- The proposed bond will be non-convertible, unsecured, fully redeemable, coupon-bearing and floating rate in nature, with a tenure of seven years. The fund will be raised through private placement, subject to approval from relevant regulatory authorities.
- According to the bank, the proceeds from the bond issuance will be used to strengthen its Tier-II regulatory capital in line with Basel III requirements, alongside financing eligible green and sustainable initiatives.
- Subordinated bonds are unsecured debt instruments that rank below senior debt in terms of repayment priority during liquidation or bankruptcy.

<https://www.tbsnews.net/economy/stocks/bank-asia-plans-tk1000cr-bond-issue-boost-capital-1432861>

Economy & Industry

Govt to reopen some mills to increase sugar production: commerce minister

The Daily Star, May 09, 2026

- The government wants to increase sugar production by reopening some of the nine mills that are currently not in operation, Commerce Minister Khandakar Abdul Muktadir said today.
- The country has 15 state-owned sugar mills, of which six are currently operating, said Muktadir, who is also the minister for industries and textiles and jute.
- He made the comments to a group of journalists after visiting Panchagarh Sugar Mills Limited, where he exchanged views with sugarcane farmers.
- The minister said initiatives have also been taken to revive several other state-owned industrial enterprises, according to a statement from the commerce ministry.
- The government will revive the operations of the closed sugar mills while keeping in mind the interests of sugarcane farmers, workers, and the long-term profitable operation of the mills, he said.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/govt-reopen-some-mills-increase-sugar-production-commerce-minister-4171416>

DCCI calls for integrated logistics ecosystem to boost exports

The Daily Star, May 09, 2026

- Bangladesh's export competitiveness is being hampered by weak logistics infrastructure, poor institutional coordination, and high business costs, the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) said today.
- The chamber called for an integrated and efficient logistics ecosystem to support trade and investment at a roundtable titled "Integrated port and logistics development for a trade-driven Bangladesh" held in Dhaka.

- DCCI Senior Vice President Razeev H Chowdhury said lengthy cargo clearance procedures, slow transportation through road and rail networks, and the lack of modern cold-chain logistics are making the country's supply chain costly and inefficient.
- He stressed the need for paperless and automated systems at ports, PPP-based infrastructure development, and greater investment in cold-chain logistics.
- Presenting the keynote paper, M Masrur Reaz, chairman and chief executive officer of Policy Exchange Bangladesh, said the country's manufacturing sector contributes nearly 25 percent to GDP, which is higher than that of many neighbouring countries.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/dcci-calls-integrated-logistics-ecosystem-boost-exports-4171401>

International

Oil jumps 3%

The Daily Star, May 09, 2026

- Brent crude futures jumped as much as 3 percent on Friday, a day after the US and Iran traded air strikes, but pared gains as traders hoped for a longer pause in the fighting that has shut shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.
- Brent crude futures settled at \$101.29 a barrel, up \$1.23 or 1.23 percent, after rising as much as 3 percent during the session.
- US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures finished at \$95.42 a barrel, up 61 cents, or 0.64 percent.
- Both contracts were settled with weekly declines of more than 6 percent.
- "We're treading water here, rightfully so," said John Kilduff, partner with Again Capital. "We're on the cusp of a breakthrough in negotiations or we're on the cusp of a renewal of the fighting. We've been here a lot."

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/global-economy/news/oil-jumps-3-4171596>

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